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# WHEN CANADIANS LOOK TO THE SKY



By Kari Belcourt

North Simcoe Springwater News

As Canadians prepare to celebrate Canada Day and reflect on the symbols, traditions, and moments that bring us together as a nation, few sights evoke national pride quite like the Snowbirds soaring overhead. For generations, the iconic red-and-white jets have been a fixture at Canada Day celebrations, community festivals, and airshows from coast to coast, inspiring millions with their precision, teamwork, and unmistakable display of Canadian excellence.

Last weekend, the Snowbirds took to the skies

above Kempenfelt Bay during the

Barrie Airshow, many spectators may be unaware that the future of Canada's beloved aerial demonstration team remains uncertain. With the federal government planning to retire the CT-114 Tutor fleet at the end of 2026, former pilots, commanders, and military leaders have launched a national campaign aimed at ensuring the Snowbirds continue flying and inspiring future generations of Canadians.

As thousands gather along the shores of

Kempenfelt Bay this weekend for the 2026 Barrie Airshow, many spectators may not realize they could be witnessing one of the final seasons of Canada's beloved Snowbirds for years to come.

The Canadian Forces Snowbirds are among the headline performers for the June 13 and 14 event, appearing alongside the CF-18 Demonstration Team, the SkyHawks Parachute Team, and a variety of civilian performers. Yet behind the excitement of precision flying and patriotic displays, a growing movement is

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underway to ensure the iconic team continues flying beyond 2026.

Earlier this month, the Snowbirds Alumni Association launched its national "No Pause - Keep the Snowbirds Flying" campaign, advocating for the continued operation of the team while Canada transitions to a future aircraft platform.

The campaign follows the announcement that Snowbird operations are expected to pause at the end of 2026 with the retirement of the CT-114 Tutor fleet, aircraft that have become synonymous with the team's famous aerial demonstrations for more than five decades.

For Lt.-Col. (Ret'd) Maryse Carmichael, the issue extends far beyond aviation.

"The Snowbirds are much more than an air demonstration team," said Carmichael, the first female Snowbirds pilot and later Commanding Officer of 431 Air Demonstration Squadron. "They represent Canadian excellence, teamwork, and service. They inspire Canadians from coast to coast and create a connection between the military and the public that few other programs can."

The Alumni Association argues that grounding the team entirely could result in the loss of highly specialized operational knowledge developed over generations. Members believe alternatives exist that would allow the Snowbirds to continue flying in a reduced capacity while personnel and resources are transitioned to other priorities within the Royal Canadian Air Force.

One model being cited is Britain's renowned Red Arrows, which recently announced a temporary reduction from nine aircraft to seven during its own transition period while maintaining public performances.

Former Snowbirds leaders say a similar approach could preserve Canada's demonstration team and the expertise that accompanies it.

"The concern isn't about retiring the Tutor aircraft," Carmichael explained. "It's about ensuring the program itself survives the transition. If the team disappears for several years, rebuilding that experience, those procedures, and that public connection becomes much more

difficult."

For more than 55 years, the Snowbirds have served as ambassadors for Canada and the Canadian Armed Forces, performing before an estimated 150 million spectators across North America. Their distinctive red-and-white jets have become a familiar sight at community celebrations, Canada Day events, and airshows large and small.

Supporters of the campaign argue that the team's value extends beyond entertainment.

"They inspire young people to serve, they showcase professionalism and teamwork, and they create a sense of national pride," said Carmichael. "In many smaller communities, a Snowbirds performance may be one of the only direct interactions residents have with the Canadian Armed Forces."

The campaign has already attracted support from former Snowbirds pilots, commanders, and military leaders, including retired Chief of the Defence Staff General Rick Hillier, who described the Snowbirds as "one of very few Canadian symbols" that unite Canadians in pride and accomplishment.

As the debate continues, spectators attending the Barrie Airshow will have the opportunity to see the team in action.

This year's airshow will feature a special twilight performance on Saturday evening beginning at approximately 6 p.m., followed by aerobatic demonstrations enhanced with pyrotechnics and a fireworks finale at 10 p.m. Sunday's program begins at 1 p.m. after a full morning of military displays, family activities, and waterfront entertainment.

Whether the Snowbirds ultimately continue flying beyond 2026 remains uncertain. For Carmichael and many former team members, however, the goal is simple.

"We want Canadians to have a voice in this conversation," she said. "The Snowbirds are a national treasure. Their legacy has inspired generations, and we believe there are solutions that would allow that inspiration to continue." Residents passionate about the issue are encouraged to speak with their government officials about their support in continuing the

Snowbirds program.

As the iconic formation streaks across Barrie's skies this weekend, many spectators may find themselves appreciating the display a little differently—knowing the future of one of Canada's most recognizable symbols may depend on what happens next.



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Letter From the Editor

By Kari Belcourt

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Canada Day is here once again — a time to celebrate the vast, diverse, and beautiful land we are fortunate to call home.

I am grateful to have had parents who made sure my sister and I spent countless hours exploring the great Canadian outdoors. Whether it was camping in Northern Ontario or spending summers on the Severn River at my grandparents' cottage, accessible only by water, some of my most treasured memories were formed surrounded by nature. There is a unique sense of peace found in a Canadian sunrise over a quiet lake or a sunset reflecting across the water.

When I was 12 years old, my father made the ambitious decision to load up the car and spend three weeks driving my sister and me from Elmvale to Kelowna, British Columbia, and back again. Day after day, as we crossed this incredible country, a new adventure awaited us. We travelled through lush forests, endless prairie fields, rugged Canadian Shield terrain, and the breathtaking peaks of the Rocky Mountains. Each region was distinct, yet together they formed a country unlike any other.

Canada is a reflection of diversity — in its landscapes, cultures, traditions, and people. From coast to coast to coast, we are different in many ways, yet those differences come together to create something remarkable. It is this blend of perspectives, experiences, and communities that makes Canada strong.

At a time when international tensions and political divisions often dominate headlines, Canada Day offers an opportunity to pause and reflect on what being Canadian means to each of us. Beyond the debates and challenges of the day, there is much to celebrate: our shared history, our freedoms, our resilience, and the communities that support one another through good times and difficult ones alike.

After months of hearing "Elbows Up" as a rallying cry for Canadian pride and unity, Canada Day reminds us that our national identity is about more than a slogan. It is found in the people who volunteer, support their neighbours, preserve local traditions, and work together to build stronger communities.

This Canada Day, I encourage you to take a moment to appreciate the place you call home — whether that means gathering with family, attending a community celebration, exploring the outdoors, or simply watching the sunset. In those moments, we are reminded of the beauty, history, and spirit that make Canada so uniquely ours.

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#### Canada Day

• July 1, 2026, from 11:30 a.m. to 10:15 p.m. at Balm Beach  
Live entertainment, family-friendly activities, and an evening drone light show. Learn more at [tiny.ca/CanadaDay](http://tiny.ca/CanadaDay).

#### Taste of Tiny

• August 15, 2026, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Township of Tiny Community Centre  
Enjoy a true farm-to-table dining experience prepared by a talented chef with all local ingredients. Reserve your spot by registering at [tiny.ca/TasteOfTiny](http://tiny.ca/TasteOfTiny).

#### Market by the Bay

• August 15, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Perkinsfield Park  
Join us for an outdoor market with a variety of vendors at Perkinsfield Park! Learn more about the event at [tiny.ca/Market](http://tiny.ca/Market).

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Registration for summer programs is open! Visit [tiny.ca/PlayPortal](http://tiny.ca/PlayPortal) to register.

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### Seasonal Reminders and Notices

#### Boating Speed Limit

The speed limit within 300m of shore is 10km/hr in Tiny between Concession 1 and Concession 16. This speed is enforced by the OPP.

#### Beaches in Tiny

Residents and visitors are reminded that personal items/private property cannot be left unattended or overnight on municipally owned property. Items left unattended or stored on municipal property will be removed by the township at the owner's expense. Waterfront structures such as boat lifts on the lakebed are regulated under Provincial law and are not permitted in front of any municipal property.

#### Jackson Park Boat Ramp

The Jackson Park boat ramp is open! This ramp is meant for small watercraft only, due to changing conditions. Use at own risk.

#### Entrance Permit

Planning to work on the entrance (driveway) to your property this summer? Apply for your entrance permit first! These works include the installation, relocation, redesign, and paving of an entrance including the installation of a new culvert. The permit is free for simple driveway paving. Apply online at [tiny.ca/Entrance](http://tiny.ca/Entrance).

#### Garbage at Tiny Parks

Garbage cans at Tiny parks and beaches are meant for waste from your time at the park or beach only. If you require additional municipal collection for waste from your home or cottage, you can visit one of the County of Simcoe's waste depots or purchase extra garbage bag tags. Visit [simcoe.ca/Waste](http://simcoe.ca/Waste) for more information.

### Council Meeting Schedule

June 24 2:00 PM	August 5 2:00 PM	August 26 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](http://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](http://RegisterToVoteOn.ca).

#### List of Uncertified Candidates

A list of uncertified candidates is available on our website. This list is updated each time a new candidate nomination is filed.

Visit the source for all information about the Township of Tiny Municipal Elections at [tiny.ca/Elections](http://tiny.ca/Elections).

### Tiny Fire Reminders



#### Severe Weather

A variety of weather hazards can affect Tiny. Knowing the risks and learning how to prepare for them can help you stay safe. Learn more about weather hazards such as extreme heat, tornadoes, and what to do during a power outage at [tiny.ca/Prepare](http://tiny.ca/Prepare).

Remember to build your emergency kit and restock it regularly as the seasons change!



#### Check the Fire Hazard rating before you burn!

Every property requires a fire permit to have a fire in Tiny. Always check the fire hazard rating before you light a fire! During a fire ban, no fires are permitted and all permits are suspended. Learn more at [tiny.ca/Fire](http://tiny.ca/Fire).

# Angler's Incredible Week Produces Second Trophy Catch

For most anglers, landing one trophy fish is a once-in-a-lifetime achievement. For one local fisherman, it happened twice in less than a week.

After reeling in a massive Muskellunge (Musky) in the same area, and then landed another massive fish, the Pickerel, on June 9!

I caught the Pickerel in about 180' of water, a couple of kilometres north of Honey Harbour.

I guess I should buy a lottery ticket because on June 3rd I caught an enormous Muskellunge (Musky) in the same area, and then landed another massive fish, the Pickerel, on June 9!

Some people fish their entire lives for two giant fish I've caught within just a few days!

I just can't believe it!  
The Pickerel is definitely a trophy fish but I had such admiration for this old, giant Pickerel I felt I didn't deserve to keep it so my wife Lin snapped a few pictures and let it go!

I feel very good about that, I take conservation very seriously.

I thought I had hooked a log but that didn't make sense in 180' of water!?

