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The Sunny, Dog Days of Summer

Local music, waterfront evenings and simple moments remind us to slow down and enjoy the season



By Kari Belcourt
North Simcoe Springwater News
It's finally here—the sunny days of July.
After months of snow, rain and waiting, summer has arrived in full force. It's the season we spend the rest of the year dreaming about. We make long lists of projects to finish, places we've always wanted to visit, and friends we've promised to see once the weather finally turns warm.
Then the heat arrives.
Suddenly, the very sunshine we've been longing for makes it difficult to do much of anything at all. The

afternoon sun slows us down, and for a moment the endless to-do list doesn't seem quite as important.
A song comes on the radio, singing about sunny days and lying in the sun with the music playing. Maybe that's exactly the reminder we need.
Summer has a funny way of convincing us it's already slipping away. Cottage weekends fill the calendar, children's activities seem endless, vacation plans stack up, and before long it feels like we're running out of time.
But here's the good news—summer has only just begun.

There is still plenty of time to enjoy a quiet afternoon on the beach, an evening walk through town, ice cream with family, or a concert under the open sky. The chores will still be waiting when the sun goes down.
One of the greatest things about living in North Simcoe is that you don't have to travel far to experience the best parts of summer. Nearly every community throughout the region offers free live music, family events and opportunities to gather with neighbours while enjoying the beautiful weather.

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Whether you're a lifelong resident or simply visiting Georgian Bay this season, there are countless ways to soak in the sunshine close to home.
Tiny Township – Busk 'til Dusk
Every Thursday evening throughout July and August, Balm Beach comes alive with music during Busk 'til Dusk.
Running from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the free waterfront concert series has become a summer tradition, bringing local performers to the shores of Georgian Bay. Visitors are encouraged to arrive early, walk or carpool when possible, as parking fills quickly during the popular event.
This year's lineup includes:

- **July 16 – The Mugs**
- **July 23 – Unlocked**
- **July 30 – Sandra Good Band**
- **August**
- **August 6 – Sydney Riley**
- **August 13 – Klasik**
- **August 20 – Big Chill**
- **August 27 – The Remedy**
- **September**
- **September 3 – Charlotte and the Dirty Cowboys**
- **September 10 – Kitty and the Boyz**

As the sun begins to set over Georgian Bay, there's hardly a better backdrop for an evening of live music.
Midland – Music in the Park
Sunday evenings belong to Music in the Park at Little Lake Park's Rotary Stage.
Beginning each week at 6 p.m., families are invited to bring lawn chairs, water bottles and sunscreen while enjoying free performances by talented local musicians.

- The 2026 lineup features:**
- **July 19 – 93 North**



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- **July 26 – Bustin Loose**
- **August 5 – Open Mic Night**
- **August 16 – Big Chill**
- **August 23 – Sandra Good Band**
- **August 30 – Billboard Union**

This year's series also includes two Community Nights, where local organizations will showcase their programs, recruit volunteers and connect with residents.
On August 5, the Midland Cultural Centre will once again host an Open Mic Night, welcoming musicians of every age and experience level to perform.

Wasaga Beach – Summer Sets
Warm Friday and Saturday evenings continue all summer long in Wasaga Beach through Summer Sets.
Friday performances are held at Nancy Island Historic Site, while Saturday concerts take place at the Beach Area 2 Stage. Each concert begins at 6 p.m.
Highlights include performances by Kitty and the Boyz, Midnight Shakers, Otis Wonder & The Hustle, Lance Dobinson's Elvis Tribute, The Sandra Good Band, 93 North Band and many more.
Whether you're spending the day on the world's longest freshwater beach or simply stopping by for the evening, Summer Sets provides the perfect soundtrack to a relaxing summer night.

Penetanguishene – Bayside Summer Soirée
Friday nights in Penetanguishene offer another opportunity to enjoy live entertainment along the waterfront.
Held at the amphitheatre beside the Penetanguishene Curling Club, the Bayside Summer Soirée combines live music, family entertainment and outdoor movies overlooking beautiful Georgian Bay.
Concerts begin at 6 p.m. and continue throughout the summer.

- Upcoming performances include:**
- **July 17 – Sandra Good Band**
 - **July 24 – The Renaissance Band**
 - **July 31 – Good Ole Boys**
 - **August 7 – Youth Night**
 - **August 14 – Peasant Kings**
 - **August 21 – Gibbons & Figgs**
 - **August 28 – The Brudders**

With cool evening breezes coming off the bay and the waterfront serving as a natural stage, it's another reminder that some of the best summer experiences don't require expensive tickets or long drives.
As July settles in, it's worth remembering that summer isn't measured by how many chores get crossed off the list. It's measured by evenings spent laughing with friends, children dancing to live music, sunsets over Georgian Bay, and those quiet moments where time seems to slow down.
There will always be another lawn to mow, another errand to run or another project waiting at home.
But these sunny days are fleeting.
So grab a lawn chair, take in the music, enjoy the company around you, and maybe even dance a little.
The to-do list will still be there tomorrow. Summer won't.



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Letter from the Editor
I am still here, and I am still with you, just not quite sure how yet.
This edition was a reminder that producing a community newspaper is about far more than writing stories. As editor, there are countless responsibilities that arrive each day. That has never discouraged me. There is always someone to help, a story waiting to be told, and work that needs to be done. It is a privilege to serve these communities, and every edition brings new opportunities to learn and grow.
Throughout the production of this issue, one comment stayed with me: "How lucky our local communities are to continue to have a newspaper."
I appreciate the sentiment, but I don't believe it is simply luck.
Community newspapers exist because of the dedication, sacrifice, and determination of the people who refuse to let them disappear. I stand on the shoulders of those who came before me—original owner Michael Jacobs, previous owner Linda Belcourt, and current owner Brian Belcourt—whose commitment ensured this publication remained a trusted source of local news.
The reality is that print media is facing unprecedented challenges. Rising Canada Post

distribution costs, the loss of commercial newspaper presses as facilities shift to magazine production or close altogether, and increasing operating and staffing costs have forced many community newspapers to shut their doors. Despite these challenges, our commitment remains unchanged.
We will continue.
This edition also includes coverage surrounding allegations connected to previous ownership. As editor, I have a responsibility to our readers, our community, and to everyone involved to remain fair, factual, and impartial. For that reason, this is the only place I will comment publicly.
My mother, Linda Belcourt, was deeply passionate about community journalism. She worked tirelessly to give residents of North Simcoe and Springwater a voice and believed strongly that local journalism should serve the public interest above all else. It is because of her dedication that this newspaper continues to reach more than 23,000 households throughout our communities. She believed in building relationships across the community, regardless of political views, and approached her work with the goal of informing residents and preserving the stories that matter.
Because Linda is no longer here to speak for herself, I would not feel it was fair to remain completely silent. While I remain committed to

reporting fairly and without bias, I also believe it is important to acknowledge her character and the values she brought to this newspaper. Those who knew her knew her unwavering commitment to this community, and that legacy is one I intend to honour through the continued work of this publication.
As we move forward, my focus remains on the future of this newspaper and the communities it serves.
I can promise our readers this: local journalism will continue to have a place here. You deserve a trusted source of local news. You deserve to have your community's history documented and preserved. You deserve a newspaper that asks questions, celebrates achievements, reports fairly, and remains committed to the people it serves, as Linda wanted.
Every edition is made possible by the support of our readers, advertisers, staff, contributors, volunteers, and community partners. Your participation reminds me why this work matters.
Thank you for continuing this journey with us. We remain committed to serving North Simcoe and Springwater with integrity, transparency, and a genuine love for the communities we are proud to call home.

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Nearly Two Centuries of Langman Family History in Elmvale

By Kari Belcourt
North Simcoe Springwater News

Few families have left as lasting an imprint on the history of Elmvale and Flos Township as the Langman family. Their story began nearly 200 years ago and continues today, with generations of descendants still living and farming in the community their ancestors first settled.

In 1832, brothers Nicholas and Joseph Langman left Cornwall, England, beginning a 13-week voyage across the Atlantic Ocean to Halifax, Nova Scotia. From there, they travelled by boat and stagecoach through Muddy York (now Toronto), Holland Landing, and across Lake Simcoe to the wharf at Hawkestone before meeting land agents who escorted them to property near Bass Lake.

The brothers had requested land near water, reminding them of their home in Cornwall. By the autumn of 1832, they had cleared the heavily wooded land, built a log cabin, and established the family's first Canadian homestead.

The following year, 1833, both brothers married sisters from another pioneer family. Nicholas married Mary Baskerville, while Joseph married Catherine Baskerville. Together, the two families raised 24 children, with each couple welcoming 12 children of their own. A few years later, another brother, John Langman, arrived from England and settled in the Hobart area.

The original Bass Lake homestead remained in the Langman family for generations. Jim and Ruth Langman later became the fifth generation to live on the property first settled in 1832.

As the family expanded, many descendants moved into Flos Township. During the 1860s, Nicholas Langman's sons acquired heavily wooded land along the 9th Line, west of Elmvale, where they established farms. Other family members soon followed, creating a close-knit settlement that became known as Langman's Post.

Among Nicholas' children were William Henry Langman, known locally as "Black Bill," who married Mary Ann Garrow, and Richard Langman, affectionately remembered as "Whistling Dick." Joseph's sons, William ("White Bill") and Joseph Langman, also settled in Flos Township, helping establish the family's strong agricultural roots in the area.

Joseph Langman later purchased 100 acres on Lot 17, Concession 8, Flos Township, along what is now Highway 92, just west of present-day Valley Farms. He also operated a small sawmill with partner Noah Cotton on what is now known as McGinnis Drain, supplying lumber to the growing community.

One of the family's most significant contributions was the Langman Post Office. Before rural mail delivery existed, local residents relied on small community post offices to receive mail, purchase stamps, and pick up everyday necessities.

Operated by brothers Richard "Whistling Dick" Langman and William Henry "Black Bill"

Langman, the post office served the community from November 1895 until June 30, 1913, when Rural Free Delivery replaced many local post offices across Ontario. Originally located in Richard's basement before moving between the brothers' homes, the post office also sold tobacco, sugar, and other household necessities, becoming an important gathering place for area residents.

The surrounding intersection gradually became known as Langman's Corners, a name that remains part of the local landscape today. The original post office property continues to be owned by Langman descendants.

The family's contributions extended beyond farming. During the 1920s, Arwood Langman operated a popular horseback riding academy near the beaches of Wasaga Beach, welcoming visitors during the community's early tourism years.

