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Fall Is in the Air: *Harvest, Hunting & Hockey*



By Kari Belcourt
North Simcoe Springwater News

There is a certain feeling that comes with fall in North Simcoe.

The crisp autumn air replaces the warmth of summer. Days grow shorter, evenings arrive earlier and the landscape begins its annual transition toward winter.

But perhaps fall is not something to dread. Perhaps it is something to get outside and enjoy.

In North Simcoe, autumn carries generations of tradition. It is the season of harvest, hunting and preparation. It is the season of fall fairs, farm fields and forests and, before long, the first sound of skates cutting across fresh ice.

A Season Written Into the Land

Long before modern municipalities and paved roads, the changing seasons dictated life across Simcoe County.

Hunting, fishing, farming and gathering were central to Indigenous communities throughout the region. The Huron-Wendat, Petun and Anishinaabeg developed seasonal patterns around the resources available across the land.

Fall meant preparation.

As colder weather arrived, hunting became increasingly important, providing food, clothing and materials needed for winter.

That connection between the seasons and the land remains visible today, even though modern life has changed how we experience it.

Hunting in North Simcoe

For many residents, fall still means heading into the woods.

Hunting remains part of rural culture across North Simcoe, within a carefully regulated provincial and municipal framework. The region includes agricultural lands, private property, public forests and urban areas, making it important for hunters to understand where hunting is permitted and what restrictions apply.

The Simcoe County Forest provides hunting opportunities on many properties, although hunting is prohibited on specific tracts, including the Hickling, Midhurst and Museum tracts in Springwater, the Thompson tracts in Penetanguishene and Tiny, the

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Charlebois Tract in Tiny and Martin's Valley Tract in Midland.

Hunters using County Forest lands must be members in good standing with the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters. Provincial rules also require the appropriate Outdoors Card, licences and Licence Summary, while hunter-orange and harvest-reporting requirements apply during applicable seasons.

For anyone heading outdoors this fall, knowing the rules is part of respecting the land, fellow residents and traditions carried forward through generations.

And you do not have to be a hunter to enjoy the forest.

Take a walk. Explore a trail. Drive through the countryside and watch the colours change.

From the Harvest to the Fall Fair

The other great symbol of autumn in North Simcoe is the harvest.

Long before today's tractors and combines, Indigenous communities cultivated crops throughout Huronia. The Huron-Wendat farmed corn, beans and squash on extensive clearings, establishing agricultural traditions centuries before European settlement.

European settlers later cleared forests for farms and homesteads. The transformation eventually contributed to soil depletion and erosion in parts of Simcoe County, followed by reforestation and conservation efforts that helped restore the landscape.

Agriculture remains an important part of North Simcoe.

Today, farms produce crops, livestock and a variety of agricultural products. The region's agricultural sector includes 172 farms covering approximately 29,679 acres across municipalities including Tay and Tiny.

That agricultural heritage is celebrated every fall at community fall fairs.

The fall fair is about more than agriculture. It is a gathering place where neighbours see neighbours, families come together, farmers showcase their work and communities celebrate another year on the land.

In North Simcoe, events such as the Elmvale Fall Fair are part of that continuing tradition.

Visit a local farm stand. Shop at a farmers' market. Take the family to a fall fair.

Sometimes the best way to appreciate where we live is simply to get out and see it.

From Fields to Frozen Ice

And then comes hockey.

In North Simcoe, the connection runs deep.

Midland, Penetanguishene and Elmvale each have their own hockey histories, but together they form part of a regional tradition stretching back more than a century.

And that tradition is happening again this season.

The Elmvale Harvesters are back on the ice. The Midland Flyers return to continue Midland's hockey tradition. And the Penetang Kings bring another season of local hockey to Penetanguishene.

That means families at the rink, volunteers behind the scenes and communities coming together to cheer for hometown teams.

Midland: A Hockey Town

Midland's hockey story is inseparable from the old

Midland Arena Gardens.

The arena was a regional hockey landmark and was known for having the first artificial ice surface between Toronto and Winnipeg. Midland teams found early success, including OHA championships in 1908 and an OHA Intermediate 'A' championship in 1940-41.

Then, in July 1976, the historic Midland Gardens burned.

The loss did not end the community's hockey tradition. Local teams continued playing while the community rebuilt.

Because in small communities, hockey is rarely just about the building.

It is about the people.

Penetang's Proud Hockey History

Penetanguishene shares that heritage.

Organized junior hockey took another step in 1973 when the Penetang Hurons, later known as the Penetang Kings, entered the Central Ontario Junior C Hockey League.

During the 1983-84 season, Penetang captured the Georgian Bay championship before winning the Clarence Schmalz Cup as All-Ontario Junior C champions.

That achievement remains part of the community's sporting history.

Elmvale on the Ice

Elmvale's hockey roots run just as deep.

Local teams competed in OHA intermediate hockey during the 1920s, while the Elmvale Intermediate C Harvesters carried the tradition through the 1950s and beyond.

Now, another generation of Harvesters is taking to the ice.

Grab your jacket, bring the kids and head to the rink. Buy a ticket. Cheer from the stands. Bring a friend.

Small-town hockey survives because communities show up.

Don't Let Fall Pass You By

Harvest.

Hunting.

Hockey.

Three very different parts of the season, but together they tell a story about North Simcoe — a story of people connected to the land and traditions passed from one generation to the next.

This fall, get outside.

Visit a fall fair. Support a local farm. Walk the trails. Enjoy the changing leaves. Respect the hunting regulations and those enjoying the woods.

Then, when the temperatures drop, head to the rink.

Watch the Harvesters in Elmvale.

Cheer on the Flyers in Midland.

Support the Kings in Penetang.

Bring the family. Bring a friend. Be part of the crowd. Before we know it, the snow will be here.

Fall is in the air.

The harvest is underway.

The forests are calling.

And before long, the puck will drop.

These are the traditions of North Simcoe — and this season, we have another opportunity to get out, take part and celebrate them together.

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Letter From the Editor

My heart has been broken.

Not by one thing.

By what I loved. By what I lost. By what I could not change. And, if I am being completely honest, by the things I sometimes wish I had done differently.

Grief has a strange way of changing the landscape around you. The streets look the same, the buildings are still standing, people are still going to work, children are still going to school — and yet somehow, everything is different.

You learn to keep moving while carrying something nobody else can see.

For me, that something is my mother.

And somehow, through all of this, this newspaper has kept me connected to her.

Every story. Every community event. Every conversation with a resident. Every person who tells me, "Your mother would have loved this."

You have given me pieces of her back.

I don't think you will ever truly understand what that has meant to me and my family.

When I stepped into this newspaper, I knew I was taking on a responsibility.

I did not fully understand that I was also taking on a legacy.

My mother built relationships in these communities. She listened to people. She gave them a place to be heard.

Now I find myself doing the same thing.

Sometimes I wonder if I am doing enough.

Sometimes I wonder if I am doing too much.

Sometimes I wonder what she would say if she were standing beside me.

And then I walk into another community event, another council meeting, another conversation with a resident who simply wants someone to listen — and I remember.

This is why I am here.

So to every person who has picked up this newspaper, read my words, shared a story, stopped me on the street, invited me into your community, challenged me, encouraged me or simply kept reading:

Thank you.

You have given me something I could never have asked for.

You have given me a place to belong while I was trying to figure out where I belonged without her.

You have helped me honour my mother.

And if I am allowed to call anything a victory in this strange race called life, that is my victory.

Now, I have to take the stage.

And I will see you there.

But don't worry — I am not disappearing.

You will still find me at the fall fairs, community events, council chambers, arenas, coffee shops and on

the streets of the communities we serve.

I am not going far.

In fact, I am heading somewhere new.

Tiny.

I have heard there is quite a bit to hear there.

Quite a bit to see.

And I suspect there is quite a bit that needs to be talked about.

So, Tiny residents, your turn.

Show me your community.

Tell me what you love about where you live.

Tell me what keeps you up at night.

Tell me what you believe needs to change.

Tell me what you want protected.

Tell me what you want built.

Tell me what you want your children and grandchildren to inherit.

Tell me what you want your future to look like.

The North Simcoe Springwater News will be gathering questions from Tiny residents to put to all Township candidates for our October 8 edition.

I don't want to decide what those questions should be. You should.

This is your community.

These are your roads, your taxes, your services, your neighbourhoods, your parks, your businesses and your future.

So talk to us.

Send us your questions.

Make your voice part of the conversation.

Because there is another reason I keep walking into these communities, sitting through these meetings and asking these questions.

It is because I believe deeply in democracy.

Perhaps too deeply sometimes.

But I believe in it because I have seen what happens when people stop participating.

Politics can feel complicated. Municipal government can feel even more complicated. The language can be difficult. The debates can be exhausting. The personalities can sometimes overshadow the issues.

And eventually, people get tired.

They tune out.

They say, "It doesn't matter."

They say, "Someone else will decide."

But someone else will decide.

That is the uncomfortable truth.

If you don't participate, the decisions do not stop.

They simply get made without your voice.

That is why voter fatigue concerns me.

Not because people do not care.

I think most people care very deeply.

They are simply overwhelmed.

And when people become overwhelmed, they disengage.

That is where journalism has a responsibility.

Not to tell you what to think.

Not to tell you who to vote for.

But to make sure you have the information to decide for yourself.

To ask the questions that need asking.

To give candidates an opportunity to answer.

To bring local issues into the light.

To make government understandable.

And, perhaps most importantly, to remind people that their voice matters.

Democracy is not something that belongs to politicians.

It belongs to you.

It belongs to the person who has lived in Tiny for 60 years.

It belongs to the young family trying to build a life here.

It belongs to the farmer wondering what the next decade will bring.

It belongs to the business owner who is trying to keep their doors open.

It belongs to the senior who worries about services.

It belongs to the young person wondering whether they will be able to afford to stay in the community they grew up in.