Further more I was trolling slowly with a small 5" lure that was about 50' behind the boat but it wasn't a deep diving lure and was only about two feet below the surface.

I thought I had a log but that log started diving and wouldn't stop!

I said to my wife Lin, "oh my gosh this is something BIG!!!"

It took about 8 minutes to get the Pickerel to the side of the boat and we were shocked at the size of it!

I shook for about an hour afterwards!!!

Length: 33, 1/2 inches

Weight: 14, 1/4 pounds



### Letter to the Editor

## Playing Fast and Loose With the Charter and Taxpayer Dollars

A recent debate over Tiny's municipal election sign bylaw reveals a deeply troubling disregard for legal precedents and a blatant conflict of interest. A sitting councillor recently introduced an amendment that would unconstitutionally restrict election signs during campaign periods, violating Section 2(b) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Ironically, the first two paragraphs of his motion were lifted verbatim from a previous letter to the editor I wrote defending free expression.

The councillor used my words to propose a motion made "in the interest of compromise," offering to infringe on our constitutional rights just a little bit less. Freedom of expression is not a bargaining chip. It is a binary choice: you either defend the Constitution, or you do not. Worse still, the rest of council failed an even simpler test. Rather than rejecting the premise of restriction, the other four council

members voted to keep a much more restrictive, existing bylaw in place. They did this despite clear precedents where similar restrictions have been struck down as unconstitutional in Ontario municipalities like Russell, Vaughan, Peterborough, Brampton, Pelham, Georgina, Guelph, and Thunder Bay.

Council claims this restrictive bylaw was enacted, at least in part, to ostensibly assist 18-year-olds in becoming candidates. Now, I have nothing against teenagers; in fact, I used to be one myself, and I liked them so much I went on to raise five of my own. That said, it is a well-established scientific fact that the human brain continues developing into the mid-twenties, with the prefrontal cortex being the last region to fully mature. This area of the brain is responsible for planning, decision-making, impulse control, and judgement. Basing municipal policy on a flawed, paternalistic premise while ignoring

decided law is a dangerous approach to governance.

By maintaining this bylaw, council is acting in a manner completely inconsistent with decided law. While provincial legislation generally shields council members from personal financial liability, taxpayer-funded indemnification is not a blank cheque. If a court determines that elected officials acted with deliberate bad faith or malfeasance, that protection can evaporate. Regardless of their intent, the undeniable effect of this restrictive bylaw is that it disadvantages new challengers and protects incumbents who already possess established name recognition. Our council must stop playing fast and loose with the Charter before they sleepwalk our community directly into another expensive, unwinnable lawsuit.

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# Beacon Bay Marina Raises Over \$10,000 for Georgian Bay Food Network



Penetanguishene, ON – Beacon Bay Marina is proud to announce the success of its recent community fundraiser in support of the Georgian Bay Food Network, raising an impressive \$10,071.50 to help combat food insecurity across the region.

The fundraiser took place on May 16 and 17, featuring the sale of donated planter boxes in a variety of sizes, along with a community barbecue serving peameal bacon generously donated by Meatland in Midland. Planter box sales continued beyond the event weekend, helping to further increase the total funds raised. Thanks to the incredible support of marina boaters, staff, local businesses, and community members, the initiative exceeded all expectations.

A cheque presentation was held on June 4, with proceeds presented to Alexandria Hamelin,

Founder of the Georgian Bay Food Network.

"We are incredibly grateful for the overwhelming support shown by our boaters, staff, local businesses, and the wider community," said Jerry Haggarty, General Manager of Beacon Bay Marina. "What started as a simple community fundraiser turned into something truly remarkable. Raising more than \$10,000 is a testament to the generosity of the people who make this community so special. We are proud to support an organization that provides such important assistance to local families."

The Georgian Bay Food Network provides food support and essential resources to individuals and families throughout the region and relies heavily on community partnerships and donations.

"The generosity shown through this fundraiser will have a meaningful impact on the individuals and families we serve," said Alexandria Hamelin.

"This donation will allow us to purchase fresh produce for several months, helping ensure that families accessing our programs have access to healthy, nutritious food. On behalf of the Georgian Bay Food Network, I want to sincerely thank Beacon Bay Marina, its boaters, staff, volunteers, and supporters for coming together to make such a meaningful difference in our community."

Beacon Bay Marina extends its sincere thanks to everyone who donated, volunteered, attended the event, purchased planter boxes, enjoyed the barbecue, and helped make the fundraiser such a tremendous success. Special thanks are also extended to Meatland for their generous donation of peameal bacon and to all those who contributed materials, time, and resources to support the initiative.

# Celebrating 40 years of adventure by giving back to local hospital

Midland, ON – June 12, 2026 – The Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) Foundation is proud to welcome Factory Recreation as a Business Cares Strategic Partner, as the locally owned business marks 40 years of adventure by giving back to the community that has supported them for decades.

As part of their anniversary celebration in 2026, Factory Recreation is launching a special give-back initiative in support of the local hospital. For every new transaction on a 2026 model purchased in-store, Factory Recreation will donate \$100 to the GBGH Foundation, helping to fund urgently needed equipment and technology at GBGH. This initiative also aligns with the company's recent commitment as a Strategic Partner through the Foundation's Business Cares program.

"We love our Georgian Bay community and take pride in providing friendly, knowledgeable service for all your snow-covered and warm weather adventures," says Doug Sagan, who co-owns Factory Recreation with Donny Woods. "Partnering with the GBGH Foundation allows us to give back to the people who make this region so special, ensuring everyone has access to quality health care — local residents and seasonal visitors alike."

Serving Southern Georgian Bay, Factory Recreation is one of Ontario's largest dealers of Ski-Doo and Sea-Doo vehicles, as well as ATVs, UTVs, boats, and more. From new and pre-owned inventory to a full parts and service department, their factory-trained technicians help ensure every vehicle runs safely and efficiently — whether for sun or snow. For four decades, Factory Recreation has supported a true four-season lifestyle, building lasting relationships with customers across the region.

Through the GBGH Foundation's Business Cares program, Factory Recreation is deepening its commitment to local health care as a Strategic Partner, investing \$25,000 over five years, while marking its 40th anniversary with a give-back initiative that supports urgently needed equipment and technology at Georgian Bay General Hospital.

"Factory Recreation's commitment reflects a genuine understanding of what it means to be part of a community — celebrating milestones while reinvesting in the people and places that make those milestones possible," says Robyn Blanchet, key relationships officer, GBGH Foundation. "Their support helps ensure our hospital has the tools and technology needed to deliver excellent, compassionate care for our growing four-season community."



The Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) Foundation is proud to welcome Factory Recreation as a Business Cares Strategic Partner. Co-owners Doug Sagan and Donny Woods are celebrating the company's commitment to supporting local health care and giving back to the community that has supported them for 40 years.

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Currently, there is no requirement for Canadian flags manufactured abroad to be labelled with their country of origin. This creates a loophole that allows imported products to be marketed without transparency.

This practice of marketing foreign-made flags as Canadian undermines domestic businesses and misleads consumers.

Bill C-281 will:

- Close a loophole that allows foreign-made flags to be sold without clear origin labelling
- Support Canadian manufacturers facing unfair competition from mislabeled or unlabeled imports
- Promote transparency and informed consumer

choice

- Protect the integrity of the Canadian flag, a national symbol central to our identity

Canadians shouldn't have to guess where their flag comes from. This is a practical measure that supports Canadian jobs and helps Canadians shop and display their national pride with confidence.

I hope you will join me in supporting Bill C-281. Together, we can bring greater transparency to the marketplace and give Canadians the clear, honest information they deserve.

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

Sincerely,  
Doug Shipley  
Member of Parliament  
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# Message from MPP Dunlop

As we welcome the summer months, I would like to extend my warmest wishes to residents across Simcoe North for a safe, enjoyable, and memorable season.

Summer is a wonderful time to experience everything our region has to offer. Whether you're enjoying our beautiful lakes and waterways, exploring local trails, attending community festivals, visiting farmers' markets, or supporting local businesses, there are countless opportunities to connect with family, friends, and neighbours while celebrating the communities we call home.

This summer also marks significant progress on several important provincial initiatives that will benefit our region for generations to come.

One of the most exciting developments is the continued advancement of the new Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital. In June, the project reached another major milestone as it officially advanced to the next stage of provincial planning. The future hospital, planned for a new location near Lakehead University, will expand patient capacity, improve access to care, and support the growing health-care needs of residents throughout Orillia,

Severn, Ramara, Oro-Medonte, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation. This transformational investment represents one of the most significant infrastructure projects in our community's history and will help ensure high-quality health care remains close to home for decades to come.

Residents will also be pleased to know that the return of the Northlander passenger rail service continues to move forward. Testing is now underway along the corridor, with service expected to begin later this year. The Northlander will reconnect Northern and Central Ontario communities, improve transportation options, support tourism, and create new opportunities for economic growth throughout the region, including here in Simcoe North.

Our government continues to invest in local infrastructure that supports growing communities, including roads, bridges, health-care facilities, schools, and community services. These investments help ensure our region remains a great place to live, work, raise a family, and retire.

As you enjoy the summer months, I encourage everyone to stay safe on our roads and waterways,

wear lifejackets while boating, stay hydrated during hot weather, and look out for one another.

I wish you and your family a wonderful summer filled with fun, relaxation, and time spent with loved ones.