Today, nearly 194 years after Nicholas and Joseph Langman first arrived in Canada, their legacy continues through Doug and Diane Langman, their daughter Rachel and her family, and Langcrest Farms, which continues the family's long agricultural tradition.

The Langman family's connection to the area remains remarkably strong. To this day, Langman's Corners is still largely owned by Langman descendants, with the family occupying three of the four corners of the historic intersection.

Langcrest Farms owns both the northeast and southeast corners of the intersection, with the exception of one severed residential property. Doug Langman owns the southwest corner, where his daughter Rachel and her family now reside, continuing the family's long-standing connection to the land.

Just north of the intersection at 3600 Vigo Road, Steve Langman and his family operate Wasaga Adventure Park and Langman Storage Centre. Steve purchased the property from Charles and Eunice Ansley, who were themselves Langman descendants. He says he is especially proud to own what was once his great-grandfather Arthur Langman's property, continuing another chapter in the family's history.

On Sunday, August 30, 2026, descendants from across Canada, along with relatives travelling from England, will gather at the Vigo Road property for the 100th Langman Family Reunion. The milestone celebrates not only a century of family reunions but also nearly two centuries of Langman history in North Simcoe, honouring a family whose name remains deeply connected to the history and development of the Elmvale area.

The Langman family extends a warm invitation to anyone with Langman ancestry to attend the celebration. Whether your connection is close or generations removed, all those with "even an ounce of Langman blood" are welcome to join in celebrating the family's rich history, enduring legacy, and the community their ancestors helped build nearly two centuries ago.



William
Henry Langman (1846-1916)



White Bill Langman and Hannah Boyes

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The Elmvale Lions play golf in support of the Georgian Bay General Hospital

The Elmvale Lions held their 22nd Annual golf tournament on Saturday July 4th in benefit of The Georgian Bay General Hospital. The Elmvale Lions have committed \$50,000 over 3 years to purchase new medical carts. This year we had a full field of 116 enthusiastic golfers raising around \$14,000. We especially thank all our cart and hole sponsors for their generous commitment to The Elmvale Lions Club and our local community.

Al Pontes from G and S Computers and Fraser Swan from Roto-Static Carpet Cleaning presented Maggie Duivenvoorden a new 65" smart TV for her skills with the flat stick. Rumor has it that it was installed before nightfall.

Myles Swan, Brit Garrard, Fraser Swan and Emma Timbers were awarded golf balls for the best mixed team with a low 62.

Team Adam Bourgeois were the winning men's team with a 63. Thank-you Adam for your continued community leadership and support for our Lions Club.

Alliston Lions Club were the best lions team with a 64. Congratulations everyone.

The Elmvale Lions thank Robyn Blanchett from the GBGH foundation and Maggie Duivenvoorden for their words of wisdom as to the importance of the community support that they receive.

A special thanks to our M.C. Lion Luc Lalonde and Morgan Harris for her leadership skills maintaining a great pace of play.



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The Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) Foundation is proud to welcome Whitfields Guardian Pharmacy and Abadir Nasr as a new Business Cares Strategic Partner, thanks to their commitment of \$25,000 over five years.

Midland, ON – July 8, 2026 – The Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) Foundation is proud to welcome Whitfields Guardian Pharmacy and Abadir Nasr as a new Business Cares Strategic Partner, thanks to their commitment of \$25,000 over five years in support of local health care and the patients and families who rely on GBGH.

For more than 70 years, Whitfield Guardian Pharmacy has been a cornerstone of care in Elmvale, part of a network of independently owned Guardian and I.D.A. pharmacies serving communities across Midland, Barrie, and beyond. With nearly 85 years of combined experience, these pharmacies have built a legacy rooted in personalized, compassionate, and holistic care — empowering patients to live healthy, active lives.

Owner Abadir Nasr brings this commitment to every location he leads, including Whitfield Guardian Pharmacy (Elmvale), Midland Clinic IDA, Remedy's Rx (Midland), and Primary Care

Pharmacy (Barrie). Across each pharmacy, patients are met with professional expertise, innovation, and a deep belief in the importance of community connection.

"At the heart of my operations, I firmly believe that community engagement is essential to the success of any business," says Nasr. "By investing in our community, we help support the health and wellbeing of our neighbours. It's both a responsibility and a privilege."

As a Business Cares Strategic Partner, Whitfields Guardian Pharmacy and Abadir Nasr join the We See You campaign, a community driven effort focused on strengthening care at GBGH and ensuring patients are supported with the services, technology, and compassion they need — today and into the future.

"Pharmacies like Whitfields Guardian play an essential role in people's health journeys, often serving as one of the most trusted and accessible

points of care," says Perry Esler, Interim CEO, GBGH Foundation. "Abadir's commitment reflects a genuine understanding that strong health systems are built through collaboration, innovation, and a shared responsibility to care for our neighbours."

Beyond their pharmacy work, Nasr and his team actively support local food banks, youth sports, and community programs, demonstrating a long-standing dedication to community well-being. Their Business Cares partnership builds on that legacy, helping ensure local hospital care remains strong, compassionate and accessible.

Through Business Cares, Whitfields Guardian Pharmacy and Abadir Nasr join a growing network of businesses who recognize that when health care thrives, communities do too — helping to strengthen GBGH for everyone who depends on it.

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Message from MP Shipley



I am always amazed at how fast the summer months go by. There is so much to do in the summer in our community and only so much time to get out and enjoy it. If your idea of the perfect day includes relaxing, being active, or something in between, there is certainly something for everyone. This summer, I am looking forward to checking out local vendors at Farmer's Markets. I also appreciate spending time outdoors with my family and exploring the many scenic trails in our community with our dog, Ollie.

If you are out and about in the community this summer, I would love for you to snap a photo or two and send them to me to potentially be included in my 2027 calendar. I would like to include more photos of the riding and would love to see it from your point of view. If you draw, paint, sculpt or create other forms of visual art, I ask you to submit

photos of any pieces that showcase summer in BSOM.

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I look forward to seeing all the fun ways you are spending your summer!

As always, my staff and I are available to discuss any federal matters that are of concern to you and your family. Please do not hesitate to reach out.

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

Message from MPP Jill Dunlop

– Springwater News Aug 2026

As we continue through the year, I want to take a moment to share some positive updates and thank the residents of Simcoe North for their ongoing commitment to making our communities strong, welcoming, and resilient.

It has been a busy and productive time across

the region, with important investments being made to support local infrastructure, emergency preparedness, and future growth. I was pleased to announce that Ontario is investing more than \$78 million in critical water and wastewater infrastructure projects throughout Simcoe North. These upgrades will help communities such as Orillia, Penetanguishene, Tay Township, Tiny Township, Ramara, and Severn strengthen essential services, support housing development, and prepare for future growth.

I was also proud to announce funding through Ontario's Community Emergency Preparedness Grant program, providing support for municipalities and organizations across Simcoe North. These investments will help strengthen local emergency readiness through equipment upgrades, training opportunities, and initiatives that enhance community resilience.

These projects are about more than infrastructure and equipment. They are investments in the future of our communities, helping ensure that residents have access to reliable services, safe neighbourhoods, and opportunities for continued growth and prosperity.

I also look forward to welcoming residents to the rescheduled Annual Simcoe North Community BBQ on Sunday, September 13, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Hewitt's Fun Farm in Coldwater. While we were disappointed to postpone the event due to inclement weather, we are excited to come together this September for an afternoon of great conversation, community spirit, and family-friendly fun. It is a wonderful opportunity to connect with friends, neighbours, and residents from across Simcoe North, and I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Thank you for your continued support and community spirit. It is an honour to serve the people of Simcoe North.

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Notice of Special Meeting of Council/Public Meeting for the Township of Springwater Official Plan 2051 Update

The Corporation of the Township of Springwater has initiated an Official Plan Update pursuant to Sections 17, 26 and 27 of the Planning Act. The Township of Springwater in collaboration with the County of Simcoe will hold a Special Meeting of Council/Public Meeting for Official Plan 2051 Update (OP2051) on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., at the Township Administration Centre, located at 2231 Nursery Road in Minesing.

Special Meeting of Council/Public Meeting will be held to present Official Plan 2051 Update for the Township of Springwater. A formal presentation regarding the update will take place at 6:30 p.m. Questions and comments will follow the presentation. No decision will be made at the meeting.

The purpose and effect of the Township's Official Plan Update is to implement changes to effectively manage growth to 2051 and implement the findings of the Growth Management Study, including the Settlement Area Boundary Expansion of Midhurst for Employment Lands. The Township is also utilizing this opportunity to align the Township's Official Plan with changes made through Provincial and County legislation. The following will be included through this update:

- Proposed modification to the Midhurst Secondary Plan schedule and text to reflect the Settlement Area Boundary Expansion and the introduction of a policy section for the Forbes Road/Highway 400 Employment Area.
- Addition of a Special Policy Area schedule and text for the Long-Term Employment Reserve Overlay.
- The planning horizon of the Official Plan document will be extended to 2051 and a conformity exercise for all upper tier (County and Province) legislation.
- Align the Official Plan schedules with the Barrie/Oro-Medonte/Springwater Boundary Adjustment Act.

Subject Lands: For the Midhurst Settlement Area Boundary Expansion (Employment Lands) and Special Policy Area (Long-Term Employment Reserve Overlay) the key map is available on our website. The proposed Official Plan update applies to the entirety of the Township of Springwater and therefore no key map has been provided.

Draft Official Plan 2051 along with supporting documents will be available for review on the Township of Springwater website, by visiting www.springwater.ca/OfficialPlan2051

OP2051 webpage will continue to be updated as additional material becomes available prior to the Special Meeting of Council/Public Meeting. All materials will also be available for review at the Township Administration Centre.

Meeting Details: Interested persons can listen to the meeting through Zoom online or by dialing 1-647-558-0588 and inputting the meeting ID: 830 0947 9250 when prompted or attend the meeting in person in Council Chambers at the Township's Administration Centre located at 2231 Nursery Road, Minesing, ON. The Council meeting will also be live streamed on the Township's YouTube channel at: <https://www.springwater.ca/live>

Interested persons that would like to comment/participate in the hybrid Council meeting in person are asked to please pre-register with the Township prior to Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 5:30 p.m., by emailing op2051@springwater.ca or calling 705-728-4784 x 2019.

Written and oral submissions will form part of the public meeting record, including the name and address of the commenters, as information collected under the Planning Act. The minutes, written submissions and a recording of the meeting will be posted on the Township's website.

