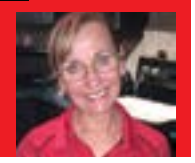
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The Most Wonderful Time of the Year:

Supporting Local This Holiday Season

By Kari Belcourt / North Simcoe Springwater News

The twinkle of Christmas lights, colourful ornaments and familiar holiday traditions are beginning to make their way across North Simcoe. With calendars filling up with community events, gifts to wrap and holiday meals to prepare, the Christmas season is quickly approaching.

While the holidays are often described as the most wonderful time of the year, they can also bring financial pressure. With the rising cost of everyday essentials, many families are feeling the pinch and looking for meaningful ways to celebrate without stretching their budgets. Others want to support local businesses but aren't always sure where to begin or what treasures can be found close to home.

Perhaps this year is an opportunity to rethink the holiday to-do list and focus on what Christmas is really about: kindness, giving and connection.

Christmas isn't measured by how much we spend, but by the thought and meaning behind what we give. Fortunately, our region is full of local businesses, artisans and experiences that make it easier to find something special while keeping our community thriving.

Gifts for Him

Finding the perfect gift for the men in our lives can sometimes be a challenge. For someone who insists they don't need anything, consider giving the gift of an experience or a little well-deserved time for themselves.

For a classic barbershop experience, History Barbershop in Midland offers traditional haircuts, fades, beard trims and straight razor shaves. With two fully licensed locations, a welcoming atmosphere and a distinctive personality, it's a great option for someone who appreciates a little self-care. Gift cards, cigars, beard care and styling products are also available.

Another way to give someone a day off is with a professional vehicle detail. Spotless Detailing is a Springwater business that offers a mobile service throughout the North Simcoe area, bringing the convenience of a detailing appointment right to your doorstep. Gift cards and loyalty cards are also available, making it an easy gift to give. To book or inquire, contact 705-717-9140 or aidenseney08@gmail.com.



For the outdoorsman or fishing enthusiast, Mastery Fishing Charters in Midland offers guided fishing trips throughout the year, including open-water and ice-fishing experiences. Arranging a charter is a thoughtful way to give someone a day outdoors filled with fresh air, relaxation and a little friendly competition. To arrange a trip, contact 705-209-4425 or masteryfishingcharters@gmail.com.

For the golfer in your life, consider a gift card, membership or pass at one of the area's many courses, including Orr Lake, Brooklea, Midland Country Club, Balm Beach, Simoro, Springwater and Marlwood.

For something a little different, locally available favourites such as Whiskey Road Hats and flavoured whiskey from 99 Bottles offer additional gift ideas. Pair them with a cigar or a fresh barbershop experience for a thoughtful combination.

Gifts for Her

Sometimes the best gift is the opportunity to slow down, relax and enjoy a little time away from the

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Nestled in Horseshoe Valley, Vettä Nordic Spa offers a year-round wellness experience inspired by Finnish traditions. Guests can enjoy saunas, steam rooms, hot baths, cold plunges and quiet relaxation spaces surrounded by nature. Massage therapy and additional wellness experiences are also available.

For those interested in beauty and holistic wellness, Empowered by BAE offers personalized medical aesthetics and wellness treatments. The clinic begins with an individual consultation to understand each client's goals and develop a tailored treatment plan, with services including facials, acupuncture and other treatments.

Another unique experience can be found at Heritage Estate Winery & Cidery in Simcoe County. This family-owned boutique vineyard and cidery offers guided property tours and tastings, providing an opportunity to explore local craftsmanship and enjoy the scenic property. Gift an experience that combines local flavours with a little time away.

For the Conversation Piece

For those looking for something unique, the downtown shops of Elmvale, Midland and Penetanguishene offer plenty of opportunities to discover one-of-a-kind gifts.

From artisan creations and distinctive home décor to clothing and restored treasures, local shops such as Tiny Art Shack, Simply Country and Sunday Restorations offer something different from the usual big-box shopping experience. Shopping locally also means supporting the small businesses and entrepreneurs that help give our communities their character.

For the Kids

Experiences can make wonderful gifts for children, especially when they create memories that last beyond Christmas morning.

Rounds Ranch offers annual memberships that provide a full year of family fun, with more than 25 activities throughout the spring, summer and fall. Attractions include the petting zoo, tractor rides, corn maze, seasonal events, sunflower experiences, Pumpkin Mania and Halloween celebrations.

Membership ideas are also something to check out at Discovery Harbour, Wye Marsh or one of the many local museums.

For children who enjoy winter activities, consider giving the gift of learning a new sport. Ski lessons and equipment rentals are available at Snow Valley Ski Resort, Mount St. Louis Moonstone, Horseshoe Valley Resort and Blue Mountain.

For something to unwrap, Minds Alive in downtown Midland is an independent toy store offering educational toys, building sets, craft kits, science experiments, puzzles, games, books and hands-on activities for children of all ages. It's a great place to find gifts that encourage creativity, learning and time away from screens.

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Gifts for Everyone and Holiday Markets

Not every gift needs to be wrapped or placed under the tree. For office exchanges, Secret Santa gatherings and holiday parties, locally made products are a wonderful way to introduce friends and family to the talents and flavours found throughout our region.

Local chocolates, fresh bread, baked goods, specialty oils and vinegars, handmade pottery, jewellery and home décor are just some of the options available through area businesses and artisans.

The third annual Elmvale Christmas Night Market takes place November 19 and 20, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The two-night event brings together approximately 70 local makers, artisans, food vendors and musicians, offering plenty of opportunities to find unique Christmas gifts. Visitors can browse handmade pottery, jewellery, home décor, clothing, Christmas decorations and much more.

Tina Breen, one of the organizers, says the market has grown into something special for the community.

"What started as a small idea has turned into a treasured Elmvale event. We created this market to bring our community together and share a little Christmas magic—with thoughtful gifts, talented local makers and live music, all while supporting our downtown businesses and the Elmvale & District Food Bank."

The market also supports the Elmvale & District Food Bank, with visitors having the opportunity to enter a draw for one of three giant gift baskets when donating to the food bank trucks. With approximately 70 local makers participating, the event offers a wonderful opportunity to find something special while supporting local artisans and giving back to the community.

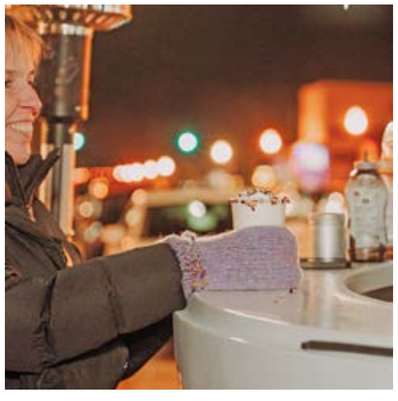
Bradford Greenhouses is also continuing its holiday market at its Barrie location, with four remaining festive weekends of shopping and local artisan discoveries. The market runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on November 21 and 22, November 28 and 29, December 5 and 6, and December 12 and 13. Visitors can browse handmade gifts and seasonal finds, enjoy coffee from Banana Café Bike and bring along their pets. This is the perfect spot to grab your annual Christmas ornament while supporting local.

A Little More Meaning This Christmas

Supporting local doesn't mean spending more. It means making thoughtful choices about where we shop, who we support and how we connect with the people around us.

Whether it's purchasing a gift card from a neighbourhood business, choosing a handmade item from a local artisan, booking an experience for someone special or attending a community holiday market, every purchase helps support the people and businesses that make North Simcoe home.

This Christmas, consider making room in the holiday rush to explore what's right here in our own backyard. The most meaningful gifts aren't always the biggest or most expensive. Sometimes they're the experiences we share, the businesses we help sustain and the connections we strengthen along the way.





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2026 Municipal Elections

Tiny Votes

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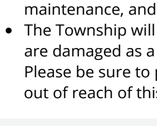
A total of 45.23% of eligible voters participated in the 2026 election.

Thank you to the Tiny community for participating, and a very special thank you goes to our incredible Election Help Team for your assistance in running a very busy, successful election.

Congratulations to the 2026-2030 Township of Tiny Council

Mayor: Dave Brunelle
Deputy Mayor: Karen Zulynik
Councillors: Don Anthony
Jessie Garland
Steffen Walma

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



Citizen of the Year Awards

Submissions are open for our Citizen of the Year Awards! Nominate a worthy Tiny resident for one of four award categories by January 5, 2027, at **tiny.ca/Volunteer**.

Winter Maintenance Reminders



Snow Removal

- Higher speed roads with heavier traffic are plowed first based on Provincial Maintenance Standards.
- Property owners are responsible for removing snow that accumulates at the end of driveways as a result of road maintenance.
- Disposing of or piling snow from private property onto a highway or municipal lands, including ditches, is strictly prohibited.
- Sand is only applied to roads at major intersections, hills, and corners during freezing rain/icy conditions.
- Sand is not applied to straight-a-ways as it is the driver's responsibility to drive according to weather and road conditions.

Winter Parking

- During the winter months, parking on the road is strictly prohibited where it interferes with snow removal practices. The township does not have an allotted time of day to which parking is allowed as snow removal can happen at any/all times of day. Cars that are found to be parked on the roadside during snow removal operations will be ticketed.

Hazards

- Ensure children refrain from building tunnels or forts inside snow banks by roadways.
- The Township owns and maintains municipal road allowances including roads and shoulders which need to be clear of landscaping and other stored materials. Residents are asked to keep this area clear of stored items and other obstructions. Items left within the road's allowance may be damaged during winter maintenance, and the Township is not responsible for any resulting damage.
- The Township will not replace items (including mailboxes and garbage bins) that are damaged as a result of snow accumulation or force of snow off the plow blade. Please be sure to place items far enough back onto your property to keep them out of reach of this area to avoid damage or destruction.



Are you prepared for an emergency?

Make sure you have at least a 72-hour emergency kit ready. Think about a kit for your car and pets too! Download our checklists to learn about what pack at **tiny.ca/Prepare**.

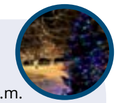
Council Meeting Schedule

November 25 1:00 PM *
December 2 2:00 PM
December 16 2:00 PM

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Watch the live-stream on Tiny's YouTube channel!

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**. *November 25 is the inaugural meeting of Council.

Recreation and Special Events



Tree Lighting Celebration

- December 4, 2026 from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Step into Santa's Village at Perkinsfield Park! Gather with friends and family for the countdown to the tree lighting, live entertainment, and activities for all ages. Learn more at **tiny.ca/TreeLighting**.

Carnaval d'Hiver

- February 6, 2027 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Join us for a day of classic winter fun with family-friendly activities, refreshments by the fire, and the celebration of all things winter in Tiny. Lean more at **tiny.ca/Carnaval**.

March Break Events

- Tiaras and Teacups: Princess Tea Party - March 13
- Zoo to You - March 17
- Indoor Laser Tag Adventure - March 18

Get your tickets at **tiny.ca/MarchBreak**.

Upcoming Line Dancing Sessions

- Township of Tiny Community Centre December 10, January 14, and February 11. 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. for $10 +HST. Learn more at **tiny.ca/PlayPortal**.



Holiday Safety Reminders from Tiny Fire

- Water fresh trees daily.
- Do not leave candles unattended and keep them away from any flammable material. Consider using flameless candles instead.
- Never leave your cooking unattended.
- Check all lights before decorating and look for broken or damaged lights, strings, or plugs. Do not overload electrical outlets.

Publication of 2025 Audited Financial Statements

The Township of Tiny would like to advise Township residents and tax-payers that as per the requirements of the Municipal Act section 295, the 2025 Audited Financial Statements are now available. The statements can be downloaded by visiting **tiny.ca/FinancialStatements** or alternatively a request for copies can be made by contacting Haley Leblond, Director of Corporate Services/Deputy CAO at **hleblond@tiny.ca**. Township residents and taxpayers may review the audited statements upon request, at no cost.

Letter from the Editor

By Kari Belcourt / North Simcoe Springwater News

Our dear friend, the sun, has been visiting less frequently, leaving you and me under a blanket of cool air. One of us chops the firewood while the other starts bringing out the boxes of winter clothes that seem like they were only just put away for summer. Although, we should not be so quick to complain, as the grass is still present on our lawns.

Now, don't blame me if snow appears while you're holding this edition. I may be an editor, but surely I'm not a weatherman or a superhero who can control or predict the weather. Although, since this is being written, I suppose you can envision me however you'd like. Feel free to add a cape or an umbrella.