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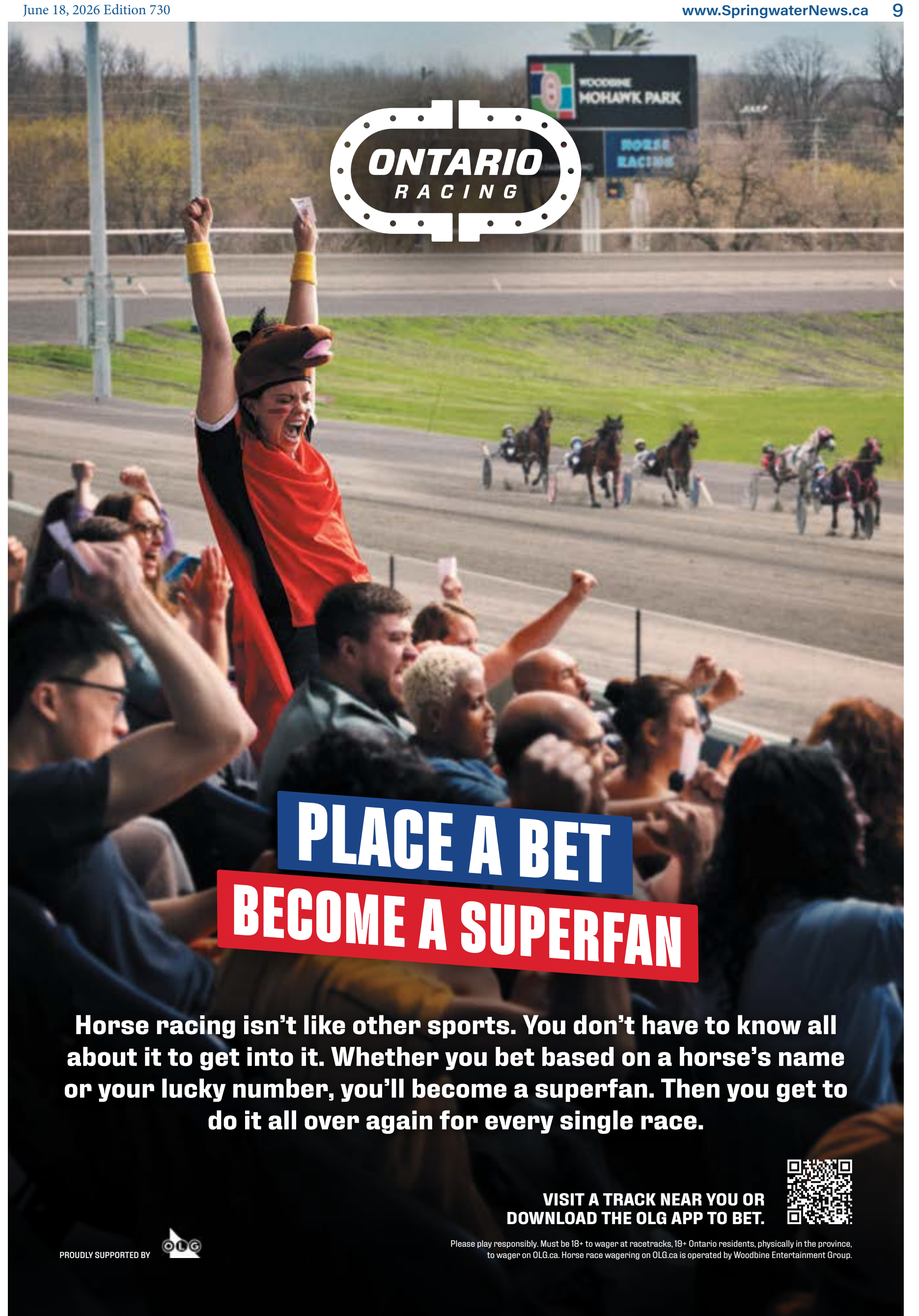
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## Ladies Auxiliary Make Presentation to Elmvale Legion Branch 262

At the general meeting on Tuesday, May 5th, the Elmvale Ladies Auxiliary made a donation to the Elmvale Legion Branch 262 in the amount of \$5,000. Making the presentation was Sue Kirley, President of the Ladies Auxiliary to Graham Simmonds, President of the Legion. Way to go ladies, the Legion thanks you for your generous donation.



At the presentation are from left to right - Sue Kirley, Graham Simmonds, Tina Ditullio, Ellen Belcourt, Marianne Jamieson, Deirdre Dempster, Carol Proffitt and standing out front is Eileen Archer who are all members of the legion and the ladies auxiliary

## A Wish Blooming at 90: Tineke Carr Gets a Tattoo to Celebrate Her Dutch Heritage

At 90 years young, Tineke Carr proves that it's never too late to make a dream come true.

On June 3, 2026, General Manager Michelle Denis and Lifestyle and Program Manager Shannon Fountain had the privilege of helping Tineke fulfill a heartfelt wish that had been quietly tucked away in her heart.

A Dutch-Canadian mother of three, former banker, survivor of the Second World War, and someone who has lived with multiple sclerosis for more than six decades, Tineke has faced life's challenges with remarkable strength and resilience. Through it all, she has remained deeply connected to her Dutch roots.

One day, staff overheard Tineke mention a simple but meaningful wish: she would love to have a yellow tulip tattoo on her left arm—a lasting symbol of her homeland, heritage, and pride.

Determined to make that wish a reality, Michelle and Shannon arranged a special outing to a local tattoo studio. There, Tineke met Dan, an incredibly generous tattoo artist who shares her Dutch heritage. Together, they created the perfect yellow tulip design. The experience was unforgettable. Tineke beamed with excitement, smiling throughout the process and eagerly counting down the days until her appointment. Now, every glance at her forearm brings a reminder of home, cherished memories, and the heritage she holds so dear.

Her story is a beautiful reminder that joy knows no age limit, dreams are always worth pursuing, and sometimes the smallest wishes can have the greatest meaning.

As Tineke proudly shows off her new ink, one thing is certain: she's not only carrying a piece of Holland with her—she's also proving that at 90, she's never been cooler.



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## 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.

### StopGap Accessible Ramp Project

Council endorsed the Elmvale BIA's StopGap Accessible Ramp Project, which aims to improve access to local businesses and public spaces. The BIA has asked Township staff to review the program, including partnerships, funding options, and requirements, and report back with recommendations.

### Elmvale Groundwater Project

Through a Notice of Motion, Council is seeking support from project partners for a joint letter to the federal government, calling for stronger support of community-based groundwater research. The letter will be sent to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry, MP Doug Shipley, and project partners.

### Traffic Calming Measures

Council has directed staff to explore traffic calming measures such as speed bumps, crosswalks, and digital speed signs. Staff will also review the potential designation of Yonge Street South (Train Avenue to Houden Street) as a school zone, and assess options for unassumed roads. A report is expected by July 8, 2026.

### Traffic Bollards

Additional traffic calming bollards will be installed on several roads in response to safety concerns. Locations include Shaw Street, Stone Street, William Street, Graham Street, Allenwood Drive, Nash Avenue, Centennial Avenue near Homer Barrett Park, Greenpine Avenue, and Frid Boulevard.

### Elmvale Splash Pad

The splash pad at Homer Barrett Park is now open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., weather permitting.

### Elmvale Farmers' Market

The Elmvale Farmers' Market has returned for

the season. Held every Thursday from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m., the market features local produce, handmade goods, food vendors, and live music. Thank you to the volunteers, visitors, presenting sponsor SwoopFiber, and the Elmvale BIA for a successful start to the 2026 Market season!

### Elmvale Community Garden

The Elmvale Community Garden has a new look and location this year. A partnership between the Township, Elmvale BIA, Farmers' Market, and Our Village provides residents with space to grow food and connect with the community. More information coming soon.

### Canada Day in the Village

Residents are invited to celebrate Canada Day in the Village at Heritage Park on July 1 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The event will feature live music, free food, and family-friendly activities for all ages.

## Orr Lake Currents: Slowing Down

Cheryl J Hoffmann, Orr Lake Ratepayers Association

As long as I can remember I have loved the view of Orr Lake, from the top of the hill on Penetanguishene Road. That expanse of sky and water and trees makes me think of slow time and how this place has been shaped by the many layers of happiness that have gone in to creating the lake community as we know it today. Each time I turn off Flos 10 onto Hwy 93 I am reminded what a wonderful resource we have in that lovely little puddle of a lake.

As I was driving home the other day, my landscape musings were interrupted by a big bumper rapidly advancing in my rearview mirror. I was doing the speed limit of 70km/hr but the truck wanted to go much faster. Time is money I suppose, but it made me wish that the driver could slow down enough to admire the view and share in the wonder of this place. I wish that for all of us.

If you've noticed extra patrol cars along the roads of the Orr Lake watershed, it's because OLRA has petitioned the OPP and MTO to monitor traffic and help reduce the speed of traffic through the community. Let's all do our part and slow down for the sake of each other. If you already drive the speed limit, then thank you for setting the tone out there. We ask all drivers to remember that cars are pulling in and out of driveways, children are playing and people are walking where there are no sidewalks. 50km/hr is the speed limit by the lake. That's for a reason. Let's keep each other safe. A benefit of slowing down is that you have time to look around and appreciate where you are.

Speaking of roads... OLRA has submitted a request to Simcoe County to adopt a section of S Orr

Lake Rd between Base Line Rd and Highway 93. Watch for the signs to go up soon. We are going to be looking for volunteers to help. If you see us out there, wearing our orange vests, stop and say hello.

In other news, bass fishing season starts on the fourth Saturday in June and Orr Lake and the boat launch will get busy. Some patience is required. You'll have to look out for nesting turtles too! Another reason to slow down. For those of you who visit Orr Lake, please make sure that your boats are clean, that you use regulation bait, and that you take your garbage (and your excess bait) with you when you leave. Please follow the basic rules of lake etiquette and remember that what is good for the lake is good for you, and the fishing! We wish everyone "Tight Lines".

Another great way to enjoy the lake is to join the Citizen Science Smart Water Watch group. Severn Sound Environmental Association is running a Webinar on June 30th to explain how you can be part

of monitoring water quality and conditions at Orr Lake. Go to the SSEA website for more information (www.severnound.ca). We are trying to improve conditions at Orr Lake to inhibit the growth of Blue Green Algae, but the battle is long. Many things need to change. Meanwhile it's important that if we see BGA in the lake that we report it. Our dogs and children can get sick from being in the water if the bacteria are active. We are working with Springwater Township to get some signage to notify lake users when the BGA has bloomed in the lake.

As I was writing this, a thunderstorm blew up, then the sun came out and, oh my goodness, the rainbow was so beautiful. If you want to know more about initiatives to nurture nature and community at Orr Lake, follow us on our Facebook page (Orr Lake Ratepayers Association). You can also email us at orrlakeratepayers@gmail.com to volunteer with us or ask a question. Lake First, Community Always.



Cheryl J Hoffmann, Orr Lake, June 13, 2026

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# THE MATCH UP ...

## Phil Marchildon versus Joe Dimaggio

This is an event that was part of baseball lore. Joe Dimaggio faced the Philadelphia Athletics rookie pitcher during his historic 56 game hitting streak on July 5th, 1941 [game # 46].

Entering the game, the national pressure was immense as Dimaggio had broken Wee Willie Keeler's all-time record just three days prior. The media coverage exploded into a national frenzy. The American public needed, unifying distraction apart from the 'woes of war'.

To add to the drama, Dimaggio's favourite bat had been stolen from the dugout and was only returned by a fan just before the game.

"Most pitchers tried to keep the ball in tight at belt level against him. Get it up high and Dimaggio would see the ball too well and murder it. Put it out just a little over the plate and he was able to extend his arms in that long swing of his," declared Phil.

