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CELEBRATE SPRINGWATER

By: *Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com*

Sep 15, 2024 - Thousands of folks from across Springwater Township descended on Midhurst's Tree Nursery Sport Park Saturday afternoon to celebrate the township's 30th birthday.

For hours, township residents - old and young - enjoyed food, fun and frivolity while the summer's last blast of fantastic weather provided a picture-perfect backdrop. The closing fireworks provided the requisite exclamation mark. Gathered at picnic tables, spread out on blankets or huddled in groups, folks chatted with new and old friends alike while local musicians provided a soundtrack of live music.

"Tonight we celebrate Springwater, never forgetting who we were - or where we come from - yet embracing our future," said Springwater Township Mayor Jennifer Coughlin, host and emcee of the event. "As we celebrate Springwater's 30th anniversary, we are reminded of the community spirit that defines us. "Our communities aren't just dots on a map, little boxes on a grid - they are places where people gather, connect, and support each other," she added.

As township councillors served up ice cream and local Lions and Lionesses dished out barbecued goodies, the older party-goers took in displays from

local service groups - Springwater Public Library, Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, Severn Sound Environmental Association - while the younger folks burned off earned calories on the climbing wall, the inflatables and a scaled down, portable version of a snow tubing run.

Shortly after opening the gates to the free event, local talent search winners Erika DaCunha and Ethan McBrien kicked off the live music - an all-Springwater affair that included Graham Scott Fleming, a rising country performer who got his start in show business on Broadway and headliner Dayna Reid, who releases her debut album, *She's Me*, this coming Saturday, Sept. 21. "This is what makes Springwater special," Coughlin told the crowd as she introduced the evening's acts. "The reason we get to enjoy this talent tonight is not simply because they grew up here - it's because they choose here. "And they choose here because of you - their family, their friends, neighbours - their career-long supporters - and the awkward fan-girls like me," Coughlin added. As the bands played on, revelers had the chance to get up close and personal with first-responders from police, fire and emergency services and the vehicles they use.



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Expanding Social Participation in Penetanguishene

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Guided Nature Therapy Walk Series

Thursdays 10AM - 11AM
6 weeks starting September 26, 2024
Location: Meet at Amphitheatre
8 Owen Street

Guided walk starting at the Amphitheatre. Connect with nature along the shores of Penetanguishene Harbour in Rotary Champlain Wendat Park with a social gathering for snacks and tea at the end.

Crafting Stories & Art on Paper

Fridays 9AM - 10AM
6 weeks starting October 4, 2024.
Location: Penetanguishene Memorial Community Centre

Learn how to make mini-magazines, explore simple storytelling, and try different drawing exercises. No experience required, step-by-step instruction provided.

FULL Beginner Line Dancing

Mondays 12PM - 12:45PM, 6 weeks starting January 13, 2024
Location: Penetanguishene Memorial Community Centre

A program for those who want to step out and have some fun! In a friendly, inclusive and social environment, you will learn dance steps that form the foundation of line dancing. Steps and dances are taught at a leisurely pace with varied music.

Register to reserve your spot, and your snacks!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Historic Beach Access and Usage Rights in the Township of Tiny

This letter is not promoting trespassing, which many have been led to believe they are guilty of. Using our beaches is not trespassing. It is our right. Please respect private property and also our beaches, by taking with you all that you brought. Including cigarette butts.

Tiny's beaches are famous the world over. Sadly, some have been attempting to keep them from us by claiming they are private.

Historic Beach Rights mean something and no one should be able to prevent us from exercising them freely. The fallacy that the beaches in Tiny are private has gone too far.

The decision by the Court of Appeal for Ontario, the highest court in the province, has been referenced in cases across the country.

Gibbs v. Grand Bend (Village), 1996 CanLII 2835 (ON CA)

"open and unobstructed use by the public for a substantial period of time is, as a rule, the evidence from which a trier of fact may infer both dedication and acceptance. ... Once a dedication is complete, neither the owners nor their successors-in-title could revoke it ... Neither the dedicator nor his successor-in-title can resume control of or convey the land free from the public rights to its use, nor can anything be done by the present owners to take back that which had been previously given away."

Boundaries Act applications or quit claims deeds would have occurred after historic use was already a thing. Adverse possession; the suggestion that only 60 feet at the accesses are for public use; private property signs littering our beaches and pathways; "erroneous surveys"; ugly and dangerous groynes that are ruining our beautiful and natural "dynamic shorelines"; the abuse of good people; MUST STOP.

The correct process should be followed like the Gibbs case. This is about fair trials and truth-seeking. The onus is on the claimant to prove that they own the land. And more importantly, that historic beach rights do not exist.

How hard is it for the ones who claim the beach is private, to join together and raise the funds to take this to court like Gibbs, and try to prove it once and for all? Is money the issue? Isn't there a lawyer on board who will do it pro bono? Many have joined forces very recently to try to stop something else in Tiny, making it abundantly clear that the solidarity is there. So why hasn't this happened?

Would it actually be that if it were able to be proven, it would have happened a long time ago?

Until the privateers put their money where their mouths are, and prove these claims fairly and truthfully, the people should know their rights and they should be left alone to enjoy their commons areas.

...Enjoy the Beaches!

Tara Jaeger-Tiny Township, Sep.24, 2024

EDITOR'S NOTES by Linda Belcourt

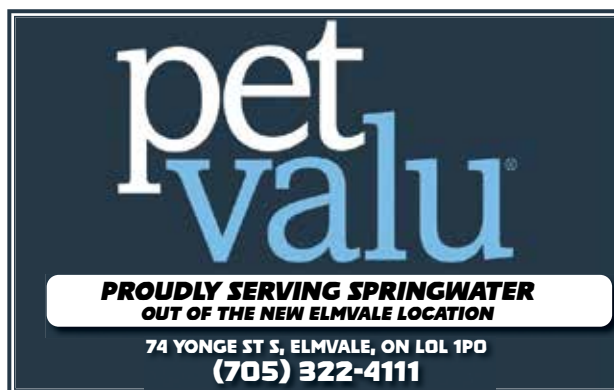
Welcome fall and all the great things that come with it! The Elmvale Fair is an exciting time for all the locals in our area. The Friday October 11th, 2024 is for the children and it brings many memories from my childhood. Now my grandchildren are going. I will be travelling to the east coast for a wedding so I will miss the fair for the first time in my life. Please be reminded that the parade starts at 11 am this year. Spread the word! Everything you need to know about the fair is on page 11. Many are busy getting there wares ready to enter into the fair

competition.

The North Simcoe Springwater News is growing once again. I have added 4 pages to this edition. There is lots going on with municipal politics and sports in this edition. I am adding more newstands in the south of Springwater. I have a new refreshed website coming. I am looking forward to working on that. I am hoping to increase online revenue so that I may increase distribution through Canada Post. Printed newspaper are not going away anytime soon as long as we have printers to print it.

New Business in Elmvale Pet Value

By Rick Norris



September 17, 2024 - The opening of Pet Valu Elmvale in August had been thought about since the time we moved up to the Elmvale area in 2021. When the stars aligned with the availability of space in the new plaza beside Pharmasave, my wife and I decided to dive in and try and give Springwater a place not just to get pet food and supplies, but as a place people could be proud to have in the community. A marquee version of what Pet retail can be. We live here, we shop here, we play here, and we realize how big a part that pets play in the lives of the people that live

around here, as they do in ours.

I'm a rural raised, blue-collar type of person that has no real interest in the upsell. I want to give people what they want by stocking a wide variety of premium quality pet food and associated supplies, and to do so in a no hassle friendly environment that epitomizes what the area stands for - providing some good honest advice where requested.

Our household has two dogs and a corn snake at present. Florence and Gordy test out a lot of the dog toys, treats and food. One being a Corso mix and the other an Australian cattle dog, they give things quite the going over - often on separate ends of a particular toy. Being originally from a land where the snakes are something to stay well clear of, I leave the snake to my daughter.

I'd like to thank the community for the support thus far and for the positive feedback we have received related to the store. It really does mean the world to us to hear that people (and as importantly their pets) enjoy coming to the store and continue to have a memorable experience whilst there. We want to be known as providing the best customer service in the land, bar none. That's our goal.

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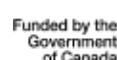
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Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament raised \$41,500

(September 19, 2024 – Midland, ON) The Town of Midland is pleased to announce that the inaugural Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament raised \$41,500 in support of Midland's Community Grant Program.

The funds raised through sponsorships, players fees and various fundraising activities during the tournament will be distributed to local not-for-profit organizations through 2025 Community Grant Program, which will open for applications in the spring.

"The tournament is a Council initiative in response to the growing financial needs of not-for-profit organizations within our community," said Mayor Bill Gordon. "We are appreciative of the generosity and support of our sponsors, donors, players, volunteers, and staff who contributed to the success of this tournament."

The Town thanks all of the 2024 Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament sponsors including Coland Development Corp, Gajjar Development Group, Bourgeois Automotive Group, Kaitlin Corporation, and Delbrook Group, as well as local businesses and individuals who donated prizes and silent auction items.

The date of the 2025 Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament will be announced on the Town's website, visit midland.ca/golf.



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Join us this Saturday at Harbourside Park from 10am - 4pm. Midland's vibrant new festival is all about murals, art and more. Did you know, Midland is home to one of Ontario's largest outdoor art galleries?

- Enjoy a guided or self-guided mural tour.
- Pick up some delicious food.
- Murals come to life as artists paint on site.
- Make your mark on our community murals.
- Enjoy live music.
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- Bring home some awesome creations from the make and take activities.
- Check out the artists and artisans at the vendor market.



midland.ca/muralfestival

Seasonal Closures

Harbour Closure

- The Town Harbour will close mid-October, re-open April 2024.

Outdoor Washroom Closure

- Town outdoor public washrooms will close mid-October, re-open Summer 2024.



2025 Budget Engagement Survey

Whenever the snow is plowed on your street, you enjoy a sunny day at a new Town playground or at the Harbour, or when a road is being paved - all of these services are your tax dollars at work.

Your opinion counts! Take a few minutes to fill out our 2025 Budget Survey and let us know what's important to Midland.

midland.ca/2025budget

Planning - Public Meeting

Have your say! There is a Public Meeting for a proposed Official Plan Amendment.

- When: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
- Where: In-Person at the Town Hall or virtually on Zoom
- Property location: 72 Penetanguishene Road

The proposed site-specific Official Plan Amendment seeks to redesignate the property from Natural Heritage to Residential to permit future development.

Find the official notice and more information on our website.

midland.ca/planningnotice

Join a Town Committee

Make a difference in our community!

- Committee of Adjustment
- Midland Active Transportation Advisory Committee
- Midland Penetanguishene Transit Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

midland.ca/apply

Contact your Council

Get in touch with Town Council through our website. Council is elected at large, they are here to help with any questions, comments, or concerns.

midland.ca/meetcouncil

Upcoming Council Meeting



Regular Council Meeting



Regular Council Meeting



Regular Council Meeting

Council meetings take place virtually and in person and can be viewed on RogersTV (cable 53) or on RogersTV live stream.

[Town of Midland](http://TownofMidland.ca) midland.ca/council

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Council Meeting Schedule



October 9 5:30 PM
October 30 5:30 PM
November 20 5:30 PM



Township of Tiny
www.tiny.ca/events

Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers and are open to the public. The 2024 Meeting of Council Schedule is subject to change. For complete details, visit the Community Calendar.

Senior Speaker Series

Various dates September - November

The Township of Tiny's Senior Advisory Committee is excited to host various workshops addressing topics and issues related to seniors, older adults, and their caregivers. Each event is free of charge, however participants are required to reserve a ticket in advance. For more information or to register, visit www.tiny.ca/seniors/workshops. Topics include: Keeping Active, Social Connections, and Motivational Speaker Jill Farren.



Coffee and Connect

Join us in a relaxed, safe and friendly atmosphere each Tuesday to learn and explore technology and the internet. Register for this or other fall/winter programs at www.tiny.ca/playportal, contact the Recreation Department at recreation@tiny.ca or 705-526-4204.