I thought we could use these last few calm, cool days to get cozy around the fire, while the leaves have said their goodbyes but the snow has yet to introduce itself.

As I play the Christmases of years gone by in my mind, there is a warm hue that seems to surround every memory. Perhaps it's the reflection of the fireplace, or the fact that LED lights weren't quite the thing around the Christmas tree yet. The smell of a fresh-cut tree, shortbread baking and peppermint candy canes filled the room, adding to the excitement. There were bells jingling each time we headed out to another holiday event, laughter and songs shared among friends gathered around the tree.

As children, the Christmas spirit doesn't need to be found. It rushes in and fills your chest. It leaves you prancing, dancing and jumping for joy the night before as you eagerly await Christmas morning.

For adults, that spirit can be a little harder to find. Surely it's still there somewhere, though. Maybe it was left in the box of decorations at some point, or perhaps somewhere at the gas pump. Wherever you left it, I want to assure you that now is the time to find it.

Christmas isn't about how much you spend, what gifts you buy or how big the tree is. The memories that shine the brightest are the dance routines created between cousins at family gatherings, the sleeping family friend you accidentally jumped onto because you were so excited on Christmas morning, or the Christmas village that brought the imagination of the season to life.

I can promise you that I no longer have the cellphone I received in Grade 7, but someone will inevitably bring up the story of how I dropped to the floor in disbelief when I opened it. That's what lasts. The memories. And those are priceless.

One of the most interesting things I've come to appreciate is the miracle of Christmas itself. Throughout some of the hardest periods in history, Christmas has offered a moment when goodness seems to rise above everything else.

On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in 1914, during the First World War, an extraordinary moment unfolded along parts of the Western Front. Roughly 100,000 British, French, Belgian and German troops participated in informal ceasefires. Soldiers emerged from their trenches and entered No Man's Land, exchanging greetings, singing Christmas carols, including Silent Night, trading small gifts and helping bury the fallen.

There are accounts of impromptu soccer kickabouts, with soldiers using whatever they could find as a ball. For a brief moment, men who had been fighting one another stood together as people rather than enemies.

There are also countless stories of families and civilians enduring wartime hardship, living with rationing and uncertainty, yet setting something aside for Christmas. An orange, a little sugar or a small treat saved for someone they loved. Even when there was very little to give, people found something to share.

It's a reminder that no matter where the river takes us, we control the boat and goodness truly exists. Sometimes it appears in the most unexpected places, and sometimes it is found in the smallest gestures.

As we approach the holiday season, I've come to realize that I've been sitting in this editor's chair longer than I initially thought. During this time, I've received so many comments, emails, phone calls and letters from you, our readers.

I want to take a moment to tell you that I read every single one.

More often than not, your words leave me so speechless that I'm rushing off to the next event, deadline or task before I can find the right words to respond. And this is where an apology is due. You deserve more than that.

I'm sorry I haven't taken the time to tell each of you individually how much your words mean to me. How much they inspire me, motivate me and keep me moving forward.

This world can be scary, frustrating and downright angering. Trust me, I understand that. I'm not denying the pain or pretending it doesn't exist. I feel it, too. But after years of disappointments, I've come to a conclusion: it's better to laugh than cry. It's better to look for the beauty that remains and find the window with the best view.

It was only after learning that lesson that I found myself in this position, sitting in this chair that I now rarely leave.

I finally found what I had spent so many late nights fighting to find, trying to fix and working towards. People who understand that goodness doesn't have to change.

Gas prices may change. Borders may shift. The world may try to divide everything into black and white, telling us what to think and where to stand. But there is something in between that cannot be so easily controlled: the grey.

It's found in our conversations, our differences, our shared experiences, our words and the way we choose to see one another. It's found in the things we talk about, the stories we share and the people who make up our communities.

That is where your words matter. They are powerful. They change the way we see the world and how we relate to one another.

When life is condensed into headlines and statistics, we miss the largest part of the story: the people.

Your words help me tell the story of the goodness that exists right here in our own backyard. They remind me why this newspaper matters and why the voices within our communities deserve to be heard.

No matter what changes around us, don't let anyone take that from you.

Last Christmas was one I cherished so deeply that I repeatedly called it my favourite since childhood. I think it's because I finally allowed myself to appreciate the people, traditions and simple fun instead of getting caught up in the hustle and bustle of the season.

The memories, laughter and joy we shared are things I will carry with me for the rest of my life.

We all have that opportunity again this year.

So, as you bring out the decorations, gather around the fire, prepare your holiday meals or make your way into another busy December, I hope you take a moment to slow down. Find that Christmas spirit you may have misplaced along the way. Make the memories, share the laughter, call the people you haven't spoken to in a while and remember that the smallest gestures can sometimes mean the most.

And if you happen to find yourself with a little extra Christmas spirit, pass some along.

After all, goodness is something worth sharing.



SPRINGWATER VESPRA LIONS CLUB DUCK RACE BENEFITS SIMCOE HOSPICE – SEASONS CENTRE

The Springwater Vespra Lions Club held their 35th Annual White Water Willy Duck Race in Midhurst on September 26th. The club raised close to $6,500 this year enabling them to support Simcoe Hospice – Seasons Centre. The club would like to thank our many local business sponsors and special thanks to The ICE CREAM Hut and Currie Heavy Towing & Currie Truck Centre for sponsoring our First and Second Place $500 prizes. We would also like to thank the many other businesses and Springwater community members who continue to support this worthy cause.

PHOTO: November 5th, 2026 cheque presentation to Simcoe Hospice – Seasons Centre. Left to right are Lion Al Mills, Marilyn Guest of Simcoe Hospice – Seasons Centre & Lion Ken Ground.

Prize winners from the September 26th, 2026 race were:

1st Duck # 1293 – Alison Kossowski
2nd Duck #955 – Jim Ardito
3rd Duck #355 – Morag Harvey
4th Duck #1289 – Gail Green
5th Duck #63 – Marilyn Ashton
6th Duck #985 – Heather Gittings
7th Duck #1182 – Mona Bailey
8th Duck #774 – Mary Grey
9th Duck #1736 – Dorothy Cepas
10th Duck #890 – Greg Cutts
11th Duck #1296 – Alison Kossowski
12th Duck # 467 – Mike Henri
13thDuck #154 – Jay Johnson



14thDuck #1765 – Michelle VanWalraven
15th Duck #1307 – Kristin Kilburn
16th Duck #673 – Sarah Bridges
17th Duck #1487 – Steph Hatfield
18th Duck #17 – Jim Tyler
Last Duck #111 – Sharon Kuypers

Elmvale Bike Night Gives Back to the Community

A huge thank you to Elmvale Bike Night for its generous donation of more than $2,000!

Proceeds from the event are shared between the Royal Canadian Legion and the Elmvale & District Food Bank, supporting two important community organizations.

We sincerely appreciate the continued generosity of everyone who attended, contributed and helped make this donation possible. Thank you for coming together to give back to our community!



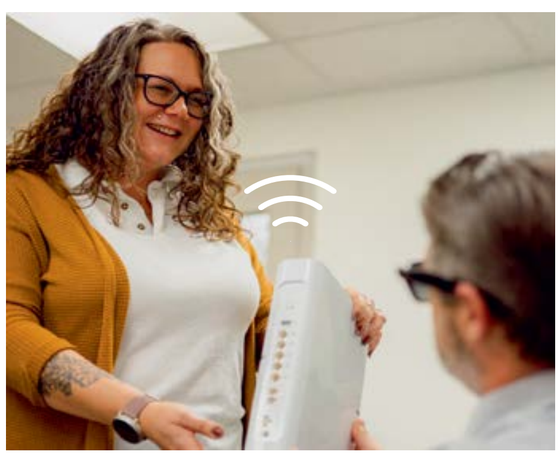
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Penetanguishene Author Releases Sixth Book in Historical Thriller Series



By Kari Belcourt / North Simcoe Springwater News

A story that began nearly 50 years ago as a handwritten tale about a Canadian boy destined to become a priest and perhaps one day the last pope has grown into an international historical-thriller series. Now, Penetanguishene author David Dupuis is preparing to launch its sixth instalment.

Signs, the latest book in The Hildegard Prophecies, will be released Saturday, November 28, 2026. Dupuis will celebrate with a book signing from 3 to 5:30 p.m. at Penetang Home Hardware, 2 Poyntz Street. A second signing will take place December 5 from 1 to 3 p.m. at McCarthy's Shell, 211 Vindin Street, Midland. The special signing price is $29.99.

The series follows Peter Mercier, a Canadian boy whose extraordinary destiny unfolds through a fictional blend of documented history, Vatican intrigue, prophecy and conspiracy. Inspired by 12th-century German mystic and visionary Hildegard of Bingen, the eleven-book saga explores a series of ancient prophecies known as the Seven Keys.

Dupuis said the original story began in the late 1970s, inspired in part by the sudden death of Pope John Paul I after just 33 days as pontiff. He eventually returned to the manuscript in 2016, developing it into the series that began with its first published volume in 2018.

Signs opens with the historic resignation of Pope Benedict XVI and the election of Pope Francis. Real-world events, including Vatican reforms, the Ebola epidemic, environmental concerns and political developments involving Russia and Ukraine, provide the backdrop for the fictional story.

Despite its international scope, Dupuis said Georgian Bay and Penetanguishene remain important parts of the series.

"The series can travel from Rome to Germany, Poland, Russia, Ethiopia, Argentina or almost anywhere in the world, but somehow it always seems to come home to this area and Penetanguishene," he said.

A retired psychiatric nurse, Dupuis previously established himself as an author through local history books and hockey biographies. His work includes the authorized biography of legendary goaltender Terry Sawchuk, as well as books on Pierre Pilote and Red Kelly. The Red Kelly Story received the 2016 Ontario Speaker's Book Award.

With six volumes now published, Dupuis has five more planned: Satan's Brew, Purgatory, Hell, Lucifer and Armageddon.

There has also been preliminary interest from Canadian producers in adapting the series for television, although no agreements have been reached.

For Dupuis, reaching the sixth book is a milestone he never anticipated when he first put pen to paper decades ago.

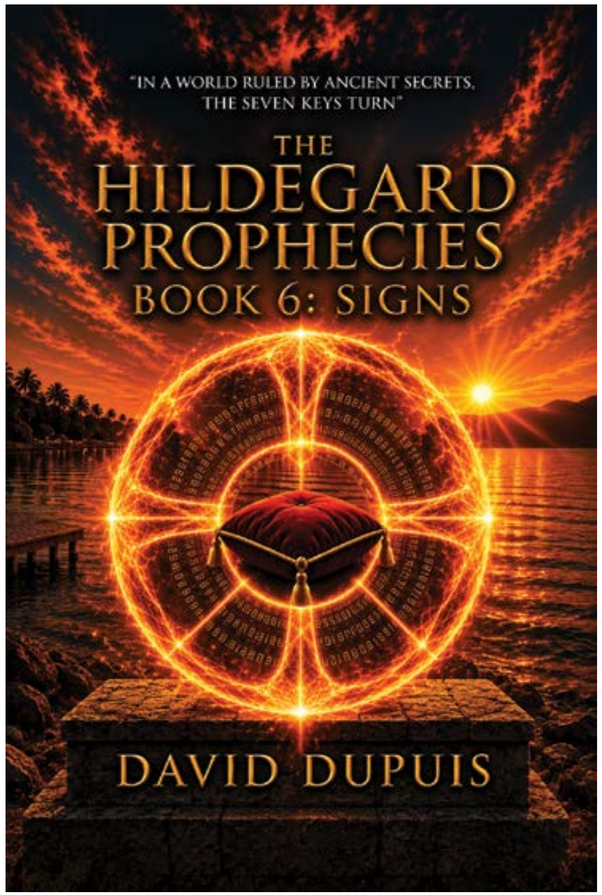
"When I started that little pope story all those years ago, I certainly never imagined I would someday be launching Book 6," he said. "The best part is that the story is still growing."

Book signings:

November 28: 3–5:30 p.m., Penetang Home Hardware, 2 Poyntz Street, Penetanguishene.

December 5: 1–3 p.m., McCarthy's Shell, 211 Vindin Street, Midland.

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A MESSAGE FROM DOUG SHIPLEY

The holidays will be here before we know it. Now is the time to start making plans, writing lists, and decorating for the big day. There is no time like the present to get started on your holiday planning.

While you are making your lists and checking them twice, I encourage you to find opportunities to purchase goods from some of the many local shops in the region. Whether it is finding the perfect present at a gift shop downtown or ordering dessert for your Christmas dinner from a local bakery, your purchase at a local business goes a long way.