It belongs to every person who has ever looked around their community and thought:

"What happens next?"

That question is why I keep going.

Maybe that is what my mother gave me without ever knowing it.

A belief that communities matter.

That people matter.

That their stories matter.

And that someone has to be willing to listen.

So yes, my heart has been broken.

But it has also been filled.

Filled by this newspaper.

Filled by these communities.

Filled by the people who continue to show up.

And filled by the privilege of carrying forward something my mother loved.

I cannot bring her back.

I cannot change what happened.

But I can keep walking.

I can keep asking.

I can keep listening.

I can keep telling your stories.

And I can keep opening these pages so that our communities have somewhere to speak.

So, Tiny...

I am coming your way.

Bring me your questions.

Bring me your concerns.

Bring me your hopes.

Bring me your stories.

Show me your community.

And together, let's make sure it is heard.

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Register to Vote

You can register to vote up to and including Election Day. Until October 12, 2026 you can visit tiny.ca/Elections to register or verify your information. After this date, eligible voters can come to the Township Office to register with valid ID. Assistance is available, please contact us.

Voter Information Letters

Registered voters can expect to receive their Voter Information Letters (VILs) in early October in a Tiny Votes branded envelope. These will be mailed through Canada Post by our contracted service provider.

Have Questions? Contact Us.

Our appointed election officials are here to help. Please contact us with questions at 705-526-4204, elections@tiny.ca, or in person at the Township Office.

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Seasonal Reminders and Notices



Capital Projects

View our capital projects page to see what roads, water, and parks projects are scheduled for 2026 at tiny.ca/CapitalProjects.



Boating Speed Limit

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



Beaches in Tiny

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- mailboxes should be a minimum of 105cm (42") above the shoulder and at least 5m (16' 6") away from the centre of the road to allow a snowplow's blade to easily pass
- mailboxes need to be sturdy enough to withstand the snow from regular road maintenance including windrows
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October 7
2:00 PM

October 21
2:00 PM

November 25
1:00 PM

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Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers and are open to the public. The Meeting of Council Schedule is subject to change. For complete details, visit the Community Calendar at tiny.ca/Events.

Note: The October 21st meeting will be a Regular Meeting of Council only, no Committee of the Whole. The November 25th meeting is the inaugural meeting for the 2026-2030 term of Council.



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Fall/Winter Program Registration

Registration is now open at tiny.ca/PlayPortal

Senior Speaker Series

Registration is now open at tiny.ca/Seniors/Programs

Citizen of the Year Awards

Submissions are open for our Citizen of the Year Awards! If you know someone that should be recognized for their volunteer work in Tiny, visit tiny.ca/Volunteer to nominate them for one of four (4) award categories.

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Orr Lake Ratepayers Association

Boundaries have been redrawn and the Orr Lake area will be part of Ward 1 beginning in the next session of Council in the Township of Springwater. We encourage eligible voters to make informed choices at the ballot box in the upcoming municipal election on October 26th.

OLRA is not a political organization. We help move information between lake users and agencies that administer the Orr Lake watershed. In that role, we are creating connections between the Ward 1 candidates and the Ward 1 voters, while raising awareness of important issues at Orr Lake.

In the upcoming municipal election, there are three candidates running for the office of Ward 1 Councillor. The incumbent is Councillor Matt Garwood and the challengers are Dave Barnett and John Spring. We sent each candidate an email with three questions and asked them to reply, in writing, to each question. We asked them to be respectful and honest and informed them that their answers to the questions would be published verbatim.

Why are you the best candidate to represent the electorate of the Orr Lake watershed?

Matt Garwood replied:
"I was born and raised on my family farm in Springwater and I am proud to call Ward 1 home. As a long-time community volunteer, and Councillor since 2022, I bring local experience, proven leadership, and a strong work ethic to serve Elmvale and Orr Lake. I've worked to advance community safety, strengthen community spaces, support local economic development, bring care closer to home, and advocate for respectful leadership. I will continue to stand firmly for Ward 1 and protect Orr Lake."

Dave Barnett replied:
"Hi to the Orr Lake residents! I want to represent you on council as I am a former resident of Orr Lake back approximately 54 years ago and my mom's side of the family lived and owned property in Orr Lake. From the back nine holes of the golf course to Macdonald side road and half way up Macdonald side road the property belonged to my mom's family. Do you remember the farm house that was red, the farm property was called Lakeview farms! And the pump house at the golf course near the first fairway was my grandparent's little cottage and they lived at the corner of highway 93 and Macdonald side road! My mom's parents name was Clute and her uncle's name was Jameson."

John Spring replied:
"I am a lifelong resident of this area and witnessed how Orr Lake continues to be a preferred destination for cottages and full-time residents. Orr Lake, however, presents residents with unique issues. As a farmer, I understand sensitive environmental impacts that affect our ecosystems due to my strong connection to the land. Advocating for the environmental sustainability of the lake is of utmost importance to me as a future councillor."

Water quality and the presence of blue green algae blooms in Orr Lake are of concern to lake users. How would you engage with relevant agencies to develop strategies to protect the health of the lake? What measures would you support to strengthen by-law enforcement related to reducing BGA blooms?

Matt Garwood replied:
"Protecting Orr Lake requires listening to residents, lake users, and experts first to better understand issues such as

blue-green algae blooms, followed by thoughtful action from Council and advocacy with provincial agencies. I will continue advancing Township-led stewardship of Orr Lake by supporting the Severn Sound Environmental Association's Lake Monitoring Program and ensuring it has the municipal tools, resources, and support needed to monitor water quality and identify blue-green algae and other risks. I am currently working with Township staff to improve the North Shore boat launch, address roadside parking, and better educate visitors about blue-green algae and responsible lake use. I also co-sponsored Council's motion to develop a lake health signage and communications plan. I will continue working with the province and relevant ministries to strengthen monitoring, education, and by-law enforcement, and I will push for action, not simply discussion, to protect Orr Lake."

Dave Barnett replied:
"With dealing with the blue green allergy, I will work extremely closely with the ministry of the environment and the ministry of natural resources to create a way to get a strong current in the lake, however not strong enough to endanger people/ swimmers! And clear the muck from the shore line areas. And make sure the river head on the west side of the lake is clear enough to let the lake water to flow more freely into the Wye river. And I will personally work with the two above mentioned ministries to keep an eye on the blue green allergy levels and coming to a compromise but not having power water toys on the lake as gas emissions add to the cause and growth of the blue green allergy levels, and also the heat of the sun on the very hot summer days. And I'll try to pass a ruling that residence only use environmental friendly chemicals when you do your house chores and feed and kill your plants and weeds."

John Spring replied:
"Protecting Orr Lake needs cooperation from government agencies and science, specifically, hydrologists and freshwater specialists who monitor water quality. I plan to continue to support Springwater Township's partnership with the Severn Sound Environmental Association (SSEA) and be attentive to its ongoing monitoring of Orr Lake to guide decisions regarding the presence of blue-green algae and phosphorus levels and the overall health of the lake.

As a lifelong farmer and keeper of the land, I understand the importance of protecting our water and the need for practical and workable solutions. This means addressing factors we must monitor that influence the lake's viability, which include nutrient runoff, septic systems, and shoreline practices through ongoing education, stewardship, and appropriate enforcement of existing by-laws. I will advocate for Springwater to work closely with the SSEA to pursue targeted projects, partnerships and outside funding specifically designated for Orr Lake. We must not react to Orr Lake problems; we need to invest in prevention and long-term lake vitality."

Residents have expressed concerns about dangerous conditions on the roads around Orr Lake. We have several 50km/hr roadways, with unique characteristics, but all share drivers who don't respect the rules of the road. What initiatives would you propose to make our roads safer, given the various agencies involved and recognizing that OPP presence is limited?

Matt Garwood replied:
"Road safety has been a main pillar of my work as Ward 1 Councillor over the past four years, and we have made significant investments and improvements. I co-sponsored Springwater's road bollard program, which has delivered very successful speed reduction results across the Township. I have also championed our digital speed sign program, and I support expanding this program to include Ontario Highway 93, North Orr Lake Road, and South Orr Lake

Road to reinforce compliance, track data, and improve safety. Orr Lake is a unique case because its roads are managed by three different levels of government. While the Township does not have direct control over every roadway, we can, and must, be a strong local voice to advocate for improvements. I have built strong working relationships with the county and provincial governments that put us in a strong position to effectively enhance community safety."

Dave Barnett replied:
"When it comes to the highway and it's speeding problem..... I will make extremely strong mentions that the council ask the OPP to put auxiliary officers along the side of the highway with in the limits of the hamlet of Orr Lake..... and have the auxiliary officers regularly move around the hamlet of Orr Lake to catch speeders. And I'll help you with applying to a community group (like the lions) to help rise money to put up a couple of flashing speed signs like what is on country road 6 coming into Wyeville at both ends of the little village! Another way of getting people to slow down is to put rumble strips/cuts in the asphalt while going through Orr Lake and I'll make this a monitor in council.

And of course all these views and actions will only be made if you elect me to council so I can make sure all my answers happen and I can help you. Thank you for your call and support for me in my running for council and maybe being your representative in council."

John Spring replied:
"Speeding on all roads in our township is an infringing, overarching problem. The installation of traffic bollards in Midhurst and in Elmvale are slowing cars down and have made a favourable impact on this issue. They are a cost-effective apparatus and easy to install. With the presence of many driveways and lanes in Orr Lake, it is important to consult residents for their proper installation in terms of location. In consultation with residents in other areas of Springwater, particularly Snow Valley, where speed bumps were installed then later removed, residents found these to be costly, intrusive, and affected snow removal in winter. Speed bumps are less advantageous speed control devices. In terms of police presence, this initiative is not sustainable on a regular basis due to cost and police staffing shortages. Bollards are therefore most cost effective, practical and safe to control speeding in Orr Lake; these will make Orr Lake roads safer for residents, cyclist, walkers and motorists."