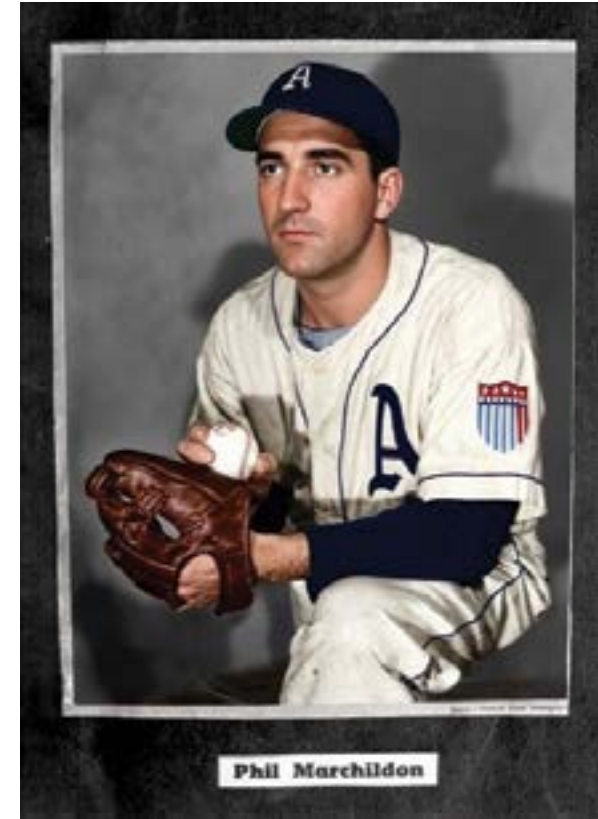
Marchildon was known for a strong breaking ball. Saturday afternoon, the first pitch came and the first pitch went. "It was a curve I left up just a little to high and he tomahawked the ball 420 feet into the left field runway. I held Joe in check for the remainder of the game, getting him to ground out three times, but his streak continued."

"I faced a lot of the finest hitters in baseball and I

handled a lot of them very well I thought, but Ted Williams and Joe Dimaggio gave me trouble."

Phil joined the RCAF in November 1942 after a strong 17-win season in the majors. While on his 26th combat mission, his bomber was shot down by a German fighter plane over the Baltic Sea where he was eventually picked up by a German patrol.

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Phil Marchildon

# Baycats Explode Late to Secure 7-2 Road Win

By Kari Belcourt, North Simcoe Springwater News

The Barrie Baycats waited until late, but when the offence arrived, it arrived in a big way.

Barrie scored seven runs over the final three innings to defeat the Chatham-Kent Barnstormers 7-2 on Saturday night, extending their strong start to the 2026 season.

For most of the game, runs were hard to find. Both starting pitchers controlled the pace early, with Chatham-Kent's Dakota Parsons holding the Baycats scoreless through six innings, while Barrie's Frank Garcés kept the Barnstormers in check despite early pressure.

Chatham-Kent struck first in the third inning. Spencer Morin walked, stole second, and scored on an RBI single by Evan Morrison to give the home team a 1-0 lead.

The Barnstormers added to it in the sixth when Thomas Green came home on an RBI hit from Austin Gurney, making it 2-0.

That lead held until the seventh, when Barrie's offence finally broke through.

With runners on base, Hayden Jaco delivered

a two-run single to left field to tie the game at 2-2. The Baycats kept the pressure on, as Canice Ejuh followed with an infield single that brought in the go-ahead run. Barrie would score twice in the inning, sending eight batters to the plate and taking a 4-2 lead.

The Baycats added insurance in the eighth. Edgar Figueroa drove in two runs with a double to left-centre, and Barrie tacked on another run to stretch the lead to 7-2.

Garcés earned the win, improving to 3-0 on the season after seven innings of work. He allowed two runs (one earned) on 10 hits, striking out five and walking three. Braedan Pakkala closed out the final two innings in relief.

Barrie finished with 10 hits on the night. Figueroa led the offence with two RBIs, while several Baycats recorded multi-hit performances in the win.

With the result, Barrie improves to 10-3 and remains atop the CBL standings, holding a narrow lead over London. The Baycats conclude their series against the Barnstormers on Sunday at 1:05 p.m.



### BARRIE BAYCATS UPCOMING SCHEDULE

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Fri, June 19 – 7:30 p.m.  
at Toronto Maple Leafs  
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Sat, June 20 – 4:08 p.m.  
vs London Majors  
Athletic Kulture Stadium  
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Sun, June 21 – 2:05 p.m.  
at Kitchener Panthers  
Jack Couch Park  
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Thu, June 25 – 7:38 p.m.  
vs Brantford Red Sox  
Athletic Kulture Stadium  
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Sat, June 27 – 7:05 p.m.  
at Guelph Royals  
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Wed, July 1 – 6:05 p.m.  
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## Notice of Zoning Order 006-2026

### (Zoning Order – Town of Midland)

Take notice that on May 15, 2026, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing made a zoning order pursuant to clause 47(1)(a) of the Planning Act, as Zoning Order 006-2026. A zoning order regulates the use of land and the erection, location and use of any buildings or structures on the land.

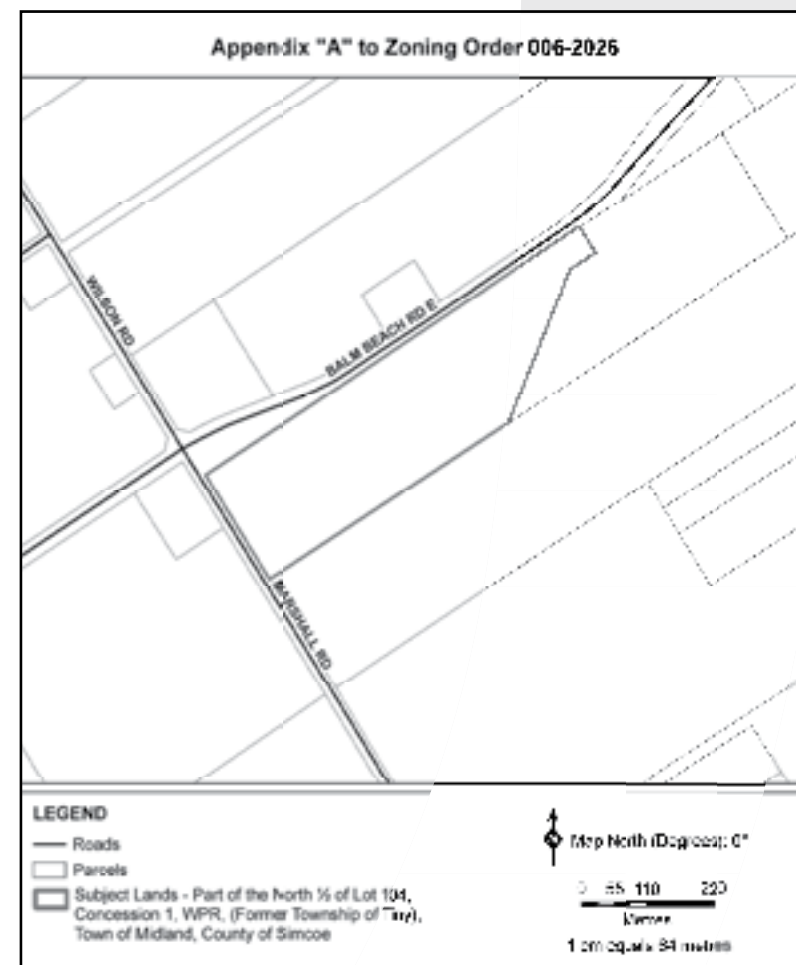
Zoning Order 006-2026 applies to approximately 12 hectares of land located at 565 Balm Beach Road East in the Town of Midland as shown in the map below.

Zoning Order 006-2026 will facilitate a residential development of approximately 488 housing units, 10 of which will be affordable units to be secured through Draft Plan of Subdivision. The Zoning Order specifically permits detached, semi-detached, townhouse, street townhouse and apartment units, as well as accessory uses and a public park. The Zoning Order also sets out the zoning requirements for the permitted residential uses.

Pursuant to subsection 47(4.0.1) of the Planning Act, Zoning Order 006-2026 exempts the Provincial Planning Statement, provincial plans and official plans from applying to downstream approvals for the subject lands.

Pursuant to subsection 47(4) of the Planning Act, and except for the purposes of section 24, the Minister deemed Zoning Order 006-2026 to be a by-law passed by the Council of the Town of Midland.

For illustrative purposes, the subject lands are shown in the map below.



A copy of Zoning Order 006-2026 may be viewed on the Ministers Zoning Order website: [www.ontario.ca/document/ministers-zoning-orders/zoning-order-006-2026-town-midland](http://www.ontario.ca/document/ministers-zoning-orders/zoning-order-006-2026-town-midland).

Alternatively, you may request a copy of the Zoning Order by contacting the Municipal Services Office – Central Ontario (Priority Projects), Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, 777 Bay Street, 12th Floor, Toronto, ON M7A 2J3 or by e-mail to: [mmahzoningorders@ontario.ca](mailto:mmahzoningorders@ontario.ca)

## Hey Dads!

The nice weather is here, are your kids doing any summer sports? I've talked to a few dads this spring that are running full tilt into soccer, baseball, and even summer hockey for the serious dads...I mean kids. Our own kids dusted off the summer bins in the shed and unloaded them in piles all over the yard and driveway. Bikes, bats, and balls strewn about and hopefully not behind our van. Now that I think about it, there could be a few extra dents and scratches on the van already. It's hard to tell with all the rust but I wonder how they got there?

Soccer balls and volley balls seem to have a short life span around our place. There's either a lot of bad lawn mower drivers in our family or a lot of forgetful children that leave their sports balls all over the yard. Or maybe both. I may have seen the soccer ball in the grass and tried to mow around it instead of getting off to move it. If you think professional soccer players can make a ball move fast, you should see what happens when it gets sucked into a 7-foot finishing mower.

I was talking to another dad this week who was doing his best to coach his young son on the soccer field. In the net to be exact. But some kids just don't want to listen (You probably never experienced that but some parents have). So, this dad was advising his son, the soccer goalie, to move out of the net to try to cut off the angle of the shooters so they have less net to shoot at. Pro tips from dad. Did the son listen? He did not.

The other team began to approach and dad kept yelling, I mean, telling, him, "Get out of the net! Get out of the net!" The son must have finally decided to listen because he quickly started moving out towards the shooters. But he got caught up in the net, tripped, and fell flat on his face in the grass. In the net to be exact. Like literally, he was caught in the net! Chalk one up for the other team. But aren't some of the best lessons learned from failure?

And sometimes some kids just aren't cut out for athletics. I coached my son's soccer team a few years ago. "Coach" may be an exaggeration. It was mostly trying to get a bunch of 6 year-olds to kick the ball. But my son was less interested in the soccer and more interested in one of the other boys' new digital watch. It was painful to observe the boys out there pushing buttons on the watch as the other team strolled on by to score. Well, that's not totally true because the other kids were also distracted by snacks and birds and their own watches and such. But that's okay! We're here for a good time, not a long time, right dad? Maybe put your phone down, head outside with the kids and kick the ball around for a bit. Time flies! Make every moment count. Especially the almost athletic ones.