To kickoff the Christmas season, you may want to bundle up and attend events in the community. In Springwater, on November 30th, the Holiday Train will make a stop at Anne St and Wenden Court at 12.30 pm. On December 6, you can cheer on Santa as he passes in his sleigh at the Elmvale parade. Anten Mills will be lighting the Christmas tree on December 12, and Santa will bring a smile to everyone's face at the parade on December 13.

The holiday season can be a challenging time for some families. If you are fortunate enough to be able to make a charitable contribution this year, please consider doing so. Your contribution will help and be truly appreciated. If you can help, the Elmvale and District Food Bank is accepting donations and have several drop off points. You can learn about what they need this season by calling them at 705-322-9096, sending an email to elmvalefoodbankinfo@gmail.com, or checking their website – https://elmvaledistrictfoodbank.net.

Another local group providing toys and food is Christmas Cheer Barrie and District. It supports people who need a little extra help at Christmas time and applications for Barrie, Innisfil, Essa, and Oro-Medonte, and Springwater are now open online at christmasbarriecheer.com. They also offer application assistance; for more information you can call 705-730-0449 or you can check their website – https://christmascheerbarrie.com.

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

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



A Message From MPP Jill Dunlop

As Christmas approaches and another year draws to a close, I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the residents, volunteers, businesses and community organizations that make Simcoe North such a wonderful place to call home.

Across Simoce North, our communities are built on strong connections, generosity and a shared commitment to helping one another. Throughout the year, I have been fortunate to witness this community spirit firsthand, particularly through the dedication of volunteers who give so freely of their time.

Supporting our smaller and rural communities remains an important priority. In 2026, Ontario is providing $400 million through the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund to help 423 communities maintain and improve essential infrastructure, including roads, bridges and water systems. These investments are particularly important to rural municipalities as they plan for future growth while maintaining the services residents rely upon.

I am also pleased to share that Ontario recently announced $7 million through the Seniors Community Grant Program, including an additional $1 million dedicated to supporting senior veterans. Eligible community organizations can apply for up to $25,000 to deliver programs that encourage healthy aging, reduce social isolation and strengthen community connections. Applications are open until December 17, 2026.

As we celebrate the holiday season, I encourage everyone to shop locally, support our small businesses and check in on neighbours who may be spending Christmas alone. These simple gestures make a meaningful difference.

I am also looking forward to welcoming families to my Free Ice Skate Across Simcoe North on Wednesday, December 30th, with times in Penetanguishene, Midland, Tay and Coldwater. I hope you will join us for some holiday fun!

As we welcome 2027, I want to thank everyone who contributes to the strength and spirit of our communities.

From my family to yours, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. May the year ahead bring new opportunities, cherished moments with loved ones and continued success for our communities.

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Elmvale 74 Yonge Street South





A Heartfelt Thank You to Ward 5 and Springwater - Ward 5 Councillor Mike Campbell

Well, the municipal election has come and gone, and what an experience it has been!

This was my first foray into municipal politics. After spending a couple of years attending council meetings, I found myself becoming increasingly interested in the decisions being made and the impact they had on our community. I often came home sharing my thoughts and observations with my wife and friends. Eventually, the conversation turned to a simple challenge: "If you feel that strongly, stop complaining and put your name forward."

And here we are!

I completed the paperwork with the Township, gathered the required signatures, dropped off my $100, and the journey began.

I was fortunate to have an incredibly supportive wife and a wonderful team of people who stood behind me every step of the way. Running a campaign was something I had never done before, and it was certainly a learning experience. From mapping out the ward and organizing campaign materials to heading out with two feet and a heartbeat, our goal was simple: to connect with as many residents as possible.

I'm proud to say that our team made it to every door in Ward 5 at least once. Along the way, I met so many wonderful people, heard different perspectives, listened to concerns, and had some great conversations. Not everyone shared the same views or supported my candidacy, and that's exactly what makes democracy meaningful. Everyone deserves to have their voice heard and their vote respected.

I do wish we could see greater voter participation in our municipal elections, as every voice matters and every vote helps shape the future of our community.

Most importantly, I want to sincerely thank everyone who opened their doors, took the time to speak with me, shared their thoughts, offered encouragement, or simply wished me well. Your time and willingness to engage made this experience truly rewarding.

A very special thank you goes to my campaign team and all those who supported us behind the scenes. There were so many people who contributed their time, energy and encouragement, and I could not have done this without you.

I am honoured by the confidence Ward 5 residents have placed in me, and I look forward to getting to work. My commitment is to listen, learn, work collaboratively and represent the interests of Ward 5 while contributing to the continued success of all of Springwater Township.

Thank you again for your support, your conversations and the opportunity to serve.

Mike Campbell
Ward 5 Councillor

Looking Ahead: Building Springwater's Future Together - Ward 1 Councillor Matt Garwood

The inaugural ceremony on November 18, 2026, marked the beginning of a new chapter for Springwater. It represents not only a fresh start for a new Council but also an opportunity to move forward with renewed purpose, optimism, and a shared commitment to our community.

Four years ago, during my first inaugural address, I said, "I stand here this evening hopeful and full of optimism for the days, months, and years ahead." Since then, I have worked to build bridges, foster collaboration, and seek common ground, recognizing that a different perspective does not make someone an enemy. Today, after serving my first term as Ward 1 Councillor, I stand here with even greater optimism for what lies ahead.

That optimism is rooted in a simple belief: the future is not something that happens to us. It is something we build together.

The decisions we make over the next four years are about far more than budgets and policies. They are about the kind of Springwater we leave for our children and grandchildren. While hope is not a strategy, it remains important. Hope gives us the confidence to tackle difficult challenges and the courage to make decisions that are right, even when they are not easy.

Over the past four years, I have learned that some of the most important decisions Council makes are often the hardest. They require us to listen carefully, consider competing priorities, and sometimes make choices that not everyone will agree with. Our responsibility is not to do what is easy or popular, but what is fair, responsible, and in the best long-term interests of our community.

At its core, local government is about people. It is about service, not division. It is about working together to deliver results that improve the lives of residents across Springwater.

That focus on people must guide every priority we pursue.

One of my defining priorities for the next four years will continue to be improving access to primary care. Few issues have a greater impact on quality of life than access to a family doctor. We have built meaningful momentum behind the Springwater Health Services Centre in Elmvale, and through our partnership with the South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre, funding has been secured to support new physicians for our community.

There is still important work ahead, including a significant municipal investment, but I firmly believe this project has the potential to be transformational. When completed, it will improve access to healthcare not only for Springwater residents but for families throughout North Simcoe.

Achieving goals of this magnitude requires collaboration and a commitment to working together effectively. By taking our oath of office, members of Council commit themselves to civility, integrity, and accountability. I am proud that all seven members of Springwater's new Council signed the Elect Respect pledge before taking office this November. In a time when public trust cannot be taken for granted, that commitment sends an important message about how we intend to conduct ourselves and serve our residents.

This election was about more than any one candidate or position. It was about the kind of community we want Springwater to be and the future we want to build together. Now our responsibility is to turn that vision into action.

I would like to congratulate Mayor Jennifer Coughlin on her re-election and thank her for her continued leadership. I would also like to welcome our newly elected members of Council as they begin their service to our community.

Most importantly, I would like to thank the residents of Elmvale and Orr Lake for the overwhelming confidence they have placed in me to serve a second term as your Ward 1 Councillor. I am grateful for your trust, your support, and the many conversations we shared throughout the campaign.

With that trust comes responsibility. Now comes the work.

The next four years present a real opportunity to strengthen confidence in local government and deliver meaningful results that improve everyday life for our residents. Springwater has tremendous potential, and by listening, working together, and keeping people at the centre of every decision, we can continue building a community where families thrive, businesses succeed, young people see a future here, and seniors can age with dignity.

I am honoured to continue serving the residents of Ward 1 and all of Springwater. The work ahead is significant, but so is the opportunity before us.

Let's get to work.

Matt Garwood - Ward 1 Councillor, Township of Springwater

Thank You, Springwater! - Deputy Mayor Liz Grummett

I want to take a moment to thank everyone who supported me throughout the municipal election. Being elected Deputy Mayor is a tremendous honour, and I am so grateful for the trust and confidence you have placed in me.

To my wonderful volunteers, family, friends and supporters, thank you from the bottom of my heart. Whether you knocked on doors, put up signs, helped behind the scenes or simply offered a few kind words along the way, you made this experience one I will always remember.

One of the things I enjoyed most about the campaign was getting out into our communities and connecting with people. I had so many great conversations, met some wonderful people and heard firsthand what matters to you. I appreciated everyone who took the time to chat, share a concern or offer an idea, even when we didn't always see things the same way.

I grew up here, and my family and I have chosen to make Springwater our home. I have always been proud of this community and the people who make it such a special place. Having the opportunity to serve as Deputy Mayor means a great deal to me.

I also want to thank the Springwater News for covering the election and helping keep our residents informed and connected.

As I look ahead to the next four years, I know there will be challenges, but also many opportunities. I look forward to working with Council, continuing those conversations with residents and doing my very best for the community we all care so much about.

Thank you again for your kindness, encouragement and support. I won't forget it, and I look forward to seeing you around Springwater!

Liz Grummett
Deputy Mayor, Township of Springwater



Birds as Military Heroes

Whenever, I read about the benefits of birds, their role in protecting crops by eating insects, dispersing seeds to create new forest, consuming carcasses to prevent fatal diseases, pollinating food crops, and fertilizing, plankton, and coral reefs are always highlighted. But, very rarely do I read about the incredible role that birds played in both World Wars.

During the wars when modern technology like radio and phone lines were unavailable or compromised birds like homing pigeons were a crucial, reliable, and undetectable method of communication for the military for centuries. They were used in both World Wars by various nations including the US Army Signal Corps and the British armed forces.

Homing pigeons are recognized for their extraordinary abilities to find their way home over long distances. They are also known as messenger and carrier pigeons. They are fast, athletic, and trained to return to their loft. During both wars, pigeons carried very important and critical messages. They were highly valued due to their homing abilities. The vital messages were written on very thin paper placed inside a very light weight canister. The canister was attached to the pigeons' leg. The pigeons were incredibly helpful as they had a 90%- 95% success rate. Sometimes the messages were deployed from the trenches in World War. They were also sent from tanks, hot air balloons, airplanes and ships. Some pigeons were so extraordinary that they actually received medals of honour.

Perhaps the most famous heroic homing pigeon was Cher Ami (Dear Friend) used in WWI.

During World War 1 on October 3, 1918 US Major Whittlesey's battalion was surrounded by German soldiers, but were suffering casualties from Allied Artillery. Within one day more than 300 soldiers had been killed. The major had only a single homing pigeon left. This pigeon was named Cher Ami and had already flown 11 missions. The Major placed a desperate note inside a small canister and tied it onto Cher Ami's leg."We are along the road parallel to 276.4.

Our own artillery is dropping a barrage directly on us.

For heaven's sake, stop it." - Message from Major Whittlesey!

Cher Ami flew 25 miles in 25 minutes! He delivered a crucial message to halt artillery fire from the Allies. Sadly, Cher Ami died days later from her severe injuries. He was awarded the French Crox de Guerre (War Cross). He was then taxidermied by the Smithsonian Institution where she remains on display as a tribute to animal bravery during the war. Cher Ami -77 th Division National Museum of the United States Army.

In WWII an American homing pigeon known as GI Joe also saved countless lives.

On October 18, 1943, to clear out German resistance during the Italian campaign of World War II, the town of Calvin Vecchia was slated for a massive American aerial bombardment. But, the town had already been captured by the British forces meeting with very little resistance. So if the town was bombed by the American troops, then the British military would have been killed by friendly fire from the Americans.

As a last resort, G.I. Joe, an American homing pigeon, was released with a message to immediately abort the mission in a canister tied to his leg. G.I. Joe flew 20 miles in 20 minutes (averaging 60 mph). He arrived at the airbase just as the bombers were warming up their engines! The important message carried by G.I. to abort the mission probably saved 1,000 British military and countless Italian civilians.

On November 4, 1946, G.I. Joe was awarded the Dickin Medal at the Tower of London. He was the 29th recipient and the first non-British animal to receive this honour, which is considered the animal equivalent of the Victoria Cross. In 2019, he was posthumously awarded the Animals in War & Peace Medal of Bravery. Out of the 53 medals awarded 32 went to pigeons. US Army Honouring Those Who Saved Pigeon Memorial, July 6, 2023.