We hope that you find these responses informative. Now it's your turn! If you have questions for the candidates, here are their emails.
Matt Garwood: matt@electmattgarwood.ca
Dave Barnett: shearbearsherlynn62@hotmail.com
John Spring: springvalleycom@gmail.com
We hope that this has been helpful in the decisions that impact us all. Please exercise your right to vote on October 26th.

"Lake First, Community Always"



New boundaries of Ward 1, Township of Springwater map



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Elmvale Lions Lend a Hand at Community Bus Shelter

Keeping the community looking its best was the goal when Elmvale Lions Murry Truax and Mark Columbus teamed up with Springwater Councillor Matt Garwood to clean the Elmvale Lions-sponsored bus shelter.

The group spent some time tidying the shelter and surrounding area, continuing the Lions' long-standing commitment to supporting and caring for the Elmvale community.

A special thank you to Councillor Garwood for his ongoing community involvement and for joining the Lions in the effort.

And, of course, no community project goes unnoticed! Ellie stopped by on her bicycle to inspect the work and make sure everything was up to standard.

Thanks for the visit, Ellie!

No leader is above the law

There is a profound moral failure in defending politicians who violate the law and attacking the people who expose their misconduct. A society that punishes truth-tellers and excuses lawbreakers does not protect democracy—it corrodes it. Loyalty to a political figure should never matter more than loyalty to the rule of law, public accountability, and basic integrity. When supporters excuse misconduct because it serves their side, they are not defending justice; they are defending power without principle.

If the tables were turned, would you still defend the same behavior that you're defending now?

We need leadership, integrity and accountability. We need elected officials who have the courage to stand up for those principles even when it costs them and they become the targets of biased critics.

The vicious personal attacks that are being generated on social media and during door-to-door campaigning are seriously eroding our Township.

We are all neighbours and need to come together to create a strong united future.

Sincerely Jack Hanna
Springwater Ontario

STOP Building LOOP HOLES in Springwater

I live on a quiet 25 year old residential street with 26 houses on it in Phelpston.

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Protect your property and home value. You could be next.... Marie J



MIDHURST, ON — With September now well underway, we're just under 2 weeks away from the Midhurst Autumnfest Fall Fair!

Autumnfest is the premier community event of the year in Midhurst, hosted annually by the volunteers of the Midhurst Community Recreation Association. It's happening this year on Saturday, September 26 from 10am to 3pm at 41 Spence Avenue.

"Autumnfest brings our community together to celebrate the fall season," said Hale Mahon, Chair of the Recreation Association. "From vendors to food to games to local groups, I really think there's something for everyone."

This year's vendor market will be especially bustling, with upwards of 35 artisans, local businesses, and community organizations presenting their goods and services. Browse from handmade art and decor, baking & treats, kids toys, fabric goods, and much more.

For lunch options, you can grab a burger or hotdog from the Springwater-Vespra Lions' Club for just \$5.00 each, enjoy free lemonade provided by Willow Creek Baptist Church, and find other treats interspersed throughout the vendor pavilion.

For the kids, there will be the usual fall fair classics — egg toss, tug-o-war, etc. — as well as the always-popular rock-climbing wall and bouncy castle. All free

of charge. Plus, Springwater Fire will be in attendance showing off their fire truck.

The day will end with the Lions' Club's famous Willow Creek White Water Willy Duck Race, with prizes for the first 19 ducks. Tickets are available on the day of the event, with all proceeds supporting the Lions', Hospice Simcoe, and the Seasons Centre for Grieving Children.

For more information, follow the Midhurst Community Recreation Association on Facebook or visit our website.



Midland Curling Club Ready to Sweep Into 107th Season

MIDLAND – The ice is going in, the brooms are being dusted off, and the Midland Curling Club is officially gearing up to celebrate an incredible milestone. This fall, the historic club will slide into its 107th season of bringing community, sportsmanship, and winter fun to North Simcoe.

With a rich heritage spanning over a century, the club remains a vibrant hub for both seasoned skips and curious beginners. Organizers have put together a massive lineup of daytime and evening leagues designed to fit every schedule, age group, and skill level.

This year's weekly schedule features a diverse mix of returning favorites:

- Monday: The week kicks off with the fast-paced Doubles league alongside the traditional Men's league.
- Tuesday: Teams take to the ice for the highly

engaging Mixed Competitive league.

- Wednesday: Mid-week action features Doubles and the Ladies' league.
- Thursday: The popular Industrial League returns, providing a perfect social atmosphere for local businesses and friends to form teams and compete.
- Friday: End the workweek with the fun and social Friday Night Mixed league.

For those looking to play during the sunnier hours, the club offers robust Day Curling programs on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Wednesday afternoons will host Sturling—a popular, fast-game variation that is excellent for all curlers, including those who prefer using a delivery stick.

The club is also deeply committed to growing the sport from the ground up. Every Sunday, the ice belongs

to the next generation of athletes with the Little Rocks U12 program, giving children under 12 a fun, safe environment to learn sliding, sweeping, and basic strategy.

Whether you want to try the sport for the first time, join a competitive rink, or just enjoy the lively atmosphere of the lounge and bar after a game, the doors are wide open.

Registration for the 2026-2027 season is officially open. Practice week is right after Thanksgiving with games starting in each league from Monday October 19th. Anyone interested in signing up can easily register online through the official Midland Curling Club Registration Portal or by calling the clubhouse directly at 705-526-5631. Hurry hard—spots are filling up fast!



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As your federal Member of Parliament, I work to keep you informed on what the federal government is up to in Ottawa. While I am always happy to answer your questions about policy, a significant part of my job is to help constituents navigate federal government programs and services.

My team and I are happy to greet in person visitors and answer phone calls and emails Monday to Friday in my local office. You can find us at 48 Alliance Boulevard, Suite 104, in Barrie. You can also reach us by telephone at 705-728-2596.

We can assist with the following matters:

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- Immigration Refugee Citizenship Canada inquiries
- Any other federal matters

How we can help is determined on a case-by-case basis, so the best thing to do is contact my office by

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

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

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

We look forward to hearing from you.

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

MESSAGE FROM MPP JILL DUNLOP

ANITA MOORE

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Fall is always a special time in Simcoe North. With students settling back into classrooms, families returning to familiar routines, and our communities coming together at fall fairs, festivals and local events, there is so much to enjoy across our beautiful region.

I want to wish all of our students, teachers, education workers and families a safe and successful school year. Back-to-school season is an exciting time, but it can also be a busy adjustment for families. Our government remains focused on ensuring Ontario students have the skills and opportunities they need to succeed, both in the classroom and as they prepare for their future.

That focus on opportunity continues beyond our schools. Recently, the province announced an investment of more than \$4.8 million through the Skills Development Fund to support training programs in Simcoe County and surrounding communities. These investments are helping people develop practical, in-demand skills while connecting employers with the workers they need. It is particularly encouraging to see local organizations benefiting and creating opportunities for young people and jobseekers right here in our region.

The province also continues to make significant investments in health care, including expanding access to primary care and strengthening the health-care workforce. These investments complement the important work happening locally to ensure residents can access high-quality care closer to home.

As we move further into October, I hope everyone has an opportunity to enjoy what makes autumn in Simcoe North so special. Whether it is visiting a local fall fair, stopping at a farmers' market, supporting a local business, hiking one of our beautiful trails or simply enjoying the changing colours along Georgian Bay and Lake Simcoe, there is no better time to explore our communities.

Thank you to the volunteers, agricultural organizations, service clubs, businesses and community groups whose hard work keeps our local traditions thriving.

As always, it is a privilege to represent Simcoe North at Queen's Park, and I look forward to seeing many of you throughout the community this fall

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SPRINGWATER CANDIDATES FACE QUESTIONS AT ELMVALE MEETING

First of three election meetings draws approximately 200 residents

By Kari Belcourt
North Simcoe Springwater News
Approximately 200 residents filled the Elmvale Community Hall on September 17 for the first of three Springwater municipal election candidate meetings.

The meeting brought together mayoral candidates Jennifer Coughlin and George Cabral, deputy mayor candidates Anita Moore and Liz Grummett, Ward 1 candidates Matt Garwood, John Spring and Dave Barnett, and Ward 2 candidates Danielle Alexander and Gregory Davidson.

Questions from the floor covered environmental protection, affordable housing, development charges, the Barrie boundary adjustment, strong mayor powers and relations between council and Township staff.

The boundary adjustment produced some of the strongest exchanges. Coughlin defended the decisions made during the process, saying, “As difficult as it’s been, I would do it all over again.” Alexander, Spring and Cabral offered differing views on the negotiations, information provided to council and the financial outcome.

Strong mayor powers were another major point of disagreement. Alexander described them as “an erosion of democracy,” while Cabral questioned their transparency. Davidson defended their use, while Grummett questioned how council can build consensus without relying on them.

Questions surrounding council conduct and its relationship with municipal staff were also raised, with candidates offering differing perspectives on respect, disagreement and the ability of council to work together. THE POLITICS BEHIND THE MEETING

While the evening was presented as an opportunity for residents to question candidates, the political positions expressed by the organizing committee provide additional context.

The meeting was organized by an ad hoc committee headed by Roy Monk, with Steve Holder and Rick Hubbert among those involved. Two additional organizers have remained anonymous due to ongoing legal concerns involving an elected official. Katie Harries served as moderator.

Speaking on behalf of the committee, Monk has stated that the group opposes Mayor Jennifer Coughlin and councillors Matt Garwood, Gregory Davidson and Liz Grummett, while supporting candidates Hale Mahon, Alex Saldana and John Spring.

The committee has also taken a strong position against the use of strong mayor powers, with Monk describing them as a “dictatorship.”

Monk also referred to what he called “Coughlin’s Cabal,” identifying Coughlin and what he described as Garwood’s endorsements: Grummitt, Garwood, Davidson, Chapman, Spellman and Campbell.