Interim Control By-law for the Tiny Shoreline

Did you know? The Interim Control By-law 23-044, as amended, prohibits the erection of any structure, fence, or sign through the duration of this by-law. This includes, but is not limited to, boathouses, retaining walls, patios, landscaping, decks, fences, walls, or shoreline alteration that are in proximity to the 178-metre contour elevation of the Georgian Bay Shoreline. Before you construct, visit www.tiny.ca/InterimControl for more information.

If you have witnessed a violation of the Interim Control By-law and wish to file a complaint, please contact the Municipal Law Enforcement Department at 705-526-4136.

For further information: Planning and Development Department
E: interimcontrol@tiny.ca T: 705-526-4204



Test Your Smoke Alarm Day - September 28

Fire safety starts with you. Test your smoke alarms at least once each month by pressing the test button!



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Sign up for E-Billing!

Did you know that the Township of Tiny offers e-billing? E-billing is a secure and convenient way to receive an electronic version of your property tax bill and or water bill directly to your email.



You can sign up for e-billing online at www.tiny.ca/taxes or www.tiny.ca/waterbill. Need assistance? Reach out to the Finance Department by calling 705-526-4204 or by emailing taxdepartment@tiny.ca.

Dumping/waste in Tiny

Please note that garbage facilities at municipal parks and beaches are for waste from users only. Dumping of household waste is strictly prohibited. If you require additional waste services, please visit www.simcoe.ca/waste.

Youth Trip: Pumpkinferno

Pumpkinferno at Discovery Harbour
Thursday October 24, 2024
Cost: \$50
Register: www.tiny.ca/playportal



Join us for a thrilling trip to Pumpkinferno at Discovery Harbour! Experience an enchanting evening self-guided tour featuring hundreds of illuminated pumpkins, scare zones, and haunted houses. Enjoy delicious food, live entertainment, and the opportunity for youth to explore the spooky attractions at their own pace. Get ready for a night of fun and frights you won't forget! Fees include transportation to and from activities, admission costs, and a meal.

Beaches in Tiny

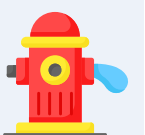


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removed by the township at the owner's expense. Waterfront structures such as boat lifts on the lakebed are regulated under Provincial law and are not permitted in front of any municipally owned properties.

Municipal Water Flushing

Reminder for municipal water users! The Township of Tiny began flushing water mains on September 3, 2024 and will continue throughout the fall season. To view the 2024 water main flushing schedule, please visit our website at www.tiny.ca/drinkingwater.





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 Minesing Branch: 705 722-6440 www.springwaterlibrary.on.ca

PA Day Program: Secret Agent

Learn to write in secret code, practice your observation skills, and create a Secret Agent Supplies Kit as well as a Disguise Kit. Friday September 27, 1pm at Midhurst and Elmvalle Branches. Cost \$2. Registration required.

Outreach Events

Come visit us Autumnfest in Midhurst Saturday September 28 from 10am-3pm at 41 Spence Avenue and Anten Mills Artisan Craft and Food Fair Saturday September 28 from 10am-2pm at the Anten Mills Community Hall, 3985 Horseshoe Valley Road West. Drop by and pick up a free craft!

NEW: Write-On! Writers Lounge

Are you an amateur writer looking for some space to write and a spot to bounce ideas off other writers? Springwater Library is now offering a FREE drop-in workspace for writers on the last Saturday of the month at Midhurst Branch, 1pm-3pm (September 28, October 26, November 30). Cost: Free. No registration required for this drop-in program.

NEW: Teen Book Boxes!

Sign up to receive a teen book box filled with fun and spooky goodies and some murder mystery books! Each box will contain two library books that need to be returned, and a bunch of fun freebies to keep! Cost: Free. Registration required. Registration is limited and boxes will be ready at the library for pick up on Tuesday October 1. The final date to register for a teen book box is Tuesday September 24.

Make your own Sourdough starter

Anyone who is interested in learning how to create their own sourdough should participate in this workshop presented by the South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre. Participants will need to bring their own container, however, the starter ingredients will be provided. Topics that will be covered include the benefits of sourdough, the science behind it, step-by-step instructions for how to get started, and food safety. Tuesday October 1, 6pm at Elmvalle Branch. Cost: Free. Registration required. Call (705) 422-1888 or online at www.southgeorgianbaychc.ca/programs

NEW: Best Intentions Book Club

Join this fun monthly book club that is designed for moms that have the best of intentions to finish a book, but sometimes don't. This non-judgemental

group is a fun way to meet other parents and talk about books (or at least the parts that we read). Please know that spoilers happen in this book club. Tuesday October 8 and November 12 at 6pm, Midhurst Branch. Registration required.

Tiny Book Workshop

Ages 9+ are invited to come to the library and make a tiny version of your favourite book! Register online or at the front desk to make a cool miniature keychain of your choice of book. Thursday October 10, 5:30pm at Midhurst Branch. Cost: Free. Registration required.

Thanksgiving Closure

All branches of Springwater Public Library will be closed Monday October 14 for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. We will reopen to regular branch hours on Tuesday October 15.

80s Murder Mystery Night

Ages 18+ dress in your 80's best and join us for a night of fun at our totally tubular 1980s themed murder mystery night. Rich businessman Whit Wiley is found washed up and lifeless in the fountain of his newly opened mall! Find out who did it through thrilling and hilarious murder mystery madness in this immersive crime solving game night! The killer could be YOU! Friday October 18, 6pm-8pm, at Midhurst Branch. Cost: \$5. Registration required.

Fall Programming:

Mondays: English Language Learners Club 1pm at Elmvalle Branch.

Tuesdays: Storytime 10:30am at Elmvalle Branch.

Wednesdays: Storytime 10:30am at Midhurst Branch.

Wednesdays: EarlyON Stay, Play and Learn for Preschoolers 9am-12noon at Elmvalle Branch. Register at earlyonsimcoenorth.ca.

Wednesdays: Seniors One-on-One Tech Help Wednesdays 10:30am, 11:15am at Midhurst Branch.

Wednesdays: Musical drop in group The Young and TheRestofUs 1pm at Midhurst Branch.

Bi-weekly Thursdays: Seniors One-on-One Tech Help 3pm-5pm (40 minute appointment) at Elmvalle Branch. Registration required.

Thursdays: Knit2 Together Drop in group 7pm at Elmvalle Branch.

Fridays: EarlyON Stay, Play and Learn for Preschoolers 9am-12noon at Elmvalle Branch. Register at earlyonsimcoenorth.ca.

Joint Statement by Mayor Nuttall, Mayor Greenlaw, Mayor Coughlin & County Warden Clarke: Update on Discussions Regarding the City of Barrie's Boundary Expansion Request

Submitted by office of County of Simcoe

Midhurst/September 13, 2024 – Today, the City of Barrie, the Township of Oro-Medonte, the Township of Springwater, and the County of Simcoe released the following statement:

“The City of Barrie, the Township of Oro-Medonte, the Township of Springwater, and the County of Simcoe (“the municipalities”) continue to be engaged in facilitated discussions, with the intent of developing mutually acceptable approaches to address growth pressures in the broader region. These discussions are being supported by the Office of the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator (OPLDF), a provincial agency.

As a next step in the process, the parties have jointly retained Hemson Consulting to complete a Joint Lands Needs Analysis and Study. This study is intended to determine the need for additional employment and/or residential land within and around the City of Barrie, the Township of Oro-Medonte, and the Township of Springwater.

The study will be completed in a phased manner. The initial phase will include a review of the City of Barrie's existing land supply, coupled with a review of the needs of the participating municipalities arising from growth forecasted to 2051. The information gathered will serve as a foundation for further discussions on options moving forward when this phase of the study is completed, later this fall.

More details regarding the outcomes of the study, and continued discussions, will be shared as they become available. The City of Barrie, the Township of Oro-Medonte, the Township of Springwater, and the County of Simcoe remain committed to finding mutually beneficial solutions for managing growth that strengthen our respective communities and provide opportunities for all residents.”

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Lindsay Schultz Kitchens + Cabinetry Presents the 2024 Showcase of Homes Tour Supporting Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Simcoe

Midland, Ontario – September 12, 2024 – Lindsay Schultz Kitchens + Cabinetry is thrilled to announce the 2024 Showcase of Homes tour, supporting Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Simcoe. This self-directed tour will take place on Saturday, October 5th, from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM. This year's tour features five stunning homes and a bonus cottage, offering a unique glimpse into some of the finest properties in the area.

Early Bird Tickets went on sale in August, and the community response has been fantastic, with over 150 tickets already sold. However, there are still tickets available for those who wish to participate.

Tickets are priced at \$50 and can be purchased at the following locations:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters North Simcoe office - 366 Midland Ave
- Saturday Afternoons - downtown Midland
- Arbours Flower Shoppe (cash only) - downtown Penetanguishene
- Lindsay Schultz Kitchens + Cabinetry

Each ticket includes a \$10 lunch voucher, valid at Dinos Deli, Restaurant Saint-Marie, The Dock Lunch, Uncle Jimmy's, and Test Batches Brewery.

As in previous years, the tour will feature a floral raffle showcasing the talents of local florists. Attendees are encouraged to purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win beautiful floral arrangements displayed in the homes. Raffle tickets are priced at \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

All proceeds from this event, and other Big Brothers Big Sisters North Simcoe events, stay local and support youth mentoring programs, including Traditional 1:1, Group Mentoring, and School-Focused programs. These initiatives help support the youth in North Simcoe, igniting their potential and strengthening our community.

For more information on tickets, please contact the Big Brothers Big Sisters North Simcoe Office at 705-526-5051 or visit the office at 366 Midland Ave, Midland. *Submitted by Big Brothers Big Sisters*

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2024 Georgian Bay Garden Tour raises \$13,500 for Charity!

Submitted by JoAnn Warren, Community Engagement, Hospice

September 12, 2024 North Simcoe - August 10th saw over 300 people visit 11 gardens in the general area of Penetanguishene and Midland. There were a few rain showers that day but nothing could dampen the spirits of the gardeners or the participants as they explored gardens of all sorts, shapes and styles. From formal gardens to stump and whimsical gardens, on hillsides and level grounds, new and well-established, there was something to appeal and inspire each of the garden tour participants.

Today, gardeners, artisans, volunteers and committee members gathered to announce the results and presented the chosen charity, Hospice Huronia, with a cheque for \$13,500!

GBGT Committee Chair, Kay Hawkins shared her thoughts "We are so proud of what the Tour raised this year and it's thanks to our generous sponsors, the artisans and most especially the dedication and commitment of the gardeners. They very generously offered up their properties for viewing by the public and worked hard to give participants something special to view!"

"As a recipient of the Garden Tour proceeds and having been one of the gardens on the Tour this year, we are doubly grateful," says Debbie Kesheshian, Executive Director at Hospice Huronia - Tomkins House. "We were pleased to have had so many visitors to our garden and participating in the silent auction that was hosted here during the Tour. It gives us a chance to show off the hard work and efforts of our gardening volunteers and raises awareness of what we do."

Brian Scott, Board Chair of Hospice Huronia, grateful for the donation, stated "Proceeds from the Georgian Bay Garden Tour this year will support our rapidly expanding bereavement support program. The need in the community is so great for this service; this donation will help it in a big way." Next year's Georgian Bay Garden Tour is scheduled for July 26, 2025 and the committee is actively seeking new gardens for 2025 and 2026, right now. If you're interested in being a host garden, email: gbgardentour@gmail.com. Check out their website gbgardentour.com or follow them on Facebook for information on next year's tour!

Photo caption: Georgian Bay Garden Tour organizers present Hospice Huronia with a cheque for \$13,500 at their wrap-up gathering of gardeners and volunteers.