Another very famous military hero was a homing pigeon called Winkie.

In 1942, a British bomber returning from a mission in Norway was hit by enemy fire and ditched into the freezing North Sea. Unfortunately, the downing occurred 120 miles from base. The 4 man crew managed to scramble into a dinghy, but were unable to radio their exact location back to the base. Luckily, the aircraft routinely carried homing pigeons.

So Winkie, who was a blue checker homing pigeon, was released with a message hoping she would survive the long distance and the terrible weather conditions!

A blue checker is recognized by its patterned feathers, its ability to navigate using the Earth's magnetic fields and scents.

Incredibly she arrived at her loft near Dundee, 120 miles from the crash! She was exhausted with her feathers covered with oil from the crash. Her owner found her and immediately contacted the RAF in Fife. Winkie had no messages with any coordinates.

But, the RAF was able to calculate the approximate location of the downed plane. The RAF were able to pinpoint the location by using the time difference between the plane's crash and Winkie's time of arrival, the wind direction, and the impact of the oil on her speed of travelling. Incredibly, the entire crew was rescued 15 minutes after starting the rescue operation.

On December 2, 1943, Winkie was awarded the first-ever PDSA Dickin Medal known as the animal's Victoria Cross, for "delivering a message under exceptional circumstances."

Vintage Wings of Canada War Pigeon, June 23, 2025.

She was a female blue checker who became the first animal to receive the Dickin Medal for gallantry in World War.

So it turns out birds, especially homing pigeons were true military heroes in both world wars.

And, even today birds continue to be used in very specialized roles for electronic warfare backup, airfields safety and anti-drone operations; for example, several countries, including France, use trained peregrine falcons to hunt down and intercept unauthorized drones that might pose a threat to airspace.

Birds of prey and parrots are used in therapy programs to help veterans cope with post-traumatic stress disorder and adapt to civilian life. Organizations like Parrots for Patriots connect rescue birds with veterans, providing them with purpose and emotional support. Birds of prey an effective weapon against lightweight drones, July 2, 2020

Gwen Petreman.

Readers Take NSSN to Lake Louise!

Isabella Kirton-Fletcher and Angela Kirton took their copy of the North Simcoe Springwater News on a scenic trip to Lake Louise, Alberta, where they visited brother Scott Kirton and enjoyed an early snowfall surrounded by the breathtaking Rocky Mountains!



Dear Editor,

I am a 30 year resident of the village of Waverley and recently discovered Tay Township's decision regarding our little white church. Without public consultation, they have decided amongst themselves to work towards removing the heritage site status and demolishing the building. Apparently they had a company do an evaluation of the condition of the church structure and were given an estimate of over 1 million dollars for restoration. Usually there is at least an attempt to make those repairs happen through community fund raising, local trades workers donating time and supplies, and possibly government funding available for the preservation of heritage sites. None of these avenues were discussed with the public. The church property is home of The Goofy Newfie food truck, a beloved business that has drawn many to our village in the summer months. Tay Township has been leasing the church kitchen to the food truck for years, so we can assume that the structure is sound enough for the storage of food being sold to the public. So why weren't residents allowed to rent that space for private events, or community events? How derelict can it be if it's still being used? It isn't a secret that Tay Township has approved a draft plan for a large scale estate home subdivision behind the church property, even though the other estate home subdivision across the road was a complete failure. Perhaps Tay Council has already made plans for the church property? Residents are outraged. Some have very deep ties to the church... their ancestors built it, their families were baptized, married and laid to rest there. I am reaching out to you because you are the only physical local newspaper still in circulation and you do an excellent job at informing residents of what's going on around them in a time when decisions are made for us rather than with us. The power to remove heritage status leaves every historical site vulnerable. Planning to demolish a church without public consultation is diabolical. Do you have anyone that can do an investigation into this issue? I believe the public deserves the right to know what is happening before the final decision is made and acted upon. This is a Hail Mary pass, and I pray it has a positive outcome.

Thank you for your time.

Esther Marson


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EMHA U 15 local league 1



By Pete Browning.

The Elmvale Coyotes put together an exciting day of hockey in Coldwater, showcasing determination, teamwork, and plenty of offensive firepower as they battled their way through a one-day tournament and earned a spot in the championship game.

Game 1: Elmvale vs. Coldwater

The Coyotes got off to a strong start in their opening game against Coldwater. Bryce Donaldson opened the scoring in the first period to give Elmvale a 1-0 lead.

The second period featured penalties on both sides, but Elmvale capitalized on a power-play opportunity just as the buzzer sounded. Bryce Donaldson tipped in the puck for his second goal of the game, giving the Coyotes some breathing room.

Matthew Chesterman added a short-handed goal in the third period to round out the scoring, securing a convincing 3-0 victory for Elmvale.

James Price was outstanding between the pipes, turning aside everything that came his way to earn the shutout and help propel the Coyotes into the winners' bracket.

Game 2: Elmvale vs. Durham

The second game against Durham proved to be a thrilling back-and-forth battle and one that the Elmvale supporters won't soon forget.

After a scoreless opening period, Durham opened the scoring in the second. Elmvale responded quickly when Porter Jacobs fired a wrist shot from the point to put the Coyotes on the board.

Durham answered with two more goals, including one while Elmvale was short-handed, leaving the Coyotes trailing 3-1 heading into the third period.

But Elmvale wasn't ready to go home.

Maks Murray sparked the comeback with an impressive end-to-end rush, bringing the Coyotes within one. With just two minutes remaining, Murray struck again to tie the game at 3-3, sending the Elmvale supporters into a frenzy.

The momentum was firmly on Elmvale's side, and Bennett Browning delivered the clutch go-ahead goal to put the Coyotes ahead 4-3.

With Durham pressing in the final seconds, James Price came up with some crucial saves to preserve the lead. Elmvale held on for the dramatic victory, punching their ticket to the championship game.

Game 3: Championship Game – Elmvale vs. Embro

After an exciting comeback victory in the semifinal, the Coyotes faced Embro in the tournament championship game.

Embro carried a 1-0 lead into the first intermission and extended its advantage to 2-0. The Coyotes continued to battle, with Bennett Browning making an impressive rush to cut the deficit to 2-1 and give Elmvale hope of another comeback.

Despite their efforts, the Coyotes couldn't find the equalizer. Embro eventually added an empty-net goal to secure the championship victory.

Although the final game didn't go their way, the Elmvale Coyotes had plenty to be proud of after a tremendous day of hockey. From a shutout victory in their opening game to a thrilling late-game comeback against Durham, the team demonstrated resilience, determination, and a never-give-up attitude.

The Elmvale Coyotes would also like to extend a sincere thank-you to Fence Right for sponsoring and supporting the team. Community sponsors like Fence Right play an important role in helping young athletes enjoy opportunities like this tournament, and the team appreciates their generosity and commitment to local hockey.

Congratulations to the Elmvale Coyotes on a fantastic tournament and a memorable day of hockey in Coldwater


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Harvesters Pick Up Win Against Lucknow Following Busy Weekend

The Elmvale Harvesters had a busy stretch of hockey, facing three opponents over the weekend and coming away with a hard-fought victory against Lucknow.

The weekend began Saturday, November 7, when the Harvesters hosted the Ripley Wolves for Country Night, alongside a special Clear Path takeover. Despite a strong effort, Elmvale came up short, falling 5-2. The Will Marshall Insurance Brokers 3 Stars of the Game were first star Ripley, second star Ty Collins of Elmvale, and third star Ripley.



The team was back on the road Saturday, November 14, for another matchup against the Ripley Wolves. The Harvesters battled but were unable to find their footing, dropping the game 7-2. The Will Marshall Insurance Brokers 3 Stars of the Game were first star Devon Edmonds, second star Nevin King, and third star Jackson Young (AP).

On Sunday, November 15, the Harvesters returned to the ice against Lucknow and put together a strong performance, earning a 6-4 win.

Sunday's game also featured the Harvesters' annual Teddy Bear Toss. When Devin Shoreman found the back of the net, teddy bears filled the air as fans sent their donations onto the ice. The collected bears will be donated to CTV Toy Mountain to help bring some extra joy to children this holiday season.

The Will Marshall Insurance Brokers 3 Stars of the Game were first star Jacob Kelly, second star Steve Hlusiak, and third star Devin Shoreman.

The Harvesters would like to thank everyone who came out to support the team throughout the weekend. Your continued support makes a difference, both on and off the ice.

The Harvesters return home on Saturday, November 21, at 8:00 p.m vs the Minto 81's. Come out to the Silo and cheer on the team!

Go Harvs Go!





PENETANG KINGS

Alliston Snaps Kings Win Streak at 7 Games



Submitted by Jamie Robillard

The Penetang Kings saw their seven-game win streak come to a screeching halt at the hands of the Alliston Hornets on Friday November 13 when the Hornets stung the Kings by an 8-1 score at the Penetanguishene Memorial Community Centre.

Alliston controlled the game from the outset scoring just one and a half minutes into the game on the power play and eventually led 8-0 before Brody Coe scored the Kings lone goal. The Hornet's attack was led by two-goal performances from Duncan Grube, Gunner Kirk and Noah Prokopec. Kings' goalie Landon Simec turned aside 35 Alliston shot, many being high scoring chances. Penetang fired 33 shots on the Hornets netminder Patrick Sutherland.

Penetang bounced back with an 11-3 win over the Midland Flyers on Saturday November 14 at home in the castle. The Kings led 3-2 after the first period and 7-2 at the end of the second frame. Scoring for Penetang were Josh Hutton, Camron Hutchinson and Brody Coe with two goals each while Alex Sajan, Blake Weicker, Wyndam Brownlee, Brendan William and Brayden Boyle with single markers. Replying for Midland were Carson Littlejohn with two goals and Jake Robertson with one. Penetang pelted the Flyers goalies with 44 shots with Jack Pinder turning aside 31 shots through the first two periods and Macalister Watt making two save on six shots in the third period. Owen Moreau made 26 saves for the Kings.

On Sunday November 1 the Kings marched into Innisfil and took down the Spartans by an 11-4 score. Penetang led 3-1 after the first period on goals by Josh Hutton, Brendan Williams and Brody Coe. The Kings extended the lead to 11-2 in the second period with Cole Rumbolt scoring twice, while Camron Hutchinson, Logan Tucker, Nolan Garrard, Williams, Coe and Ty Hutton connected with single goals. Simec made 20 saves in the Kings goal. Riley Arts and Cole Charlebois faced 67 shots in net for Innisfil.

Penetang than travel to Stayner on Thursday November 5th and came away with a 5-2 victory over the Siskins. The Kings played a strong first period going to the dressing room with a 3-0 lead on goals from Alex Sajan, Connor Varley and Tucker. Josh Hutton and Sajan scored in the second period for the Kings to give them a 5-1 lead before Stayner scored a third period goal. Owen Moreau played a strong game in the Penetang goal turning aside 38 shots, while the Kings manage 30 shots on the Siskins Easton McArthur.

On Friday November 6th the Kings hosted the Midland Flyers and after a scoreless first period Penetang exploded for five unanswered second period goals enroute to an 8-0 shut out win. Wyndam Brownlee broke the ice for the Kings in the second stanza with his first goal of the game followed by Sajan, Brycen Kingma, Josh Hutton and Coe. Brownlee scored again early in the third period, Kingma with his second of the game and Lucas Sibley with a single tally rounded out the Kings scoring.

The CompuSOLVE Kings Player of the game was winger Landon Simec who made 32 saves for the shut out. Jack Pinder stopped 41 of the 49 shots fired his way for the Flyers.

Notes: Penetang has dropped all three regular season meetings with Alliston to date with three more scheduled to be played before the schedule concludes in February.

Up next for the Kings is a road game in Stayner on Thursday November 19 followed by a home contest again Orillia Friday November 20 at 8:00 pm.

The Kings are back in Stayner on Thursday November 26 and are at home to face the Muskoka Bears on Friday November 27 at 8:00 pm.

Penetang currently stands in a second place in the Carruthers Division standing after the games on Saturday November 14. Alliston continues to lead the division with 28 points followed by Penetang with 26 points, Orillia with 24 points and Stayner with 23 points. The bottom half of the standings has Muskoka with 17 points, Innisfil 10 points, Midland and Huntsville 8 point each.

The Kings leading scorers are forwards Brendan Williams with 30 points on 8 goals and 22 assists, Alex Sajan with 28, Josh Hutton with 26 points and Brody Coe along with Camron Hutchinson both with 25 points.