When explaining the word “cabal,” Monk described it as a small, secretive group that conspires to promote private interests, gain power or influence a government or organization. He said the term carries a negative and underhanded connotation associated with political

intrigue and conspiracy.

The term “Coughlin’s Cabal” is Monk’s characterization and is not a description adopted by the North Simcoe Springwater News.

The committee’s stated opposition to several candidates, support for others and strong language concerning members of council raise questions about the political perspective from which the meeting was organized.

NSSN ALSO TARGETED

The political dispute surrounding the meeting extended beyond the candidates.

The organizing committee publicly criticized the North Simcoe Springwater News after the newspaper declined to advertise the September 17 event, characterizing the decision as “undemocratic.”

The NSSN operates independently of political candidates, campaigns and election organizing groups. The newspaper declined the advertising arrangement based on its own business and editorial considerations, including outstanding advertising invoices from a previous election that were ultimately written off.

Declining an advertisement did not prevent the meeting from taking place, nor did it prevent any candidate or resident from attending.

The criticism nevertheless became part of the public discussion surrounding the event, placing the newspaper itself into a political dispute during an election campaign.

RESPONDING TO THE “CABAL” COMMENTS

The NSSN asked the candidates identified by Monk for their response to the organizers’ stated positions and the characterization of them as part of what he called “Coughlin’s Cabal.”

Mayor Jennifer Coughlin said she was aware of the organizers’ position before attending.

“I am well aware that the organizers of these events have been publicly vocal in their opposition to me. That doesn’t change my decision to attend. Anyone can organize an all-candidates meeting, and just because their goals, views and intentions may not align with mine, does not make it wrong. I sincerely thank the organizers for putting the evenings together, and everyone who took the time to attend.”

Ward 1 Councillor Matt Garwood said he was also aware of the organizers’ views.

“I will never back down from answering questions residents have, even when our versions of the truth differ. While some choose to focus primarily on legislation implemented by the provincial government, I choose to focus on safer communities, care closer to home, strong community spaces where families can gather, a local economy where businesses can grow, responsible stewardship of Orr Lake, and a Council we can all be proud of, because this is what is within our control, and what residents deserve and expect.”

Garwood said he attended because residents deserve opportunities to hear directly from candidates.

“Disagreement is not the issue, dysfunction is. I am not looking to build consensus for the sake of agreement; I believe in building a team that can work with one another respectfully, debate facts, and avoid spreading misinformation. We can disagree respectfully, not attack personally. We can compromise to get things done, not disagree simply because of who is championing the idea.”

Garwood added, “Using terms like ‘cabal’ proves the point that a change is needed in the way we do politics as residents are tired of the chaos.”

Ward 2 candidate Gregory Davidson said he had seen the organizers’ comments before the meeting.

“I saw the comments and dismissed them as hype.”

Davidson said he attended the September 17 meeting “to connect with residents by hearing and responding to their questions.”

Deputy Mayor candidate Liz Grummett said she was not aware of the organizers’ views before the meeting.

“I was disappointed by the use of the word ‘cabal.’

I’m running my own campaign and making my own decisions, and I’m proud to have a great team of people supporting me. To me, good leadership means listening to different perspectives, making your own decisions and still being able to work with others. Council won’t always agree, and that’s okay. What matters is how you handle those differences and whether you can continue to work together for the community.”

Grummett said she attended because she was invited as a candidate and understood it to be an opportunity for residents to ask questions and hear directly from the candidates.

“I came prepared to listen and answer whatever people wanted to ask. I believe part of public service is showing up, being accessible and having conversations, even when the questions are difficult. That’s how you build trust, and that’s what residents should expect from the people who represent them.”

The question remains to residents to continue to evaluate and decide what is happening behind closed doors - there is a clear political divide in our township with the contentious point seeming to point towards the Barrie boundary adjustment the politics, decisions and information that has been relayed and informed during that period. Clearly minds are already made before a meeting takes place but for the majority of the township they are left wondering what groups and forces are really at play behind the scenes? When a meeting has clear opposite to candidates is it non-bias? The contention will likely continue was residents continue to be informed about all angles- at the next meeting hosted by the NSSN September 24th 2026



Pictured: Organizers Steve Holder, Roy Monk



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As I step into my second year and final term as President of the Flos Agricultural Society, my heart is filled with immense gratitude. It has been an absolute honour to serve in this role and to help continue the long-standing tradition of hosting our fantastic fair.

This cherished event simply would not be possible without our dedicated directors and volunteers. Your unwavering support, encouragement, and countless hours of hard work mean more to me than words can express. To our generous sponsors and supporters: thank you for believing in the importance of community and tradition. And to our fairgoers—whether you have been attending for decades or are visiting us for the very first time—thank you for being the heart of this event.

Please join us this Thanksgiving weekend, from October 8 to October 10, 2026, to celebrate together. I encourage everyone to truly take it all in this year. Pick up our fair book and find a category to enter! We have a vast and varied selection of choices to show off your unique skills, hobbies, and collections.

Our spectacular midway runs for all three days, and we have an unforgettable lineup of events waiting for you:

- Thursday Night Kick-Off Concert: We are absolutely thrilled to kick things off on Thursday night, October 8th, with a concert by our very own hometown amazing country singer, Graham Scott Fleming! Graham will have you rocking in your seats and singing along to tunes you know and love. The concert will take place trackside, with gates opening at 7:00 PM. This is a ticketed event, and tickets are \$25. You can purchase yours today by visiting our official website.
- Friday Highlights: The excitement kicks off with our farm animal display, the school parade

featuring creative floats, a children’s tractor pull. We also feature our sheep show, junior livestock shows, the Pony Show/4-H Club Achievement Day, and the always-adorable Baby Show. Down by the track, don’t miss the antique tractor pull. Our Junior Board is also hosting a free student basketball hoops and hockey activity! For your evening entertainment, we are thrilled to welcome back the Northern Jewel Cloggers for a second year in a row, followed by Gwyneth Covey and her band to rock the stage and entertain us for the evening.

- Saturday Highlights: Saturday starts strong with the Heavy Horse Show and our ongoing farm animal display. The afternoon will bring the beef and dairy judging, as well as the high-energy stock and modified truck and tractor pulls. On stage, you will find fantastic musical entertainment, and a walk-around magician. Be sure to stick around for our raffles and the big truck draw at the end of the afternoon! To cap off the night, our friends from Elmvale Minor Hockey Association are hosting a KICKS video dance on the arena floor. Be sure to get your tickets early, as they sell out quickly!

Celebrating the "Wonders of Ontario"

This year, we are incredibly proud to feature our 2026 theme: Wonders of Ontario. I strongly encourage every service group, club, church, sporting team, and local organization to come out and show the world how amazing it is to live in this province. We have so much to be proud of—our breathtaking landscapes, our rich heritage, our musicians, inventors, athletes, and the hard-working people who call this place home.

Let’s take this opportunity to celebrate it all! I invite all of our local groups to enter our fantastic parade on Saturday to showcase your own creative take on our Wonders of Ontario.

To bring this theme to life across our entire community, we are also hosting two exciting competitions outside the fairgrounds. In our rural settings, look out for the spectacular straw bale competition, where displays must follow the theme. For those in town, we challenge you to participate in our town decorating contest to show off your Ontario pride.

Empowering Our Future Leaders

An incredibly vital aspect of our fair is the Youth Ambassador Leadership Program. This contest provides real-life experiences and invaluable growth opportunities for the young leaders of tomorrow. I highly encourage any Grade 7 or 8 student to enter our Junior Contest, and any youth aged 16 and older to step forward for the Senior Contest. It is a transformative experience you won’t want to miss.

How to Enter Our Competitions and Purchase Tickets

Anyone wishing to buy concert tickets, sign up for the Saturday parade, the Youth Ambassador program, the straw bale build, the town decorating contest, or any of our fair entries is asked to visit our website at elmvalefallfair.com. There, you will find all the relevant information and the specific coordinator contact emails for each available contest.

Come out, celebrate our community, explore the exhibits, and experience the Wonders of Ontario with us this Thanksgiving weekend! I would like to close by wishing everybody a truly thankful and joyful Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

Tanya King

President, Flos Agricultural Society

October 9th & 10th



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Last season was an exciting first chapter for the Harvesters, and we are thrilled to build on that momentum as we head into a new season. From the action on the ice to the energy in the stands, our home games are made special by the incredible support we receive from the Elmvale and surrounding communities.

A huge thank you to all of our returning volunteers who continue to give their time and energy to make Harvesters game days possible. Whether you are helping at the front gate, working the bar, assisting with game-day operations, selling chuck a puck, helping behind the scenes or lending a hand wherever needed, your

contributions do not go unnoticed. Our organization simply would not be able to operate without the dedication of our volunteers.

We would also like to extend a sincere thank you to all of our sponsors who have signed on for the upcoming season. Your support plays a tremendous role in helping us bring Senior AA hockey to Elmvale and allows us to continue growing the organization and creating a great experience for our players and fans. We encourage everyone to support the local businesses and organizations that support the Harvesters!

We Need Your Help!

As we prepare for another busy season, we are still looking for additional volunteers to join our team. We are currently seeking assistance with game-day operations, as well as volunteers who may be able to lend a hand with jersey sewing and repairs.

If you have some time to give and would like to be part of the Harvesters family, we would love to hear from you. No matter how much or how little time you can offer, every helping hand makes a difference.

Interested in volunteering? Reach out to us at info@elmvaleharvesters.com

Get Ready for Game Day!

Be sure to check out the 2026–27 Elmvale Harvesters schedule and mark your calendars for your favourite matchups. Whether you are a returning season-ticket holder or joining us for your first game, we can't wait to see you in the stands!

Season tickets and single-game tickets are available now. Scan the QR code included with this article for ticket information and to secure your seats.

From everyone with the Elmvale Harvesters, thank you for your continued support. We are proud to be part of this community and can't wait to share another season of Senior AA hockey with you.