Craighurst WI August meeting

By Sheila Craig

September 19, 2024 - Craighurst Women's Institute held our August meeting beside a miniature railroad track, know as Craighurst Pacific Railway. We picnicked at the Station, and enjoyed catching up on members' summers. Several CWI folks now belong to the wonky knee club, so health care took some time from the meeting. As well the closure of the Penetang Road for culvert construction was on our agenda. Various neighbours have been following the big dig. It started with the Construction Company excavating the road right down to the clay bottom, and the bystanders could see remnants of the corduroy road that the pioneers had to use to cross the creek. The Dig was done to put in a box culvert, to give this small cold water stream a path to the Nottawasaga River and beyond. Our meeting venue was right beside that very stream.

The business part of the meeting was short. We have the next year planned and look forward to some interesting speakers and activities. Then we heeded the call "All aboard" and went for a ride in our private cars on the teensy railway. The engineer and owner stopped the train every so often to point out highlights like the bicycle in the tree and the duck signs at the overhead bridge - and I do mean duck as in quack quack. Both the young and old kids had a great time.

See you, dear readers, in September.

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Impetigo

With Pharmacist Owners Jenna Lougheed and Carolyn Glover

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Impetigo is quite contagious and can be spread by a person touching the infected area on another person or by using the same towel, cup or glass as an infected person.

Antibiotic ointments can be used to treat impetigo. Over-the-counter antibiotics are generally not strong enough to treat impetigo. Prescription antibiotic ointments are available and can be prescribed by pharmacists. It is best to remove any crusts from the skin before applying the antibiotic ointment. Use a clean cloth soaked in warm soapy water and apply for 10-15 minutes then gently scrub off the crusts. After 2 days of antibiotic treatment, impetigo is no longer contagious.

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KINGS OPEN SEASON WITH A WIN AND A LOSS

Submitted by Jamie Robillard

Sep. 20, 2024 - The Penetang Kings opened the 2024-25 Provincial Junior Hockey League season by splitting their first two home games dropping an 8-6 decision to the Orillia Terriers on Friday September 13 and bouncing back to get past the Midland Flyers by a score of 4-2 on Saturday September 14.

Playing before a large crowd of supporters at the Penetanguishene Memorial Community Centre on Friday evening the Kings came out flat and found themselves down by a score of 5-1 just 2:14 into the second period. A goaltending change at with Kevin Pearson entering the nets replacing starter Michael Purkhart ignited the offence and the Kings came back to tie the score at five all before the second period ended. The King's scoring was led by Cole Rumbolt with two markers and signals from Wyndam Brownlee, Thomas Ryder and Ty Hutton.

In the third period Orillia scored on a penalty shot before adding power play and empty net goals to seal the 8-6 win. Tanner Thayer netted the only third period goal for the Kings. Pearson played a strong game in relief turning aside 26 of the 28 shots he faced in the Penetang goal. Ty Hutton was named the Kings first star with one goal and two assists.

In Saturday's game against the Flyers, Jesse Bain scored twice including an empty net marker while Rumbolt and Brownlee added one goal each for the Kings in the win. Once again Kevin Pearson stood tall between the pipes stopping 26 shots for the Kings. In doing so Pearson was named the first star of the game.

Penetang will be on the road for three games, first on September 27 in Huntsville then September 29 in Innisfil followed by an October 3 game in Stayner. The Kings return home on Friday October 4th when they host the expansion Muskoka Bears at 8:00 pm at the PMCC.

The Carruthers Division has seen some changes since the end of last season with both the Schomberg Cougars and the Caledon Golden Hawks moving out of the new recreation complex in Bracebridge joining the division.

The Kings with 14 new players in the lineup look to play an exciting and competitive brand of hockey under returning head coach Scott Simon and assistant coaches Braedan Dorion and Jared Aube and look forward to seeing our fans throughout the season.



Carson Thayer



Vs Orillia Terriers September 13th. Carson Thayer in action. Player of the Game- Ty Hutton.



Tanner Thayer



Vs Midland Flyers September 14th Tanner Thayer in action.

THE BAYCATS ARE 2024 DOMINICO CUP CHAMPIONS



September 15, 2024

by Sam Aucoin

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Guelph, ON – Mission Complete

The Barrie Baycats have won the 2024 Jack and Lynne Dominico Cup after a 6-2 win against the Guelph Royals in Game Four. They finished the postseason 10-0 and only trailed for two half-innings.

They got the job done behind Playoff MVP Frank Garcés, who pitched eight brilliant innings,

surrendering just one run (unearned). After giving up the momentum-shifting home run to Carlos Martinez a season ago, Brad Grieveson got the chance to close it out and did so, prompting a large celebration among players, coaches, volunteers, and all the Baycats fans who came out to Guelph.

Garcés earned the win, his third of the postseason, and his fourth playoff start in which he gave up two runs or less in the 2024 playoffs.

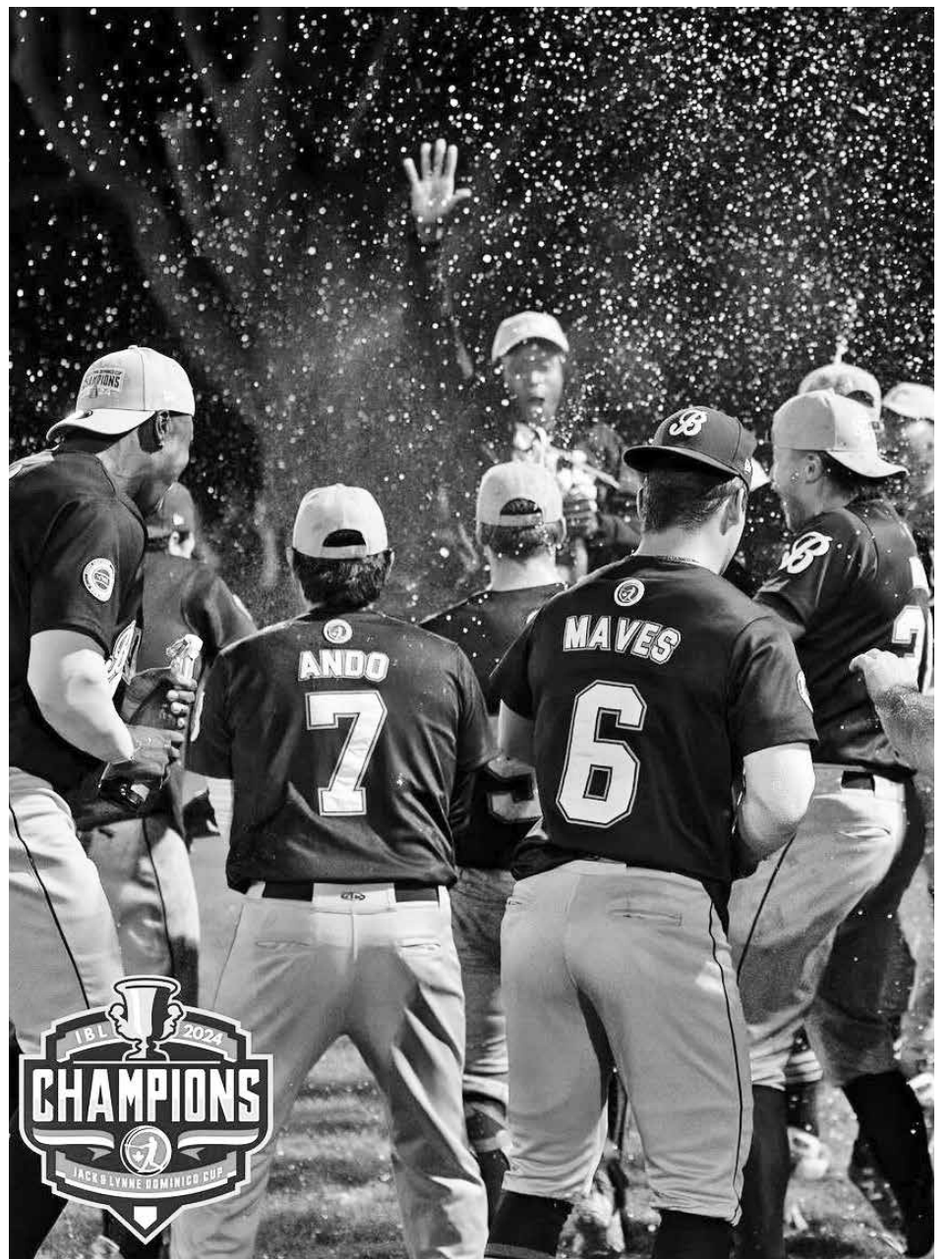
For the Baycats on offence, it was Ryan Rijo who had four hits and two runs batted in, and Brandon Hernandez who had three hits, including a

two-run double to kickstart the offence. Nolan Machibroda and Canice Ejoh both had a pair of base hits.

Ejoh caught the final out of the ball game.

Many Baycats fans made the trip to Guelph, resulting in plenty of “Let’s Go Baycats” chants. As the game went on, the Baycats fans went back and forth with chants against the Royals fans, creating a lively atmosphere for those in attendance at Hastings Stadium.

Baycats win 6-2



Without budget survey, Tiny mayor plans 'to take everything into consideration'

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca

Sep 23, 2024 - The budget discussion for Tiny Township will be taking place over three days in early December, but without a 2025 budget survey Mayor Dave Evans wants residents to participate by phone, email and in-person.

An announcement was provided at the start of the recent regular meeting of council that the three days of budget discussions would take place on December 2, 3, and 4, starting at 5 p.m. in the municipal council chambers at 130 Balm Beach Road West. The 2024 budget was approved early in the year at a 5.03 per cent blended tax rate increase, and an 8.19 municipal tax rate increase. Evans spoke with MidlandToday after the meeting, sharing that he found budget talks to be "an interesting exercise". "I was reading a story about municipal taxes in Moncton, NB, today and they've gone up 18 per cent every year for the last three years, and they're going up in the future," said Evans. "Now I feel confident that we're not going to be an 18 per cent (municipality). "At the end of the day, that's what we're all about is money and getting the most money for our citizens." "The new facility will obviously be included in those discussions," Evans noted.

Built in 1967, the current municipal building was addressed in a 2014 needs assessment and 2016 clerk's report which concluded it was "inadequate for current

and any future staff accommodations," prompting council of the day to explore options. When a 2022 asset management report identified an underfunding of municipal assets needing repair or replacement, the Tiny Township administration centre was pushed forward. The announcement of the building was met with protest by township residents against the raising of municipal taxes for the facility, organizing a 'Stop the Build' obstruction campaign, and countered by others in the community as 'divisive'.

In June, an updated asset management report noted that the "line drawn in the sand" to close the gap for tax-funded assets would require an annual 2.39 per cent tax rate increase. As well as the administration centre, Evans mentioned upgrades to the Midland wastewater treatment facility related to septage management within North Simcoe, as delegated during the recent Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference. "That's an agreement we're really excited about putting together, between the town of Midland and township of Tiny, to come up with a solution for septage. And that may have capital implications; actually I could probably guarantee you it will," said Evans.

Due to numerous factors, Evans declined to speculate on inflation numbers but stated his interest, namely from a net year-over-year functionality perspective. "I think that people are going to find that some of the conventional wisdom is it's in the teens and the twenties;

we're going to be below that," Evans said. "But I don't at this time know exactly where we'll be." When asked how residents would be able to participate in the budget process prior to the December discussions, Evans said that a budget survey wasn't able to be provided this year due to staffing issues. "With the shortage we had in our CAO department and such - our deputy CAO came from our treasury department who is the one that puts that together - unfortunately, we weren't able to do that this year," said Evans. "We do get a lot of feedback from the community, good and bad, and we'll look forward to that. As part of the budget process, people will be able to come in and participate, and make deputations just like they do here."

As the entire management of the township goes under budgetary scrutiny through the three-day span, Evans described the budget meetings as "pretty voluminous, and they have to be." Regarding a potential overabundance of deputations, Evans admitted: "Right now, I don't know exactly what we'll have in place, but it will be limited. "But you can certainly call or email; that's unlimited, and we'll take everything into consideration." Further information on the 2025 budget discussions is expected to be available on the Tiny Township website within upcoming weeks.