Any person may make a submission in support of, in opposition to, or ask a question regarding the proposed Official Plan Update. Written submissions are recommended and can be made to the Planning Department by email, regular post or the drop box located at the Administration Building. Please ensure all written submissions include your name, address, and reference Official Plan Update 2051.

Please note that the County of Simcoe will hold additional statutory public consultation and notice of these meetings will be provided at a later stage in the process.

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Since May, to mark VE and D-Day as well as the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion, 25 banners portraying a selection of Simcoe County veterans have been displayed outside the Legion in Barrie. Included are three North Simcoe veterans who were born and raised in Penetanguishene.

Major Stan Corbeau is one. A veteran of the D-Day landings, he took command in Sept. 1944 of a new unit, the 1st Canadian Armoured Carrier Squadron – the first such unit in any Allied army. He proved to be an effective and inspiring leader, also known for his courage under fire. He earned the Distinguished Service Order, one of the highest decorations, and was also wounded in action in 1945.

Pilot Officer Phil Marchildon is another. A Major League pitcher, Marchildon returned to Canada in 1942, following an impressive season with the Philadelphia A's, to join the RCAF. In Aug. 1944, on his 26th mission, his Halifax bomber was shot down. Marchildon, one of two survivors from the crew of seven, then became a prisoner of war.

Pilot Officer Alfred Burke Thompson, a RAF bomber pilot, too is on a banner. He was shot down and captured in the first week of the war, and became the Canadian longest held as a PoW ever. In March 1944, he was one of 76 PoWs who escaped from their prison camp in what famously became known as the Great Escape.

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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.

Expanded Crossing Guard Program Coming to Elmvale for the 2026 School Year:

Subject to the successful recruitment of qualified crossing guards, Council has authorized the implementation of two additional school crossing guard locations beginning with the Fall 2026 school year. With these additions, Elmvale will have four staffed crossing guard locations:

- Queen Street E & Simcoe Street
- Yonge Street S near John Street and Houden Street
- Simcoe Street marked crosswalk across from HCES
- Kerr Street & Shaw Street intersection near OLOL

Springwater Heather Services Building Renewal:

Council has approved moving forward with the Elmvale Community Hall and Knox Building Renewal project by establishing a project commitment envelope and approving an initial project expenditure to begin the research and design phase.

The project represents both:

- A strategic physician recruitment and primary care access initiative, creating the opportunity to partner with the South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre to bring up to three new primary care physicians to Springwater.
- A necessary municipal asset renewal and preservation project, investing in two aging municipal buildings that require significant renewal.

EDHS Donation Fund Project Approved:

Following the recommendation of the EDHS Donation Fund Ad Hoc Committee, Springwater Council has approved the installation of a new Fit Trail Park on the Elmvale District High School property.

The Committee reaffirmed that the original intent of the EDHS Donation Fund was to support projects that benefit both students and the broader community. This exciting addition does exactly that. The Fit Trail Park will provide new opportunities for school fitness programming and recreation during the school day, while also being available for residents to enjoy outside of school hours.

This project is a meaningful way to honour the generosity of those who contributed to the EDHS Donation Fund by creating a lasting community asset that promotes health, wellness, and active living for years to come.

Service Club Property Tax Grant Policy:

Recognizing the important role these organizations play, Council has requested staff to report back in 2027 with an inventory of service clubs across the Township that own property and pay property taxes, along with a draft policy that would establish grant opportunities to help offset these costs.

This is an important first step toward creating a fair and consistent approach to supporting the volunteer organizations that give so much back to our communities.

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ECRA Canada Day Celebration Honours Community Builder George Allen



By Kari Belcourt North Simcoe Springwater News & George Allen

ELMVALE — Despite soaring temperatures, more than 200 residents gathered at Heritage Park on July 1 to celebrate Canada Day with an afternoon of music, community spirit and a special tribute to one of Elmvale's most dedicated volunteers, George Allen.

For many in the community, the celebration was also an opportunity to recognize Allen's decades of service and the lasting impact he has had on Elmvale.

Allen first arrived in Elmvale in 1968 as Vice Principal of Huronia Centennial Elementary School. Over the past five decades, he has become one of the community's most respected leaders, dedicating countless volunteer hours to fundraising, education and community development.

One of his most significant accomplishments came in 1993 when government safety inspectors deemed the Elmvale arena roof unsafe because of snow load concerns. Faced with the possibility of losing the community facility, Allen and Gloria Woods co-chaired a fundraising campaign that successfully raised \$560,000. The Ontario government matched those funds, allowing for a major reconstruction of the arena.

The project not only secured the future of the arena but also expanded the facility with additional dressing rooms, office space and an elevator. The redevelopment coincided with the formation of Springwater Township in 1994, when responsibility for the arena officially became part of the township's Parks and Recreation Department.

Allen's commitment to the community extended well beyond the arena. He spent 13 years working to ensure Elmvale District High School remained in the community, an effort that ultimately proved successful. He also played a leading role in the development of the Elmvale Shared Facility Project and continues to serve on the Elmvale District High School Ad Hoc Committee.

His passion for community building also helped bring Heritage Park to life. Allen was instrumental in fundraising for the park's creation and organized annual Elmvale District High School Day events there, encouraging young people to develop pride and ownership in their community.

Reflecting on his years of volunteerism, Allen has often said his motivation has always been simple: to leave Elmvale a better community than when he and his family first arrived.



That legacy was formally recognized during this year's Canada Day celebration when Allen was presented with a commemorative plaque installed in the Heritage Park pavilion, honouring his years of leadership and volunteer labour in creating and developing the park.

The celebration opened with a ceremonial presentation by the local Legion, followed by greetings from Springwater Ward 1 Councillor Matt Garwood, welcoming remarks from Simcoe North MP Shipley and a salute to Canada delivered by Allen. The community then joined together for a spirited rendition of O Canada in the park's amphitheatre.

Throughout the afternoon, residents enjoyed a lineup of local musical talent. Al Beardsall, accompanied by Valerie Voisey on fiddle, opened and closed the entertainment, while Elmvale District High School students Kate Hvalica, Thianna Rawn and Ashley Wood brought youthful energy to the stage. The Community Choir performed a selection of uplifting songs before Gweneth Covey captivated the audience with her powerful vocals. Former councillor Katy Austin also shared the stories behind several classic Canadian songs featured in her performance.

The Elmvale and District Lions Club and Lioness Club kept everyone well fed by serving complimentary hamburgers, hot dogs and bottled water throughout the day.

Families also enjoyed activities hosted by the Springwater Public Library, while Molly and Lily Berrang-Young provided face painting for children. One of the day's biggest attractions proved to be the Springwater Fire Department, whose firefighters created a cooling station by spraying water into the air, giving children—and more than a few adults—a welcome way to beat the heat. Surely to be a lifelong memory for the children as their laughter and shrieks of joy echoed down the main street.

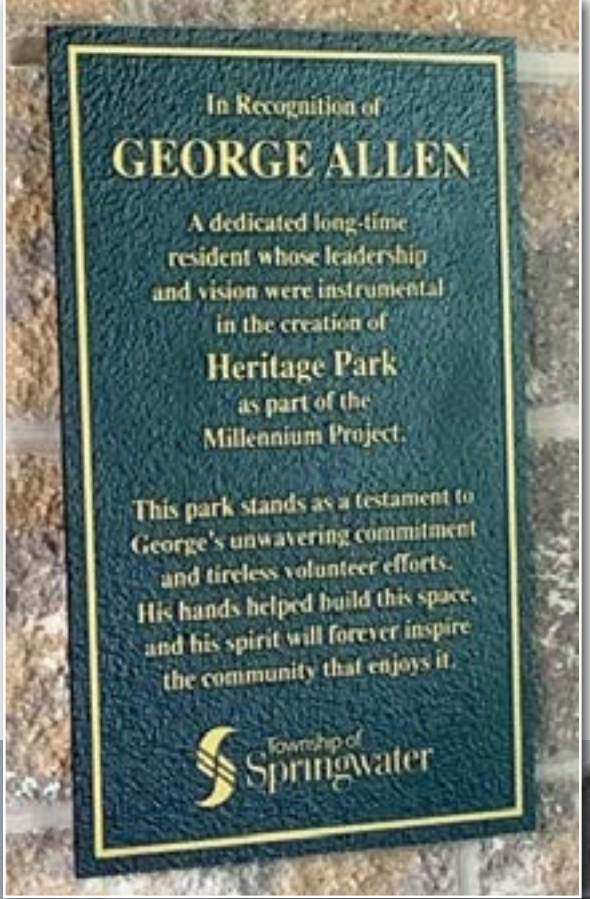
Behind the scenes, dozens of volunteers helped



make the event possible. Organizers extended thanks to Dan Clement, Matt Garwood, Brent Preston, Greg Davidson and many others who assisted with equipment, logistics and preparations to ensure the celebration could proceed safely despite the extreme weather.

By day's end, organizers Matt Garwood and George Allen reflected on a celebration that brought together generations of residents to celebrate Canada, community and volunteerism.

For many in attendance, the recognition of George Allen served as a fitting reminder that communities are built not only through buildings and parks, but through the dedication of individuals willing to invest their time and energy for future generations.



Barrie Baycats Upcoming Schedule

Thursday, July 16 – 7:38 p.m.
Toronto Maple Leafs at Barrie Baycats
Athletic Kulture Stadium

Friday, July 17 – 7:35 p.m.
Barrie Baycats at Hamilton Cardinals
Bernie Arbour Memorial Stadium

Saturday, July 18 – 4:08 p.m.
London Majors at Barrie Baycats
Athletic Kulture Stadium

Thursday, July 23 – 7:38 p.m.
Brantford Red Sox at Barrie Baycats
Athletic Kulture Stadium

Friday, July 24 – 7:05 p.m.
Barrie Baycats at London Majors
Labatt Memorial Park

Saturday, July 25 – 4:08 p.m.
Kitchener Panthers at Barrie Baycats
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Thursday, July 30 – 7:38 p.m.
Hamilton Cardinals at Barrie Baycats
Athletic Kulture Stadium

SPORTS

Baycats Split Four-Game Stretch with Walk-Off Win and Offensive Outburst

The Barrie Baycats wrapped up a busy four-game Canada Day week with a 2-2 record, overcoming adversity in dramatic fashion while showcasing the offensive firepower that has made them one of the league's most dangerous lineups.