Jason Weening kicks balls to his 10 kids and one formerly athletic wife. Read more in his book, "Yes, Dear...I'm Watching Them" on Amazon.

## E.D.G.E.

Our Annual Plant Sale was a great success, despite the rain. But gardener's like the rain, right? A big thank you to the volunteer's from E.D.G.E., the people who brought the plants and most of all to the people who came out and bought the plants and gave them a new home.

Next up on our schedule is our June 24 meeting. We will have Melanie Robitaille talk about Photography- Tips and Tricks. You can learn how to take better, interesting pictures of your garden. So come and join us at the Elmvalle Legion at 7:00 p.m., Also remember to lug your mug. See you there.



## Transparency and Decorum Dominate Council Debate Over Boundary Adjustment

Kari Belcourt

North Simcoe Springwater News

SPRINGWATER — As Springwater continues to navigate the aftermath of the Barrie boundary adjustment, a consistent theme emerging from council interviews is not just disagreement over the outcome, but deeper concerns about transparency in decision-making and the state of decorum at the council table.

At the June 3, 2026, council meeting, during question period, the issue of legal invoices and the boundary adjustment once again came to the forefront. Resident Gloria Woods submitted a question about the unpaid Loopstra Nixon invoices. In her question, she referenced a staff report dated Dec. 17, 2025, which stated that legal costs related to the Barrie boundary adjustment totalled \$139,794 up to October 2025.

The debate over transparency reached a boiling point during a January council meeting when councillors clashed over whether legal invoices connected to the Barrie boundary adjustment should be released to the public.

Following an extended closed-session discussion, council ultimately cancelled its regularly scheduled meeting after spending hours debating invoices from legal firm Loopstra Nixon.

As council returned to open session, Councillor Brad Thompson introduced a motion seeking public release of the firm's statements of account, along with future invoices related to the matter.

"We've made everything available to the public in an effort to be open and transparent," Thompson said. "I think the public would be interested in this. It's their money, and they have a right to know and deserve to know."

Thompson argued the invoices should be posted on the township's Barrie boundary adjustment webpage alongside other correspondence council had previously directed staff to make public.

The invoices stemmed from work performed after Mayor Jennifer Coughlin exercised Strong Mayor Powers on Nov. 8 to terminate Loopstra Nixon as the township's legal counsel.

In a Dec. 11 letter to Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Rob Flack, Coughlin raised concerns about several billing entries, including charges related to conversations between councillors and representatives of the law firm after its dismissal.

"Upon review, I noted several entries that raise concern," Coughlin wrote. "Specifically, the account includes charges for what appears to be conversations between individual members of council and representatives of Loopstra Nixon."

She further noted that the communications appeared inconsistent with the township's engagement protocols and had not been directed or approved through the chief administrative officer.

The motion exposed a significant divide around transparency and disclosure.

While Thompson, Mayor Coughlin, and Councillor Matt Garwood supported immediate public release of the invoices, Councillors Phil Fisher, George Cabral, Danielle Alexander, and Anita Moore argued that disclosure was premature until additional information had been reviewed and legal considerations addressed.

The disagreement highlighted the broader debate that has defined much of Springwater's boundary adjustment saga: how to balance public transparency with legal obligations, and how much information residents should receive while disputes remain ongoing.

Following the June 3 meeting, North Simcoe Springwater News reached out to all council

members to gain further understanding.

Mayor Jennifer Coughlin said the focus moving forward must be on openness while also acknowledging that parts of the process required confidentiality during negotiations.

"There are many scenarios and circumstances where information cannot be released due to negotiations that are ongoing and legal advice that has been received in closed session," Coughlin said. "But once the matter has been negotiated, once the advice has been received and has been implemented, I believe it then should be released."

She added that transparency should be the default once matters are complete.

"I do not see the need to keep things in closed session or confidential forever," she said. "Especially on matters of public interest like legal bills, there should be an expectation that it is done with haste."

Councillor Matt Garwood echoed strong support for public disclosure of financial information tied to the boundary adjustment, linking transparency directly to public trust.

"I believe the public should have access to everything," Garwood said. "It is the taxpayer who is footing the bills."

He argued that releasing information after the fact is essential to accountability.

"When questions about integrity, finances, and closed-session discussions consume the airwaves, it breaks down trust," he said.

Garwood also pointed to growing tension at council, saying internal disputes have damaged public confidence.

"Council has been 100 per cent distracted by internal disputes," he said. "Everywhere I go, I hear about council's antics, the personal attacks, and the division."

He added that while disagreement is normal, behaviour has crossed into dysfunction.

Councillor Danielle Alexander also emphasized transparency while cautioning about accuracy.

"The current concerns I have regarding releasing them before they were paid is that it is important that any financial information released publicly is complete and correct. If we're releasing a dollar amount that doesn't get paid, then that's not accurate information," Alexander said, referring to legal and consulting costs associated with the boundary adjustment.

She said residents should have access to as much information as possible, especially once decisions are finalized.

"Yes, all legal and consulting costs should be made available to the public. Again, we work for the taxpayer. It's your money paying these bills," she said, adding that once matters are complete, information should be released.

Councillor Anita Moore focused more on the impact of ongoing conflict, cautioning that public debate has overshadowed municipal work.

"We miss out on all the good work by just focusing on this discourse around the annexation," Moore said.

Her comments reflect a broader concern among some members of council that the dispute has defined public perception of the municipality more than day-to-day governance.

While she stressed councillors were acting in good faith, she said the changing flow of information contributed to division and frustration at the council table.

Across all perspectives, concerns about decorum were just as prominent as questions about transparency. Garwood, in particular, said council's tone has eroded trust.

"We were elected not to act like teenagers or

young children," he said. "We were elected to represent this municipality and all taxpayers."

Despite differing views on the boundary adjustment itself, all councillors interviewed pointed to a shared tension: the need to balance confidential negotiation processes with public accountability while also managing increasingly strained relationships at the council table. Councillors broadly agree that residents deserve access to information. Where they sharply diverge is in how that principle is applied.

Phil Fisher said transparency must be balanced against legal limits but maintained residents are entitled to the substance of decision-making.

"Everything should be available when legally allowed," Fisher said when asked what the public should know about legal expenses.

On the broader cost question, he pointed to the financial impact of the process itself.

"Hundreds of thousands, if not more. Way too much money," Fisher said, adding the spending "wouldn't have been incurred" without pursuing the boundary adjustment.

Brad Thompson took a more blunt position, arguing that far more information should be publicly released.

"Absolutely it should be made public, because it's public money," Thompson said when asked about legal and consulting costs.

He estimated significant legal spending at "a couple of hundred thousand dollars on legal fees that got us nothing."

Thompson was even more direct about internal dysfunction.

"Oh absolutely. I think we've handled it very, very poorly as a group," he said.

George Cabral emphasized process and legal constraints, repeatedly stressing that transparency must operate within statutory limits.

"I don't know the final amount, and I don't think it would be appropriate to speculate. In my view, many of those costs were the direct result of pursuing the boundary adjustment process. Had that process not been initiated, it is likely many of those planning, engineering, and legal costs would never have been incurred. Regardless of where someone stands on the outcome, taxpayers paid for this work. They deserve to know what it cost, what advice council received, and how that advice influenced the decisions that were made. That's simply good public accountability," Cabral said.

He supported releasing legal invoices but noted procedural constraints tied to privilege and legislation.

"Whether a legal invoice can ultimately be released publicly is a separate question and must always be considered in light of solicitor-client privilege, privacy legislation, and the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act," he said.

If transparency defines the procedural debate, decorum defines the cultural one.

Several councillors described a council environment marked by sustained disagreement.

Thompson linked it directly to dysfunction.

"There's just no common sense. There was no give. There was just my way or the highway," he said, describing boundary adjustment discussions.

He acknowledged residents who may feel there is a disconnect between council's words and its actions.

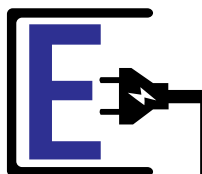
"The people that have talked the most about spending money inappropriately and wasting taxpayer dollars have been the ones that have wasted the most taxpayer dollars."

Fisher, while more measured, acknowledged

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disagreement as part of governance.

“Democracy is about debate, and every government has the opportunity to dispute and debate,” he said.

But he also cautioned against mischaracterizing internal conflict.

“Decorum is a topic that is being thrown around the Springwater narrative loosely and without proper context,” he said.

A parallel theme emerging from interviews is

council conduct and public respect in political discourse.

The Elect Respect initiative originated in Halton Region as a response to harassment and abuse in public life. It was founded through discussions among elected officials, including Burlington Mayor Marianne Meed Ward, under the Halton Elected Representatives (HER) network.

It has since evolved into a broader commitment among municipal officials to promote respectful democratic engagement and reduce toxic political behaviour.

Within Springwater, Councillor Matt Garwood brought forward a motion aligned with the initiative in 2025. Signatories at the time of reporting included Mayor Jennifer Coughlin, Councillor Matt Garwood, Councillor Brad Thompson, Councillor Anita Moore, and Councillor Danielle Alexander.

Garwood has publicly tied decorum directly to trust in government.


“Council has been 100 per cent distracted by internal disputes,” he said.

“Disagreement is not the issue. Dysfunction is.”

All councillors commented to provide transparency to Springwater residents. They encouraged residents to stay informed by watching council meetings and speaking directly with their ward representative rather than relying on online information that may be inaccurate.

As Springwater moves into a post-annexation phase, the central question for council appears less about the boundary change itself and more about whether it can rebuild trust—both with each other and with the public—through greater transparency and improved decorum.

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## Hello all Minesing Moments Readers!

I hope everyone has been enjoying this very summery weather recently. With a little bit of rain sprinkled in over the last few days, it has made for a very nice spring. Let's hope it continues. I noticed that the mosquitoes are back, and they are pretty big too! I wish they were an insect that were on one of those cycles that only show up every five years or something. We couldn't be so lucky!

Our students will be approaching exams and graduation, in the next few weeks. After that summer camps and summer jobs. We take this time to congratulations all students for their hard work this year. School isn't the same thing that we experienced in our younger years I don't think. We went to school, did our work, maybe slacked off a little bit here and there but didn't have all kinds of other stressors added to our days like todays students do. So maybe they don't get 80's or 90's, maybe they slide past with a 60 or 70. That's ok, maybe that's a good mark for that individual student. Not everyone is academic, some are meant to be hands on learners. Not everyone is wired the same and college or university isn't in the cards for every single student. All we can do as parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles is to support them and be their cheer leaders for every success they have no matter how big or small. So, as you sit at graduation, cheer for all students, not just the ones who are presented with awards, make all students feel special on their special day as it may have taken them a different route to get there.