Let's fill the barn and make some noise, welcome back, Harvesters fans!

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SEASON AT A GLANCE

THE COMPLETE 2026-27 SCHEDULE

HOME HARVESTS			FARTHER AFIELD		
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OCT 31	CREEMORE	8:00 PM	OCT 17	GEORGIAN BAY	5:30 PM
NOV 7	RIPLEY	8:00 PM	OCT 23	SAUGEEN SHORES	8:30 PM
NOV 15	LUCKNOW	4:00 PM	OCT 24	DURHAM	6:30 PM
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DEC 12	SAUGEEN SHORES	8:00 PM	DEC 6	ERIN	3:30 PM
DEC 20	ERIN	4:00 PM	DEC 19	MINTO	8:00 PM
JAN 2	SHELBURNE	8:00 PM	JAN 3	CREEMORE	3:00 PM
JAN 10	DURHAM	4:00 PM	JAN 9	LUCKNOW	7:30 PM
JAN 16	CREEMORE	8:00 PM	JAN 15	SHELBURNE	8:30 PM

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of Junior C hockey.

Penetang kicked off the season on Friday September 11 with a convincing 6-1 victory over the Muskoka Bears at the Penetanguishene Memorial Community Centre. The Kings dominated the game from the opening face-off peppering Muskoka netminders with 51 shots. Bears starter Luke Rockbunre faced 39 shots giving up all six Kings goals over the first two periods of the game, while Joey Lavigne turned aside all 12 shots that he faced in the third period. The Kings Landon Simec made 14 saves in the win. Scoring for the Kings were Alex Sajan with two markers and single goals from Camryn Hutchinson, Brody Coe, Lucas Sibley and Cole Rumbolt. The CompuSOLVE Kings Player of the game was defenseman Bryson Kingma who collected two assists.

On Saturday September 12 the Kings got past the Huntsville Otters by a 5-1 score for their second win of the young season. Penetang led 2-1, going to the third period on goals by Hutchinson and Wyndam Brownlee before scoring three third period goals off the sticks of Connor Varley, Josh Hutton and Sajan. Kings' goaltender Owen Moreau made 23 stops including two breakaway saves to record the victory. Penetang fired 36 shots at Huntsville's Reed Snyder.

The CompuSOLVE Kings player of the game was defenseman Blake Weicker who played a steady defensive game while adding two assists.

The Kings took to the road on Friday September 18th and dropped a 6-2 decision to the hometown Alliston Hornets. Penetang struck first on a first period goal by Brownlee, but Alliston countered with three second period and three third period markers to seal the victory. Brendan Williams

Penetang Kings Open Season With Two Wins and a Loss



scored the other Penetang goal late in the third period. Will Hopcraft and Logan Jackson both had two goal nights for the Hornets. Shots on goal in the game were equal at 36 shots apiece. The Hornets Gavin Zepp turned aside 34 shots while the Kings Simec made 30 saves.

The Kings' next game is at home on Friday September 25 at 8:00 pm when they face off against the Stayner Siskins.

The Kings are also at home on Friday October 2 at 8:00 pm when their division rivals, the Midland Flyers, come to town.

Penetang's next road game is Friday October 9 when the visit the Huntsville Otters before they return to home ice on Saturday October 10 when they host the Alliston Hornets at 8:00 pm.

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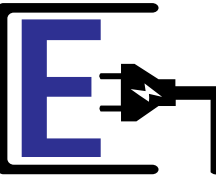
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Bearbells By Leslie Noonan



September 12th, 2026
If you drive through the town of Bracebridge, along a narrow road beside the North branch of the Muskoka River, you will come to the end of the road at a free parking lot. Just a short walk along a dirt path brings you to an old water control dam. Water rushes over the dam, forming small pools between

smooth rocks of granite. Here a metal walkway allows visitors to traverse the dam, and once in the forest on the other side, a few hiking trails lead off in many directions. This is the beginning of the Wilson's Falls hiking trail, a 3.7 km loop trail of hills, waterfalls, a river and mixed forests.

Pine needles cover the trail in a thick blanket, muffling the sounds of footfalls. The roar and rumble of the falls in the distance is the loudest sound. Rocks of the Canadian Shield jut into the water, black with moisture. Huddled at the base of pines are groups of mushrooms and fungi; reds, pinks and every shade of brown. The trail repeatedly branches off in multiple directions, but following the edge of the river seems to be the most popular route. Within a short distance the trees thin, and the rocks above the first cascade are visible. People clamber over the grey and brown exposed rocks, with some trailing fingers in the cold waters. Further out above the main falls, a group of women enjoy a picnic on a flat rock in the middle of the water, with a stunning view over the ten-metre-high falls. The main falls cascades down multiple sections, creating lovely white water, which is even more impressive in the spring when the water is running high.

This section of trail is very busy, but as the trail continues down to the river below the falls, the crowds are left behind. Here the river runs still and deep, a rich reddish-brown color reminiscent of a black tea. This color is caused by tannins, organic compounds released by decaying vegetation. As this vegetation drains through marshes and bogs, the bogs leach acids from pine needles and leaves, much like a giant tea bag. Other rivers and lakes turn amber or even orange, as oxidized iron and manganese mix with the organic material for a deeper hue. Out on the water a kayaker paddles slowly, leaving small ripples in the water. A small movement on the banks of the river reveal a great blue heron, fishing for small minnows in the shallows. Here the banks are deep in shadows, while out on the water the sunlight sparkles and dances. Small wrens and sparrows sing in the pines overhead as they bounce from branch to branch.

The trail comes to a small steam, bouncing and tumbling down a steep hill and over rocks of gneiss bedrock, typical of the Canadian Shield. At the base of the cataract are

clear pools of water, which reveal silt of red garnet (yes, really garnet!) and black magnetite. Tiny water striders zip across the surface on spindly legs, using surface tension to keep afloat. The little stream empties out onto a miniature sandy beach, where numerous canine footprints suggest a favorite area for swimming. Back at the base of the cascade a small bridge leads further along, while another trail follows the stream up to the top of that steep hill. A young labrador retriever races ahead of his owner, eager for a friendly pat on the head. His wet fur flings off in all directions as he gives a vigorous shake. This section of trail will traverse another steep incline before ending at a local road.

Back at the cascade the trail running beside it travels up a very steep section of hill, slick with those red pine needles. At the summit, the forest becomes a mix of evergreens and deciduous trees, with leaves still green, but with the occasional red or orange leaf floating gently to the forest floor. Up here a breeze is a welcome relief after the hot climb, ruffling the leaves in the canopy. Only the occasional mosquito buzzes close enough to be annoying. A trail map provides an overview of the multiple trails leading off to the distance, including the epic Trans Canada Trail. Other trails lead off to more parking lots.

It is the sound of rushing water that signifies that the trail has returned to the old dam. A small wooden bench, green with moss, looks out over the still pond, where the surface is broken by fish grabbing insects. The crowds are back, with people leaning on the metal railings to enjoy the view and take pictures. Children race across the metal gratings, dropping leaves and sticks into the current to watch them tumble over the dam. Back at the parking lot groups maneuver for a space, while other groups park farther down the road for the best panoramic view of the falls. Overall, a busy but very beautiful area to explore.



ANTEN MILLS By Dennis Gannon

Welcome to autumn! The time for fresh apples, pumpkin pie, cooler nights and shorter days. Autumn equinox was on Tuesday at 8:04 PM and from now until the Spring equinox we won't see 12 hours of daylight. In case you were wondering, Spring equinox is on March 20, 2027 at 4:24 PM.

With fall many events come along. Of course here in our community it starts this Saturday, September 26 with the annual Anten Mills Artisan Craft and Food Fair sponsored by the Anten Mills Community Recreation Association under the leadership of Roslyn. Doors will open on Saturday morning at 10 AM and you don't need to worry about breakfast this morning. For 2 toonies, you will get 2 delicious pancakes along with 2 sausages and the fixings. This breakfast is in support of the Elmvale and District Food Bank so if you can, throw in a bit more than the 2 toonies as you are supporting a great cause.

There will be a variety of items being offered that morning by local crafters. Preserves, wood crafts, knitting, metal work are just some of the items that will be available under the pavilion and along the path. You will need to look for the draw table as instead of charging the vendor for their space, they are required to supply a door prize of a minimum value. Ballots will be available so get your name in and you may receive a wonderful gift.

One of the booths that are a must visit is the Anten Mills CRA. There you can find out more about the community and the events and programs offered. Following up on previous years Anten Mills clothing items, a new logo will be revealed and you will definitely want to order some hoodies, crew necks or T-shirts to show your community pride. There may even be a special item that is being worked on.

At lunchtime it will be time to grab a bowl of fresh and delicious chilli as the best chilli cooks face off to see who has the best in the village. From noon until 1 in the community centre for a \$5 donation you get to sample the offerings and vote on which one you think is the finest.

Supporting this great community event is appreciated. It is not too late to become a vendor or a chilli entry. Send an email to Roslyn at farmview@on.aibn.com and she can help you out.

Last week the CRA met to discuss potential Halloween events. It was noted that the demographics are changing in the village and as children get a bit older, the parents have different priorities and are unable to commit to volunteering for this event. There are some Halloween enthusiasts in the village and they have stepped up to ensure that the Halloween kids party will continue. Max is heading up the event this year which will be held on Sunday, October 25 from 11AM to 1PM at the community centre and pavilion. There will be pumpkin carving, games and crafts and the little ones will be able to take a goodie bag home with them. Many of our community events are held without a cost to the participants. This is because as a community we receive our support through great residents and from those who post messages on the community board

along Wilson. In response when holding an event such as the kids Halloween party, it is requested that those attending bring a donation for the Elmvale and District Food Bank. Admission to the kids Halloween party will be a donation for the food bank which we hope you will understand and fully support. Max will be looking for some assistance with the event and there will be preregistration required to ensure that there are sufficient supplies and pumpkins for those attending.