The week began in heartbreaking fashion on July 1 as the Baycats rallied from a 4-0 deficit before falling 5-4 in 10 innings to the London Majors. After London jumped out to an early lead behind a three-run home run from Adam Thuss, Barrie chipped away at the deficit. Francisco Hernandez drove in a run with an RBI double in the fourth inning before Ryan Rijo's two-run double and Hayden Jacob's RBI double highlighted a three-run sixth inning that tied the game. Both bullpens kept the score even through the ninth before Starling Joseph delivered a walk-off RBI single in the bottom of the 10th. Hernandez paced the Baycats offensively with three hits, while Rijo drove in two runs.

Barrie responded the following night with a thrilling 6-5 walk-off victory over the Guelph Royals at Athletic Kulture Stadium. The Baycats built an early 3-0 advantage before Guelph battled back to tie the game. Barrie regained the lead in the seventh, only to see the Royals answer again in the eighth. With the game on the line in the ninth inning, Francisco Hernandez came around to score the winning run on a Noel McGarry Doyle fielder's choice, sending the home crowd home celebrating. McGarry Doyle finished 2-for-2 with two RBIs, Ryan Rijo added a solo home

run, Brandon Hernandez collected two hits, and Carlos Sano earned the win in relief.

The offense exploded on July 3 as Barrie rolled to a convincing 13-2 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs. The Baycats pounded out five home runs, including blasts from Wandy Ciprian, Nolan Machibroda, Noah Hull and Adam Odd. Machibroda drove in four runs, Ciprian recorded three hits, and Canice Ejoh added a pair of hits as Barrie broke the game open with a six-run sixth inning. Hayden Jacob earned his first victory of the 2026 season as the Baycats recorded their highest-scoring performance of the week.

The winning streak came to an end on July 4 when the Hamilton Cardinals defeated Barrie 8-1. Hamilton took control early with home runs from Evan Magill and Jaden Brown before erupting for five runs in the fifth inning to put the game out of reach. Barrie's lone run came in the sixth when Brandon Hernandez crossed the plate on a Noel McGarry Doyle groundout, avoiding the shutout.

Despite splitting the four games, the Baycats demonstrated their resilience and depth throughout the week. Whether battling back from large deficits, winning dramatic late-inning contests or producing explosive offensive performances, Barrie continued to show why it remains a contender. Hernandez, Rijo and McGarry Doyle led the offense throughout the stretch, while the club's dominant performance against Toronto served as a reminder of the lineup's ability to change the course of a game with one big inning.



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News from Elmvale District Garden Enthusiasts



Well, the annuals are doing their best and the perennials are growing beyond the plant tag size so is it time to sit with a cold drink and watch the garden? Well, it could be but maybe not!

Not to put a damper on relaxing but have you heard of “deadheading”? Well, it is a way to get some plants to rebloom. It’s like you getting a hair cut and hopefully feel great after. It will make some plants bushier and of course will tidy up your garden to keep it looking its best. Use your pruners or sharp scissors for best results. Don’t forget the regular deep watering and keep your fertilizing to a specific day of the week so it’s not forgotten. The watering of plants, especially in containers eventually washes out the nutrients and all those beneficial bonuses of your compost you added when you potted up.

Many do not rebloom after you deadhead them, but they look better. The iris is one that won’t bloom, but you don’t need the old flower all withered up and wrinkled on the stem, so you cut it at the base where the flower stem started, and it tidies up the plant.

The world of “Delightful Dahlias” will be presented at the next open meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 23rd at the Elmvale Legion at 7 John Street. Everyone is welcome and guests are free. Lug a mug and bring a friend to hear Gail Cocker, Master Gardener give us the skinny on these amazing prolific bloomers.

Here is a list of a few that may be in your garden that will rebloom for you if you just snip off the spent bloom.

Annuals

Petunias: pinch off the spent blooms and more will come.

Geraniums: just cut off pinch the tired blooms and

you will see the plant generates more blooms quickly.

Marigolds: all varieties benefit from deadheading. I leave a few in the fall to form seeds for next spring. Each bloom will generate countless seeds that you can store over winter and work into the soil once frost has left the ground.

Pansies: they are workhorses from the first spring planting. These gorgeous multi-coloured flowers love to be taken inside to show off their colours and by doing so they will continue to provide colour all season long. Again, if you miss one or two blooms then let them go to seed and spread the seed next spring. Free plants who can argue with that.

Petunias: pinch off the spent blooms and more will come.

Snapdragons: deadhead as the season moves along but consider leaving the last faded bloom on the stalk and it will produce more seeds for next year’s crop. Easy to shake out on your soil in the spring and you will be rewarded with countless snapdragons.

Zinnias: these workhorses will bloom right till fall with deadheading. On the last bloom save seeds for next year.

Perennials

Batchelor Buttons or Blue Cornflower: it blooms early spring but once done cut right to the ground and more stems will appear quickly.

Beebalm or Monarda: a magnet for hummingbirds, but when the bloom is done, snip it off and more will grow for you.

Coreopsis: always prolific seeding perennial, is best kept blooming but not letting it go to seed, so cut those spent blooms off quickly.

Cosmos: These tall lanky stems will benefit from deadheading.

Daisies: cut these down near the ground and they will easily regrow new blooms for you.

Dahlias: will rebloom all summer long if you take off the spent blooms with pruners or scissors.

Daylilies: the name says it all. One bloom one day, so when the bloom is all shriveled up get rid of it and you can quickly see the other blooms ready to pop. Much like the iris when the lilies have finished cut the stem where it forms on the plant and it will look much tidier.

Feverfew: will get woody if not kept in check, so cut back to the ground and it will rebloom.

Foxgloves: tall and elegant but once they’ve shown what they can do clip them to the ground and up will come another show for you. Also, if the last bloom is left in the fall sprinkle the seeds for many more next year. These seeds can be dropped in fall or spring.

Gaillardia or Blanket Flower: a late summer bloomer but it will rebloom if you cut the spent blooms, but I do like them to form seeds with their pillowy show of seeds for next year.

Geraniums the Perennial varieties: cut right to the ground after blooms are gone and it will regrow quickly rewarding you with blooms.

Globe Thistles: bloom usually late summer and are swarmed with bees and butterflies so it is hard to deadhead but cut to the ground they will send up more blooms if there is time.

Lupines: generally, I want the seeds, but if you have enough of these gorgeous flowers then deadhead for more blooms.

Phlox: is prone to mildew on the stem so when the bloom is over, clip off the bloom. The more air circulation the better for keeping the mildew at bay.

Roses: thrive when you cut off the blooms and it saves the rose from giving you rose hips in the middle of summer. As fall comes into focus rose hips are great for rose-hip jam, but don’t let the hips develop or your rose bush is zapped of energy before needed.

Salvias: all varieties benefit from deadheading. Again, cut low to the ground and they will reshoot.

Veronica: all varieties benefit from deadheading to the ground and let the new stems produce flowers for those bees and butterflies.

Young Hillsdale Resident’s Kindness Inspires Community Support for Childhood Cancer Research

By Jacqueline Delacretaz

What began as a simple decision to donate her hair has grown into an inspiring community fundraising effort for 12-year-old Evelyn Delacretaz of Hillsdale.

Earlier this year, Evelyn decided it was time to cut her long hair and donate it to help individuals experiencing hair loss as a result of cancer treatments. When her family asked if she was certain about making such a dramatic change, her response was immediate and heartfelt.

"Somebody needs it more than me," she said.

As Evelyn learned more about the challenges faced by children and families living with cancer, she realized she wanted to do more than donate her hair. She created Evelyn’s Hope Project, a fundraising campaign supporting the Canadian Cancer Society, with all proceeds directed toward childhood cancer research.

What started as one young girl’s act of kindness quickly gained momentum throughout the community. Family members, friends, neighbours and teachers all rallied behind the initiative, contributing donations and words of encouragement. With each contribution, Evelyn became even more determined to make a difference.

One of the campaign’s biggest milestones came when the Hillsdale Firefighters Association presented Evelyn with a generous \$1,000 donation. The contribution helped raise her fundraising total to \$2,885, highlighting the strong community support behind her efforts.

Although Evelyn has already exceeded her original fundraising goal, she continues to accept donations through Evelyn’s Hope Project.

Through both her hair donation and her fundraising campaign, Evelyn has demonstrated how a single act of compassion can inspire an entire community to come together in support of children facing cancer. Her generosity serves as a reminder that age is no barrier to making a meaningful difference, and that small acts of kindness can have a lasting impact.



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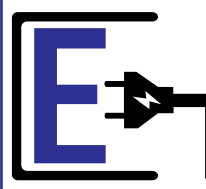
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PUMP REPAIRS

Integrity Commissioner report exposes deeper divide over

By Kari Belcourt, North Simcoe Springwater News

Springwater residents were treated to another action-packed council meeting on July 8, with much of the evening once again consumed by council infighting, accusations and debate over transparency. As the 2026 municipal election approaches, investigations, public participation and political divisions are becoming increasingly prominent.

Springwater's July 8 council meeting offered residents a preview of what could become a defining issue in the 2026 municipal election: who controls the conversation.

The first Integrity Commissioner report of the night may have concluded that Councillor Matt Garwood did not breach the Code of Conduct, but the investigation exposed deeper divisions within council over media relationships, communication strategies and accusations of political influence.

The complaint, filed by Deputy Mayor George Cabral, examined Garwood's recurring community updates published through the North Simcoe Springwater News, as well as his social media activity, including paid Facebook advertising.

Cabral said the complaint was not about restricting communication but about determining whether council rules had been followed.

"I filed the complaint because I believed there were legitimate questions about whether the Council Code of Conduct had been breached," Cabral stated. "Rather than making that determination myself or debating it publicly, I chose to use the independent process established by the Province."

However, several members of council viewed the complaint differently, arguing it represented a political challenge against a councillor who has frequently questioned council decisions.

Councillor Brad Thompson called the complaint unfairly directed at Garwood.

"He's done so much good for the community," Thompson said. "I think that it was just a personal attack, to be honest."

Garwood said he believes the complaint must be viewed within the context of the divisions that have shaped council throughout the current term.

"It's not a secret that there has been a divide with this council," Garwood said. "While some choose to stray away from that narrative, it is a fact. It's an unfortunate fact, and it's something I wish was not Springwater's reality, but it has been."

Garwood said the four-three split on council has influenced many decisions and that residents should consider that division when evaluating council's actions.

"It is the truth when we say there is a four-three divide on most matters, and the public needs to be aware of that and remember that," he said.

He questioned whether the same complaint would have been brought forward against a councillor who had not challenged council decisions or publicly criticized actions at the council table.