Archives of council meetings are available to view on Tiny township's YouTube channel.

Heads of council meeting yields little progress on user-fee study

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca

Sep 23, 2024 - The unification of North Simcoe municipalities toward a user-fee study won't be happening any time soon, if Tiny Township council's response is any indication.

A joint letter circulated in July to the councils of Tiny Township, Midland, Penetanguishene and Tay Township had been discussed at various meetings over recent months, asking if the four councils would participate in a recreational amenities and services study for resident and non-resident user fees. Since that letter went out, Tay announced they would not participate while Midland and Penetanguishene would. The matter was discussed at the previous meeting of Tiny Township council who expressed interest but wanted to wait until an early-September meeting of the heads of council.

The recent committee of the whole meeting addressed that heads of council discussion, with Mayor Dave Evans stating that the matter had been discussed but there had been no change in Tiny's position, "in terms of us paying or providing compensation for recreational facilities in neighbouring communities." Evans reiterated that discussions should continue to be ongoing and that one "should never say never", but proposed that the July letter be received as information with no further action taken. Deputy Mayor Sean Miskimins, who also attended the meeting, agreed with Evans. "The door is always open to more conversation, but it's kind

of beating a dead horse right now," said Miskimins. Coun. Dave Brunelle, however, was interested in the reason why progress had halted with no resolution, and pressed Evans for an explanation. Brunelle quoted from the letter penned by Penetanguishene, which read: "... we believe a collaborative approach is essential, as a group we can work better together for the improvement of all North Simcoe residents". Evans noted Tay's forfeit of attendance but focused on the two towns. "This discussion," said Evans, "was centred around continuing the previous policy that was in place in Tiny, when we're in - again, from a Tiny perspective - we provided services... and substantial funds to both facilities. And we've made a decision to go a different way now. "Midland and Penetang, if I can paraphrase, are looking for a continuation of a previous policy. I did make a very clear statement on Monday that that is not something that the township of Tiny is interested in going back to. We've made a new policy, and we're going to stick with that for now," Evans stated.

Brunelle followed up with a question on what Tiny council would want looking ahead to future collaborations and discussion. "Because we can't just keep going back and forth and not moving forward; we need to move forward on this issue so that we get some resolution here," Brunelle stated. The question allowed Evans to expand further on the stalemate, pointing out that with differences in positions, it would be unknown if an alignment could be reached. "Just since July, this

has changed," Evans said. "I wouldn't be surprised if it changes again moving forward." Evans also cited library agreements with Midland and Springwater Township, as well as the septage agreement with Midland, as instances where views aligned. "I do not agree that we are somehow responsible, or it's incumbent upon us to come up with a solution to make the town of Midland or Penetanguishene happy," Evans noted, adding that mutual benefit was the key. "Right now we don't need an agreement. Everything seems to be running somewhat fine."

Ending the discussion by mentioning that concerns would be addressed on a quarterly basis with a reminder that council members could contact other councils frequently, the recommendation to receive the July letter as information was approved with the only direction given to let the other municipalities know of the decision.

Of interest, a recent Tay Township report explored various funding formulas for Tay within North Simcoe, including instances where Tiny Township and other municipality fees could be discerned through numerous variables. The North Simcoe letter for user-fees and charges for all recreation amenities and services can be viewed on the agenda page on the Township of Tiny website.

Archives of council meetings are available to view on the township's YouTube channel.

GBGH progress constructing MRI building addition

Submitted by GBGH

September 11, 2024 - Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) is making dramatic progress constructing an addition to its existing building which will house the future magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) equipment. The expansion of imaging services to include MRI marks a significant milestone in growing healthcare services for the communities GBGH serves. "Anyone who has visited GBGH in the past two months will notice a drastic and exciting change to the front façade of the building," says Matthew Lawson, president and CEO, GBGH. "Since breaking ground in late June, we have made significant progress in our MRI project. We anticipate being just a couple months away from having the equipment arrive and then, just a few more months after that, we will be able to scan our first patient at GBGH in early 2025."

MRI services at GBGH will enhance the overall patient experience, improve health outcomes, and reduce wait times as local patients will not be on the waitlists at other facilities in Barrie and Orillia. The hospital has been funded to operate the MRI for 2,000 hours annually, meaning approximately 2,000 patients will have an opportunity to receive this diagnostic

procedure locally.

Some of the construction milestones reached to date include setting up the site, excavation, fortifying the foundation and footings, connecting plumbing, and pouring concrete for the columns and the slab. Next steps in construction include exterior framing (walls/windows), roof supports and drainage system installation, exterior doors and windows, interior framing and drywall, and mechanical/electrical rough-ins.

With a total investment of over \$8 million, this groundbreaking project underscores GBGH's commitment to providing more services closer to home. The GBGH Foundation has been fundraising for the MRI over the past 21 months with the goal of raising \$4 million toward the project. The fundraising tally currently sits at \$2.92 million.

"This incredible progress at GBGH is a testament to the hundreds of donors who have invested to make this project a reality," says Nicole Kraftscik, CEO, GBGH Foundation. "And, we continue to work with our community to fundraise the remaining \$1 million so that thousands of patients can receive this vital diagnostic service close to home."



Photo Cutline: Liane Netherton, MRI charge technologist at Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH), overlooks the early stages of the construction with excitement. Liane says it has been difficult to witness so many patients having to travel such long distances, especially during the winter months, to have their MRI, after already waiting many months for an appointment. Once the MRI is operating GBGH in early 2025, it will reduce patient travel and expense, as well as wait times.

Update From Doug Shipley, MP

Submitted by Office of Doug Shipley, MP

Sep. 23, 2024 - As your federal Member of Parliament, I work to keep you informed on what the federal government is up to in Ottawa. While I am always happy to answer your questions about policy, a significant part of my job is to help constituents navigate federal government programs and services.

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

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Then we can let you know what steps we might be able to take to assist you.

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

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

We look forward to hearing from you.

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



Lindsay Schultz Kitchens + Cabinetry Presents the 2024 Showcase of Homes Tour Supporting Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Simcoe

Midland, Ontario – September 12, 2024 – Lindsay Schultz Kitchens + Cabinetry is thrilled to announce the 2024 Showcase of Homes tour, supporting Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Simcoe. This self-directed tour will take place on Saturday, October 5th, from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM. This year's tour features five stunning homes and a bonus cottage, offering a unique glimpse into some of the finest properties in the area.

Early Bird Tickets went on sale in August, and the community response has been fantastic, with over 150 tickets already sold. However, there are still tickets available for those who wish to participate.

Tickets are priced at \$50 and can be purchased at the following locations:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters North Simcoe office - 366 Midland Ave
- Saturday Afternoons - downtown Midland
- Arbours Flower Shoppe (cash only) - downtown Penetanguishene

• Lindsay Schultz Kitchens + Cabinetry
Each ticket includes a \$10 lunch voucher, valid at Dinos Deli, Restaurant Saint-Marie, The Dock Lunch, Uncle Jimmy's, and Test Batches Brewery.

As in previous years, the tour will feature a floral raffle showcasing the talents of local florists. Attendees are encouraged to purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win beautiful floral arrangements displayed in the homes. Raffle tickets are priced at \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

All proceeds from this event, and other Big Brothers Big Sisters North Simcoe events, stay local and support youth mentoring programs, including Traditional 1:1, Group Mentoring, and School-Focused programs. These initiatives help support the youth in North Simcoe, igniting their potential and strengthening our community.

For more information on tickets, please contact the Big Brothers Big Sisters North Simcoe Office at 705-526-5051 or visit the office at 366 Midland Ave, Midland.

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Corn roast brings community together for GBGH

Submitted by GBGH
September 17, 2024

On August 29, 2024, Larry and Liz Marshall hosted their fourth annual corn roast, raising \$2,040 for Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH). The annual event brings together the Oak Bay community, with more than 75 friends and neighbours in attendance. This year, the funds raised will help fund the Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) machine, which will be installed early in 2025.

"This event is really all about community," shares Liz. "We love bringing together new and long-time residents, giving them the opportunity to meet one another, and support each other by raising funds for our hospital."

"My father always hosted corn roasts when I was a kid," adds Larry. "It's a tradition that I'm proud to continue."

The corn roast has raised more than \$5,500 over the past four years, mostly through donations from guests in attendance. The event has supported the MRI Fund for the past two years, and the purchase of annual equipment prior to that.

"We love seeing communities and neighborhoods come together for our hospital," says Victoria Evans, key relationships officer, GBGH Foundation. "Larry and Liz have helped the hospital financially through this event, and they are spreading the word about the importance of supporting GBGH. We are honoured that they have chosen to invest in our hospital again this year."



An MRI at GBGH will enhance overall patient experience and reduce wait times, improving health outcomes for individuals across the area GBGH serves. Construction on the 2,000 square foot addition to house the MRI began in June 2024, and is expected to be completed early in 2025.

The Foundation has a goal to raise \$4-million

by the end of this year, and as of today, just over \$3-Million has been raised. Those wanting to learn more can visit: <https://gbghf.ca/current-needs/mri/>

Cutline 1: On August 29, 2024, Larry and Liz Marshall hosted their fourth annual corn roast at their home in Oak Bay, raising \$2,040 for Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH).

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Message on behalf of MPP Jill Dunlop

Submitted by the office of Jill Dunlop, MPP

September 11, 2024 - As we welcome October, the changing leaves and cooler temperatures signal a season of transformation – both in our communities and across Ontario. As MPP for Simcoe North, I'm excited to share the progress our government is making to improve the lives of families, students, and communities and the anticipation of returning to Queen's Park on October 21st to continue many important initiatives.

Ontario's classrooms are now more focused on learning with the province's cellphone ban. This measure ensures that students can engage fully in their education without unnecessary distractions. Additionally, I'm proud to share that free menstrual products are now available in schools across Ontario. This initiative helps ensure no student is held back from participating fully in their education due to a lack of basic hygiene products, promoting equality and dignity in our classrooms.

To further strengthen the safety and well-being of our communities, we're enhancing access to addiction recovery care with new treatment hubs. These hubs provide crucial support to individuals struggling with addiction, offering them a path to recovery and hope for a better future. Expanding access to care is essential as we work together to protect the most vulnerable in our society.

Another exciting development is the launch of the largest competitive energy procurement in Ontario's history. This initiative will help meet the province's growing energy demands while driving economic growth, creating jobs, and fostering innovation in the energy sector. It's a significant step toward securing Ontario's energy future and ensuring that communities like ours can continue to thrive.

Finally, the government is committed to modernizing Ontario's retail alcohol marketplace. We are working on expanding choices for consumers while supporting local producers and enhancing economic opportunities across the province. This modernization will help make Ontario a more competitive and vibrant place to live and do business.

Together, these initiatives are shaping a brighter, stronger Ontario for all of us. I look forward to continuing to work on behalf of our communities, and engaging with families, businesses and organizations for the betterment of Simcoe North, and I wish everyone a wonderful season filled with community fairs, markets and the all the fall beauty of Simcoe North.

Gateway Angels

Submitted by Town of Penetanguishene

Sep. 23, 2024 - The Town of Penetanguishene is excited to announce the launch of the innovative new Gateway Angels Themed Lighting Program starting September 25, 2024.

This Program will feature an array of coloured lights shining onto the Gateway Angels that will change to reflect various different holidays and special events recognized by the Town, creating a vibrant and immersive experience for residents and visitors alike.

"We are thrilled to bring this new lighting program to our Town," said Mayor Rawson. "This initiative is not just about decorating our streets; it's about fostering a sense of pride and community for our residents and visitors."

On Wednesday, September 25, 2024, the Gateway Angels will be lit green and white to celebrate Franco-Ontarian Day within the Town of Penetanguishene and province. This initiative, spearheaded by the Town's Recreation & Community Services Department, aims to enhance the Town's aesthetic appeal and foster a sense of community celebration.