It is interesting to note that Yogi, Cindy and BoBo bears were very quiet this year. There were a few sightings but not as many as in previous years. They must have found a good source for food. What was interesting was that a moose was seen not too far from the village last week. Who knew that a moose would be tramping around in our area.

Next Monday, September 28, the fire service is asking you to do a task that could save your family. September 28 is Save by the Beep day. Take a few minutes and with your family, test your smoke alarms and make certain that they are working. At the same time review your family fire safety plan so everyone knows what to do and where to go in the event of an alarm sounding. Heating season is here and while a fire doesn't have a particular season, they frequently happen more when heating appliances are working. Do yourself and your family a favour and check your smoke alarms.

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

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Jo Knows Nutrition by Joanne Nijhuis



Let's be honest - there are only so many jars of classic pesto one kitchen can handle before the family begs for mercy. If you are looking for a fresh and healthy way to use up that gorgeous explosion of garden basil, it's time to invoke the green goddess. Strikingly bright in colour and velvety smooth thanks to the ripe avocado, green goddess dressing is a kitchen workhorse. Whip up a batch in under 5 minutes and watch it transform your weekly meals. Toss it with a crunchy, chopped cabbage salad, drizzle it over grilled chicken or charred salmon, or set it out in a bowl as a delicious dip for your next raw veggie platter. So good.

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- INGREDIENTS (6 Servings)
- 1 cup (250 ml) fresh basil leaves, tightly packed
 - 1 ripe avocado, peeled and pitted
 - 1 cup (250 ml) plain Greek yogurt
 - ¼ cup (60 ml) fresh lemon juice
 - 2 Tablespoons (30 ml) extra virgin olive oil
 - 1 clove garlic, minced
 - ½ teaspoon (2.5 ml) salt
 - ¼ teaspoon (1.25 ml) black pepper
 - 1-2 Tablespoons (15-30 ml) water, to thin if needed

- INSTRUCTIONS
1. Combine all of the ingredients except for the water in a high-speed blender or food processor.
 2. Blend the ingredients until completely smooth and velvety.
 3. Stream in a little water if you prefer a pourable salad dressing consistency over a thick dip texture.
 4. Store in a sealed jar or container for up to 3 days. ENJOY!
- Per Serving: |Calories: 115 kcal | Carbohydrates: 5 g | Protein: 3.5 g | Fat: 9.5 g | Fibre: 2 g | Sodium: 0.5 mg |

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Building a Life for All Seasons written by Annie Warner Donnelly



Hello Everyone. I wonder if we shared a smile as we passed each other at the annual Simcoe County Quilt, Rug & Artisan Fair held at the Simcoe County Museum September 18-20. Presented by area Quilt Guilds, it was unmatched as fabrics of every shape and colour joined in a kaleidoscope of

detailed patters held together by intricate stitches. It was a feast for the eyes!

Booths filled with related products were inside and out. Hands on demonstrations enticed many to try something new. For those who looked for a freshly made snack or a drink, the Friends of the Museum food truck was nearby.

I watched as children sat at a potter's wheel spinning clay into small bowls that might hold a treasure when the clay dried; as they took turns spinning a wheel that quickly turned jute and coloured yarn into a serviceable piece of rope.

I stopped to speak with a young man carrying a small girl probably about two-years-old. His wife had turned the corner as she followed their son who had sprinted ahead, as young boys often do when presented with so many interesting things

to see. The man and child were standing beside the large replica of a multi-sailed ship resting in a glass case. I said hello to the little girl, pointed to the ship and encouraged her to say the word, "boat". She was shy, the way children can be when they meet strangers. As I walked away, I suddenly heard a small voice saying, "Boat, boat". I looked back and sure enough it was the little girl. Just learning to talk, she learned a new word at the Museum that day. Her Dad and I smiled at each other as I waved goodbye. After the Fair, just like that little girl, we all had new stories to tell. One of the best things about the Museum is its experienced staff and volunteers. They welcome us into history through artifacts that mean something to us. Their smiling faces and quick offers of assistance make it an enjoyable place to spend time. I look forward to my next visit!

Ward 4 Community Update from Councillor Anita Moore

Clearer Water and Wastewater Billing
At its September 16 meeting, Council approved a Water and Wastewater Billing and

Collection Policy intended to provide a consistent and transparent framework for utility accounts across Springwater.

The policy brings existing practices together in one document and clarifies responsibilities for customers, property owners, tenants and Township staff. Residential

customers will continue to be billed quarterly, while commercial and multi-residential accounts are billed monthly. Bills will generally provide 21 days for payment and will be

due no sooner than 14 days after being issued. The policy also explains how overdue accounts will be managed. Notices may be issued

at approximately 30 and 60 days past due. At approximately 90 days, unpaid balances may be transferred to the property tax roll. Property owners remain ultimately responsible for charges connected to their property, including accounts billed directly to tenants.

Importantly, customers who are unable to pay an outstanding balance in full may contact

the Township before collection reaches the tax-transfer stage to request a payment arrangement. Customers must remain current on new charges, and penalties and interest may continue to apply.

The policy also establishes procedures for billing errors, refunds, final bills, meter access,

leak adjustments and paperless billing. Customers remain responsible for keeping their mailing and email information current.

Water and wastewater revenues support the operation, maintenance and long-term renewal of these systems. A clear policy helps ensure customers are treated consistently, understand their responsibilities and know what options may be available

when account concerns arise.

Community Update from Ward 1 Councillor Matt Garwood

Hello Springwater residents. I'm pleased to share updates on recent council decisions, community events, and improvements 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.

Orr Lake Storm Debris Fee Waiver
Council asked the County of Simcoe to waive landfill disposal fees for storm-related trees and brush from Orr Lake properties impacted by the September 1–2 storm, to help residents manage cleanup. At the September 2 meeting, Council passed a motion making this request, but County staff have advised the waiver has not been granted, and standard landfill fees will continue to apply.

Cultural and Heritage Excellence Award Policy
Springwater approved a policy to create an annual Cultural and Heritage Excellence Award recognizing residents who have made significant contributions to local culture, history, or natural heritage. Recipients would receive public recognition, a certificate, and a \$500 donation to an eligible organization of their choice. More details will be released in 2027.

Utility Billing Frequency Review
Following direction from Council, staff reviewed the operational, financial, and customer-service impacts of increasing residential utility billing frequency from the current cycle to bi monthly or monthly billing. More frequent billing could help residents detect unusual water usage earlier, but any change would require 24 months to implement and would increase operating costs. This information will be provided to the next Council for consideration.

Springwater Sports Heritage Hall of Fame Induction
Congratulations to this year's recipients of the Springwater Sports Heritage Hall of Fame for their outstanding contributions to sport and community. The induction ceremony takes place this week, celebrating the achievements of athletes, builders, and teams who continue to inspire pride and excellence across Springwater.



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Cost: \$135.00

Thurs., October 15 - Niagara Fallsview Casino
Includes: a 4-hour stay at the Casino & \$35.00 in slot play (no meals)
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Thurs., October 22 - Sunday Afternoon Drive on a Thursday
Includes: Apple themed driving tour through the Beaver Valley with stops at “Pebbles Family Buffet” for lunch and The Rusty Star in the afternoon. **Cost:** \$130.00

Thurs., October 29 - One Day Shopping at Toronto Premium Outlets
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Thurs., November 12 - A Country Christmas with the Walters Family at the Sanderson Centre, Brantford
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Mon., November 30 - One of a Kind Craft Show & Yorkdale Shopping Centre
Includes: motor coach transportation to shopping venues and admission to the One of A Kind Show. (No meals) **Cost:** \$108.00

Thurs., December 10 - TSO Holiday Pops: A Celtic Celebration at Roy Thomson Hall, Toronto
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Preparing The Garden Ready for Winter

Every fall for many years, I laboured in my garden for hours digging, weeding, pulling out plants , and leaving behind. barren soil devoid of any plants at all. I spent many hours of grunt work turning over the soil thinking it needed to be aerated and loosened up. I had no idea that my back-breaking digging turned out to be completely counterproductive.

If I had, had a giant magnifying glass, I would have seen with my own eyes how I was harming the billions of microorganisms and creatures living in the soil. I might have seen earthworms that I exposed to the cold air slowly dying of dehydration or quickly being devoured by predators. As well, I might have crushed beneficial predatory beetles like ground beetles and ground-nesting bees which overwinter in my garden soil. (David Suzuki Foundation, Support overwintering pollinators in your garden, Aug. 18, 2026)

Sometimes, I saw centipedes and millipedes quickly scurrying to safety. They were able to escape through protective tunnels. But, it turned out with my sharp spade, I was responsible for demolishing these escape tunnels. But, why should I care whether I had creepy looking centipedes and millipedes in crawling around in my garden. Well, it turns out that centipedes keep garden pests that will eat your veggies from exploding! They have claws that are venomous and easily kill garden pests! And, I had no idea that millipedes actually help to fertilize my garden! You may wonder how that is possible. Millipedes chew up fallen leaves, rotting wood, and dead plant litter. Then after digesting the plant matter they will poop out essential minerals for your garden - nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, and organic carbon. It turns out that millipede frass (poop) is so

highly concentrated with the above minerals, the frass actually breaks down and enriches soil much faster than decaying leaves. (Research Community by Springer Nature, Unravelling the Mystery of Millipede Nutrition: Understanding the Role of their Gut Microbiota)

If I wanted to keep weeds in check, by digging I was doing the exact opposite! By turning over the soil, I brought dormant weed seeds to the surface where they started to grow profusely in the sunlight. (Life in the Soil, Natural History Museum)

I always wondered how short roots managed to reach the minerals in the soil that were located far away. Well it turns out that a massive, microscopic network called mycorrhizal fungi connect and intertwine with the roots. The very tiny threads which may grow inside the roots or outside can fit into tiny soil pores that plants cannot reach. They will absorb nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, and micro nutrients and deliver them to the plants. Since the fungi cannot photosynthesize to make its own glucose the plants will provide the mycorrhizal fungi with 20-30 % of its manufactured carbohydrates and lipids.As well, this fungal network acting as an extended root system helps plants survive severe droughts. So when I turned over the soil, I tore apart this important fungal network that had taken years to be built up in my soil. (Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, Mycorrhizal Fungi, Their Benefits to Plant Health and Roles in Resiliency)I learned if you keep digging quite regularly then the fungi ends up wasting energy regrowing the damaged network rather than supporting plant growth. Fortunately, plants will still get nutrients from bacteria and beneficial microbes continuing to break down the organic matter and

SEED COLLECTING

Have you ever thought about collecting seeds from your favourite flowers in your garden? You will have your own supply of seeds when you are ready to plant in the spring. You can even participate in seed swaps, a seed library or give them to family and friends.