Kings' goaltenders both sport good records with Owen Moreau having recorded six wins in seven starts and a 2.43 goals against average, while Landon Simec has six wins in his seven outings and a 3.11 goals against average.

The Kings have added defenseman Nolan Garrard from the Georgina Ice and forward Brayden Boyle from Newmarket Jr. A to their roster.

Prior to their Friday November 13 game, the Kings hosted a number of members from the Penetanguishene Legion to commemorate Remembrance Day.

On Saturday November 21 Kings players will be at the Penetanguishene Foodland collecting donations for their food drive.





Kings Honour Remberance Day with a visit from Penetang Legion Members Nov. 13.

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Bearbells By Leslie Noonan



April 16, 2026

The sky was grey and overcast. Thick tendrils of fog slithered out of the snowy forest to hover over the road. The previous days rain had collected in the road's hollows, forcing the car to swerve around them, until the puddles became a river. The car inched through this, water swooshing under the tires as the windshield wipers whipped away the spray. The road, narrow and winding, seemed to go forever through the still forest. Finally, a red stop sign emerged through the mist, and the car turned right, then right again, before pulling into the parking lot for Kettle Lake in Awenda Park.

The sound of our footsteps were deadened by the decaying leaves littering the trail in drab hues of brown and orange. The air smelt moist and loamy, with a slight dank smell wafting in from the water's edges. The forest of oak and maple was quiet, with not even a whisper of wind through the upper branches. Fallen trees were draped in green moss and last year's withered fungi. Off in the distance a pileated woodpecker let out a shrill series of cries that echoed hauntingly among the forest. Between the tree trunks, the lake's calm waters mirrored back the surrounding trees and sky. A pair of merganser ducks swam by, leaving a shallow wake across the surface. Brown cattails lay bent and broken by the shore and a chorus of spring peepers rang out as the first amphibians of the spring made their presence known.

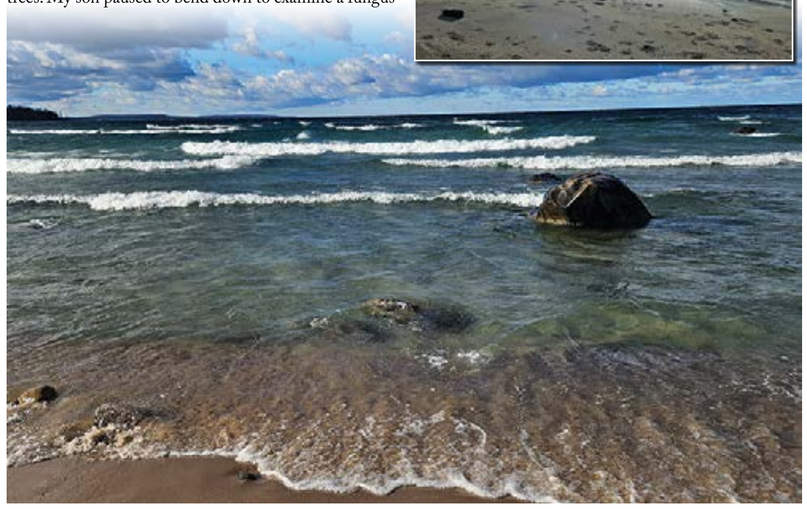
Soon the hard wood forest gave way to an area of dark cedars and pines. Pockets of snow lay under the protective boughs, and more thick fog hovered over them, undulating like a living thing. The trail ahead was thickly littered with bright green shoots from the topmost branches of the spruce and pine, neatly clipped by little teeth. What creature could have done this? We continued, out of the forest and onto the wooden plank bridge crossing the shallow waters between the lake and a marsh. Thick reeds had been flattened into a large trench by some unknown creature, using them to move between the waterways. Across the lake, the land rose up to an area of thick trees and dense undergrowth.

We followed the trail upwards towards this ridge, which was still deep in some areas with snow, necessitating that we step off of the trail to keep our feet dry. Twice we passed the scat of a large carnivore, matted with the fur of some unfortunate creature. As the snow levels in the forest increased, so too did those moving tendrils of fog. The distance was a soft blur of shapes and shadows, twisting and turning as the white fog roiled through the trees. My son paused to bend down to examine a fungus on an old log, when a sound rang out from the bridge we had been at only minutes before. A long single note, echoing across the lake that sent the waterfowl exploding from the dark waters. Goosebumps rose on our flesh as the birds screeched in terror. My son slowly turned to me, eyes wide and mouth open in shock, where my expression was just as startled as his. Without a word we moved quickly back onto the trail, the trees blocking the view of the lake and what ever made that terrifying sound. The fog thickened around us, blocking our view of behind us as well. Another loud cry rang out, closer than before. Our steps were almost fast enough to be running, our feet slipping on the snow patches as we struggled to stay upright. Finally, our pace slowed as we found ourselves on the opposite side of the lake, laughing at our nervousness. The trees thinned and the shore where we had heard the noise was visible, but thick reeds and dark spaces under the trees hid any possibility of seeing what might be there still. A crack, like a broken branch, sounded out from that space, but with no further noise we continued to our car, frequently checking that far shore.

The animal's eyes watched them from under the shadows, watched them laugh at their foolishness. It stepped forward, snapping a twig. It froze and watched the woman raise her head and look across the water, searching the darkness under the trees for movement. It watched her hesitate, then continue with her son along the trail, looking back over her should at its hiding spot. It watched them get in their care and drive away through the thick mist, before it left its hiding spot.

OK, spoiler. This did happen, so of course I had to find out some answers to the unusual events on this trek. I had no idea what kind of creature would neatly snip all those buds off the tops of trees. Turns out that would be those pesky red squirrels who like the young buds in early spring. As to that noise, well, that I am not so sure about. I have the calls and howls of bear, elk, deer, coyotes and wolves, but I have never heard a sound like this. I asked a hunting co-worker, who played a number of vocalizations for me to see if I could identify it. The closest sound was a female moose calling for her calf. Though it was not perfect, so there could still be some mystery animal out at Kettle Lake!





ANTEN MILLS
By Dennis Gannon



On November 11 many in the community attended Remembrance Day services. The day was seasonal and slightly overcast which was much nicer than last year when we were covered in snow.

At Springwater Provincial Park over 300 people gathered around the cenotaph to participate in the service organized by the volunteers who were responsible for organizing the event. Anten Mills students Ryland and Georgia did readings and Dr. Murray Deller, a relative of John MacRae, recited In Flanders Field. Others from the community participated with laying of the wreaths and assisting with organizing the service. Comments from the community included "well done", "dignified", "eloquently displayed and executed " 'proud to live in a community that honours veterans ". Many first time attendees expressed that they wished they had known about the service previously and that they will be returning next year. On behalf of the volunteers thank you for participating and remembering and honouring our veterans.

Now that Thanksgiving, Halloween and Remembrance Day have passed it's time to think about our Anten Mills Christmas in the Village. This will be our 12th annual Tree Lighting and the 29th Santa Claus parade. These are the longest continuously running events in the community and ones that everyone looks forward to. Last year we had a large turnout for the tree lighting and we had snow, and lots of it! It was also a cold night but thanks to the volunteers who looked after the hot dogs and hot chocolate, everyone was able to enjoy a fun evening. The next day the skies were clear and blue and a fantastic parade with lots of participants and spectators was held. As with all community events, they cannot be held if it wasn't for the tremendous volunteers who help out. This year we will need help with cooking the hot dogs, serving them, making and serving the hot chocolate and with setup and clean up. These are all important parts of the event and if you would consider helping us please send us a message at antenmillschristmas@gmail.com.

For the parade on the Sunday, entries are needed. If you and your neighbours think you can get ahead of the reigning champions, McLaughlin Street, they would be happy to see you step up. If you have a local business and would like for the community to know about you, then enter the parade. Dog walkers, street teams, businesses, family and friends, farm implements, horses are all welcome. Just send an email to antenmillschristmas@gmail.com to let us know that you are interested.

Funding for the event comes from the community and the support that is provided,either by donation or by using the signboard along Wilson Dr. If you would like to donate to assist with covering the costs please send an email to antenmillschristmas@gmail.com and you will be contacted. Thank you to all who make this a success every year.

Our Christmas in the Village is the weekend of December 12 and 13 with the Tree Lighting on the 12th starting at 5PM at the community centre and the lights going on with Santa Claus at 7PM. On Sunday, the 23th the parade will march off at 1PM making its way through the village. More details will be posted here and on the Anten Mills Community Bulletin Facebook page.

Tuesday afternoons beginning at 1:30 at the community centre, a group of knitting enthusiasts known collectively as the Knotty Kniters gather for an afternoon of socializing and knitting. They weekly contribute to the wellbeing of women with their contributions to the Elmvale and District Foodbank and some of their projects go to the other needs of the community. The knitters are in need of more wool of any colour or kind and if you would consider making a donation to them it can be dropped off any Tuesday afternoon or you can email Joan at sweetgannon@gmail.com to discuss arrangements.

Last night, Wednesday, November 18 the newly elected members of Springwater Council were sworn in and took their place for the first time around the Council table. On behalf of the members of the Anten Mills community we wish you success on your tenure and know that you will always do the best for all of the Springwater residents.

That's all for this week, as always, THANKS for READING, BE WELL, STAY SAFE and SAY HI to your NEIGHBOURS!





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Remembering Sue:

Midland Family Turns Personal Tragedy Into Domestic Violence Awareness

By Kari Belcourt / North Simcoe Springwater News

Domestic violence is often discussed through statistics, awareness campaigns and calls for change, but behind every number is a person, a family and a community forever changed.

For Midland residents Laura Nesbitt and her daughter Alexandria, that reality is deeply personal. Eleven years ago, their family lost someone who was much more than a sister and an aunt. Susanne Nesbitt-McNally, affectionately known as Sue, was a vibrant, loving woman whose life was taken in an act of domestic violence. Today, her family is sharing her story in hopes of helping others recognize the realities of intimate partner violence and potentially save lives.

As November marks Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the family is remembering Sue while also honouring her through a permanent purple memorial bench in Prospect Park in Acton, Ontario.

Born July 27, 1970, in Brampton, Sue was 45 when she died on November 20, 2015. She had been married to Trevor McNally for 14 years. The couple was found dead inside their Eden Mills home following an emergency response to a reported house fire. Her family has confirmed that Sue was killed by her husband, who subsequently took his own life.

For Alexandria, losing her aunt meant losing someone who had played an extraordinary role in her life.

"She was incredibly adventurous, deeply family-oriented, and a true friend to so many," Alexandria recalled. "She had a vibrant personality that could fill a room and her smile literally lit up every space she walked into."

Some of Alexandria's fondest memories include girls' days, car rides filled with country music, Christmas baking and sleepovers. Whether singing along to Shania Twain and the Dixie Chicks or spending time together with family, those ordinary moments became treasured memories.

"She was so much more than the tragedy that took her away from us," Alexandria said. "She was a beautiful, fun-loving soul who brought so much happiness to everyone around her."

But behind what appeared to be a happy life was a reality the family says many people never saw.

Laura explained that the relationship was not what people might traditionally picture as physically abusive. From the outside, the couple appeared to have a fairytale life, and the abuse was not something others would necessarily have recognized.

Laura said Trevor struggled with alcoholism and personal challenges, and recalled how Sue worked hard to support him and his efforts toward sobriety and getting help. Eventually, Sue recognized the toll the relationship was taking on her own well-being and decided she needed to leave.

In the days before her death, Sue had shared her intention to leave with family members and was preparing to speak with a counsellor about her plans.

For Laura, that decision is an important part of Sue's story and one she believes people need to understand when discussing domestic violence.

"Not all domestic violence is the same, and I think people need to understand and know this," Laura said. "There is a risk in leaving a relationship, and women who choose to get out should know all the resources and have a plan."

Alexandria hopes their experience will challenge the judgment often directed toward victims, particularly questions about why someone stayed in an abusive relationship.

"I wish people understood how incredibly difficult and dangerous it is for a victim to leave," she said. "There is often so much judgment or questioning about 'why she stayed,' but people don't see the fear, the manipulation, and the control involved. Victims need support and safety, not judgment."





The loss shattered the family. Just eight months later, they also lost their mother, Denise, compounding the grief of an already devastating year.

More than a decade later, Sue's absence remains present in family gatherings, milestones and the everyday moments she should have been there to share. Alexandria continues to honour her aunt by carrying her name forward, giving her daughter Sue as a middle name as a tribute to the woman who meant so much to her.