Examples of what the lighting program will feature include:

- Orange Lights: To celebrate Pumpkin Inferno and recognize Truth and Reconciliation Day.
- Blue Lights: The Town will see vibrant blue lights during events like Winterama or when the Town wants to show its Town colours.
- White Lights will be used on a regular basis, when no holidays or events are being recognized.

In addition to the scheduled holiday and event displays, the Town of Penetanguishene will be reviewing a policy at an upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting that would allow community groups and organizations the opportunity to request custom lighting displays for their own events. To facilitate this, interested groups will be encouraged to submit their lighting requests by obtaining a Lighting Request Form from the Corporate Services Executive Assistant. This form can be requested by contacting Emily Dermott-Simpson at 705-549-7453 or edermott-simpson@penetanguishene.ca. All requests will be reviewed based on availability and the terms of the policy.



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ANTEN MILLS

By Dennis Gannon.

Sep. 23, 2024 - This Saturday, September 28 from 10AM until 2PM our community centre will be an extremely busy spot. Why? This is the day many wait year long for as the annual Anten Mills Artisan Craft and Food Fair takes place. This is no run of the mill craft show. All products are handmade and no commercial products are sold. A majority of the vendors are also local. When the first show was held, it was for Anten Mills crafters only. It was thought that this was a great way to showcase local talent. That was a success and has grown to show number four with over 30 vendors registered to participate. There will be handmade fishing lures, charcuterie boards, beauty and health products, various knitted items, honey, baked goods and almost anything else that you can imagine.

To start the day off there is the best pancake breakfast around. For 2 tonnies, you get 2 pancakes and 2 sausages plus the fixings. The great part of this is that all proceeds from this go to the Elmvale and District Food Bank to help them as they help the less fortunate.

An added event this year is a Chili Cook Off. Anten Mills is the home of some pretty good cooks. This year they are able to demonstrate their chili prowess with a contest that the public judges. Eight homemade chilies will be available and from Noon until 1:30 those wanting to have some lunch can try the different chili. There is a nominal cost associated with this of \$5 and the proceeds from the lunch will go to support Anten Mills 150. It

will be a great day and one not to miss.

Anten Mills 150 has been mentioned in past columns and now can be expanded on. In 1875 the first school house was built in our community. In 1891 the building which is now our community centre was constructed. With the establishment of a school, Anten Mills became a community. Several weeks ago a group of people gathered to discuss if and how we could celebrate being a community for 150 years. There was great enthusiasm from the group with many ideas discussed. All attending agreed we as a community need to celebrate our success, our heritage and our history. Get ready for an exciting first step in the journey to the 150! We're launching a logo design contest, and we want YOU to be a part of it. The official announcement, complete with all the contest details and criteria, will go live on the Anten Mills Community Bulletin Facebook page this Friday, September 27th at 12 PM. Stay tuned and get your creative juices flowing! This will be a huge step and an opportunity for further actions. To continue the discussions another "brainstorming" meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 8 at the community centre beginning at 7:30 PM. This is open to all residents, current and past and if you have any idea on how we as a community can celebrate you are encouraged to attend.

For the past several years our community billboard sign on Wilson Drive has been in need of some assistance. Letters were falling off and there were holes in the structure. Our Ward 3 Councillor

Brad Thompson arranged for some money to be available for the work to be done. Recently a former longtime resident returned to the community and immediately asked how he and his family could again become involved. After some discussion he undertook the task of refurbishing the sign to new condition. A huge thank you goes out to Dave Hawthorne who owns and operates the Glass Doctor for your assistance. The sign looks wonderful and will serve the community for many more years. The sign is available for your messages and the fee charged goes back to support our community events. To arrange for the sign the email contact is antenmillssign@gmail.com.

Regardless of where you live in the area, there is one thing that we all have, our life depends on it working properly and is often overlooked. That item is a smoke alarm. By law wherever anyone sleeps there must be a working smoke alarm. Smoke alarms have come a long way through cost and technology over the past 50 years. The one constant is that when working properly they can save a life. Last year 121 people perished as a result of a fire. Over the past few weeks 10 people or more have died with 4 dying last week in a single fire incident. Everyone gets upset when they hear about someone dying as a result of impaired driving. Yet when they hear about a fire casualty not much concern is raised and the thought of why it occurred doesn't bring much to mind. The most common reason though is that there wasn't a working smoke alarm. This Saturday, September 28 is "Saved by the Beep" day in Ontario. It's the day the fire department wants you to test your smoke alarm. They then want you to pledge that you will do it every month. It's not a huge task and is easy to do. Fire personnel are going to be at many community events this weekend and into October. They are more than happy to discuss smoke alarms with you and if you don't have one, they may be able to assist you. Take the pledge and on Saturday, gather your family around, test your smoke alarm and ensure everyone knows what to do when it sounds.

On Saturday September 14 a new star was seen in the sky early in the morning over our community watching over us. That star came as a result of the passing of a community member who was well known, often seen on the rail trail and a valuable community volunteer. Lorie Adams who walked the trail daily with first George then Russel fought a courageous battle against cancer for many years. Unfortunately it was a battle that despite her determination and will won out. She will be greatly missed by everyone that knew her. To Doug, her husband, sons Luke and Joel and daughter Rachel, the community offers our most sincere condolences, Lorie will not be forgotten.

That's it for this week. Looking forward to seeing people at the community centre on Saturday and at the meeting on October 8. Until then, THANKS for READING, STAY WELL and BE SAFE.



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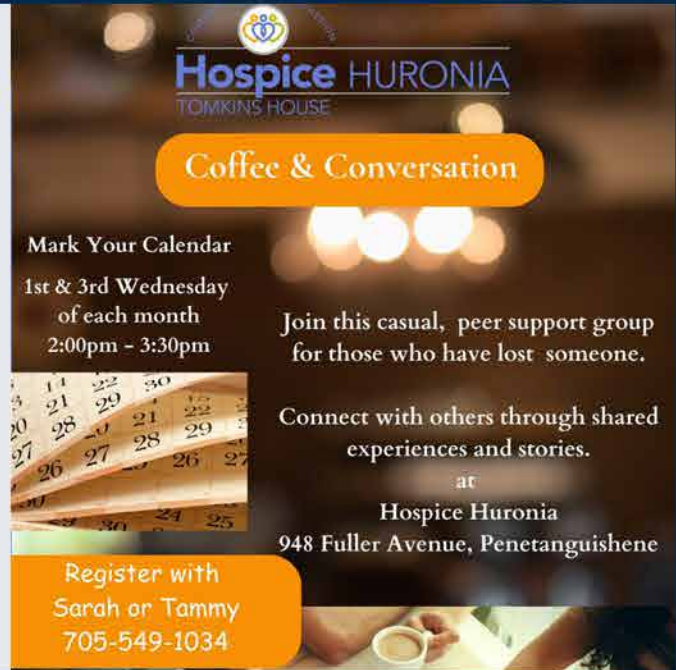
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Bearbells



by Leslie Noonan

September 6/24

My daughter and I headed out to Port Carling for a short trek along the Hazelwood trail. This is a surprising trail hidden right near the downtown. I imagine the locals like to keep it a secret, as it is wonderful spot for a short hike. Follow the main road through Port Carling to the Hazelwood Road and stay to the right of the no exit sign to a small parking. As we started down the trail, I was amused by the glitter of small pieces of glass scattered throughout the bush, until there seemed to be crystalline shards everywhere. This oddity is soon explained by the large sign indicating that this was an old dump site, along with a warning about staying on the trail. Absolutely, because no one wants to get an updated tetanus shot from having walked through a pile of rusty cans! On the other hand, this is also an historic pioneer trail that connected Port Carling and Port Sandfield to the west. Pioneer wagons and garbage trucks all on the same trail, though not at the same time of course!

The trail is easy to navigate and there is no worries about losing the route and while it has several elevation changes they should not be too difficult for most people. The landscape is one of mature hardwoods, green undergrowth and acorns everywhere. That green landscape was being helped along by the pitter patter of rain through the canopy. I like hiking in the rain, the soft patter of tiny drops hitting each leaf, the stillness of the forest and that moist earth smell. That is at least how this hike started, just a gentle rain as we explored the winding trail. This linear trail is only 2.5 km, or 5 km in and out, which gives lots of time for meandering and exploring, as there is always new fungi to find. Near the final km, the trail becomes smaller and twister, with many exposed roots waiting to trip you up. If you take a moment to stop checking your feet, you can look up at the beautiful limestone bluff

to your left. While a small bluff compared to those on the Escarpment, it is still a beautiful are of large grey rocks and leafy green ferns. This is also where I heard a roaring sound coming towards us from behind. Oh boy.

The leaves high up on the oaks and maples began to dance furiously, as the tiny and gentle rain drops morphed into massive spheres the size of teacups! Despite our rain jackets and hoods, we were both soaked within seconds. Talking was impossible, as the sound from those trillions of raindrops was deafening, and visibility was drastically diminished. This is also where the highlight of the trail was, a marshland and then a large beaver pond usual resplendent with birds and other wildlife. Instead of admiring the scenery, we slogged on through elephant sized puddles. I image on a nice day this is a lovely place to spend some time, but right now I was worried about disappearing into the thickening mud. This is also where the trail ends, at a local road that you can use to loop back to the parking lot. Instead, I turned my daughter around, and when she realized we had to go back the way we had come, through that rain, well, you can imagine the withering look that twenty-year-old managed to convey. Ok, so

rain is not everyone's cup of tea.

We did make it back to the car, just in time for the rain to stop. As we wrung the water out of clothing and attempted to dry our hair, I mused that this is a perfect hike, because I had an adventure with my daughter. There is nothing better than that.

A note here, while writing this article tonight, I noticed an update that the Hazelwood trail is closed starting Sept 23-Oct 4 for remediation work at the landfill. This will make the trail safer for everyone.



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Jo Knows Nutrition

by Joanne Nijhuis

WILTED CUCUMBER AND DILL SALAD



Sep. 21, 2024 - Fresh, local field cucumbers are a nutrition-packed treat to be savoured! Equally great to munch on as a snack or to serve with meals, field cucumbers are especially delicious at this time of year. For a change of pace, try this Wilted Cucumber and Dill Salad. Even though you will need a few hours to ‘wilt’ the cucumbers before adding the remaining ingredients, this dish is very easy to prepare and worth the extra effort.

DID YOU KNOW?

Cucumbers are not actually vegetables, but considered fruit as they contain seeds and grow from flowering plants. There are hundreds of varieties of cucumbers grown throughout the world and they belong to the same family of plant species as melons and squash. Cucumbers are 95% water, low in calories and a good source of phytonutrients, a powerful plant-based

antioxidant that has health protective benefits. Cucumbers are packed with many minerals and vitamins, including magnesium, potassium, manganese, vitamin K, vitamin C and the B vitamins.

INGREDIENTS

- 4 cups (1000 ml) field or English cucumbers, thinly sliced
- ¼ cup (63 ml) salt to ‘wilt’ the cucumbers
- 2/3 cup (188 ml) red or white onions, thinly sliced
- 1/3 cup (83 ml) plain Greek yogurt, sour cream, or plant-based yogurt or sour cream
- 1 tablespoon (15 ml) rice vinegar, apple cider vinegar, or red wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) honey, maple syrup or granulated sugar
- 2-3 tablespoons (30-45 ml) chopped fresh dill or 2-3 teaspoons dried dill
- Salt and pepper to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Combine the salt and cucumbers in a bowl and set aside for 2-3 hours to ‘wilt’.

2. Place the wilted cucumbers in a colander and thoroughly rinse for several minutes with cold water to remove the salt. Drain well.
3. In a medium bowl prepare the dressing by whisking together the yogurt or sour cream, vinegar, honey, maple syrup or sugar.
4. Add the cucumber, onion and dill to the bowl with the prepared salad dressing.
5. Taste and correct the seasoning with salt and pepper.
6. Garnish with fresh dill, if desired.
7. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

ENJOY!