So off I went to some of my dependable garden pages and this is what I came up with. Flowers with large seeds are especially easy to collect; like sunflowers (if the bird's haven't already got them), Morning Glories, Zinnas and Cosmos. Perennial seeds can take longer to grow. The plants don't bloom until year two. But you can give it a try. Or just divide

your perennial's for more plants.

Fall is usually the time to collect seeds. Or you can collect them through the summer from faded flowers. Try to let the seeds or seed pods dry completely on the plant before you collect them. Pick a few of your favourite plants. It may not be worth collecting every seed. Make sure the plants are healthy, for example powdery mildew can affect the seeds. If you collect seeds from a hybrid plant, the new plants will not look like mom or dad. Open-pollinated plants, the ones that reproduce naturally will look like mom and dad.

releasing basic nutrients needed by the plants- but it will not be as efficient as the mycorrhizal fungi. If you stop digging and add organic matter like compost, the mycorrhizal fungal networks will start to repair itself and regrow. (Gardenmyths.com Mycorrhizal Fungi, The Latest Scientific News-Garden Myths) Aug. 10, 2025 Another advantage of leaving all your plants in the ground is they will help hold the soil in place by holding the soil together with their roots blocking wind and water.

So now when I ready my garden bed for winter, all I do is remove all diseased plants and pull out weeds. Then, I place a layer of compost on top of my soil instead of digging, so the worms will have opportunities to pull nutrients down into the soil and feed soil microbes during the winter.

I never, ever pull any of the big plant stems as they provide habitats for beneficial insects like native bees and helpful gardens bugs – many insects will lay eggs inside the hardy stalks keeping them safe until spring. In winter hungry birds like chickadees, goldfinches, and song sparrows will land on the sturdy stalks and pick out seeds to eat. All the plants I left in the garden will also help cut down cold winds that will dry out the soil.

And, as an added bonus the plants left in the soil will provide you with free fertilizers as the plants break down it will add nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium back into the soil. I now have lots of time to relax and peruse garden magazines highlighting my favourite native plants, cup plants and Gaillardia.

Respectfully submitted by Gwen Petreman

You can use a small brown paper bag to put the flower heads in. And shake the bag hard to remove the "chaff" from the seeds. Spread seeds out on a cookie sheet. Make sure the seeds are dry. Any moisture and the seeds will rot. You can store your seeds in airtight small paper envelopes, with the name of the plant and date picked written on it. I googled seed envelopes and found lots of options. Keep your seeds in a dry, cool place. When stored properly the dried seeds can last 1 to 3 years.

So if you find this interesting, happy collecting.



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HEY DADS

Hey Dads! Did you ever fall off a ladder? I don't recommend it. How about a roof? I know some other dads who fell off roofs but have never experienced the thrill myself. In my younger years I may have jumped off the occasional roof but always on purpose. How about a rickety old stool? I'm pretty sure I was standing on one before I found myself lying on the floor.

Let's go back to last year. We got a cat. We thought he was a he. He was a she. She had kittens. Those kittens had kittens, etc. We live out down a dirt road where our closest neighbours are a mile away. Evidence would suggest that a male cat can travel at least a mile and maybe more. Ok. Back to that stool I was standing on.

I was tucking in our three sons in their triple bunk bed the other night. I happened to glance out the window and thought I saw him. That's right. You know who I'm talking about. Garfield. Prowling around outside, up to no good. Searching for a free meal and some companionship I suspect. But was it really him? I only had a quick glimpse and then he ran behind our big, blue, rusty van. I needed a closer look.

How could I look out the window and over the van? I needed to get higher. A quick scan around the room revealed a 3-legged, somewhat wiggly drum stool beside the boys' drum set. The right tool for the right job! I carefully balanced my 45-year-old frame on top of the stool, feet close together, arms outstretched like an athletic and highly-skilled tightrope walker. Just a little bit higher and I could see that crafty kitty. I stretched up and then...

I was falling through space. The stool spun out from beneath me. I grasped for the bunk bed but missed. My hands clawed the air as I tried to arrest my fall. I did get one foot awkwardly on the ground so I could pivot and spin, slightly slowing down my descent. Thankfully the boys had just cleaned up the various toys and other hazards that had been strewn about the floor only minutes earlier. There was a slight crashing sound and a muffled cry escaped from my lips. Various family members who were still to be tucked in came running to see what happened.

"Are you okay?" my patient and somewhat confused wife asked as she came through the door and found me lying on my back beside the capsized drum stool. I wiggled my toes. I wiggled my fingers. "Ya, I'm okay. I fell off the stool."

"Why were you standing on the stool?" "I was trying to see that cat." Laughter erupted from children of all ages. Somewhat dazed, I got up and went on my way. Such is life, dad. Sometimes you win and sometimes you L...learn. This week I learned not to stand on drum stools. Time flies (and so do dads but not very well), make every moment count! Even the falling through space ones.

Jason Weening tries to avoid doing things that make his 10 kids and 1 patient wife laugh at him. Check out his book, "Yes, Dear...I'm Watching Them" on Amazon.



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FORM 6
SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER
Municipal Act, 2001
Ontario Regulation 181/03, Municipal Tax Sale Rules

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TINY

Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on October 29, 2026, at the Township of Tiny Municipal Office, 130 Balm Beach Rd. W., Tiny, Ontario.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Township of Tiny Municipal Office, 130 Balm Beach Rd. W., Tiny.

Description of Lands:

1. Roll No. 43 68 000 010 00600 0000; TINY; PINs 58422-0075 (LT) & 58422-0125 (LT); FIRSTLY: PT N1/2 LT 10 CON 15 TINY AS IN RO1043085; TINY; SECONDLY: PT RDAL BTN CON 15 & 16 TINY BEING PT 10 51R37491 (CLOSED BY BYLAW SC855017); TOWNSHIP OF TINY; File No. 24-04

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$79,000

Minimum tender amount: \$15,074.05

2. Roll No. 43 68 000 004 52600 0000; TINY; PIN 58393-0055 (LT); PT LT 23 CON 5 TINY LYING N OF LT 17, PL981 EXCEPT AS IN RO1101585; TINY; File No. 24-07

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$23,000

Minimum tender amount: \$10,320.14

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 per cent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/ money order payable to the municipality.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to, availability of road access or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. The assessed value, according to the last returned assessment roll, may or may not be representative of the current market value of the property.

Pursuant to the Prohibition on the Purchase of Residential Property by Non-Canadians Act, S.C. 2022, c. 10, s. 235 (the "Act"), effective January 1, 2023, it is prohibited for a non-Canadian to purchase, directly or indirectly, any residential property, as those terms are defined in the legislation. Contraventions of the Act

are punishable by a fine, and offending purchasers may be ordered to sell the residential property.

The municipality assumes no responsibility whatsoever for ensuring bidders/tenderers comply with the Act, and makes no representations regarding same. Prospective bidders/tenderers are solely responsible for ensuring compliance with the Act and are advised to seek legal advice before participating in this sale.

Transfers of properties that contain at least one and not more than six single family residences and are transferred to non-residents of Canada or foreign entities, are subject to the Province's Non-Resident Speculation Tax (NRST).

This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and any taxes that may be applicable, such as a land transfer tax and HST.

TAKE NOTICE: Where a refund is claimed by a qualifying first-time Homebuyer under the Land Transfer Tax Act, the Municipality requires the purchaser to retain legal counsel to complete the transfer.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender, visit:
www.OntarioTaxSales.ca
or if no internet access available, contact:

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Storytime at the Library

Join Kaitlyn (Elmvale and Minesing Branch) and Katie (Midhurst Branch) for weekly Storytime in the library! We will be singing songs, reading stories and having fun! At the end of each Storytime program, families can take home a free craft! Mondays 10:30am at Elmvale Branch, Tuesdays 11am at Minesing Branch and Wednesdays 10:30am at Midhurst Branch. No registration required for this drop-in program.

After School Open Play

Every Thursday come in for our open play session. Games, toys, LEGO and colouring are all available to use with friends and family. All ages are welcome to join in the fun! Thursdays 3:30pm at Minesing Branch. No registration required for this drop-in program.

Tech Help for Seniors

With new technology being released daily, it can be hard to keep up! Sign up for an appointment for seniors to receive one-on-one tech help. Bi-weekly Thursdays 3pm-5pm (40 minute appointments) at Elmvale Branch. Cost: Free. Registration required.

Outreach in the Community

We will be attending the following local, community events: Midhurst Autumnfest 9am-4pm and the Antenn Mills Craft Fair 9:30am-1:30pm. Drop by and say, hi!

Truth and Reconciliation

Please note, all branches of Springwater Public Library will be closed Wednesday September 30 in observance of National Truth and Reconciliation Day. We will reopen to regular branch hours on Thursday October 1.

Let's Talk About Death

In partnership with Hospice Simcoe, join us for a casual chat exploring why conversations about death matter, addressing common myths and fears, and creating space for open dialogue. Thursday October 8, 6pm-7:30pm at Midhurst Branch. Cost: Free. Registration required.