"I do believe parts of this complaint are motivated by politics," Garwood said. "I do believe that this same complaint would not be filed against somebody who has not attempted to hold members of council's actions to account over a four-year term."

He also criticized the cost of the investigation, noting it concluded he had not violated the Code of Conduct.

"This investigation has no tangible benefit to the future of Springwater and comes at a significant cost. It could have been a simple conversation. Instead, taxpayers spent approximately \$13,000 to determine that nothing was done wrong."

The fight over communication

At the centre of the complaint was not simply a newspaper column, but a larger debate over political communication and whether elected officials have equal access to platforms that reach residents.

Cabral's complaint stated that communication activities "may reasonably be perceived as creating an advantage for a Member of Council in advance of the municipal nomination period."

The concern focused on whether recurring newspaper space and paid social media promotion could provide an incumbent councillor with increased visibility as the municipality approaches an election.

The issue has become part of a larger conflict between council and local media.

Following the 2022 municipal election, then known as Springwater News offered all members of council the opportunity to submit community updates through the former Council Connects feature. The newspaper has maintained that the opportunity was open to all members and that the purpose was to provide residents with information directly from elected officials.

However, communication between council members and the newspaper became increasingly contentious, with disagreements emerging over publication decisions, election-period communication and access to media platforms.

The newspaper has maintained that its role is to provide residents with factual information while maintaining editorial independence, there was no individual bias.

A shift away from local media

The debate also revisited council's decision to move away from newspaper communication toward its own township-produced newsletter, the Springwater Link.

According to a report prepared by Township Communications Officer Nicole Audette, the proposed 2024 base operating budget for the newsletter was approximately \$54,000 for 18 editions.

Former North Simcoe Springwater News owner Linda Belcourt previously stated that 18 newspaper insertions would have cost approximately \$610 per insertion, plus tax.

Critics of the decision questioned why council moved away from an established local publication while increasing spending on direct municipal communication.

Garwood said the change reduced an important accountability mechanism.

"I believe the North Simcoe Springwater News again has been factual and has been fair," Garwood said.

"If members of council dislike what is being printed about them, members of council should be mindful of what they say when sitting at the council table, and understand that their actions matter."

He questioned why taxpayers would fund a separate communication system rather than continue using existing local media.

"I do not understand any reality where it is better to spend double the amount in communication efforts and staff time to get the same or less information communicated," he said.

Thompson similarly questioned council's decision.

"At the time a full-page ad was \$950 with your paper, and they chose the Canada Post option or the direct mail flyer that was \$3,100," Thompson said.

Election Season Begins in Springwater communication, media access and political advantage

Thompson alleged the decision was connected to dissatisfaction with election coverage.

"I think it had to do with during the election they didn't like some of the things that were written about them, so they decided to give the paper a consequence for writing things they didn't like," he said.

When asked why the Township adopted the higher-cost communication model, Councillor Moore said legislative public notices continue to be published in newspapers where required, but communication strategies have evolved.

"Communication strategies have changed over the last few years with more information being posted on the municipal website, social media and other digital platforms. Just like many newspapers have moved online, communication continues to evolve."

Councillor Danielle Alexander said the decision to move away from the newspaper took considerable discussion.

"It took us a long time. There was a lot of back and forth. What I kept hearing from residents was that many preferred a direct mailer, and there were concerns that not everyone in the south end of the township was receiving the newspaper."

Cabral said council's decision was driven by concerns over consistent delivery across the municipality.

"Neither publication was consistently reaching all areas of the Township. Canada Post direct mail guaranteed delivery, wasn't tied to newspaper publication deadlines, allowed information to be targeted geographically, and provided greater flexibility."

Garwood strongly disagreed with council's decision, arguing taxpayers are paying significantly more for less communication while abandoning a local business.

"I don't understand any reality where it is better to spend double the amount on communication efforts and staff time to communicate the same or less information. Springwater Township not advertising in the Springwater News is, in my perspective, embarrassing."

He added that council should support local media rather than replace it.

"These decisions shouldn't be about a ward councillor, the deputy mayor or the mayor. They should be about what's best for Elmvale, Midhurst, Hillsdale, Phelpston, Minesing and every community in this township."

Integrity Commissioner clears Garwood

Despite the political controversy surrounding the complaint, the Integrity Commissioner found that Garwood's newspaper articles did not violate the Code of Conduct.

The report determined that the recurring articles did not constitute a prohibited "gift" because the arrangement provided value to both parties — Garwood received a communication platform, while the newspaper received community content.

"I don't believe Councillor Garwood's recurring article in the NSSN fits the definition of 'gift' in the Township's Code of Conduct, and accordingly it doesn't contravene section 10 of the Code of Conduct," the report stated.

The Integrity Commissioner noted that the opportunity had been available to all members of council.

"The fact that all other Members of Council have passed on this 'opportunity' arguably also calls into question the magnitude of the benefit that Councillor Garwood ostensibly receives from this arrangement," the report stated.

The investigation also found no evidence that the articles created a conflict between Garwood's private interests and his public duties.

"This case established no conflict between any of Councillor Garwood's private interests versus his public duties," the report stated.

The Integrity Commissioner concluded that the arrangement was a "mutually beneficial voluntary exchange."

"It is not the provision of a 'gift,'" the report stated.

No sanctions or recommendations were issued.

The election battle over information

The Integrity Commissioner report may be closed, but the larger political debate remains.

At its core, the dispute raises questions about the relationship between elected officials, local media and public communication during an election cycle.

Do elected officials have equal opportunities to communicate with residents? Should municipalities create their own communication channels or rely on independent media? When does public information become political promotion?

Those questions are unlikely to disappear as Springwater approaches the 2026 municipal election.

After a council term defined by division, disputes and competing narratives, the battle over who controls the message may become one of the central issues voters consider when they head to the polls.

The July 8 council meeting marked only the beginning of several significant discussions.

Council also received a second Integrity Commissioner report concerning Mayor Jennifer Coughlin, following a complaint filed by Mario Giampietri of Geranium Inc. The report addressed issues including language used by members of council, confidentiality and council conduct.

Several councillors indicated they believe the matter may not be concluded and suggested further legal proceedings are possible.

During question period, residents again raised concerns about council divisions and sought clarification regarding the Township's authorization of Loopstra Nixon legal invoices. Those issues, along with other outstanding municipal matters, will continue to be examined in future editions.

With council now entering the municipal election "lame duck" period—during which no regular meetings are scheduled until September and council's authority may become restricted following the election, depending on the composition of the new council—the newspaper will continue providing readers with background and context on the issues that have shaped this term. As election season continues, we invite residents to help shape our coverage. If there are issues, decisions or questions you would like investigated or explained, please let us know. Our goal is to provide factual, balanced and comprehensive reporting to help voters make informed decisions at the ballot box. As these matters may continue to evolve, the North Simcoe Springwater News will conduct additional research and due diligence before publishing a comprehensive analysis to ensure residents receive reporting that is accurate, fair and historically complete during the municipal election.

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Our association is dedicated to preserving the beauty, safety, and community spirit of Orr Lake. By becoming a member, you help us:

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- Be a Strong Voice: Represent our community's interests with local government and other agencies.
- Improve Safety & Infrastructure: Advocate for road maintenance, safe boating practices, and fire safety.
- Build Community: Connect with your neighbors through local events and updates.

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OLRA volunteers will be coming door to door this summer to invite you to become a member and to share information with you about the lake. Memberships are \$20 and are valid until our Annual General Meeting in 2027. We'll accept cash (just like in the good old days), cheque or etransfer.

These fees enable us to sponsor activities and events and help share information with the aim of keeping our lake healthy and safe for everyone to enjoy.

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and your Orr Lake address and your mailing address, if different. Include multiple memberships in one email. Send an etransfer of \$20 per member to orrlakeratepayers@gmail.com. Be sure to enter your address in the comment section.

2. If you prefer, you can send this information to us by Canada Post and include a cheque for payment. Address: Orr Lake Ratepayers Association, 5810 Penetanguishene Road, Elmvalle ON L0L 1P0. Please make cheque payable to Orr Lake Ratepayers Association.

If you know anyone else who would like to join, please pass this information along. Donations are always appreciated.

Our next Annual General Meeting will be held in September, 2026. Stay tuned for details!

Your support makes a significant difference in keeping Orr Lake a vibrant, safe, and beautiful place to live and play. Let's work together to keep our community strong! We look forward to seeing you soon.



July 13, 2026

Media Release: For Immediate Release
Georgian Bay Garden Tour Presents the 2026 Tour

In Support of Hospice Huronia – Tomkins House & Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre

The Georgian Bay Garden Tour is fast approaching on Saturday July 25th. A \$30 ticket provides you with access to 13 featured gardens, 11 talented artisans, a green-thumb contest, silent auction and more! Round up your friends, family and fellow gardeners and head out for an inspirational adventure! This year's garden tour benefits two very worthy causes: Hospice Huronia – Tomkins House and Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre.

Your \$30 ticket purchase provides a Tour brochure / route map and an entry wristband to access the Tour's featured gardens. Tickets are sold online at www.gbgardentour.com, as well as at several local businesses: Norman's Garden Gallery, Wendy B's Fine Foods, Ritchie's Feeds 'N Needs & Garden Centre, Wyevalle Jug City, Arbour's Flower Shoppe, Cawaja General Store, The Galloping Goose Quilt & Gift Shop, Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre and Hospice Huronia-Tomkins House.

Each garden is as unique and varied as the location that inspires its creators. From sprawling park-like settings to simple backyards and cottage

retreats, dramatic hardscape features to thoughtful environmentally-focused design (and even a critter-filled hobby farm!), you'll find something to inspire you and your own gardening efforts. To add to the enjoyment of the day, an increased number of regional artisans will be located amongst the 13 feature gardens. Also, the 2026 Tour sees the return of last year's Mystery Plant Competition revival, wherein over 150 participants tested their green-thumb skills. Come take part and possibly win one of the terrific prizes!

Our successful fundraising silent auction featuring over 30 items returns for 2026 in a new on-line format. For details, please visit www.gbgardentour.com or go directly to the auction web page at www.givergy.ca/campaign-GBGT-2026-online-auction. Hospice Huronia, located at 948 Fuller Avenue in Penetanguishene, will be displaying the physical auction items during the Tour weekend, so stop in and look them over. You can also check out the fantastic on-site gardens and take a washroom break while at Hospice Huronia.