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Agency looks to Springwater for more support as Tay backs out

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com

Sep 21, 2024 - On Valentine's Day, Tay Township sent a letter to the Severn Sound Environmental Association (SSEA) advising them that the municipality was going to stop providing the organization with financial and human resources (HR) support.

This Wednesday, the SSEA was in front of Springwater Township council, hoping it might take on the responsibilities. Coun. Brad Thompson, who voted against providing the support the SSEA was looking for, asked executive director Julie Cayley if she could explain why Tay, and Midland before that, ended their support of these services. "I cannot," she said. "I'm not sure I could answer that — they (the town of Midland) might be able to answer it better. Tay, I don't have it in front of me, but the same." Cayley said Tay would know why they made the decision. "Tay Township, over the past few years, has been critical of the SSEA's fiscal management, as over the last six years our annual SSEA levy has more than doubled with no increase to the services the SSEA provides," Tay Mayor Ted Walker said in an email to BarrieToday. "We voiced our concern to SSEA on several occasions."

Earlier this year, Walker said, the chair of the SSEA introduced a motion, in the spirit of transparency, to offer the financial and HR services to all member municipalities. The SSEA board passed the resolution. "Upon hearing this, we advised the SSEA, to support their goal of 'transparency' in this regard, Tay Township would cease the financial and HR services provided as of the end of June," Walker said. "We had been providing these services for several years following the Town of Midland ceasing same." According to Walker, Tay Township provided the services with existing staff — "we did not have to hire anyone" — for the contract price, plus an annual cost-of-living increase pursuant to the agreement. "The SSEA a few months ago asked us for an extension to our withdrawal of services to the end of this year, as they had not made any progress in finding

a member municipality to perform the services," Walker said. "We granted the extension."

In an effort to replace Tay, the SSEA contacted the other seven other members of the association — the towns of Midland and Penetanguishene and the townships of Georgian Bay, Oro-Medonte, Severn, Springwater, Tay and Tiny. "Tay sent the notification in February and I received it in March and shared the notice with the board at that time," Cayley said in an email to BarrieToday on Friday. "In early April, the SSEA sent a notice to the other seven joint municipal service board partners asking them for an expression of interest in providing financial and payroll services, so we approached all in April," she added. Cayley said more detailed discussions with partners who wanted more information to determine if they had the capacity to potentially provide these services began in mid-June.

On Wednesday night, Springwater council debated the pros and cons of supporting the SSEA's need for professional services before finally voting, in a 4-3 decision, to receive the report and direct staff to negotiate a memorandum of understanding with the SSEA for the provision of professional services and report back to council. The motion was amended to include council's direction to staff to recruit a permanent part-time position to assist the SSEA.

It should be noted that the Township of Georgian Bay, at its Sept. 9 council meeting, voted 5-2 in favour of leaving the SSEA. The township provided the SSEA with notification that it was leaving the association with a termination date of Dec. 31, 2025. "This is very new information to SSEA and we and the board are receiving it and will be working through what it means for the joint municipal service board moving forward," said Cayley. "While it is unfortunate that the Township of Georgian Bay has decided to enact their exit clause with the SSEA, it doesn't not change the organizations need for professional services or Springwater's need for the important work they provide," said Springwater Coun. Danielle Alexander, who is also SSEA vice-chair.

Rotary Club of Midland Boosts Habitat Naturalization in North Simcoe

Port McNicoll, Ontario – The Severn Sound Environmental Association (SSEA) is thrilled to announce a generous \$2,450 donation from the Midland Rotary Club, aimed at enhancing biodiversity in the Severn Sound watershed. This funding will be instrumental in purchasing native seeds and plants for SSEA's Biodiversity Enhancement and Education Parks (BEE Parks) and Severn Sound Engagement and Education projects (Project SSEED).

Through various external funding sources, SSEA collaborates with local municipalities and schools on these initiatives, creating tailored naturalization plans that consider soil and light conditions. "Thanks to the Midland Rotary Club's contribution, we can now acquire a more diverse array of native wildflowers, seeds, trees, and shrubs to enrich municipal green spaces and school grounds," said Jacqueline Laurin, Biodiversity Enhancement Intern with SSEA. "These activities support pollinators and wildlife and help raise awareness of the importance of enhancing natural areas in the

watershed."

SSEA also coordinates volunteers to help with planting. Municipal partners, schools and volunteers interested in participating in BEE Parks or Project SSEED can contact the SSEA for more information: (705) 534-7283 or sseainfo@severnsound.ca or visit: <https://www.severnsound.ca/programs-projects/wildlife-habitat-2/pollinators/>



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Springwater council on the lookout for cheaper integrity commissioner

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com

September 19, 2024 - Springwater Township Council. Danielle Alexander tried to make her position crystal clear: she wasn't objecting to the findings of a recent integrity commissioner's report, she just objected to the cost.

At last night's council meeting, Alexander presented a notice of motion that directed the township clerk to seek invitational proposals for the services of an integrity commissioner and that those proposals be presented at the Oct. 16 council meeting for consideration.

"I want to make very clear my intent with this motion," Alexander said. "I did feel that for the \$27,000 that the township paid for the last report that was presented to us by Mr. Swayze, for two and a half pages of content, and when he came to the meeting he was unable to answer many of the direct questions to him, I feel it's just completely ridiculous. "The motion is just regarding what we paid for," she added.

Alexander said she didn't believe the township received value for the work performed and again told council that a child could have authored it. "It was, I believe I said it before, I felt it was something my daughter could have written," Alexander said.

At the June 19 meeting of council, Robert Swayze, the township's integrity commissioner, delivered his report on three complaints his office had received — two against Coun. Phil Fisher, brought by fellow Coun. Brad Thompson and Springwater Public Library board chair Adrian Graham, and one against Mayor Jennifer Coughlin, which was initiated by Fisher.

The report was especially critical of Fisher, who Swayze said engaged in "petty politics."

A majority of council voted to receive the integrity commissioner's report for information only. Alexander, Fisher and Deputy Mayor George Cabral voted against receiving it.

At that meeting, Fisher told Swayze, who billed the township a little more than 109 hours of work, or approximately \$30,000, he had done "a huge and costly disservice" to council.

He reiterated that sentiment Wednesday night. "Regardless of what the report was about or what the content was, the taxpayer was taken for a ride," said Fisher, while supporting Alexander's motion.

Thompson agreed, but for different reasons. "The real cost to the township is allowing the behaviour that was identified in the report to continue," the councillor said. "This motion and vote gives us an opportunity to send a clear message to right a wrong. "I won't be supporting this motion," Thompson added.

Coughlin said she was concerned with how township residents would react if they thought the municipality was looking to replace Swayze. "I do have concerns about the optics of this," Coughlin said. "The changeover from our previous (integrity commissioner) to Mr. Swayze was after a report was received by council that council didn't agree with or didn't like the findings. "A year ago, we, as a council, voted to extend (Swayze's) contract," the mayor added. "If we're suggesting it's not based on one finding, not a lot has happened since that time."

Swayze was originally hired in 2020 after the council of the day decided to release its integrity commissioner at the time, Principles Integrity. Swayze was one of two providers who responded to the township's request for proposal (RFP) at the time.

Coughlin was against Alexander's motion initially. "If it was to terminate Mr. Swayze, I would have a much harder issue with it," she said. "We went with Mr. Swayze because he was the least expensive at the time. This is literally just looking to see if there's someone cheaper out there."

According to township documents, Swayze's contract with Springwater includes:

- Hourly rate of \$280 per hour
- Annual retainer of \$1,000
- Travel rate of \$140 per hour, when necessary
- 30-day termination clause for either party

On Wednesday night, township clerk Rene Ainsworth told council that she has ample time to secure invitational proposals — informal quotes from interested parties — and will have them ready for council's review Oct. 16.



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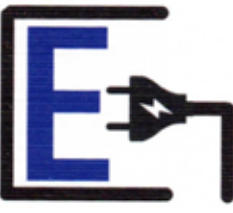
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Hospital Partnership Reaches Innovative Milestone in the Management of Electronic Health Records

Submitted by RVH

Sep. 16, 2024 - The partnership between Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH), Collingwood General and Marine Hospital (CGMH), Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) and Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC), which created the CARE4 Health Information System (HIS) across the four sites in 2021, has reached another significant milestone by attaining Stage 6 of the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) Electronic Medical Record Adoption Model (EMRAM).

EMRAM is an eight-stage (0-7) model that measures the use and utilization of EMR capabilities within hospitals. Institutions that reach Stage 6 have robust capabilities for clinical decision support, a highly secure health information exchange, and a sophisticated level of EMR integration that enables improved safety, quality, and efficiency in healthcare delivery.

For patients, Stage 6 certification means a better hospital experience. Streamlined access and use of data creates more personalized care delivery, and personal medical information is more accessible to them and their care providers, while the data itself is more secure than ever.

Attaining EMRAM 6 is a monumental achievement for any hospital – less than dozen hospitals in Canada have earned it – but for the four local partner hospitals, it's especially remarkable given the complex logistical coordination involved.

"Prior to our partnership, each hospital had its own unique processes, technologies and environment," says Dave Brewin, RVH Vice President, Digital Health and Regional Chief Information Officer. "Creating a unified approach to EMR adoption required not only technical integration, but also a cultural shift towards clinical standards and processes."

To meet the rigorous standards set by HIMSS, digital health strategies and operational goals had to be aligned and clinical workflows, data

entry processes, and decision-making protocols standardized to ensure consistency and reliability across all sites.

Just as important as the technical prowess and logistical coordination required was the four partners' commitment to doing the right thing for the communities they serve. The pursuit of certification was not an external mandate or provincial requirement. The four sites voluntarily chose to seek it to ensure that each person who walks through their doors receives care informed by the best possible use of technology.

Working together to earn EMRAM 6 certification displays the four sites' commitment to leveraging technology to enhance patient care and drive innovation. It's a reflection of a collective dedication to continuous improvement in healthcare delivery so that patients can be assured their health information is accessible, accurate, safer, and used to inform the best possible care decisions.



Dave Brewin, RVH Vice President, Digital Health and Regional Chief Information Officer; Maria Ma, Team Lead, Clinical Informatics; and Jennifer Bourne, Manager, Clinical Informatics from the Regional Digital Health team celebrate EMRAM Stage 6 certification.

Community Events - Ongoing**MONDAY****Bid Euchre**

Elmvale Community Hall 1 pm - 4 pm
Every Monday.
Call Anne for details 705-322-1232

Georgian Shores Seniors Club

Hustle and Muscle, 11:30 - 12:30 pm
Bid Euchre, 1 - 3:30 pm
The Place, 300 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny
Call Vickie for fees 705 526 5074 or gssseniors2016@rogers.com

BINGO - July 1st through to August 26th

Kids 12:30 - 3:00 p.m.
Adults 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Bay Shore Seniors Club
2000 Tiny Beaches Road S., Woodland Beach

TUESDAY**Elmvale Legion**

Tuesdays at 1 pm
Table Shuffleboard, Cost \$1

Palace Tavern Elmvale BINGO

Every Tuesday night
Midland Rotary proceeds 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Barrie Rotary proceeds 8 pm to 9:30 pm

Bay Shore Seniors Club

Billiards/Pool 10:00 - 12:00 p.m.
Gentle Chair Yoga 11:30 am - 12 pm
Bid-Euchre - 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
2000 Tiny Beaches Road S., Woodland Beach

Georgian Shores Seniors Club

Shuffleboard 9:30 am
Line Dancing, Progressive Beginners 9:30 - 11:00 am
Line Dancing, Easy Intermediate, 11:30 - 1:00 pm
The Place, 300 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny
Call Vickie for fees 705 526 5074 or gssseniors2016@rogers.com

Springwater Senior's Golf League 2024

May 7- Sept. 24 - Tues. 8:00 a.m. tee off
Springwater Golf Course
1481 Golf Course Road, Minesing,
Mixed seniors' league - scramble format
Contact intalatour@hotmail.com to join

WEDNESDAY**E.D.G.E. Elmvale District Garden Enthusiasts**

Meetings held **4th Wed. of each month from March to Nov. at 7:00 pm**
Elmvale Legion, 7 John Street Elmvale
Guests always welcome, no charge bring a friend.