Senior Social DIY Tote Bag

Create a one-of-a-kind book bag using the art of sublimation. No experience needed! Friday October 9, 11am at Midhurst Branch. Cost: Free. Registration required.



Midland Public Library is hosting an
All Candidates MEETING

Where:
Bourgeois Community Centre

When:
Thursday, October 8, 2026

Time:
6:30 pm - Doors open
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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

EVENTS

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

Ganaraska Hiking, Barrie Club
Start: Feb. 25, 2026 10:00
End: May. 27, 2026 10:00
Location: Various locations
Description: Guided forest hikes every Wednesday as detailed in the GHTA website calendar.

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

Euchre - 7 pm
Elmvale Legion

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

Bay Shore Seniors Club

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
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Midland Ganaraska Hiking Trail Club
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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.

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

FREE EVENTS PAGE
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Special Events One Time

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, September 8th
Tuesday, September 22nd
Tuesday, October 13th
September 15th - Trivia Night @ 7 pm, \$5.00 admission
Sunday, September 20 - One Day Only - SingoBingo, 2-4 pm; \$5.00
Friday, September 25th - Dance Featuring the Black Jacks @ 8 pm, doors open at 7:30; \$5.00 admission

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- 12 Pink, as a steak
- 13 Wonder
- 14 Corrode
- 15 Invention seed
- 16 Early morning droplets
- 17 Prepare, as a turkey
- 19 Waist to the knees
- 21 Rewards for waiting
- 24 Resting place
- 27 Sediment
- 30 Prelude to a duel
- 31 Spoken
- 32 Person needing medical care
- 34 Gift wrapping need
- 35 "When Irish ___ Are Smiling"
- 36 Termination
- 38 Breaks off
- 42 Do road work
- 44 "___ She Lovely?"
- 47 Directly, directionally
- 48 Yearling's age
- 49 Clog or sandal
- 50 Mine rock
- 51 Unpaired
- 52 Rancher's concern
- 53 Cherry

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- 1 Got a good look at
- 2 Car-transmission selection
- 3 Golden in San Francisco
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- 6 It often follows you

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- 7 Coarsely-ground corn
- 8 Frog's juvenile phase
- 9 "You ___ it to yourself"
- 10 Recently produced for the first time
- 18 Like some glances
- 20 Back up
- 22 Sherlock Holmes's smoke
- 23 Stick it out
- 25 Sports buff
- 26 High-rise dwelling, abbr.
- 27 Part of any URL address
- 28 Segment of history
- 29 Covered some cracks temporarily perhaps
- 33 Broke in
- 37 Gossip
- 39 Olfactory stimulus
- 40 Unalloyed
- 41 High-ranking player
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To the Elmvale Community,

We would like to take a moment to express our deepest and most heartfelt thank you to the wonderful people of Elmvale for the outpouring of support we received following the March 7th motor vehicle collision that affected Heidi and Lily.

During a difficult and overwhelming time, this community came together for us in ways we will never forget. It is hard to put into words how grateful we are. Your generosity and compassion helped carry us through this challenging experience and made the hard days a little easier. Every single act of kindness was a great source of comfort and strength.

We are so thankful to live in Elmvale and that we chose this wonderful town to call home. When we first moved to Elmvale, we noticed that it was a close-knit, kind, and caring community. Experiencing that kindness firsthand not just now, but for the past 15 years, has reinforced how fortunate we feel to be part of it. The people of Elmvale make this town special, and we will never forget how you came together for us when we needed it most.

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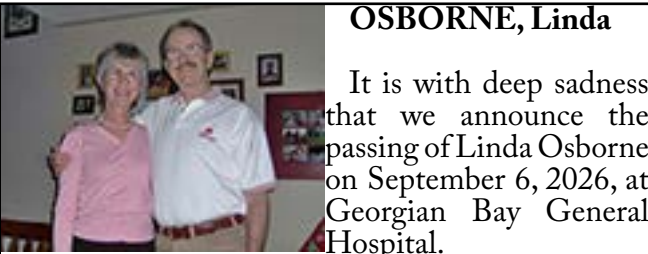


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OSBORNE, Linda

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Linda Osborne on September 6, 2026, at Georgian Bay General Hospital.

Originally from St. Catharines, Linda was a dedicated, long-time employee in the Advertising Department at the Toronto Star. Warm and wonderful, she was very well liked by all those who had the privilege of knowing her.

Linda was the beloved wife and the love of his life to Bruce Lloyd, with whom she shared 22 wonderful years of marriage. She leaves behind her stepdaughters Cindy (Sean) and Laura (Becca), her estranged son Sean, her cherished grandchildren Michelle, Mathew, Monica & step-grandchildren Kaileigh, Zack, Ben, Curtis, Josh, Graeme, Carleen, and Evan.

She will be sadly missed by her sister Diane (Wayne) & predeceased sisters Ruth (Dennis) & Mavis (Steve).

Bruce and the family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to all the doctors and nurses at Georgian Bay General Hospital for the excellent and compassionate care Linda received during her time there.

A private family service will be held at the cemetery. The family kindly requests no flowers.

In Loving Memory of Morgan Adams October 1st, 2025

One year has almost passed since we lost you Morgan, our hearts still ache just as deeply as they did the day you left us.

Not a day goes by that we don't miss your smile, your laughter, your unforgettable sense of humour. The memories we made with you are now our most precious treasures, and we will carry them in our hearts forever.

Your boys are a beautiful part of your legacy and of our lives. We will make sure Otto and Mack grow up knowing how deeply their Daddy loved them and how very much he is loved and missed by all of us.

We will carry your love and memory with us always

Forever loved. Forever missed. Forever our Morgan.

Love Ma, Brea, Alannah, Otto & Mack



**ARCHER, Irma
Patricia Rhea Marie**

Reunited in heaven with her husband the late Leonard A. Archer. Married for 49 years.

Mother to Janice, Marguerite (Peggy) Lalonde (Tim), Connie (Reid), Patrick (late Debbie) and the late Daniel.

Beloved grandmother to Nathan (Lori), Zachary (Courtney), Lucas, Chelsea, Aislinn (Nathan), Meagan (Mitch), Christopher (Paige).

Great Grandmother to William, Rudy, Roslyn, Lillian, Brayden and Ivy.

Daughter of the late Daniel and Aurore Laurin. Sister to Yvonne Ladouceur (late Bernard) and pre-deceased by Albert Laurin (Rita), Ligouri Laurin (Marielle), Gabriel Laurin (Anita), Remi Laurin (Clarissa), Julia Marchildon (Gerard), Sr. Marcella, Aldee, Paul.

Missed by many nieces and nephews. Irma enjoyed camping with friends and family, golf, mini putt, travel, knitting and bowling. Volunteered for Our Lady of Lourdes Church and Bayshore Seniors.

Special thanks to the staff of Hillcrest who provided excellent care to our mom.

A visitation will be held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale from 2-4 and 7-9 pm Thursday, September 24, 2026. Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Elmvale on Friday, September 25, 2026 at 11 am.

Interment Elmvale Cemetery.

Charitable donations to Alzheimer's Society, Heart and Stroke Foundation, Elmvale and District Food Bank or charity of your choice would be greatly appreciated.

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**GIFFEN, Ronald
Gordon**

It is with broken hearts that we announce the passing of Ronald Gordon Giffen, our "humble shepherd," on September 9, 2026 at Toronto General Hospital. Ron, in his 69th year, cherished his wife of 40 years, Lorrie Giffen, proud father of Megan (Max) Kant and Molly (Joseph) Scicluna and adoring grandfather of Gibson, Miller and Edison. He is survived by his devoted brother Greg (Yvonne) Giffen, dear Sister-in-law Sandy (Mike) Townes, his nieces and nephews Jason (Melanie) Giffen, Jayde (Jeremy) Isaac, Patrick (Samantha) Townes and Kelsey (Mike) Temolder plus his great nieces and nephews as well as his furry family Avery, "Willy" and Pearl. He is predeceased by his parents, Gordon and Gwyneth Giffen and in-laws Orval and Patricia Elliott.

He will be missed by his extended family, cousins, neighbours, and last but not least his Ridgetown crew.

Ron was an accomplished fastball pitcher in the Barrie & District Intermediate Fastball League for many years. He gave up fastball to pursue his love of farming. He attended Ridgetown Agricultural College and took courses in sheep management. He started with a small flock after college but eventually bought 500 sheep from Vavenby BC. He was a humble, honest, devoted shepherd and got to work with his dad and best friend every day but Sunday! After 40 years he had to give up sheep when he couldn't breathe in the barn. He switched to cash crops but became even more reliant on the neighbours after his double lung transplant. During two and a half years of hospitalizations, he was constantly surrounded by his most precious daughters and wife, Lorrie, the love of his life. He had one good year post transplant and took his family on two long awaited vacations! Ironically he passed away happily watching the movie "Sheep Detective" in the ICU with family by his side.

We're thankful for the amazing care he received at Toronto General Hospital, Toronto Grace Health Centre, RVH, St Elizabeth Healthcare, Bayshore Home Health and Dr Thomas Mills. We're also most grateful for the tremendous support we received from family, friends and neighbours.

As per Ron's wishes, there will be a private family visitation and graveside service at a later date.

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SICKINGER, Chris

Chris Sickinger passed away on Friday, September 18th, at the age of 58. He will be deeply missed by his family, his wife Alexandra and daughters Julia and Shelby. Chris will be remembered by those who knew him for his honesty and upstanding character. Chris spent his life trying to improve the lives of others in any way possible. He was an avid outdoorsman and spent much of his life teaching others the importance of respect for wildlife. Chris recently put his daughter's education to the forefront by moving to the U.S so that she could attend law school. This loss is indescribable, Chris will be forever missed.

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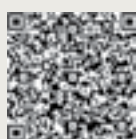
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