"The Tour's organizing committee is pleased to once again support our two charity partners through funds raised by ticket sales, supporter

funds, artisan fees and silent auction tallies," says Wade Fornwald, Tour Committee Chair. "In 2025, a total \$16,000 was given to these organizations, with high hopes for an even larger figure in 2026. We value the unique respective contributions both organizations bring to our local communities, and are proud to continue supporting their initiatives."

According to Executive Director of Wye Marsh, Eric Walter, events like this year's Garden Tour have never been more important: "Given the absence of consistent government funding, The Wye Marsh as we know it does not exist without the support of events like this, and the much-needed funds that it raises!" Hospice Huronia, meanwhile, continues to expand its community-outreach functions and essential Bereavement Program, adding beds to its internal care capacity.

Organizers gratefully acknowledge the many years of support given by volunteers, gardeners, local businesses, artisans and garden tour enthusiasts for making ongoing contributions to the various communities in north Simcoe County.

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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

What municipal issues matter most to you?

As we prepare our 2026 Municipal Election Coverage, we're asking readers to help guide our reporting.

Tell us what you want us to investigate.

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>





A Celebration of Francophone, Anglophone and Indigenous Cultures

Date/Time: July 25th, 11:00AM - 8:00PM
Rotary Champlain Wendat Park, Penetanguishene

 **Vendors 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

 **Kids Zone 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

 **The Ships Company**

 **Metis Nation of Ontario Activities**

 **Inflatables**

 **Face painting**

 **Rock climbing wall**

 **Fishing Friendly**

 **Electric Car Demos**

 **Amphitheatre Live Music, 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM**

Les Aigles: 11:00 AM

Emma Reynolds: 12:00 PM

Raven & Moon: 2:00 PM

Unlocked: 3:30 PM

Headliner Band: It's All Been Done (Barenaked Ladies Tribute Band): 6:00 PM

In the Community:

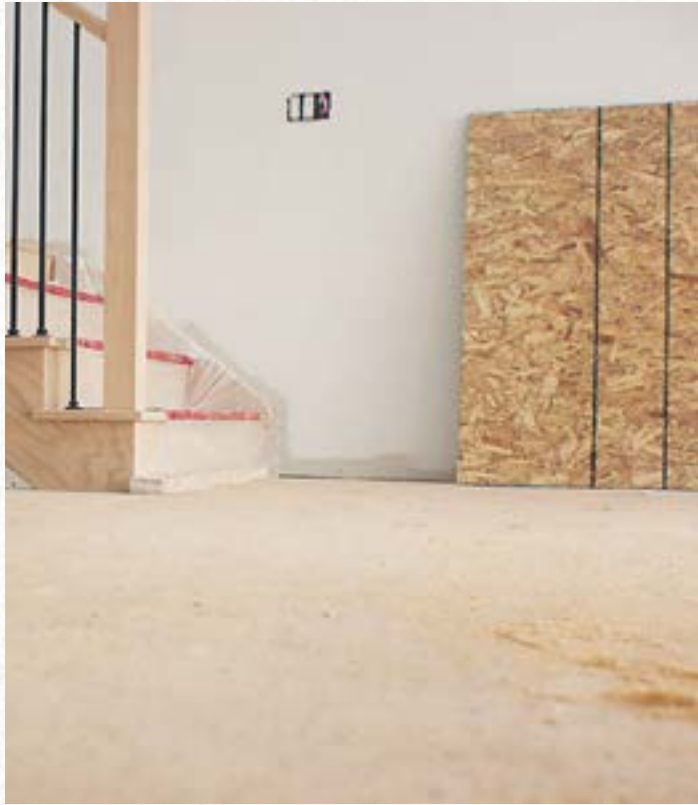
 **Restored Boats, Live music from the Red Hot Stovepipe Band, Canadian Water Museum, and Fundraising BBQ for The Titans Lacrosse**
Time & Date: 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM, July 25th
Location: Penetanguishene Home Hardware (2 Poyntz St.)

 **Penetanguishene Curling Club Bar**
Time & Date: 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM, July 25th
Location: 8 Owen St.

 **Roller Skating in the Curling Club**
Time & Date: 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM, July 25th
Skates and Protective Equipment provided
Location: 8 Owen St.

Town Contact: Events Coordinator
events@penetanguishene.ca
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Please note the 2026 activities are subject to change.
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Hey Dads!

Are you out on the deck flipping burgers on the barbecue? ‘Tis the season for running out of propane just before the meat is finished. But I’m smarter than that now. I knew when the weather started to get nice that we’d be firing up the grill for burgers, steaks, and the occasional pizza. (Did I tell you about the time our oven was broken and my wife was making pizza on the barbecue? Turned out great!)

So, I was well prepared for BBQ season this year. Being responsible and such, I put the two propane tanks out beside the driveway when I put away the BBQ last fall. That way I would see them and remember to take them in to town for a refill. We’d be ready to fire up the grill as soon as spring was in the air! Those beautiful tanks sat there beside the driveway for a few months until we took the BBQ out of the shed in the spring. We were ready to fire it up...as soon as I brought the tanks into town for propane. Which I promptly did only to learn that one was expired and I had to buy a new one. Which I also promptly did and now we were ready to grill some meat!

It’s had a lot of use so far this summer. The other night I was making some sausage for dinner before I had to go out for the evening. Just before they were finished, my lovely wife brought out 3 frozen burgers to cook up. I happily scraped all the annoying sticky paper off of them and put them on the grill to burn...I mean...well... you know what I mean. I had to hit the road to get to my appointment so I went back in the house and told all witnesses within earshot, “I just flipped the burgers.” I felt it unnecessary to provide further instructions like, “Go get them in a few minutes and shut off the BBQ and turn off the propane.” The next day soon arrived.

I was out and about working hard, no doubt, when I got a text from my lovely wife to tell me one of the kids had turned the BBQ off. That’s interesting. I thought. Didn’t I communicate simple, clear, unmistakable instructions to do that last night? A wise man once said, “the single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has actually taken place.”

When I got home, I went to check on those burgers I had flipped the night before. They were still there. Only slightly smaller, harder, and blacker. Being generous, we tossed the 3 pieces of charcoal to our dog. Even she had a hard time getting them down. There’s still one black, burnt meat puck lying in the grass today. Dad, we must always communicate clearly. I know you probably do but I sometimes do not. Is there something you need to communicate to your wife or kids? Get on it! Time flies. Make every moment count! Even the burnt ones.

Jason Weening tries not to burn food on the BBQ for his 10 kids and one patient wife. Read more in his book, “Yes, Dear...I’m Watching Them,” on Amazon.

Huronia Community
Foundation to Host “Discover
What’s New” Event

By Kari Belcourt
North Simcoe Springwater News

The Huronia Community Foundation (HCF) is inviting residents to learn more about its work and future plans during its "Discover What's New" event on Wednesday, July 29, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Community Health Hub, 287 Bayshore Dr., Midland.

The event comes as the foundation enters a new chapter following its 25th anniversary celebrations last year and the upcoming retirement of Executive Director Scott Warnock in September.

"After celebrating HCF's 25th anniversary last year, 2026 is a year of transition with a new executive director starting with Scott Warnock's retirement in September," said HCF President Laurene Hilderley. "July 29 is a chance to hear what's new and celebrate the impact our generous donors and investments are making in North Simcoe."

Guests will meet the incoming executive director, learn about plans for September's AGM and retirement celebration, and hear about new initiatives, board members and volunteers. The foundation will also recognize its recent Town of Midland Community Grant and the partnerships that help fund more than 60 local charities each year.

Since 2000, the Huronia Community Foundation has distributed more than \$4 million to charitable organizations and community projects across North Simcoe.

The event is open to anyone interested in learning more about the foundation or volunteer opportunities. Light refreshments will be served.



Jo Knows Nutrition
by Joanne Nijhuis



Looking to shake up burger night? These homemade Cevapcici sausages - a popular dish in the Balkans - elevate ground meat to a whole other level. While traditional versions can be quite rich, this healthier recipe uses leaner meats, but keeps all of the smoky and savoury flavour that makes cevapcici so special. They’re simple enough for a weeknight dinner, but impressive enough for a weekend barbecue with family and friends. Once you try them, they may just earn a permanent place in your summer grilling rotation.

Did You Know?
Ćevapčići are a beloved Balkan specialty with roots tracing back to the Ottoman influence on the region, eventually becoming a signature dish in Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and neighbouring countries. In that part of the world, they are traditionally made with a blend of beef and pork, hand-shaped into small sausages and grilled over charcoal. Today, Ćevapčići are one of the Balkans’ most popular street foods, enjoyed at neighbourhood grill houses and backyard barbecues alike.

- INGREDIENTS (6 Servings)**
- 1 lb (454 g) lean ground pork
 - 1 lb (454 g) extra-lean ground beef
 - 3 cloves garlic, minced
 - 1 teaspoon (5 ml) smoked paprika
 - 1 teaspoon (5 ml) ground paprika
 - 2 teaspoons (10 ml) onion powder
 - 1 teaspoon (5 ml) freshly ground black pepper
 - 1 teaspoon (5 ml) salt
 - ½ teaspoon (2.5 ml) baking soda
 - 2 Tablespoons (30 ml) cold water
 - 1 Tablespoon (15 ml) freshly chopped parsley (optional)
- INSTRUCTIONS**
1. In a large bowl, combine the pork, beef, garlic, paprika, onion powder, black pepper and salt.
 2. Dissolve the baking soda in the cold water and pour over the meat mixture. Add the parsley,

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- if using.
3. Mix gently with your hands until the ingredients are just combined. Avoid overmixing.
 4. Cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes to allow the flavours to develop.
 5. Divide the mixture into 24 equal portions. Roll each portion into a sausage about 3 ½ inches (9 cm) long and ¾ inch (2 cm) thick.
 6. Preheat the grill or grill pan to medium-high heat. Lightly oil the cooking surface, if needed.
 7. Grill the Cevapcici for 10 to 12 minutes, turning occasionally, until browned on all sides.
 8. Let rest for 3 to 5 minutes before serving.
 9. Serve with plain Greek yogurt mixed with lemon and dill and whole wheat pita or as a side to a tossed salad.

ENJOY!



PER SERVING: 4 Cevapcici |Calories: 283 kcal | Carbohydrates: 2 g | Protein: 36 g | Fat: 14 g |Fibre: 0.4 g | Sodium: 365 mg |
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Building a Life for All Seasons (formerly Annie’s Journal)
written by Annie Warner Donnelly



Hello Everyone, Mark Batterson tells this story in his book called “In a Pit with a Lion on a Snowy Day”.