I also wish the students looking for summer jobs success. I have heard it's so difficult for the local students to get jobs. It's so sad that it has come to this, as earning money and learning a good work

ethic is such an important thing for students. It gives them their start in the "adult" world. I also have a hard time knowing that people won't hire students who are under 16 years of age. I remember being much younger than that with a summer job. I had the urge to work and make my own money and that was enough! There are students who are really wanting to work, to learn, earn some of their own money and to figure out what they want to do for their future who are under 16. Some 14-year-olds who are more mature than some 18-year-olds, it's only fair to give them a chance. Hopefully we have some good local businesses out there who may have some positions available and can hire some students. Anyone who is looking for workers, can always reach out to the Minesing Community Facebook page to post their need for employees!

Minesing Union Cemetery is having their Decoration Day on Sunday June 28 at 2:30 p.m. - This is an outdoor service so please bring a lawn chair and an umbrella as it will continue if it sprinkles and only cancelled in case of very bad weather.

Minesing held its community garage sale a week ago and it appeared to be a success! Lots of traffic in the village hopefully meant many sales to be made. It's kind of a neat thing to watch "professional" garage salers. The ones who know what they are looking for, they come racing down the street, lock up their brakes, stop at the end of the driveway, slam it in park, keep the motor running, hop out and speed walk around the tables and if nothing catches their eye, back out the driveway, into their car and off to the next one. Some of the more experienced shoppers stop and read bottoms of teacups, flip over pictures and seek out that little detail that the seller maybe isn't aware of but just wants to get it out of their closet. Maybe it's a

treasure, maybe they just like it. I enjoyed chatting with people and watching those who came to my sale. The item that got a lot of attention at my sale were all of the VHS Disney movies that I finally parted ways with. After many years of storing these things, I finally thought, get rid of them! I don't have a VHS player, they are taking up space, we haven't watched them in probably 20 years. Be gone! So many people stopped and spoke of the fact that they all were such a big deal to purchase back in the day, and how much we paid for them, sometimes they were \$19.99 or sometimes more if they were newly released. I mentioned about rewinding them to one family and the daughter said rewind? What do you mean? Her mom and I had a laugh. I realize that some of them are worth a lot of money these days, but really, they are only worth what people will pay for them so after a some were picked up by people who wanted a few for the cottage or didn't have specific titles, they all ended up donated to a second hand store and hopefully they will make someone happy!

REMINDER: DOG OWNERS - People who are walking their dogs and letting them run in the school baseball fields, I would like to remind you that those fields are used all summer long for baseball. It makes for a very disgusting experience for the players in the field who are just there playing ball to run through the mess from dogs. Please, please, please, be a responsible pet owner and clean up after your dog. There are garbage cans at the parks, bring your bags and tidy up!!! That also goes for people playing around the neighbourhood, it would be appreciated if you have a bag that is used and full, take it home and not fling it in someone's ditch. The purpose of the bags is to be able to discard of it in a trash can.

Until next time, along with a smile, always wear your SPF!

## THE FINNISH PHILOSOPHY BEHIND SIMCOE COUNTY'S GROWING WELLNESS RITUAL



As summer begins to settle into Simcoe County, more people are rethinking what recovery actually looks like.

Not the once-a-year escape kind. The kind you build into your life before burnout forces the issue.

That shift is happening at Vettä Nordic Spa, located in Horseshoe Valley, where hydrotherapy is becoming less of an occasional indulgence and more of a regular wellness practice for many local guests.

Rooted in authentic Finnish sauna culture, Vettä Nordic Spa was designed around a philosophy that has existed in Finland for generations: that rest, nature, and sauna are not luxuries, but essential parts of maintaining wellbeing. Guests move through cycles of heat, cold, and rest intended to support physical recovery, mental clarity, stress reduction, and nervous system reset.

"We're seeing people approach wellness differently now," says the Vettä team. "People are realizing recovery works better when it becomes part of a rhythm, not something reserved for the point of exhaustion."

That mindset is becoming increasingly common among people looking for quieter, more intentional ways to recover without having to leave the region.

Some visit after work to decompress and replace

another night of screen time with something more restorative. Others come during quieter weekday mornings for movement, recovery, and social connection.

To support more regular wellness routines, Vettä Nordic Spa currently offers several weekday initiatives throughout the summer, including promotions for healthcare workers, seniors, and teachers, along with its Twilight evening hydrotherapy offering Sunday through Thursday after 5 p.m.

Memberships offering unlimited Monday through Thursday hydrotherapy access have also become increasingly popular among guests embracing sauna culture as an ongoing wellness

practice rather than an occasional escape.

That connection to Finnish tradition will be especially visible during Juhannus on June 19 and 20, the traditional Finnish midsummer celebration marking the longest days of the year. The event will feature "Sauna with a Finn" experiences led by founder Eric Harkonen, flower crown workshops, patio gatherings, and programming inspired by Finnish midsummer traditions rooted in nature, community, and seasonal living.

Because recovery shouldn't only happen once you've hit empty.

Learn more about seasonal offerings, memberships, and Juhannus celebrations at Vettä Nordic Spa. <https://vettaspa.com>



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## Jo Knows Nutrition by Joanne Nijhuis



Bright red strawberries, billowy creaminess and a crisp meringue shell make pavlova one of the most beautiful desserts to experience. With less sugar and plenty of fruit, this version is a lighter twist on a beloved classic.

Whether you are celebrating a special occasion or simply making the most of strawberry season, pavlova is an all-round crowd pleaser. Best of all, it's surprisingly easy to make at home with the freshest of ingredients.

### Did You Know?

Ontario's strawberry season is a sweet sign that summer has arrived, with locally grown field strawberries typically harvested from mid-June to late July. Supercharged with vitamin C, fibre, folate, potassium and antioxidants, strawberries promote heart health, the immune system and healthy digestion. Naturally low in calories and bursting with flavour, strawberries are a delicious way to boost your intake of essential nutrients while satisfying your sweet tooth. Another reason to love strawberries? Buying Ontario-grown strawberries means enjoying fruit at its freshest while supporting local farmers and communities.

### INGREDIENTS (8 Servings)

- 4 large egg whites
- ¾ cup (188 ml) superfine sugar
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) white vinegar
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) vanilla extract
- 1 cup (250 ml) 2% plain Greek yogurt
- 1 Tablespoon (15 ml) honey
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) balsamic vinegar, optional
- 2 cups (500 ml) fresh strawberries, sliced

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 250 F (120 C)
2. Whisk egg whites until stiff peaks form.



3. Gradually add the sugar, beating until glossy.
4. Fold in the cornstarch, vinegar and vanilla extract.
5. Shape the mixture into an 8-inch (20 cm) circle on a parchment lined baking tray.
6. Bake for 75 minutes, then turn off oven and cool completely.
7. Mix the Greek yogurt with the honey and balsamic vinegar (optional).
8. Top the cooled meringue with the yogurt mixture and strawberries.

**ENJOY!**  
**PER SERVING:** |Calories: 165 kcal | Carbohydrates: 31 g | Protein: 6 g | Fat: 2 g

|Fibre: 2 g | Sodium: 0.8 mg |  
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## Building a Life for All Seasons (formerly Annie's Journal) written by Annie Warner Donnelly



Hello Everyone. Have you noticed how many of our holidays have love as their reason for being? Some days are set aside to love our Creator. Out of love, we honour people like Martin Luther King Jr. and Saint Jean Baptiste. There are days to celebrate Moms, Dads, grandparents, children, and our special Valentine; and Remembrance Day to lovingly honour the men and women who defend us, some of whom died on faraway shores. We love our country on Canada Day.

With Father's Day just around the corner, I am once again wondering why we find it necessary to legislate love. Isn't the sharing of God's word enough? In Luke 10:27, Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and love your neighbour as yourself."

There it is. Everyone is included. Always. Age doesn't matter. Country of origin or legal citizenship don't matter. Our cultural traditions don't matter. Skin colour doesn't matter. Which

side of town you live on doesn't matter. Rural or urban roots don't matter.

All that matters is that we are human beings living on this planet. You matter. I matter. Jesus said that the people who come and go in our lives are to love us as they love themselves. And you and I, as we come and go in the lives of others, are to love them as we love ourselves.

"The Gift of Blessing", written by Gary Smalley and John Trent, Ph.D., speaks of the five elements of the Biblical blessing given by Issac to Jacob in Genesis, chapter 27: meaningful touch; spoken words; expressing high value to, and picturing a special future for the one being blessed; and making an active commitment to fulfill the blessing. Which elements of that blessing can we use to bless someone every day? Let's pray about it.

We may not be able to change the destruction occurring in the world today, but loving others can make a difference in the world around us. Let's do it together. Amen.

## Bearbells By Leslie Noonan



The air was heavy and humid, and rivulets of sweat poured down my face and stung my eyes. The forest was green and dense, filled with the drone of insects. Large leaves of burdock and young beech concealed the undergrowth, and small unseen creatures rustled the brush. I expected to see a velociraptor peering out at me with a smile full of teeth. Turns out that prehistoric creatures were less of a threat than the present-day hordes I was about to encounter.

McRae Point Provincial Park is found just east of Orillia with a very nice day beach, which is where I parked to start the 4.8 km Water's Edge Trail. There are two trails, connected by a walk through the campsites. While not normally my idea of a

hike, I had heard nice things about this route and thought it worth checking out. I left most of my gear in the car, as I was certain this was to be an easy trail, just bringing my poles and water, but at the last minute I also grabbed the bug spray. I travelled past the beach, enjoying the lovely view, while a light breeze blew in from the lake. Just ahead the trail entered the forest and the darkness looked cool and inviting. I stepped under the canopy and the whoosh of the waves on the beech faded away, only to be replaced with the drone of thousands of mosquitoes! A cloud of DEET enveloped me, as I sprayed every available inch, including my wide brimmed hat. The masses barely relented in their pursuit, and I found myself moving faster and faster, trying to outrun the beasts through this forest of oak and beech. Although the lake was only a few steps from the trail, the thick vegetation choked off any breath of air that might hinder the insects. Finally, I burst through the bush and out onto a spit of land, bright sun gleaming off the blue water and grey rocks underfoot. Rocks that as I moved them released clouds of flying insects that attached to my hair and clothing, clinging to my frantically waving hands and threatening to fly into my astonished mouth.

Back into the bush and the mad dash continued



as I tried to outpace those voracious mosquitoes. I admired the beautiful white meadow anemone and the pink and white flowers of honeysuckles, at least I admired them out of the corner of my eye as I trotted past, wiping bugs out of the corner of my other eye. Finally, the trees parted and gave way to long grasses swaying gently in a small breath of wind. I sighed in relief as the blood suckers held back, hiding in the dark spaces under the trees. My joy was short lived, as the fighter jets were arriving. The loud buzz of a squadron of deer flies where quickly approaching. There was no place to hide and I resigned myself to this annoying entourage through the meadow as I was attacked from every side. Eventually the meadow ended and I found myself walking through the campground, heading to the northern portion of the trail. The heat here was brutal, as the relentless sun shone down, and the humidity made the sweat pop out instantly. This was too much even for the evil squadron, as they reluctantly pulled back and abandoned the chase.