Now, a permanent memorial in Acton is providing another way to honour Sue's life while bringing attention to violence against women.

The idea for the bench originated with one of Sue's friends. Having lived in Acton for many years, Sue considered the community home. With support from Halton Women's Place and the Barb's Benches initiative, the family was able to bring the memorial to life.

The purple bench is located in Prospect Park, near the playground, a setting the family feels reflects Sue's love of family, friends, children and animals. Purple represents the international domestic violence awareness movement, and the bench stands as a lasting tribute to her and to other women who have lost their lives to intimate partner violence.

For years, the family says, many people believed Sue and Trevor had simply died in a house fire. They wanted the circumstances surrounding Sue's death to be acknowledged for what they were: an act of domestic violence that took a woman's life and devastated an entire family.

"Connecting this bench to awareness ensures that the reality of intimate partner violence isn't swept under the rug or hidden behind closed doors," Alexandria explained.

"Having this permanent purple bench means her truth is out in the open, she finally has a public voice, and her legacy is permanently tied to love, awareness, and helping others."

Although the bench is located in Acton, its message reaches much further, including here in Midland and across North Simcoe. Laura and Alexandria hope sharing their experience encourages others to recognize that domestic violence can happen in their own communities, including in relationships that appear happy and loving from the outside.

Both emphasize the importance of listening without judgment when someone shares concerns about their relationship. Rather than asking why someone does not simply leave, they encourage people to understand the complicated realities victims face and help connect them with appropriate support.

For Alexandria, the message is simple: people experiencing abuse deserve support, safety and the knowledge that they are not alone.

"Because silence allows abuse to continue," she said. "Shifting the public narrative and speaking the truth out loud is the only way we can break the cycle and potentially save another family from enduring the devastating heartbreak we have carried since 2015."

As the family marks 11 years since Sue's death, they want her remembered for far more than the circumstances surrounding her passing. They want people to remember her adventurous spirit, beautiful smile, love of music and unconditional love for her family and friends.

"I want readers to remember Sue. Remember her laughter, her love for Shania Twain and the Dixie Chicks, and her beautiful spirit," Alexandria said. "And I want them to remember that breaking the silence on domestic violence saves lives."

As people pass the purple bench in Prospect Park, the family hopes they will see more than a memorial. They hope it will serve as a reminder that behind every statistic is a person, a family and a life that mattered.

"This bench isn't just a piece of park furniture," Alexandria said. "It's a permanent piece of our hearts placed out in the community to bring light out of a devastating darkness."

A Day of Remembrance

On November 11, community members gathered at the Elmvale Cenotaph to honour the sacrifices and service of Canada's veterans. The ceremony featured music provided by the EDHS music program, hosting by the Royal Canadian Legion, and a parade of service members.

With a strong community turnout, including students from the local schools, the gathering served as a meaningful reminder of the importance of Remembrance Day and the generations of men and women who have sacrificed so much in service to our country.

As the community came together in reflection, the ceremony reinforced the importance of remembering, honouring and passing on the legacy of those who served.



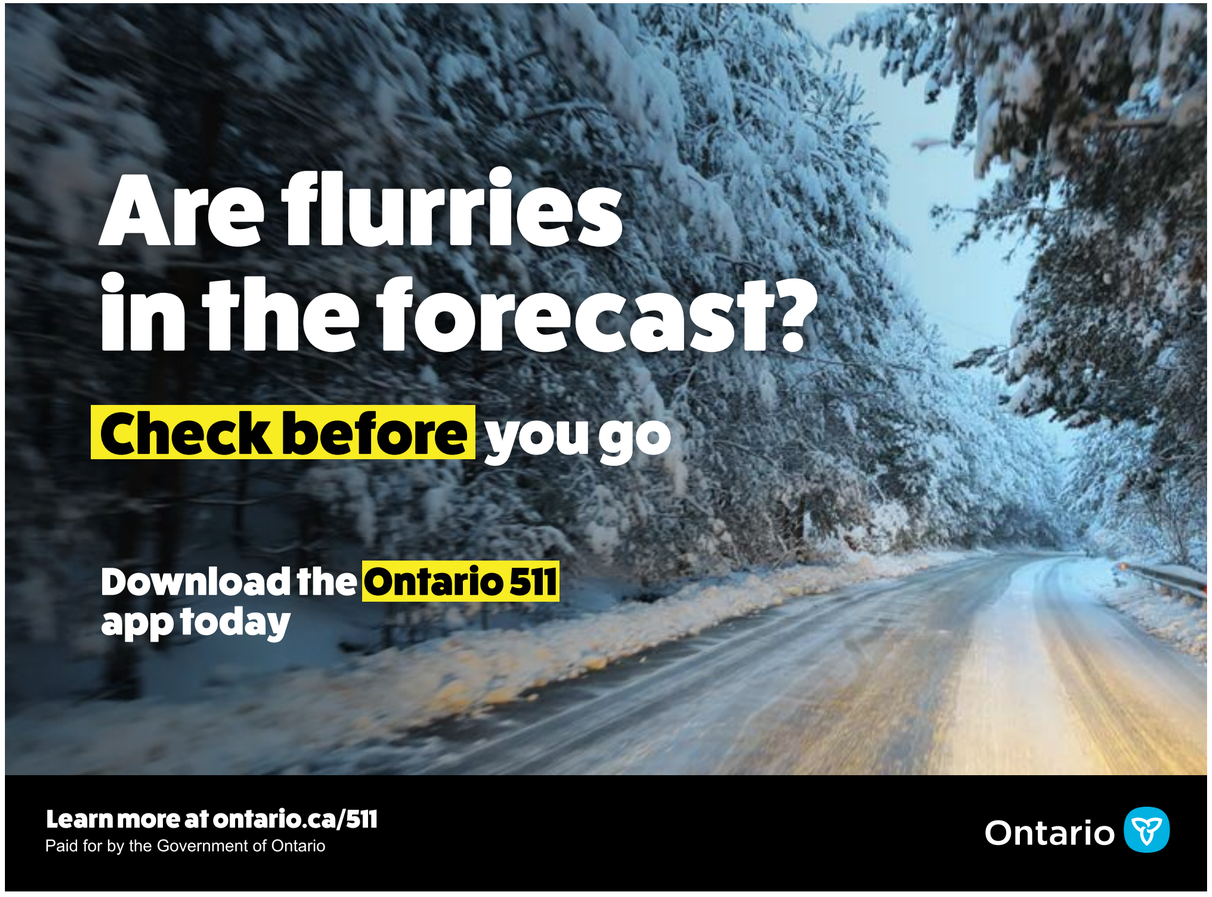


Thursday Night Bike Club Donates to Elmvale Legion

The Thursday Night Bike Club recently presented the Elmvale Legion with a generous donation of $2,156.00. The contribution was gratefully accepted by representatives of the Legion, who appreciate the club's support and generosity.



Pictured from left to right: Susan Gilson, Bruce Robertson, Graham Simmonds, Jeff Tress and Louise Robertson.





Jo Knows Nutrition
by Joanne Nijhuis



Food has a beautiful way of carrying us across borders and this soup is a love letter to the rich culinary traditions of Mexican mole. This version uses an easy adaptation of traditional mole sauce, while still capturing its legendary depth of flavour without days in the kitchen. Combining the mole with black beans and natural peanut butter makes for a healthy, hearty, and budget-friendly meal that packs a serious punch of plant-based protein and fibre for hungry households. Meatless Mondays never tasted so good!

Did You Know?

Natural peanut butter is a nutritional powerhouse made from just one or two ingredients - roasted peanuts and a pinch of salt. Unlike regular peanut butter, natural peanut butter omits unhealthy hydrogenated vegetable oils and added sugars, which manufacturers frequently use to stop oil separation and extend the shelf life of their products. By choosing the natural route, you are fueling your body with a nutritious source of plant-based protein, heart-healthy monounsaturated fats and an abundance of essential vitamins and minerals like vitamin E, magnesium and iron.

BLACK BEAN PEANUT MOLE SOUP
A TASTE OF MEXICO THAT'S SO EASY TO PREPARE



INGREDIENTS (6 Servings)

- 2 Tablespoons (30 ml) olive oil
- 2 medium onions, finely chopped
- 6 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 Tablespoon (15 ml) ground cumin
- 2 Tablespoons (30 ml) ground coriander
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) red pepper flakes
- ½ red bell pepper, thinly sliced or julienned
- 1 can (28 oz; 796 ml) crushed tomatoes
- 1 Tablespoon (15 ml) unsweetened cocoa powder
- 5 teaspoons (25 ml) natural creamy peanut butter
- 1 Tablespoon (15 ml) cane or brown sugar
- 3 cups (750 ml) vegetable or chicken broth
- 1 can (19 oz; 540 ml) cooked black beans
- ¼ cup (60 ml) fresh cilantro, chopped
- Freshly ground salt and pepper, to taste
- Garnishes - Lime wedges, cilantro, tortilla strips, peanuts, thinly sliced onions, sour cream drizzle

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Heat the olive oil in a large skillet, pot or Dutch oven over medium heat.
2. Cook the onions, garlic, cumin, coriander and red pepper flakes for 2 to 3 minutes, stirring constantly until the spices are fragrant and the onions begin to soften.
3. Add the bell pepper, crushed tomatoes, cocoa powder, peanut butter, sugar and broth. Stir well.
4. Bring the soup to a gentle boil, then cover and lower the heat. Simmer for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally.
5. Uncover and add the black beans and fresh cilantro. Simmer for an additional 5-10 minutes until the beans are fully heated through.
6. Add salt and pepper to taste.
7. Optional garnishes - Lime wedges, cilantro, tortilla strips, peanuts, thinly sliced onions, sour cream drizzle.

ENJOY!

Per Serving: |Calories: 265 kcal | Carbohydrates: 39.2 g | Protein: 10.2 g | Fat: 8.8 g |Fibre: 9.8 g | Sodium: 566 mg |



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Building a Life for All Seasons
written by Annie Warner Donnelly



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Hello Everyone. On November 8, Canada celebrated Indigenous Veterans Day. Perhaps it can also remind us of the peace the first Europeans found when they arrived in North America. They were grateful to sign treaties with different First Nations; those early treaties created a framework of principles that encouraged respect, equality, shared resources and a peaceful co-existence between the Indigenous Peoples and the settlers. These principles are embedded in the Great Law of Peace, also known as the Haudenosaunee Confederacy.

When explorers from Spain, Portugal, England, France and Holland travelled the world to discover and create colonies, they travelled with the support of Papal Bulls, documents that stated that everything was theirs for the taking.

Papal Bulls, later known as the Doctrine of Discovery, paved the way for colonialism around the world. Historical evidence reveals these aspects of colonialism: systemic and controlled starvation; land theft and control; enacting new laws to justify and legalize land theft; population control; and extermination.

Historians have found a trail leading from the Papal Bulls to the present day Canadian legal system through the Royal Proclamation of 1763, the 1876 Indian Act, and the 1982 Constitution Act.

The 1876 Indian Act integrated many of colonialism's characteristics into Canadian law. It forced the assimilation of many Indigenous Peoples and resulted in the starvation of the First Nations people living on the Plains during the building of the Canadian National Railroad; Starvation in the North; High Arctic Relocation; Falsified Treaties; the Bagot Commission; the Fraser Canyon War; the Red River and the Northwest Resistances; the Sixties Scoop; and Residential Schools.

Recognizing that the Indian Act produced trauma, human rights violations and social and cultural disruptions for generations of Indigenous Peoples, the Canadian Government has amended it several times, most significantly in 1951 and 1985 when changes focussed on removing discriminatory sections.

The Indian Act is under scrutiny again. Let's be aware of what's at stake by learning the facts at www.reconciliationeducation.ca. As a Canadian descendant of early settlers, I learned new facts that surprised and saddened me. Reconciliation is always about making things right. Let's learn from the Great Law of Peace. Amen.

Hey Dads!

Hey Dads! Have you sat around a camp fire with your kids lately? The nice thing about fire is that it's usually pretty warm. Therefore, you can sit around a fire in all seasons – summer, winter, spring, or fall. The not-so-nice thing about fire is that it's usually pretty warm. So, you don't want to sit too close to it even if it's super cold outside. And if you're sitting around it with 10 kids, as I often do, not only do you have to make sure that you don't sit too close to it but that the 10 kids also don't sit too close to it. Usually that's not an issue for kids aged 10 and up.