“For more than thirty years, while Gordon MacKenzie worked at Hallmark ... he led a lot of creativity workshops for elementary schools. Those workshops led to a fascinating observation ... MacKenzie would ask the kids up-front: ‘How many artists are there in the room?’ ... the pattern of the responses never varied. In the first grade, the entire class waved their arms like maniacs. Every child was an artist.

In the second grade, about half the kids raised their hands. In the third grade, he’d get about ten out of thirty kids. By the time he got to sixth grade, only one or two kids would tentatively and self-consciously raise their hands ...

MacKenzie came to this conclusion. ‘My guess

is there was a time – perhaps when you were very young – when you had at least a fleeting notion of your own genius and were just waiting for some authority figure to come along and validate it for you. But none ever came.”

Long before Gordon MacKenzie conducted his survey, the artist, Pablo Picasso, said, “Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he (or she) grows up.”

What comes to your mind when you think of what you wanted to do, or who you wanted to be, when you were a child? As you were growing up, what dream did you set aside?

God may have created you with the ability to do the thing you set aside or to be who you imagined. Maybe it’s time to talk to God about these things again. Maybe it’s time for us to revive our dream and ask God to help us achieve it now. After all, the Bible says that in Christ all things are possible!

By the way, in 2 Samuel 23:20,21, we read about Benaiah who followed a lion down into a pit on a snowy day. That’s what it says in the Bible and I’m not going to spoil the ending. Amen.



Bearbells By Leslie Noonan

June 25, 2026
Up north, near Timmins Ontario, are a series of small lakes formed by glacier activity in the remote past. As the ice age came to an end and the glaciers receded, some chunks of these massive ice blocks were left behind. These chunks become encased in insulting debris and took hundreds of years to melt, and when it did, the insulting layer collapsed, leaving behind shallow but steep sided kettle lakes. Of course, my description is simplistic, so my apologies to the geologist who might be reading this!

Kettle Lake Provincial Park is found about an hour away from Cochrane, which was our current home base for our summer adventures. The hot and humid weather continued unabated, and the insects had been especially thick, and we liberally sprayed ourselves with bug spray. There are several trails throughout the park, and I had no idea what trailhead we were parked at, but there was good parking and a clear trail. Works for me. Spruce and pine left brown carpets of needles underfoot, softening our footfalls. Not that we could sneak up on any creature, as the sound of our smacking mosquitoes reverberated through the undergrowth. The path wound its way up a thickly forested trail, and a faint breeze moved the leaves overhead. We raised our faces to the welcoming coolness and even the little vampires took a break from molesting us. Below, a small dark blue lake stood still and clear, as small ripples of water dot the service as a fish plucked a bug from the surface. As the trail began its descent back to the trailhead, the faint reprieve vanished, and we were once again the local buffet. A change of pace was in order, and we left Kettle Lake and headed further north in search of polar bears.

We rushed along the dirt track, panting with exertion as the hot sun beat down on us. Other footsteps raced towards us, heavy steps thudding on the hard ground. Deep huffs of warm breath escaped from the pursuing creature's massive maw, as he quickly narrowed the distance between us. We raced for the fence, sweat dripping down our faces and breath ragged in our throats. Just as we reached the fence, the giant polar bear reared up on his hind legs and.....gently licked the seal mush from the metal spoon the young keeper held through the fence links. We had made it just time for the noon meal at the Cochrane Polar Bear Habitat, and we were not the main course!

The Cochrane Polar Bear Exhibit is the World's only non-profit sanctuary in the world. With over 25 acres of land and a small lake, the centre's two resident bears roam and explore, and sometimes eat the local groundhogs. We had chosen a private tour of the centre, with an up close and personal experience. A long low red building housed the bears at night, as well as the offices of the keepers. We step into the cool building and are greeted by the unmistakable scent of fish. A small room held

a heavy metal cage almost reaching the ceiling. A line on the floor indicated how close we could go, and we were cautioned to silence. The lights were dimmed, and the workers moved to open the doors. Slowly the huge metal doors slide open, letting in sunlight and the vision of a white giant waiting on the other side. He walked towards us, heavily muscled neck swinging from side to side and massive paws silent on the concrete. Henry was eager for his treats and wasted no time in entering the cage. Crate training is a reward, not a negative experience for the bears, and he does not have to do anything he does not want to.

We watched in silence as this majestic beast sat on his haunches just feet from us. This was Henry, a younger bear though still a healthy 1200 lbs. He happily placed his dinner sized front paw in a special part of the cage while one staff practiced a fake blood draw while the other spooned seal blubber into his mouth as he showed off those very large incisors. Henry ignored us, instead intent on his food. We stood in awe, and the immensity of the moment, of being so close to such a massive creature, had tears pricking the back of my eyes. Of course, that was also the fear of what might happen if there were not some metal bars between us. The lights went out, Henry's cue to leave the training crate and head back out to the habitat, while the caretakers led us to the prep room where food is blended and minced, and fridges hold fish



heads, moose meat and seal blubber. This is also where all the data about the bears is continuously updated and collected, with such important information such as how much Henry likes his giant plastic pickle. This is also where we found out that polar bear fur is not white, it is transparent and very coarse. We said goodbye to Henry and left him romping in the viewing pool, where only a sheet of glass separates him from toddlers of the human variety, who were swimming in the adjoining kiddie pool. Somewhat of a tease to the poor bear who probably sees a bunch of tator tots.

Our day was not yet over, and we raced to catch the train that was heading even further north, to the southern edge of the polar bears natural habitat. All the way up to James Bay. Stay tuned for trains, ferries and deer flies the size of dragonflies.



ANTEN MILLS
By Dennis Gannon

It was a hot one on Canada Day. Not only was the temperature sizzling at 33.3 C or for us older folks, 91.9 F, when the humidity was factored in it felt like the low 100's F! Now that was hot. But not only was the temperature hot, the bbq at the community centre was on fire. No, not literally but it was hot as our village celebrated Canada Day 2026.

It has been many years since as a community we gathered together to celebrate our country's birthday and with the help of our amazing volunteers we did it this year. Popcorn was made and served by Lawrence and Rick. Canada tattoos were put on by Georgia and Callia. Music and a PA system were provided by Brent. Fresh cut and cool watermelon slices were looked after by Becca and Jase. Serving over 100 delicious hot dogs and handling the grill were Roslyn, Stephanie and Murray. Canada flags were passed around by Joan and Max and Matt were ready if any ball hockey players wanted to get a game going.

After a little pavilion decorating, people started trickling in around 11:30 and by noon the pavilion was buzzing with around 100 residents attending. At noon our National Anthem was played and it was great to see our country's pride as everyone stood still and many sang the words. MP Doug Shipley made an appearance and thanked our community for its continued spirit and support for our country. Hopefully this can become an annual event for our community as we celebrate all that we have.

Do you know where the purest water in the world is? Would you be surprised to know that it's less than 20 kilometres north of here? Like many I have driven past the water station along County Rd 27 just north of Elmvale. That free flowing water is without question the world's purest. Located just north of there is the home of the Elmvale Ground Observatory. Over decades they have tested water from all over the world including that from glaciers. The water that flows from the ground is by scientific analysis the world's purest water. Next time you need some pure water, head up and fill your jugs.

Many of us have seen changes in traffic through our village over the years. If you head west along Horseshoe particularly on a weekend you have encountered or seen long lineups of traffic either trying to turn left onto Crossland Rd or trying to get onto Horseshoe from Crossland. The County of Simcoe has begun a reconstruction project at that intersection this week. Work is reported to continue until the end of October and will result in new turn lanes, road widening and traffic signals. If you are heading that way, have some patience as there will be delays.



Have you ever required bloodwork and found it a challenge to book an appointment in Barrie? Lifelabs operates a clinic in Elmvale at the Community Health Centre on Queen St. It is a walk in clinic that operates on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7 until 11. At the Council meeting last week there was a report and request to look at bringing family physicians to this location. It will be sometime before that occurs but if you need bloodwork done, consider attending there as the more patients they see the opportunity to increase availability could occur.

Many people purchased some of our Anten Mills clothing swag. There was the Anten Mills community map which is still available and last year it was our Celebrating 150 version. Recently a photo was shared with me of a sweatshirt from our original line. The photo was of a family relative who lives down under in Tasmania Australia. Anten Mills is definitely on the world map! It's time for a new design for this year and if you have any suggestions, please send them on. The 2026 clothing line should be open for orders at the Anten Mills Craft and Food Fair in September.

This year's Anten Mills Craft and Food Fair is on Saturday, September 26 at the community centre and pavilion. Local vendors who have their own wares available are still needed. To get more information on how to become an exhibitor send an email to Roslyn at farmview@on.aibn.com and she can get you set up.

Back this year is also the Chili Cookoff. Past champion Alden Fotherby has taken over as the coordinator and he is looking for competitors and donations. Proceeds from the cookoff are donated to the Elmvale and District Food Bank and you can find more details on the Anten Mills Community Bulletin Facebook page.

If you haven't heard, the Fry Guy opened last weekend. Congratulations to Michael Tuck and his crew, you will no doubt be busy for the rest of the season.

It has been a great summer for growing. Strawberries are finishing up and blueberries are starting. Clarke's over on Nursery Rd will be opening for pick your own or pre-picked berries starting on Monday, July 20. Bob reports that he expects an above average bumper crop. Head over and get your berries and fresh local produce as the summer goes on.

That's all for this week. As always, THANKS for READING, BE WELL,STAY SAFE and SAY HI to YOUR NEIGHBOUR.



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Summer Reading Goes to the Toronto Zoo!
We're excited to announce that this year's Summer Reading Party will be held at the Toronto Zoo!
There is a registration fee of \$10 per participant. To ensure adequate supervision, a maximum ratio of 2 children per 1 adult is required. Spaces are limited, and registration must be completed in person at one of our three library branches. This event is made possible through the generous support of the Friends of the Library, and the Lions Club, whose donations helped make this year's Summer Reading Program possible. For more information, please visit our website or stop by one of our branches. We can't wait to celebrate a great summer of reading with you!

Library Board Applications Now Open
Join our Library Board! Help us deliver great library services that support all Springwater residents. Committee applications are now open on the Township of Springwater's website, www.springwater.ca.

Adult Summer Bingo
Can you beat the Adult Summer Reading Challenge? To beat the challenge, register on the ReadSquared app. You must complete one row of our bingo card and log and review five books this summer. Participants will be entered to win fun prizes! Participants must be 18 or older to qualify for the draw. The final day to participate/play is Monday August 31. Visit ReadSquared and register at: https://springwaterlibrary.readsquared.com/

Lego Building Challenge
Get ready to build, design and imagine during the library Lego Challenge where each week features a new theme to inspire inventive creations and exciting ideas. Kids will use their problem solving skills and imagination. Mondays 10:30am at Elmvalle and Midhurst Branches. Cost: Free. No registration required for this drop-in program.