Bay Shore Seniors Club

Bridge - 12:30 - 4:00 p.m.
Access Art - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
2000 Tiny Beaches Road S., Woodland Beach

Georgian Shores Seniors Club

Shuffleboard 9:30 am
Chair/Floor Yoga, 9:30 - 10:30 am
Zumba Gold, 11:30 - 12:30 pm
Games Afternoon, 12:30 - 3:30 pm
The Place, 300 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny
Call Vickie for fees 705 526 5074 or gssseniors2016@rogers.com

Barrie Region Aquarium Society

meets on the 2nd Wed each month from Sept-June at East Bayfield Community Centre, Barrie
80 Livingstone Rd E.
Everyone Welcome! For more info, email president@1brass.com

THURSDAY**Probus Club of Simcoe North**

Meetings monthly 2nd Thurs. 10 a.m.
For women & men in retirement or semi-retirement.
Penetang Legion, 2 Poyntz St. For more information email klarkins@csolve.net or call Joyce (705)526-3424

Georgian Shores Seniors Club

1st Movie and Lunch, 12 noon - 3:30 pm
2nd & 4th Tiny Stitchers, 9:00 - 3:00 pm

The Place, 300 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny
Call Vickie for fees 705 526 5074 or gssseniors2016@rogers.com

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.

Coffee Party

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

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, 12:30-2pm
Wasaga Beach new Public Library 544 River Rd., Wasaga Beach. All Parkinson's patients & caregivers welcome. For more information contact Phil Bender 905-703-6248 bender.philip@gmail.com

FRIDAY**Bay Shore Seniors Club**

Wood Carving - 10:00 - 3:00 p.m. (drop in anytime)
2000 Tiny Beaches Road, S., Woodland Beach

Georgian Shores Seniors Club

Summer Yoga - 9:30am
3rd Friday, Bingo & Lunch: 12 noon - 3:30 pm
TGIF social, 4:00 - 6:00 pm
The Place, 300 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny
Call Vickie for fees 705 526 5074 or gssseniors2016@rogers.com

SATURDAY**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)

SUNDAY**Good Vibes**

First Sunday 2-5 from 2 to 5 p.m.
An open-mic music event. For winter months, relocated to Hackney Horse Bed & Breakfast, 3276 Penetanguishene Rd. near Craighurst. \$5 donation, tea, coffee & baking at a small extra cost.

MONDAY to FRIDAY**Low Impact Gentle Fitness Program**

VON SMART Program
Adults 55+ FREE
Mon. 9am @ Springwater Room (arena)
Wed. 9am @ Elmvale Community Hall
Fri. 11am @ Elmvale Community hall
Also available - pole walking at Heritage Park on Wednesdays 9:15am
Times and locations all subject to change.
Bring good support (running) shoes and water
Call 705-355-2200 to register or walk ins

Midland Bridge Club

427 William St, Midland
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 Vern 705-730-9998. Possible lesson if desired. midlandbridge@gmail.com

Ganaraka Hiking Club-Wasaga Beach

Wed hikes 09:15-09:30am at various locations, year round. Also a casual hike, same time. Winter can be snowshoes. Weekly, hikes **Sunday 1:30pm** from a park near Foodland, WB. Weekly, Monday morning bike tours from various locations. Seasonal. Please contact Lorraine for info. 416-606-5081. Or lorvanvlymen@gmail.com

Georgian Bay Coin & Stamp Club

3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Prime Time Club, 1724 Mosley St., Wasaga Beach
1st Tuesday of each month, 6:30 pm - 8:30pm
(North Simcoe Chapter) Penetanguishene Memorial Arena, Brian Orser Lounge, 2nd floor. 61 Maria St. For more info.: www.geobaycoinstampclub.ca

Open Gym Drop-In

Mondays: - 5:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - Drop-in basketball - All ages are welcome.
Tuesday: 5:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - Drop-in pickleball - All ages are welcome.
Drop-in programs will be no charge for July and August.
The Township is pleased to offer sessions at Elmvale District High School (25 Lawson Avenue)

Special Events - One Time**MCC: An Evening with LEAHY**

September 26th at 7:30pm
LEAHY, a Juno award-winning Canadian band, blends a genre-defying mix of Celtic and folk-rock, with passionate vocals and step-dancing.
midlandculturalcentre.com

Coldwater Fall Fair

September 27 to 29

Elmvale Legion Dance

Sept 28 The Muggs
Oct 26 Stir It Up
Nov 30, Buston Loose
Live Music
Cost: \$5 at Door,
Everyone Welcome!

Heritage Social Event

Saturday, September 28, 2024 11am-3:30pm
Fun afternoon at the Township of Tiny Community Centre, 91 Concession Road 8, East.

Rhythm & Resilience - An MCC Fundraising Event

September 28 at 7:00pm
Celebrating the MCC's past, present and future. Musical performances, hors d'oeuvres, and a \$50 tax receipt for your generous support.
midlandculturalcentre.com

Fall for the MCC - An MCC Fundraising Event

September 28 at 7:00pm
An evening of music, dance and drama as we celebrate the incredible performances that have graced the MCC over the years. midlandculturalcentre.com

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

September 30, 2024, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sainte-Marie among the Hurons
16164 Highway 12 East, Midland

The Bay Studio Tour

October 5 and 6th, 2024
Call 705-533-2731 to inquire.
www.thebaystudiotour.com

Festival at Fort Willow

Saturday October 5, 2024 10 a.m. to 4 p.m
Fort Willow Conservation Area
2714 Grenfel Road, Utopia
Buy Tickets at fortwillow.nvca.on.ca.

MCC PRESENTS: PAVLO in Concert

October 12th at 7:30pm
Pavlo is renowned for his Mediterranean music blend of Greek, flamenco, Latin, and Balkan influences.
midlandculturalcentre.com

13th Gals That Give

Monday, October 21st 5:30-7 pm.
Midland Legion
gbaygalsgive@gmail.com
www.gbaygalsgive.com

MCC Presents: The Legendary Downchild Blues

Band FAREWELL TOUR With Special Guest Jeff Rogers
October 26th at 7:30pm
A Farewell Tour celebrating 55 years of Downchild Blues Band. "There would be no Blues Brothers if it weren't for Downchild" - Dan Aykroyd

Creative Visions Art Show and Sale

Saturday, October 26 from 10 -4
Rec Plex ,1724 Moseley Street ,Wasaga Beach
Free Admission

MCC PRESENTS: Juno Award Winner Steve

Strongman With Special Guest Rick Robichaud
November 15th at 8:00pm
With his inimitable guitar playing and soulful vocals, Juno Award Winning Steve Strongman delivers incredible performances with power and passion.
midlandculturalcentre.com

ELMVALE FALL FAIR
Parade starts at 11 am
not noon.

Italian dinner fundraiser for breast cancer awareness month

Submitted by GBGH

September 18, 2024 - A group of volunteers are partnering with the restaurant at Oak Bay Golf Club to host 'A Night in Italy', a four-course Italian dinner fundraiser on Saturday, October 5, 2024. The event, held during Breast Cancer Awareness Month, will raise funds to help bring Mammography services to Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH).

Breast screening rates in North Simcoe are some of the lowest in the province, and improving access to mammography services for women in our region is a top priority for the GBGH team.

"We are designing this program to address our patients' and community needs," says Erin Kominek, manager of diagnostic imaging, cardiorespiratory and the lab at GBGH. "We will offer appointment booking by phone, email and online; have extended hours to accommodate patients outside of regular business hours; and plan for drop-in screening assessment days for when it's a challenge to plan ahead."

The event will take place at 6PM in the Oak Bay Golf Clubhouse, and will feature dinner

music by Olimpia Marchetti. Attendees will also have the privilege of hearing more about the mammography program that GBGH is planning, and have the opportunity to ask questions.

"Everyone has been touched, in one way or another, by breast cancer," says event organizer Adele Newton. "We look forward to bringing the community together to enjoy a wonderful meal and to raise money for the equipment needed to make mammography more easily accessible to the women of North Simcoe."

Tickets for 'A Night in Italy' are \$160 each and a charitable receipt of \$50 per ticket will be provided by the GBGH Foundation. For more information, and to get tickets, visit <https://gbghf.ca/a-night-in-italy/>.

Photo: A group of volunteers are partnering with the restaurant at Oak Bay Golf Club to host 'A Night in Italy', a four-course Italian dinner fundraiser on Saturday, October 5, 2024 to raise funds for Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH).



Annie's Journal

Written by Annie Warner Donnelly

Sep 23, 2024 - Hello Everyone. I'm thinking about the hope I've found in my faith. Every day on my journey to recovery, I believe God is healing me, a bit at a time, and that one day soon, I'll be enjoying a pain free life with renewed strength. I have it on good authority that "faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." (Hebrews 11:1)

I have a little plaque whose message has sustained me through the events of the past few years. It reads: "Hope is Never Lost". I have found that to be true. I keep a firm grip on faith and hope so they can never be lost in my life. I've made the choice to have confidence in what I know to be true as opposed to believing some fear of the unknown.



Every time God has helped me, comforted me, demonstrated His love for me, the assurance about "what I do not see" has increased. God is love and He loves you and me! My testimony is that these words are true. This isn't something I hope is true. I have evidence that assures me that it's true!

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called the children of God! And that is who we are!" (1 John 3:1)

Over the years, I have needed forgiveness many times. The words in 1 John 1:9 provide assurance of God's forgiveness no matter what the sin has been: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

When we realize that we should ask for forgiveness (not just say we're sorry) for something we've said or done, a fellow human being may choose to not forgive us. But God is faithful and just, and He will forgive us. His mercies are new every morning. Every morning, we can have a fresh start. Hope is never lost as long as we believe that God's words are true. Let's believe together. Amen.



Springwater Sports Heritage Livestreams Induction Ceremony

Submitted by Barb Maw

September 09, 2024 - Springwater Sports Heritage is pleased to announce the livestreaming of its 2024 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. Through their devices of choice those interested in joining the Ceremony will be able to virtually share in the excitement and recognition of another outstanding class of Inductees. As the demand for the 2024 Banquet and Ceremony tickets exceeded the available seating capacity the livestreaming option is a valuable alternative.

"We are delighted to announce the accessibility and convenience of our exemplary event to those that are unable to attend the recognition and celebration in person" said Springwater Sports Heritage Induction Committee Chairperson, Barb Maw. "We are honored and pleased to be able to offer this commemorative event to a much wider audience".

A local (Barrie) event technology specialist company "Upsight & Sound" is providing the necessary equipment and personnel to ensure our audience will receive a quality presentation.

Livestreaming will be available on Friday September 27 at 8:00 PM through the following:

Springwater Sports Heritage 2024 Induction Ceremony ([youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com/live/xA4mHW1WuRc))

<https://www.youtube.com/live/xA4mHW1WuRc>

Visit www.springwatersportsheritage.ca for additional information and updates.



Hey Dads!

Sept. 23, 2024 - Now that the dog days of summer are behind us, what's on your fall agenda? Maybe you're getting some new pets for the winter? Since we didn't have enough to do around here with our piglets, calves, hens and ducks we thought it would be a good time to get a puppy. I thought this day would come.

My kids allege that I once told them that when we lived out in the country we could get a dog. We've lived in the country for a dogs age now so I guess it's about time. When we got our new batch of hens and ducks I was concerned that the local coyote population would help themselves to the new menu. But it's been six months and we haven't lost one! I didn't want to gamble too long before we brought in some protection for the hens.

Two weeks ago we were strolling around the local farmers market in the parking lot of the local mall. When we were done at the market we had to pick up a few things...right beside the pet store. If you're a parent without pets you know it's a bad idea to take your kids into a pet store. There's a high probability your kids will look up at you with puppy eyes attempting to convince you, "Oh, daddy! We need a cute little kitten! Look at this puppy! He's so small! Can we get him?" And then the lies begin, "I PROMISE I will take care of him!"