Kids younger than 10 always want to do crazy things around a fire. Lighting sticks on fire and swinging them around is a crazy thing. As an adult you probably don't sit around fires and think, "I'd like to light this stick on fire and get it as close as I possibly can to someone's eye ball." Children seem to have this thought at every fire all the time…if they can find a stick. I believe all children are members in good standing of the internationally-recognized Children's Club of Stick Standards (CCSS).

One of the most frequent questions I get asked at a fire is, "Dad, can you find me a stick?" Or it's said as a statement of fact: "I can't find a stick." Or it's said as a statement of the CCSS's high stick standards: "I can't find a good stick." We all know why children need sticks at fires, right? To roast their marshmallows. We also all know how difficult it is to roast marshmallows using only our hands (Remember the fire being quite warm and all).

Often, fires take place in a wooded area. Most wooded areas have a high concentration of quality sticks. Yet, not high enough for the CCSS mentioned above. We have a fire pit in our yard. We have hundreds of trees in our yard. Conveniently located within about 10 feet of the fire pit there is a large pile of branches approximately 20-feet long, 20-feet wide, and 6-feet high. This is a useful pile to have so close when starting and maintaining a fire. It is also useful due to the high concentration of sticks it contains. Millions, perhaps. Yet I still get asked the question! "Dad, can you find me a stick?"

Now, I have never been a winning contestant on your favorite show, America's Got Sticks, or made the Guiness Book of World Records for Best Stick Searcher Ever. But my children seem to think I have an innate ability to put my nose to the ground and sniff out top-quality roasting sticks. The truth is, I think they can find their own sticks. Sometimes they do, sometimes they don't. Dad, embrace these moments with your family. After all, do we really have anything better to do around a camp fire than look for sticks? Are we just going to sit there and relax? No. We are not. We are dads. So, we pull our creaky groaning bodies out of those comfy lawn chairs to find the best sticks we can. Then we remind children not to poke each other in the eye with them. Time flies, dad. Make every moment count. Even the sticky search-y ones.

Jason Weening gathers millions of sticks for his 10 kids and 1 patient wife. Need a Christmas gift? Get his hilarious book, "Yes, Dear…I'm Watching Them," on Amazon.

Orr Lake Currents: Cozying Up Around the Lake

By Chantal Rogers, on behalf of the OLRA.

As the days grow shorter and temperatures begin to dip, many of us around Orr Lake are busy with the familiar autumn routine: pulling in docks and canoes, putting away patio furniture, putting gardens to bed, and swapping lawnmowers for snowblowers in the shed. While we're getting our homes and cottages ready for the colder months ahead, the natural world around us is hard at work on preparations of its own.

Across Orr Lake and the surrounding watershed, wildlife is responding to the changing seasons in fascinating ways. What might look like a quieting landscape is actually a very busy time of year.

One of the most noticeable signs of fall is the movement of birds. As the autumn chill sets in, many familiar summer visitors begin their journey south. Loons, which have spent the summer nesting and raising their young on our lake, leave for coastal waters and larger bodies of open water where they spend the winter. Along with Canada geese, many ducks and swans also migrate south, although some species may stay in Ontario if they can find open water and enough food.

People and birds alike, not everyone leaves Orr Lake. Chickadees, blue jays, cardinals, woodpeckers and more, remain in our woodlands and backyards all winter, adapting as natural food sources become harder to find. As the temperature drops, consider setting up a backyard bird feeder. Black oil sunflower seeds are a local favourite, while suet provides a high-energy boost to help birds stay warm on freezing days. A little extra help goes a long way in winter for our feathered friends.

In the surrounding forests, fields, and wetlands, mammals are also getting ready for the cold months ahead. Squirrels and chipmunks are busy gathering and stashing nuts and seeds underground, while beavers and muskrats shore up their lodges and stockpile branches for winter meals. Deer grow thicker, well-insulated winter coats, and true hibernators like groundhogs and black bears spend the autumn bulking up before retreating to winter dens to sleep the season away.

Other wildlife at Orr Lake have a very different strategy. Reptiles and amphibians—including frogs, turtles, and snakes—slow their metabolisms to enter a state of winter dormancy until spring. Turtles and many frogs settle into the soft mud at the bottom of local ponds and wetlands, while terrestrial frogs and snakes burrow beneath leaf litter, logs, or underground dens to wait out the cold.

Although we may soon see ice covering Orr Lake, the lake's ecosystem doesn't simply shut down for the season. As autumn air chills the surface, the heavier, cooler water sinks and pushes the warmer water below back up to the top to cool—a gentle seasonal mixing process that redistributes vital oxygen and nutrients throughout the lake, keeping fish and aquatic life healthy beneath the ice all winter long.

Our wetlands, shoreline plants, and woodlots are doing plenty of heavy lifting during this seasonal shift. Tall grasses, fallen logs, and dense brush offer critical food, shelter, and safe cover—becoming especially vital as local wildlife looks for quiet, protected spots to ride out the winter.

As we tidy our properties and prepare for winter, it's worth remembering that what we do can make a difference for the wildlife around us. Where possible, consider leaving some natural leaf litter, fallen branches and brush in undisturbed corners of your property—these "messy" patches provide vital winter shelter for insects, amphibians, and other small creatures. Keeping natural shoreline vegetation intact also helps protect habitat, curb erosion, and prevent soil and excess nutrients from washing into Orr Lake.

It's equally important to dispose of extra yard waste responsibly rather than dumping leaves, grass clippings, or brush into nearby ditches, wooded areas, along the shoreline, or into the water. While natural leaf fall is healthy, concentrated piles of dumped yard waste can smother native plants, clog drainage ditches, and wash excess nutrients straight into our waterways. Be sure to check the Township of Springwater's fall yard waste collection schedule or drop-off options at the local waste facility.

As another cottage season draws to a close and our community settles into its quieter late-autumn rhythm, there's something reassuring about knowing that nature is following a familiar routine right alongside us. While we button up our cottages, winterize our homes, and stock up for the colder days ahead, our wildlife neighbours around Orr Lake are busy doing the very same—getting settled in and ready for the season to come.

The lake may seem still over the coming months, but life is quietly carrying on beneath the water and throughout the surrounding woods and wetlands. So next time you pull on a toque for a crisp walk along the shore or down a wooded trail, take a quiet moment to appreciate all the local critters snuggling in around you—and enjoy the peaceful charm of autumn in Springwater.

"Lake First, Community Always."



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23 DIY Holiday Gift Bag 4-5PM	24 Mahjong Meetup 10AM-12PM Indigenous Crafting with Enaahtig Healing Lodge 2-4PM	25 Storytime 10:30-11AM Homeschool Afternoons at the Library 2-3:30PM B.Y.O.B. Club (Virtual) 7PM	26 Sing & Sign with Baby 10:30-11AM Exploring MPL's Online Resources 6-7PM	27 Community-Led French Conversation Group 11AM-12PM Tech 1 on 1 1-4PM DIY Holiday Gift Bag 4-5PM Tots and Bots 4-4:30PM	28
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ODSP
Are you on the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) or have questions about ODSP? Come see an ODSP caseworker every other Monday 10am-4pm at the Elmvale Branch on November 30 and December 14. What is ODSP? It is a social assistance program in Ontario, Canada, that provides financial and employment support to adults with disabilities and their families. Key Supports of ODSP: Income support - Monthly financial entitlements to help cover basic needs like food, clothing, and housing/shelter allowances. Health Benefits: Coverage for prescription drugs, dental care, vision care, and medical supplies or medical travel costs.

Teen Holiday Cards
If you've taken a card kit home to make for volunteer hours, please return your finished cards by Tuesday December 1. Thank you!

Hospice Simcoe: Grief Through the Holidays
Strategies for navigating holidays, traditions, and special occasions while grieving. Thursday December 10, 6pm-7:30pm Midhurst Branch. Cost: Free. Registration required.

Make a Gift Day
Do you want to learn more about our Maker Space? Do you have someone to buy for, but don't know what to get them? Why not make them a personalized gift? Choose an item to personalize (Mug $5, Bookmark $1, Book Bag $2, Ornament $2) and using Canva and our sublimation printer. Sign up for a 45 minute timeslot and select one gift to make. Monday December 21 and Wednesday December 23 at Midhurst Branch. Timeslots begin at 10:30am. Timeslots begin at 10:30am.

Holiday Hours
Thursday December 24: Closed at 1:30pm
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Bay Shore Seniors' Club
2000 Tiny Beaches Road S., Woodland Beach
Call 705-361-1331 or info@bayshoreseniors.ca

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

MONDAY

Elmvale Seniors Drop In
Elmvale Library Lower Level
10 am - 12 noon
Call Lynn for info, 705.322.3309
Midland Jam
Free Admission, Show 7:00, Doors 6:30
Bid Euchre
Elmvale Community Hall 1 pm - 4 pm
Call Anne for details 705-322-1232
Georgian Shores Seniors Club
Billiards/Pool, 9:00 – 11 am
Seniors in Motion Fitness, 10:00 – 11:00 am
Hustle and Muscle, 11:30 – 12:30 pm
Bid Euchre, 1 – 3:30 pm
Askennonia Seniors Centre
Table Tennis, 9am-11am
Yoga, 9am-10am
Line Dancing Advancing, 9:15am-10:30
Fun Fit Circuit, 9:15am-10:15am
Coffee Break, 10:00am-12pm
Chair Pilates, 10:30am-11:30am
Intro to Line Dancing- Baby Steps, 10:30am-11am
Walking Club, 11am-12pm
Line Dancing Basic, 11am-12pm
Hand and Foot Card Game, 1pm-3:30pm
Writers Workshop, 1pm-3:30pm

Bay Shore Seniors Club
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
Table Shuffleboard
Tuesdays at 1 pm Cost $2
Elmvale Legion
7 John Street Elmvale
Penetanguishene Legion Lunch and/or Regular Euchre luncheons 11:30am arrival. It fills up. Lunch served 12 pm.
Euchre
Tuesdays, 1 pm - 4 pm
$4, Drop-in, Legion #68, 2 Poyntz Street, Penetanguishene
Georgian Shores Seniors Club
Billiards/Pool, 9:00 – 11 am
Line Dancing, Prog. Beginners 9:30 – 11:00 am
Line Dancing, Easy Intermediate, 11:30 – 1:00 pm
Askennonia Seniors Centre
Pickleball, 9am-12pm (starting October 14)
Cardio Drums Alive, 9am-10am
Quilting, 9am-12pm
Photography Club, 10am-12pm first Tuesday of every month
Darts Club, 10am-12pm
Zumba Toning, 10:30-11:30
Badminton, 1pm-3pm
Circle of Friends, 1:30pm-2:30pm
Steelers Music Bingo
5:30-6:30 pm
Steelers Restaurant, 23 Queen Street West, Elmvale
Bay Shore Seniors Club
Pool/Billiards - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Indoor Pickleball - 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
Crafts - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Bid Euchre - 6:30 - 9:30 pm

WEDNESDAY

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

Bay Shore Seniors Club
Access Art - 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
LifeStyles Exercise - 9:00 - 10:30 am
Line Dancing - Beginner 1:00 - 2:00 pm
Indoor Pickleball - 4:00 - 5:30 pm

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

Askennonia Seniors Centre
Table Tennis, 9am-11am
Tai Chi, 9am-10am
Step Class, 9am-10am
Line Dancing Advancing, 9:15am-10:30am
Chair Yoga, 9:15am-10:15am
Cribbage, 10am-12pm
Intro to Line Dancing- Baby Steps, 10:30am-11am
Chair Pilates, 10:30am-11:30am
Drumming Social, 10:30am-11:30am
Line Dancing Basic, 11am-12pm
Walking Club, 11am-12pm
Creative Crafting, 1pm-3pm
Bid Euchre, 1pm-3pm
Woodcarving, 1pm-3pm

Midland Ganaraska Hiking Trail Club
Meets Wednesdays to hike, snowshoe, go camping or enjoy nature outings led by qualified hike leaders. Hikes meet at Food Basics Midland at 1pm
For information contact Kris 705-435-8593.