STEM Program
Discover the wonders of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math through hands-on experiments and creative challenges at the library STEM Program. Open to curious minds, each week will explore new things! Wednesdays at 1pm in July and August at Midhurst Branch or Fridays 1pm in July and August at Elmvalle Branch. Cost: Free. Registration required.

Ontario Parks: Nature Program for Kids
Springwater Public Library is excited to welcome Ontario Parks to the library this summer. They will be leading a nature-based program for children aged 6-10. Be sure to register for this fun-filled event! Friday July 31, 11am at Elmvalle Branch. Cost: Free. Registration required. This program is also running at Midhurst Branch on Friday August 7 at 11am.

Turtle-e-awesome Program
Slow down and "shell"ebrate at our turtle program at the library with turtle-themed crafts and games for kids to enjoy! Discover amazing turtle facts, make an adorable project and dive into a program of creative fun inspired by these fascinating ocean

friends. Tuesday July 28, 10:30am or 5:30pm at Elmvalle Branch and Thursday July 30, 5:30pm at Midhurst Branch. Cost: Free. Registration required.

Duck! Duck! Goose! Program
Waddle over to the library for duck week, a quacking good time filled with duck-themed crafts, games and activities for kids. From silly stories to imaginative projects and playful challenges this program will have everyone flapping with excitement. Tuesday August 4, 10:30am or 5:30pm at Elmvalle Branch and Thursday August 6, 10:30am or 5:30pm at Midhurst Branch. Cost: Free. Registration required.



Penetanguishene Library

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

Penetanguishene Public Library
Kids Programs this summer;
Parents/Guardians must remain in the building for the duration of the program. Please visit the website/social media for more information. 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!

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.

Pickleball - Thursday July 23rd 2026 meet at McGuire Park at 9:45am for a 10:00am-11:00am session. Ages: 4-14, Free. Bring your own water, sunscreen and snacks. Parents must remain on

site for duration of the program.

Decorate Seashells - Tuesday July 28th, 2026, 11:00am-12:00pm
Get creative and make some silly seashells! Ages: 4-12, \$5.00 for members, \$7.00 for non-members.

Make a Jelly Fish Lamp - Friday July 31st, 2026 , 11:00am -12:00pm
Join us and create a light-up jellyfish. Ages: 4-12, \$5.00 for members, \$7.00 for non-members.

Make a Pizza! - Wednesday August 5th, 1:00pm-2:00pm
Join us in our kitchen and make your own personal size pizza! Ages: 8-12, \$5.00 for members, \$7.00 for non-members.

Create a craft - Self-led - August 19th, 2026, 2:00pm-4:00pm
Use your imagination and create a fun craft. While supplies last. Program Free of Charge. Ages: 4-12.

Make a Backpack charm - Wednesday August 26th , 2026, 1:30pm-2:30pm
Create a charm for your backpack. Ages: 4-12, \$5.00 for members, \$7.00 for non-members.

All other Programs;

Library Crawl
Join the Penetanguishene Public Library for the 2026 Library Crawl from June 1st to August 31st. Present all six library cards at the Penetanguishene Public Library circulation desk by Friday September 4th to be entered into a draw for two (2) passes to Ripley's Aquarium (\$100.00 value). Participating libraries; Clearview Public Library, Essa Public Library, Ramara Public Library, Severn Public Library, Springwater Public Library, Tay Township Public Library. Please contact libraries for hours. One card per library is required - not per branch.

Stay Sharp: speaker: Keeping your mind active as you age - Thursday, July 30, 10:30-11:30am
Join us for this interactive workshop and explore brain-friendly activities designed for older adults. Speakers are from the North Simcoe Muskoka Specialized Geriatric Services Program. Registrations are open now. Free. A minimum of 5 people is required to run the program.

Preserving with Martha - Wed. Sept. 9th, 2:00-4:00
Join Certified Master Food Preserver Martha Rogers at the Library.
• Learn safe canning at home
• The 4 Pillars of food preservation
• How to choose the right recipes

Continued

- Myth Busting
 - Canning demonstration
- And More..... Members \$20- Non-Members \$25, A minimum of 20 participants is required to run the program. Non-transferable, non-refundable.

Paint 'n Sip with the Baked Painter at the Penetanguishene Public Library
Tuesday September 15th, 2026, 4:00pm-6:00pm
Enjoy the Baked Painter's signature virgin margarita, as you paint a lighthouse picture. Members \$35, non-Members \$40. A minimum of 5 people is required to run the program.

We Lend a Hand: The forgotten story of Ontario Farmerettes
Wednesday September 23rd 5:00-6:30pm
Join us at the Library for a screening of the documentary film that tells the extraordinary story of 40,000 teenage girls who volunteered on Canadian farms and helped win the Second World War.
Students : \$10.00, Adults : \$20.00. A minimum of 20 people is required to show the movie.



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 beautifl, 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

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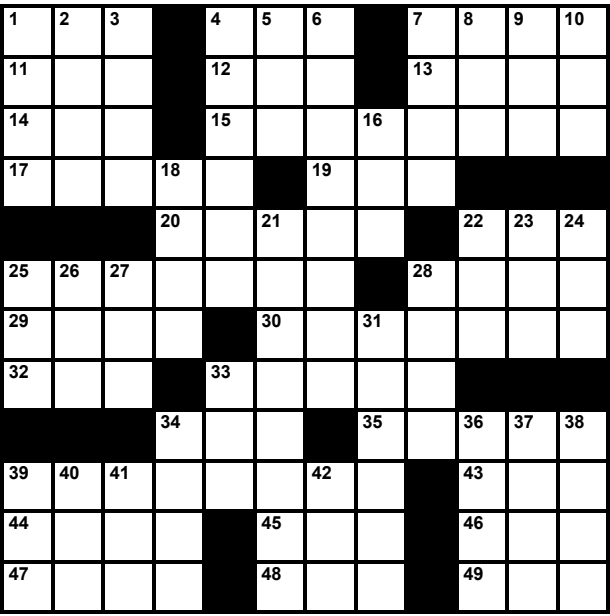
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- 48 Silent approval
- 49 Stratum

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- 3 Barbershop call
- 4 Popeye, e.g.
- 5 Self starter
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- 8 Getty treasures

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
Georgian Bay Forever
All Ages
Tuesday, July 14, 2—4PM
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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Community Events Ongoing

SENIOR CLUBS

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

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

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

Bay Shore Seniors Club
Bingo - Starts July 6th
Kids Start at 1:00 pm
Adults Start at 7:30

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
Skull Island 104 Main Street Wasaga

Beach
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
Access Art - 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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

Askennonia Seniors Centre
Table Tennis, 9am-11am
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

EVENTS

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 GHITA 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

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

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

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

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

Wasaga Beach Parkinson's Support Group
1st Thursday of each month 12:30-2:00 p.m.
Wasaga Beach Public Library 544 River Rd W, Wasaga Beach

FRIDAY
Palace Tavern Elmvale BINGO
Karaoke 8:30 pm Every Friday

13 Queen St W, Elmvale

Bay Shore Seniors' Club
Pool/Billiards - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Wood Carving - 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

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

Askennonia Seniors Centre
Knit'n Needles, 9am-12pm
Cardio Drums Alive, 9am-10am
Pickleball, 9am-11:30am
Badminton, 9:30am-11:30am
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

Bay Shore Trunk Sale
Jul. 18, 2026 08:30- 12:00
2000 Tiny Beaches Rd S
Anyone can rent a spot \$10. Set up 7:30. Sale starts at 8:30
Summer Night Market
Jul. 16, 2026 5:00pm-9:00 pm
Fleurish 1148 Snow Valley Rd Minesing
Join Fleurish on Thursday, July 16th 5-9PM for their annual Summer Night Market
Probus Club of Simcoe North
Aug. 13, 2026 10:00- 12:00
Penetanguishene Legion
Monthly on the second Thursday. Fellowship, friendship & fun for seniors.

Coffee Party in the Park
Start: Jun. 25, 2026 09:30
End: Aug. 27, 2026 09:30
Location: Heritage Park
Last Thursday Jun-Aug. 9:30 am - 11 am
All Welcome. Organized by Centre Flos W.I

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, August 11th and Thursday, August 13th
Tuesday, September 8th
Tuesday, September 22nd
Tuesday, October 13th

Unity United Church Roadside Market
Aug 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026
08:00-12:00
Unity United Church, 4967 Vasey Road at the 4th Line North Oro Medonte
Fresh baked goods, garden produce & corn on the cob, peameal on a bun and more!

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EVENTS
Community Spirit Lights Up the Sky at Phelpston Canada Day Celebration



By Kari Belcourt
North Simcoe Springwater News
Families, friends and neighbours gathered in Phelpston on July 1 to celebrate Canada Day with an evening of community spirit and a spectacular fireworks display hosted by the Phelpston Community Recreation Association (CRA).
The annual celebration continues to be a true community effort, with the fireworks made possible through generous donations from local residents. The Phelpston CRA purchases a portion of the fireworks each year, while additional monetary contributions and donated fireworks from community members help create the impressive display.
Local businesses also played an important role in the event's success. The Phelpston General Store contributed its support, while Marcus of Benchmarc Landscapes donated the dirt required to safely secure the fireworks for the show.
As darkness fell, Cory Kelly and Nik Serov lit up the night sky, treating spectators of all ages to a colourful display that drew cheers and applause throughout the evening.
Visitors also enjoyed refreshments from the concession stand, which was operated by members of the Stone family and their friends, adding to the welcoming atmosphere that has become a hallmark of Phelpston's Canada Day celebration.
Ward 2 Councillor Danielle Alexander assisted with organizing and supporting the event, continuing her involvement with the many community activities hosted by the Phelpston CRA throughout the year.
With another successful Canada Day celebration in the books, the Phelpston CRA is already preparing for its next community event. The Paul Craddock Memorial Ringer Dinger Horseshoe Tournament will take place on Sunday, Aug. 2, at the Phelpston Baseball Diamond, welcoming participants and spectators for another day of friendly competition and community fellowship.
Judging by the smiles, applause and excitement from children and adults alike as the final fireworks faded from the sky, Phelpston's Canada Day tradition remains one that residents look forward to returning to year after year.



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