The north trail also began at the beach, and waves lapped across the track in several places. Just to the right was a lovely swamp, and I realized I had just walked into enemy territory. Thousands of miniature warriors lifted from the murky waters with a thrum of wings, as I pulled out my can of DEET. I turned to face the oncoming mass, finger on the trigger, and stared into those multifaceted eyes. I pulled the trigger and ...nothing happened, my can was empty. Oh boy. Off I went, dashing through the shallow water and leaping over downed branches. A right turn led through a wet forest, thick ferns carpeting the moss-covered logs. The fighting grew more intense, as my slapping hands were futile against the onslaught, joined now with the smallest and most annoying of the insect army. Black flies flew up my nose and into my eyes, black bodies easily evading my clumsy swipes at them. A few kamikazes flew into my mouth, hoping to choke me into submission. I raced around the loop, once again coming back to the water's edge until bursting out onto the hot pavement of the campground. I breathed a sigh of relief, before I realized that I still had one more section of bush to get through; one last battle. I straightened my hat and squared my shoulders, and stepped into the shadows. Only to have nothing happen. No beasts attacked me and I gave a little laugh. With a jaunty step I started on, happy to be in neutral territory. THWACK. Umm, what was that. THWACK THWACK. My hat slid forward on my head as it was repeatedly hit from above as some creature with huge wings attacked. It was an ambush!! I held onto my hat and lit off down the trail, twisting to avoid the creature. From a safe distance I looked back and there in a branch above the trail was a red winged black bird, normally a docile bird who must have turned traitor, joining the other winged beasts out for human blood. Thankfully I was back at the parking area and the safety of my car. Like I said, a velociraptor might have been less dangerous than the hordes I encountered.

## ANTEN MILLS By Dennis Gannon

It was a perfect morning for a garage sale and the crowds came. Last Saturday, June 13, the annual Anten Mills Community wide Garage Sale took place. With near perfect temperatures and sunshine, the community was a buzz. Throughout the village top quality goods no longer needed but definitely loved were offered for sale. Lawn furniture, tools, toys, clothing all found new homes. Over 25 homes participated in the sale and a huge thanks goes out to Karis for again coordinating the event this year.

In less than 2 weeks our country will celebrate its 159th birthday on July 1, Canada Day. It's a day we get to celebrate our heritage, our freedoms, our great way of life. This year Canada Day is on a Wednesday making it challenging for those who try to make a long weekend from it and have a celebration. But not to worry because the Anten Mills Community Recreation Association is going to help. On Wednesday, July 1 from 11:30 until 1 join the fun at the community centre for a free bbq lunch. With the assistance of our wonderful volunteers hot dogs will be on the bbq, there will be some fun corn hole playing along with ball hockey on the multipurpose pad. Who doesn't like those temporary fun tattoos? They are going to be available also. Ice cream, who wants ice cream especially if it's hot out? There certainly will be ice cream along with other treats and maybe, and that's a big maybe, some fresh strawberries. Wouldn't that be a treat!

At 12 noon it would be great if we could all stand together and proudly sing our national anthem. Hopefully a volunteer will step up and lead us all.

The pavilion is going to be decked out with red and white decorations which leads to another suggestion. Why not show your Canadian pride and decorate your home with some Canadiana? A quick survey of the community saw that only about 25 homes proudly display our national flag on their property. That's a very low number considering how many homes there are in our village. Lawrence Ave seems to have the most homes displaying our flag followed by Horseshoe Valley Rd. We definitely are not like our neighbours south of the border where the red and white stripes are flown more predominantly but we can still be just as patriotic. On Canada Day let's all get to fly a Canadian flag even if it's only little ones on our front yards and demonstrate how proud we are to be a Canadian.

Two of our popular activities will be ending soon for a summer break. The Thursday night euchre will finish tonight, June 18 after an extremely successful rejuvenation. A big thanks goes to Laurie and Judy for bringing euchre back to the community centre and let's hope that they will take the role back on in September. Finishing next Tuesday will be the Knotty Knitters. Again a very successful season and the knitters made extremely generous contributions to RVH oncology, Georgian Bay General Hospital neonatal unit, the Elmvale and District Food Bank with donations for women, Victoria Village LTC received lap blankets and Furry Friends along with others got donations. The knitters will resume Tuesday, September 8 following the Labour Day holiday.

When is the Fry Guy going to reopen? That's a question being asked around the village after a post



went out on Facebook a couple of weeks ago. The answer is, soon. Contact was made with the purchasers of the property and while they have encountered a few minor setbacks, they intend to move forward and should reopen in the next few weeks. It will be a great return of a much appreciated business in the village. Watch the Anten Mills Community Bulletin Facebook page for details when they are available.

Sunday, June 21 is the Summer Solstice. At 4:24 AM, the sun reaches its closest point to the North Pole. We will see approximately 15.5 hours of daylight that day and have the shortest night. Unfortunately we start to lose a bit of light every day after that until the Winter Solstice which is on Monday, December 21. Make sure that you enjoy the sunshine while you can.

It's coming to the end of the school year. For those graduating from K, Grade 8, Grade 12, College or University our community offers you our most sincere congratulations for a job well done. We wish you all the best for your future and hope that you get to enjoy the summer.

With school over it's a reminder that the kids will

be out roaming around so if you are driving, please be cautious and drive safely.

Over the summer months you will see plenty of activity at the community centre and park. The Township of Springwater is holding a number of weeks of day camp at the centre which is nice to see. If you are looking for camps, check out the township website for any vacancies.

This weekend is Father's Day. To all the fathers and dads out there we wish you a very happy day and hope that you get spoiled, just a little bit.

A sincere thanks to Brian Keyes for agreeing to write the last column while Joan and I spent some quality time together on a road trip to see western Canada. We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary, (only 2 years late) and someone's 75th birthday. Our journey was fantastic and extremely enjoyable. Thanks Brian, we appreciate your assistance.

That's all for this week. Happy Father's Day, hope to see you on Canada Day, THANKS FOR READING, BE WELL, STAY SAFE and as Brian added to the last column, SAY HI to YOUR NEIGHBOUR!



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**Drop-In Craft**

The library will be offering a fun drop-in craft at both its Elmvale and Midhurst Branches. This program will be available as long as supplies last. There is no registration required for this free program. Thursday June 18: Rainbow fan

**Father's Day Card**

Come to the library and make a Father's Day card. We will provide all the supplies, you provide your own unique creativity! Saturday June 20, 10am at Elmvale and Midhurst Branches.

**PA Day Clearance Crafts**

On the PA day, we will be offering all of our leftover crafts for you to enjoy. Instructions will be provided and there will be a staff member at each location to offer assistance. Friday June 26, 10am at Elmvale and Midhurst Branches while supplies last. There is no registration required or cost for this drop-in program.

**Canada Day Closure**

Please note, all branches of Springwater Public

Library will be closed on Wednesday July 1. Regular branch hours resume on Thursday July 2.

**Chalk the Block**

Our annual Chalk the Block program is back at the library! Monday June 29-Saturday July 11, we will have chalk available for anyone/everyone of all ages to create beautiful, colourful artwork on the sidewalk/areas surrounding our library entrances. We've seen some amazing artwork over the years and invite you all to come be a part of the fun! Parent supervision is required.

**Teen Summer Book Box**

Sign up to receive a teen book box filled with a bunch of summer fun freebies! Each box will contain two library books that need to be returned, and a surprise stack of free items that include sassy stickers, savory summer snacks and more! Registration for these free boxes closes Friday July 3.



**Nerf Game Night @ MPL**

Ages 9-14

Bring your Nerf equipment (no darts, please!) and join us for an action-packed evening featuring a scavenger hunt, a few rounds of capture the flag and freeze tag, and taking over the library after hours. We'll provide the darts and snacks. Snacks & beverages provided.

Monday, July 20, 6-8PM

Monday, August 10, 6-8PM

Registration waiver required; space is limited.

Persian Bread Making

Saturday, July 11, 1-3PM

Join the Barrie Persian Association for this hands-on workshop on making barbari bread, a flatbread with a golden, crunchy exterior and a beautiful, pillowy interior. Free, drop-in!

With thanks to the Heart of Georgian Bay Community Forward Fund.

Anishinaabe Knowledge about Water with Trish Monague

Saturday, July 18, 2PM

Join Elder Trish Monague to learn more about Anishinaabe understanding of and care for nibi, water. Free, drop-in!

With thanks to the Heart of Georgian Bay Community Forward Fund.

Adult Summer Reading Program

June 26-Sept. 7

No registration required.

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

Midland Summer Movies

Thursdays at Dusk

MPL is joining up with the Town of Midland to show some great movies this summer! Join us in Little Lake Park at Rotary Stage with your snacks! When it starts to get dark, the movie will start! (Weather permitting; movies subject to change).

Thursday, July 9, 8:30PM start—Finding Nemo—Sponsored by Bryson Bumstead, Realtor

Thursday, July 16, 8:30PM start—The Little Mermaid (1989) - Sponsored by Morden Construction

Thursday, July 23, 8:30PM start—Atlantis

Thursday, July 30, 8:30PM start—Luca

Thursday, August 6, 8:30PM start—Elemental

Friday, September 11, 6PM, 8:30PM movie start—Summer Reading Wrap Party—Finding Dory

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- 44 Clog or sandal
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- 5 "All the Things You \_\_\_"
- 6 Pressure measure

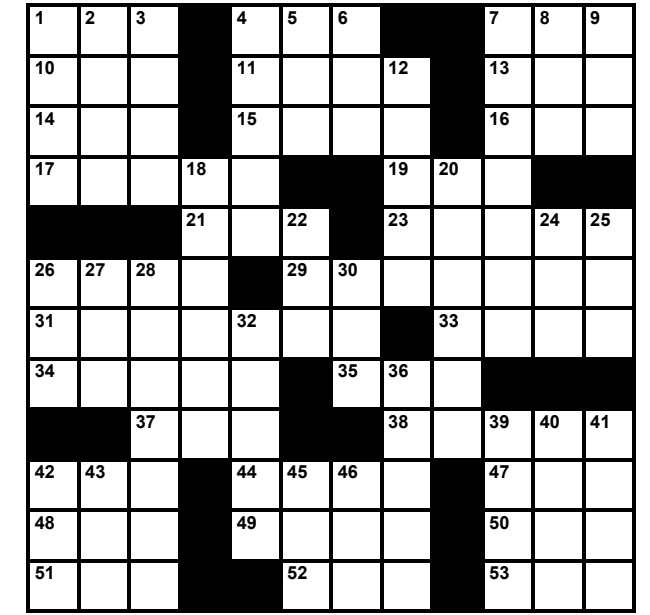
Join us for an open-house style event focused on water quality. Explore topics like pollution, microplastics, and local research, and learn how these issues are shaping the health of our waterways.