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

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

THURSDAY

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

Euchre - 7 pm
Elmvale Legion

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

Bay Shore Seniors Club
Darts 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Cribbage - 6:30 - 9:00 pm

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

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

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

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

Wasaga Beach Parkinson's Support Group
1st Thursday of each month 12:30-2:00 p.m.
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
VON SMART Exercise - 9:30 - 10:15 am FREE
Indoor Pickleball - 10:30 - 12:00 pm and 4:00 - 5:30 pm
Shuffleboard - 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Georgian Shores Seniors Club
Billiards/Pool, 9:00 – 11 am
Table Tennis, 9:30-11:30 am
3rd Bingo & Lunch: 12 noon - 3:30 pm
TGIF social, 4:00 – 6:00 pm
Askennonia Seniors Centre
Knit'n Needles, 9am-12pm
Cardio Drums Alive, 9am-10am
Pickleball, 9am-11:30am
Badminton, 9:30am-11:30am
Qi Gong, 9am-10am
Tabata, 9am-10am
Chair Zumba, 11:10am-12pm
Card Making, 1pm-3pm
Musicians Jam Circle, 1pm-3pm

WEEKENDS

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

Midland Ganaraska Hiking Trail Club
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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.

MONDAY to FRIDAY

North Simcoe Bridge and Games Club
Brooklea Golf and Country Club
Mon. 12:45pm: Duplicate Bridge, Tues 6:45pm: Social Bridge, Wed., 12:45pm Duplicate Bridge, Thur. 12:45pm Duplicate Bridge, Fri. 12pm: Bid Euchre. Contact northsimcoebridge@gmail.com.
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Social Club for retired seniors
Monthly Meetings: 10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
Third Thursday of every month
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410 St. Vincent Street

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Special Events One Time

Elmvale Legion
Nov 21st - Bill Truax Memorial Euchre Tournament
Nov 27th - Dance with DJ Rob
Nov 29th- Singo Bingo
Tuesdays at 1 - Shuffleboard
Saturdays at 5 - Meat Darts

Community Social
Nov. 28, 2026 2-4pm
Location: Dalston- Crown Hill United Church
1734 Penetanguishene Rd., Dalston
Hosted by Crown Hill Women's Institute.
Tea & Dainties & Holiday Baking Sale

2026 Christmas Santa Claus Parades – North Simcoe & Surrounding Area
- November 21 – Midland: 11:00 a.m.
- November 21 – Barrie: 5:00 p.m.
- November 21 – Collingwood: 5:00 p.m.
- November 28 – Wasaga Beach: 5:00 p.m.
- November 29 – Waubaushene: 1:00 p.m.
- December 5 – Stayner: 10:30 a.m.
- December 5 – Port Severn: 1:00 p.m.
- December 5 – Creemore: 1:30 p.m.
- December 5 – Coldwater: 5:00 p.m.
- December 5 – Wyevale: 7:00 p.m.
- December 6 – Elmvale: 1:00 p.m.
-December 11 - Minesing 6:30

St. Louis Church Christmas Bazaar. Baking, treats & treasures. Sat. Dec. 5, 10 to 1,

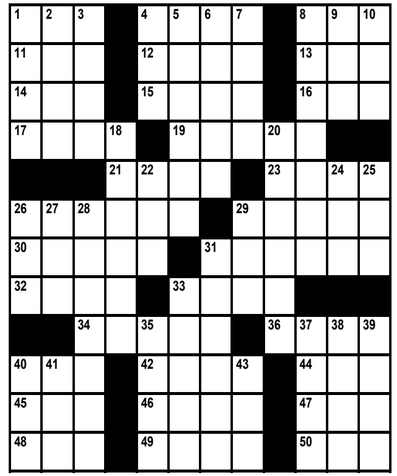
Georgian Bay Coin & Stamp Club
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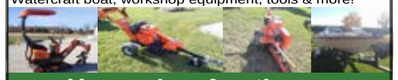
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Gabriele E. Schoenbeck (née Grill)

January 13, 1931 – November 10, 2026

Passed away peacefully at Hospice Huronia in Penetanguishene on Tuesday, November 10th, 2026 at the age of 95 years. Predeceased by her beloved husband Harry Schoenbeck (2021) of 72 years. Gaby will be lovingly remembered by her good friends, Doug and Karen Jupp, their children, Shawnna (Jason), Grant (Ceci) along with their children, Alyssa (Jack), Ryan, Kate, Isabella and Benjamin. Deeply loved and missed by her God child, Tanja Hein and her family along with all of the extended family in Germany.

Gabriele and Harry loved their golfing life in Horseshoe Valley where they met so many wonderful neighbours and friends.

Keeping with Gaby's wishes, cremation has taken place with arrangements entrusted to the Steckley-Gooderham Funeral Home, 30 Worsley St., Barrie.

Donations in Gaby's memory may be made to Hospice Huronia in Penetanguishene and are greatly appreciated.

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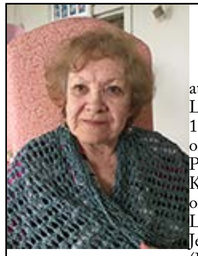
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Passed away peacefully at Woods Park Retirement Living in Barrie on 11/10/2026. Josephine of Barrie in her 89th year. Pre-deceased by husband Kalman Janda. Dear mother of Garry (Sara) Janda. Loved grandmother of Jessica (Michael) and Justin (Hillary). Great grandmother of Francis.

Josephine (Fini) and her beloved husband, Kalman, immigrated to Canada from Hungary in 1956, beginning a new chapter of their lives filled with hopes and dreams. In 1958, they welcomed their son, Garry.

Tragically, in 1975, Josephine lost her loving husband to cancer. Faced with this loss, she found within herself the strength and determination to carry on, becoming the strong, independent woman so many came to know.

Josephine began her career in banking before moving on to Toronto Hydro, where she made history as the first female estimator. She took great pride in her work, loved her career, and thoroughly enjoyed her life in Toronto.

Josie lived life to the fullest. She was an avid skier, golfer, and tennis player, always enjoying an active lifestyle and the company of good friends. Some of her happiest times were spent entertaining at the cottage, welcoming friends with open arms and preparing her much-loved Hungarian dishes. No gathering was complete without her famous Wiener Schnitzel and Goulash!

Above all else, Josie was an exceptional mother. She loved her son, Garry, and made sure to give him every opportunity she could. She loved travelling with him, taking him on vacations and creating special memories that would last a lifetime.

But perhaps her greatest joy and proudest accomplishment were her two grandchildren, Jessica and Justin. To them, she was their beloved Nagymama. She adored spending time with them, taking them on outings, having sleepovers, and making every moment special. There are countless treasured memories, from adventures at African Lion Safari and Disney World to sunny days at the beach.

These were precious times that will forever hold a special place in their hearts.

She will be remembered for her strength, her warmth, her wonderful cooking, her adventurous spirit, and, most of all, the unconditional love she gave her family.

Her legacy lives on through Garry, Jessica, and Justin, and through the many lives she touched along the way.

There will not be a funeral service.

She will be deeply missed and forever loved.

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



Marion (Johnston) Graham
March 14, 1935 to November 02, 2026

With both sadness and gratitude for a life well lived, we announce the passing of Marion Marlene Ann Graham on November 2nd at the age of 91. While she will be deeply missed, we find comfort in knowing she is now at peace.

After completing her business education, Marion worked in a bank in Midland. She soon married Lorne and spent many hours managing their farm operation. Marion went on to own and operate Elm Flower Shoppe, which she later sold in 1978. Marion continued to be busy as an integral part of her family business DLG Farm Drainage. In her earlier years, she was also a proud member of the Saurin Women's Institute. She had a special place in her heart for her cats, dogs, cows and sheep, and enjoyed helping with 4-H. Her love of farming has become part of her family's legacy, something that has been passed down through the generations and continues today.

Marion was predeceased by her parents, Alvin and Mae Johnston, and her brothers, Morris and Murray. She was incredibly proud of her own family, especially her two sons, Douglas and Gregory. She also leaves behind her daughter-in-law, Lisa, her cherished grandchildren, David (Sarah), Ashley (Jeremy) and Robert (Hailey), and her seven precious great-grandchildren, J.R., Georgia, Lauren, Mae, Claire, Lainey and Conrad.

A celebration of her life will be held in late November (Additional service details to follow)

Our family would like to extend a huge thank you to the Staff at the Villa in Midland for their tremendous care and compassion they gave to Mom.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Marion's memory may be made to Sick Kids Hospital or OSCPA.

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Sudbury Barrie Transmission Line

Route alternatives and invitation to community open houses

November 2026

Ontario's demand for electricity is increasing. To meet this demand, Hydro One is investing in a new priority transmission line between Sudbury and Barrie. Once built, the Sudbury Barrie Transmission Line will strengthen the electricity system between northern and southern Ontario to support future growth, jobs and communities.

Earlier this year, Hydro One initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed single-circuit, 500-kilovolt (kV) transmission line that will span approximately 300 kilometres from Hanmer Transformer Station (TS) in Sudbury to Essa TS near Barrie, including facility expansions at both Hanmer TS and Essa TS, and the construction of a new midpoint station. The line is expected to be in service in 2032.

The project includes direction from the Ontario government to complete development work on a second new single-circuit, 500-kV transmission line. A recommended in-service date for the second line will be determined by the Independent Electricity System Operator.

Planning process

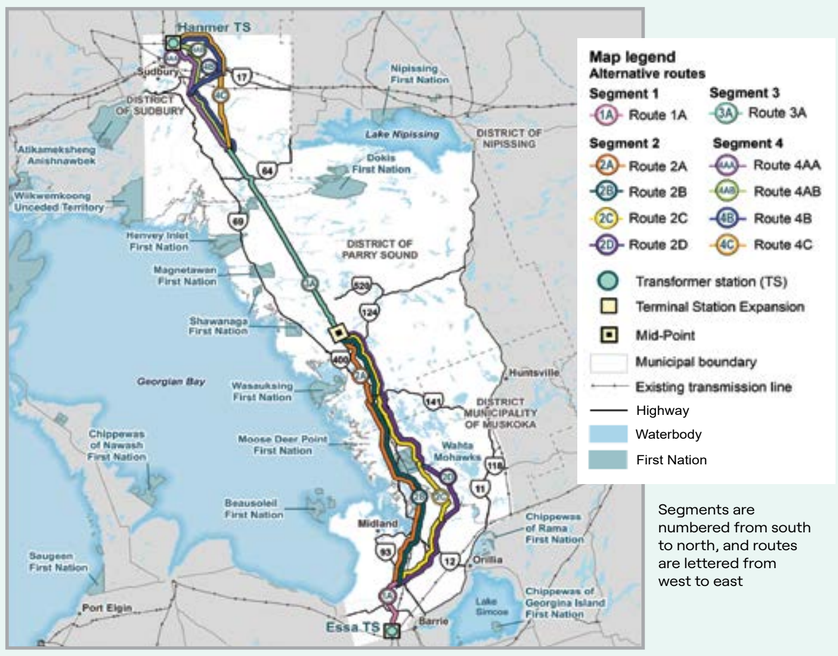
The route alternatives are shown on the map on the reverse page and can be seen in more detail at **HydroOne.com/SBTL**. The route alternatives were identified using a thorough analysis of Indigenous culture, values and land use; and technical, socioeconomic and natural environment considerations. No preferred route has been selected at this stage. The route alternatives being presented are under evaluation as part of the ongoing Class EA process. The preferred route will be presented in 2027.

This project is following the Class EA for Transmission Facilities (February 2024), in accordance with the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. Following completion of the Class EA, the project will also require Ontario Energy Board approval under Section 92 (Leave to Construct) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.

We want to hear from you

Hydro One values ongoing, meaningful and open engagement. Feedback from Indigenous communities, local residents, businesses, government agencies and interest groups is instrumental to inform all aspects of the Class EA, including the evaluation of route alternatives. We invite you to join our community open houses to learn more about the project, ask our team questions and provide input.

Pour une version en français, consultez notre site web.



Segments are numbered from south to north, and routes are lettered from west to east

Please visit our online interactive map for a more detailed view and to provide your feedback: **HydroOne.com/SBTL**

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Drop in anytime from 3:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. to chat with us at the following:

Monday, November 30
Humphrey Community Centre and Arena, 15 Humphrey Drive, Seguin

Tuesday, December 1
Baxter Ward Community Centre, 25 Community Centre Road, Port Severn

Wednesday, December 2
General John Hayter Southshore Community Centre
205 Lakeshore Drive, Barrie

Thursday, December 3
Bobby Orr Community Centre
7 Mary Street, Parry Sound

Saturday December 5
Note time: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Noelville Community Centre
21 St. Christophe Street, Noelville

Monday, December 7
Centennial Arena
4333 Centennial Drive, Hanmer

Or join one of our virtual community open house sessions from 6-7 p.m.:
Thursday, November 26
Tuesday, December 8

Please register for one of our virtual sessions at HydroOne.com/SBTL

We're here to listen. If you would like more information or have questions, please contact our team at:

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