Teen Pet Painting

Monday, July 13 OR August 10, 4-5 PM

Ages 12-18

Make a unique painting of your pet! We'll paint a black and white line drawing of a photo of your pet directly onto the glass of a picture frame, and then add a fun background. Registration required. Pet photo must be submitted at registration.



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- 8 Before now
- 9 Recently produced for the first time
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**CROSSWORD ANSWER**



**Penetanguishene Library**

**24 Simcoe Street 705-549-7164 www.penetanguishene.library.on.ca**

**Penetanguishene Public Library**

Sizzle Book Club – June 18th 6:00-6:30pm

A Spicy Book Club held the last Thursday of every month  
6:00pm - 6:30pm

Discuss the latest books and trends in the spicy book world.

This is a patron led program. Nonalcoholic beverages will be available.

**Card Games**

Euchre – Mon, June 22, 2026, 2:00 – 3:00pm

500 – Mon, June 29, 2026, 2:00 – 3:00pm

Free. Registrations are open now. You must have a valid library card to register.

A minimum of 4 participants is required to run the program.

Jean Decorating - Wed, June 24, 10:30-11:30am  
\$5.00 for members \$7.00 for non-members

May 11th to 18th Registration opens for Penetanguishene taxpaying members with a valid library card. After May 8th registration is open to everyone. A minimum of 5 participants is required to run the program. Non-transferable, non-refundable.

Summer of Soccer Summer Reading Challenge 2026

June 29th- August 11th

Join us for arts & crafts, and sports programs!

June 8th Registration opens for Penetanguishene taxpaying members with a valid library card. After June 15th registration is open to everyone.

"Kick off" the Summer of Soccer and Create a Button Banner! - Monday June 29th, 2026, 2:00pm-3:00pm

Make a banner to display all the buttons and

ribbons you'll earn by reading and participating in our summer programming! Ages: 4-12, \$5.00 for members, \$7.00 for non-members. June 8th Registration opens for Penetanguishene taxpaying members with a valid library card. After June 15th registration is open to everyone. A minimum of 5 participants is required to run the program. Non-transferable, non-refundable.

Make a Pasta Reef - Friday July 3rd, 2026, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Join us and create a reef sea landscape with coloured pasta. Ages: 4-12, \$5.00 for members, \$7.00 for non-members. June 8th Registration opens for Penetanguishene taxpaying members with a valid library card. After June 15th registration is open to everyone. A minimum of 5 participants is required to run the program. Non-transferable, non-refundable.

Make a Hair-tie Headband - Monday July 6th, 10:30am-11:30am

Create a stylish hairband using hair ties. . Ages: 4-12, \$5.00 for members, \$7.00 for non-members. June 8th Registration opens for Penetanguishene taxpaying members with a valid library card. After June 15th registration is open to everyone. A minimum of 5 participants is required to run the program. Non-transferable, non-refundable.

Learn to Assemble Blanket from Granny Squares - July 8, 10:30-11:30am

\$5.00 for members \$7.00 for non-members

May 1st to 8th Registration opens for Penetanguishene taxpaying members with a valid library card. After May 8th registration is open to everyone. A minimum of 5 participants is required to run the program. Non-transferable, non-refundable.

Earring Workshop - Thursday July 16th, 2026, 2:00pm-3:00pm

Join us and create your own pair of earrings. Ages: 10-12, \$5.00 for members, \$7.00 for non-members. June 8th Registration opens for Penetanguishene taxpaying members with a valid library card. After June 15th registration is open to everyone. A minimum of 5 participants is required to run the program. Non-transferable, non-refundable.

Cooking Class - Tuesday July 21st, 2:30pm-3:30pm

Join us in our kitchen and prepare a delicious meal! Menu : Lasagna Cups, Salad, Decorated Brownie Bites. Ages: 8 and up, \$5.00 for members, \$7.00 for non-members. June 8th Registration opens for Penetanguishene taxpaying members with a valid library card.

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**Community Events Ongoing**

**SENIOR CLUBS**

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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 Library Lower Level  
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 Advancing, 9:15am-10:30

Fun Fit Circuit, 9:15am-10:15am  
Coffee Break, 10:00am-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-3:30pm

**TUESDAY**

**Askennonia Seniors Centre**

Pickleball, 9am-12pm  
Cardio Drums Alive, 9am-10am

Quilting, 9am-12pm  
Watch Clinic, 10am-12pm

Photography Club, 10am-12pm first Tuesday of every month

Dart Club, 10am-12pm  
Zumba Toning, 10:30-11:30

Circle of Friends, 1:30pm-2:30pm

**Bay Shore Seniors Club**

Bay Shore Mini Putt, Members Only

May 19 - Aug 25 8:30 - 10:00 am  
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Table Shuffleboard  
Tuesdays at 1 pm Cost \$2

Elmvale Legion  
7 John Street 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

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

Chair Pilates, 10:30am-11:30am  
Drumming Social, 10:30am-11:30am

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 10am 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.

**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-12pm

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**

Choir - 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 pm - 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

Qi Gong, 9am-10am  
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.

**Barrie/Kempfenfelt Probus Club**

Social Club for retired seniors  
Monthly Meetings: 10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

Third Thursday of every month  
Royal Canadian Legion  
410 St. Vincent Street

**FREE EVENTS PAGE**

Please submit your event on this link:

<https://www.springwaternews.ca/submit-event/>

**Special Events One Time**

**Score Big at Simcoe Woods**

Jun. 13, 2026 11:00-7:00pm  
Simcoe Woods Sales Center

Celebrate the game with us this Saturday at the Simcoe Woods Sales Centre!

**Minesing Union Cemetery Decoration Day**  
Join us for our annual outdoor service on Sunday, June 28 @ 2:30 pm.

**Strawberry Supper \$25**  
Jun. 30, 2026 5:00- 7:30

Elmvale Presbyterian Church, 22 Queen St. E  
Enjoy ham, potato and various other salads and, of course, strawberry shortcake

**Rainforest Falls VBS**  
Aug 10-14 9-noon Free

Elmvale Presbyterian Church  
For children who have completed JK through to Gr 5

Registration Forms on the Church website, at the Church and at the Library

**Elmvale Legion**  
Line Dancing is Back at the Elmvale Legion starting in June, below are the dates for dancing, all are welcome, cost is \$5.00 for each night and all starts at 7 pm.

Tuesday, June 9th and Thursday, June 11th  
Tuesday, July 14th and Thursday, July 16th

Tuesday, August 11th and Thursday, August 13th  
Tuesday, September 8th

Tuesday, September 22nd  
Tuesday, October 13th

Karaoke at the Elmvale Legion, Saturday, June 27th @ 8 pm, Entrance fee is a donation to the food bank. Doors open at 7:30 pm.

Trivia Night - Tuesday, June 16th @ 7 pm, \$5.00  
Karaoke - Saturday, June 27th @ 8 pm, Donation to Elmvale Food Bank

Canada Day Celebrations, Wednesday, July 1st, doors open at 2 pm, BBQ, Entertainment - DJ Rob, come out and help us celebrate Canada's Birthday

Legion 100 Year Anniversary, Friday, July 17th - Open House - Doors Open at 2 pm. Come out and help us celebrate 100 years of the legion with a BBQ and a dance

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**Elmvale Curling Club's 'Spring Into Summer' Event Draws Strong Community Turnout**



ELMVALE — The Elmvale Curling Club hosted a highly successful inaugural Spring Into Summer event this past weekend, bringing together residents from across the region for a full day of activities, entertainment, and community fundraising.

Organizers were met with ideal weather conditions, helping set the tone for an event that saw strong attendance from morning through the afternoon. Visitors were treated to a wide range of attractions, including a car show featuring more than 90 vehicles that drew steady crowds and plenty of conversation among enthusiasts

Competitive spirit was also on display during a cornhole tournament that attracted 22 teams, adding an interactive element to the day's programming. Alongside the friendly competition, attendees enjoyed live musical performances from local musicians and students, contributing to a relaxed and festive atmosphere throughout the venue.

Food and refreshments were provided by the Elmvale District Lions Club, while a variety of local vendors helped round out the event with crafts, goods, and community showcases.

The event, hosted by the Elmvale Curling Club, was designed as both a seasonal celebration and a fundraiser, with organizers emphasizing community connection and local participation as key goals.

Throughout the day, attendees described the atmosphere as welcoming and energetic, with families, volunteers, and participants all contributing to the success of the event.

With a strong turnout and positive feedback from the community, organizers are already looking ahead to future editions of Spring Into Summer, with hopes of expanding programming and building on this year's momentum.



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March 22, 1983 – June 3, 2026

It is with heavy hearts that we remember Adam, who passed away peacefully at the age of 43 after a brief battle with organ failure.

Born in Midland, Adam lived life with passion, courage, and a love for the open road. Whether riding his dirt bike, motorcycle, or heading out for a drive, he found freedom in motion.

Adam was known for his strong hands and even stronger heart. He was always willing to lend a hand, offering kindness, strength, and unwavering support to family, friends, and anyone in need.

He was a proud and devoted father to his sons, Zachary (Mother, Monica Long) and Deakon (Mother, Stephanie Pause), who were the greatest joy of his life.

He is lovingly remembered by his mother, Ann Snider, his father, Brent Heddleston, his sister, Alyse, and his companion, Anne Palmer, along with his extended family, countless friends, and all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Adam is predeceased by his cherished grandparents, Ken and Bunny Snider. Though gone too soon, Adam's spirit lives on in the roads he loved, the lives he helped build, and the memories held close by all who knew and loved him.

Please join us in raising a glass to Adam and celebrating his life at the Midland Legion, Branch 80 on Saturday June 20th from 1-4pm – drinks & food provided.

Internment to take place with family at Lakeview Cemetery in Midland, ON in the Fall.

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**Jackson, Deana,**

With family by her side, Deana passed away at Hospice Simcoe, Barrie on Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at the age of 62. Beloved wife of Peter for 27 years. Cherished mother to Aaron Patterson (Racheal), and Austin Jackson (Hailee). Devoted grandmother to Nora. Dear sister to Teala Braden (Robert), Amena Kane (Jim), and Jara Walker (Allen Hook). Predeceased her parents Bill Coles and Jean Danis. At this time there will be no formal or informal services. If so desired, memorial donations to Hospice Simcoe would be appreciated by the family.

Deana had an energy, a positive one that seemed to attract the right type of friends. This spirit will be so greatly missed by her family and her friends.

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