Disregarding all good sense based on past pet store proceedings, I took five of my kids into the

pet store. Sure enough, the local humane society had a half dozen puppies happily playing right by the front door. I started a conversation with the humane society lady and she filled me in on the details of dog adoption. Under different circumstances she would have been barking up the wrong tree but that day she convinced me. I made no commitments to dog adoption without talking to my wife (That decision 100% would have landed me in the dog house). But when we met her back at the van I suggested she go take a look at the puppies. Especially the brownish german-shepherd one. The humane society wasn't sure of the exact breed of the little guys.

Alas, she went to look and was in the store much longer than I had expected. She came out, nine kids harassed us about a puppy for the whole ride home, and a week later we came home with the little guy. He's not much of a guard dog yet but every dog has its day. So far we've had some shoes eaten, two gloves destroyed and one internet cable chewed right through. Ah, the joys of pet ownership. But our hens haven't been eaten by predators so it's a win! Time flies! Make every moment count! Even the pet store moments.

Jason Weening has ten kids, one patient wife and 23 animals. Get his new adventure book for kids, *Danger in the Jungle*, at HEYDADS.ca.

OPP REPORT

Firearms Stolen From Tiny Township Home

(TINY TOWNSHIP, ON) An investigation is underway following a break and enter to a home in Tiny Township that resulted in the theft of several firearms and other items.

On the afternoon of September 15, 2024, members of the Southern Georgian Bay detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police attended a residence in the area of Overhead Bridge Road and Concession 12 of Tiny Township to investigate a break and enter that occurred in the days prior.

It was discovered that many items of value were taken from the home including a gun safe containing three handguns. The stolen firearms are described as a Browning .22 calibre handgun, a CZ9 9mm handgun and a Smith and Wesson 939 revolver. The make of the gun safe is Huntshield.

Detachment members are being assisted in the investigation by the Southern Georgian Bay Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) and the OPP Central Region Forensic Identification Service (FIS).

OPP Charge Drivers Involved in Morning Crashes

(MIDLAND, ON) - Officers from the Southern Georgian Bay Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) were dispatched by the OPP Communication Centre to two separate vehicle crashes in the morning hours of September 19, 2024 leading to charges for involved drivers.

The Communication Centre received at approximately 6:29 a.m. an automated crash notification from a Ford motor vehicle in the south bound lanes of Highway 400 near Joe King's Road, Georgian Bay Township.

Responding emergency services (EMS) included Georgian Bay Fire Services, County of Simcoe Paramedic Services, MTO Roadway Service Contractor along with uniform OPP officers who attended the scene and located the lone involved Ford Edge.



The lone occupant was triaged at the scene by EMS and transported to an area hospital for non-life threatening injuries. Investigation into the cause of the crash resulted in the 36 year old male driver of Elliot Lake being charged with Careless Driving contrary to the Highway Traffic Act.

An earlier crash at 5:36 a.m. resulted in officers being dispatched to a report of a parked vehicle being struck by another vehicle that was travelling on William Street, Victoria Harbour. Upon the officers speaking with the involved driver, an impaired driving investigation was commenced.

The investigating officer called upon an OPP Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) to assist and as a result Shawn Kristen FISHER 55 years of Midland has been charged criminally with the following driving offence.

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs

The accused was released from custody to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice on October 3, 2024 and was served a 90 day driver's licence suspension in accordance to the Ministry of Transportation (ADLS) guidelines.

Educating the public about safe driving, boating and

ORV practices with our community safety partners is a priority, if you see a possible impaired operator on our roadways, waterways or trails please "Make the Call" and dial 911 as impaired driving never ends well, please make a plan to get home safely.

DOOR-TO-DOOR SALES/LIENS/ MORTGAGE FRAUD INVESTIGATION

Two arrested and 3 Arrest Warrants Issued
(TORONTO, ON) - Members of Ontario's Serious Fraud Office (SFO) have arrested two individuals and Canada-wide arrest warrants have been issued for three others following a criminal investigation linked to a door-to-door sales fraud which victimized over 200 people across Ontario.

In summer 2021, Collingwood OPP began an investigation, which was later referred to the OPP Serious Fraud Office in February 2022 at which time Project Nettle commenced.

During this investigation, it was discovered salespeople were directed to attend the homes of older adults and vulnerable people to initiate frauds where victims unknowingly entered into home service and/or renovation agreements at exorbitant prices. Many victims believed they were getting services/installations and renovations for free through government grants or rebates.

Organizers of this fraud then used the fake agreements to register Notice of Security Interest's (NOSIs) which are similar to liens against victims' homes without their knowledge. Later, these NOSIs were paid off to the benefit of the fraud organizers using fraudulent, high-interest mortgages against the victims' homes. In many cases, this fraud left the victims in financial peril; and in some cases, forced the victims to sell their homes.

The SFO conducted more than 230 interviews during the investigation. It is evident this fraud has been financially, emotionally, and physically devastating for many victims across the province. Victims of this fraud were provided support from investigators and SFO victim support services throughout the investigation.

The SFO would like to acknowledge the important contributions by members of Collingwood OPP, Barrie Police, Durham Regional Police Service, Guelph Police, Hamilton Police Service, Ottawa Police Service, Peel Regional Police, Toronto Police Service, York Regional Police, Waterloo Regional Police Service, as well as The Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada (FINTRAC).

You can check for any NOSIs against your home by purchasing a copy of your parcel register through the Ontario Land Registry Access at www.onland.ca. If you find a NOSI against your home, the newly enacted Homeowner Protection Act deems all consumer NOSIs registered before June 6, 2024, to be expired and allows them to be removed by registering an application to delete an expired NOSI through a lawyer. The Consumer Protection Act also allows you to withdraw from a contract within one year and get a full refund if a business or individual has misrepresented a product or service. Products or services sold door-to-door also have a 'cooling off period' that allows you to cancel an agreement within 10 days.

A list of arrested and wanted persons, their municipality of residence and their respective charges is attached to this media release (see ADDENDUM - PROJECT NETTLE). **OPP INVESTIGATING SINGLE-VEHICLE COLLISION IN SPRINGWATER TOWNSHIP**

(SPRINGWATER TOWNSHIP, ON) - The Huronia West Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is investigating a single-vehicle collision in Springwater Township, which resulted in an occupant with life-threatening injuries.

On September 16, 2024, at approximately 5:45 a.m., the Huronia West OPP, Fire, and EMS responded

to a collision after a passenger vehicle traveling southbound on Baseline Road stuck a tree. The driver, who was the sole occupant of the vehicle, was first transported to a local hospital before airlifted to a Toronto-area trauma centre by Air Ornge with life-threatening injuries.

Southbound Baseline Road between Flos Road 7 East and Flos Road 8 East is current closed while officers of the OPP Huronia West Detachment and Traffic Incident Management Enforcement (TIME) Team process the scene.

The investigation is ongoing and updates will be provided when available.

The OPP is requesting that if anyone was in the area during the timeframe of the incident and has any information, dash cam or surveillance footage that may assist investigators, to please call Huronia West OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

THREAT TO LOCAL SCHOOL RESULTS IN MULTIPLE WEAPONS CHARGES

(CLEARVIEW TOWNSHIP) - The Collingwood and Blue Mountains Detachment and the Huronia West Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have seized numerous weapons and laid charges following an investigation into a threat made to a local school.

On September 11, 2024, the Collingwood and Blue Mountains OPP received a report regarding a potential threat to Collingwood Collegiate Institute in Collingwood by a former student. The report indicated that the threat was not imminent as it had been made in March 2024.

Regardless, the OPP takes all threats to public safety seriously and provides resources necessary to assess and respond to the threat. Public safety is our top priority.

During the investigation, police discovered that the former student may possess weapons in his vehicle and residence in Clearview Township. When police attended the residence, officers located 2 firearms and several high-capacity magazines, all improperly stored and without a valid firearms licence.

Police located and stopped the individual's vehicle in a parking lot on Cameron Street in Collingwood, where the driver and a passenger were arrested without incident. During the arrest, police also seized 2 replica firearms, bear spray, pepper spray, a knife, and brass knuckles.

As a result, Jordan YOUNG, an 18-year-old from Clearview Township, was charged with the following offences:

- Utter threats to cause Death
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The vehicle passenger, Bradley CAUGHLIN, an 18-year-old from Collingwood, was also charged with the following offences:

- Possession of a prohibited device for a dangerous purpose - Two Counts
- Breach of a Sentence Order

Both accused were held for bail to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Barrie.

The investigation is ongoing. Police request that anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact the Huronia West OPP at 1-888-310-1122. To remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or www.ontariocrimestoppers.ca.

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Orr Lake neighbours present both sides of short-term rental debate

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com

Sep 13, 2024 - Two Orr Lake neighbours share the same situation yet have completely different takes on that experience.

One owns a cottage at 3 Cedar Lane and rents it out as a short-term rental (STR), which she says contributes to the local economy. It provides local jobs, customers to local businesses, lots of cleaners to maintain the property and trades," Ann Fan told Springwater Township council on Wednesday night. She was speaking virtually during a mandatory public meeting for the consideration of an Official Plan amendment and zoning bylaw amendment for STRs in the township.

Meanwhile, Fan's neighbour at 7 Cedar Lane has a differing perspective. "People tend to arrive, back their car up, open the back up, taking their coolers, their beer cases, their pop cases and a lot of them don't leave for the weekend," said Nora Dixon, a senior and Fan's Orr Lake neighbour, who appeared in person at council.

"I think that's in part, because they (Fan) provide so many recreational activities for them they don't need to leave. They can stay there and have a whale of a time," Dixon added. "Do they really contribute to the local economy?" While Dixon says she has excellent relations with her neighbour — "we really have no complaints about them or the unit as a whole" — she thought it was important that council see both sides of the issue. Orr Lake is located just a few minutes outside of Elmvale. Dixon's was the only voice to oppose STRs at this week's meeting.

Currently, according to Deborah-Ann Liske, a planner with the township, land-use planning documents do not define short-term rentals and do not list it as a permitted use within residential zones. As the township considers regulating them, it needed to update the township land use planning documents. "Following the direction from the township's solicitor in spring of this year, and direction received from council in July, staff have drafted the necessary amendments to the

township's Official Plan and zoning bylaw, which is the subject of tonight's public meeting," Liske said. Liske noted these are draft documents, which were the topic of discussion at Wednesday's public meeting, and no staff recommendation has been provided at this time.

The township initiated an amendment to the Official Plan to provide guiding policies for the consideration of short-term rentals that would be implemented through the township's zoning bylaw and also administered through an STR licensing program. "The draft zoning bylaw amendment proposes to provide a definition of a short-term rental accommodation and permit such accommodations as a secondary use within all zones that permit a residential dwelling unit, a seasonal dwelling unit and an additional residential unit," Liske said. That definition would include that a short-term rental accommodation must be secondary to the established main residential use. "This inclusion in the definition ensures that short-term rentals are not primary use, as such use would be more in line with a definition of a commercial accommodation," Liske said. "This means that a dwelling unit cannot be rented out on a short-term basis more than it is used as a primary dwelling, therefore the long-term residential component of the property is still maintained."

The terminology 'secondary' was added into the definition based on the township solicitor's advice that the municipality provide a clear distinction in the proposed definition of when the use becomes a commercial accommodation. The draft bylaw amendment proposes a minimum parking requirement — one space per bedroom that is rented — and limits short-term accommodations to no more than 28 consecutive calendar days. The bylaw amendment, as drafted, would permit STR accommodations in all residential zones within Springwater.

The township's planning staff will now review all comments, provide possible revisions to the drafted policies, and provide a recommendation to council at a later date.

Penetanguishene integrity commissioner clears three complaints 'without need for full investigation'

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca

Sep 19, 2024 - As captains for their municipality, Penetanguishene council ran a clean ship over the past year. The message from the integrity commissioner's periodic report was further discussed as the town's appointed representative Principles Integrity gave a presentation during the recent regular council meeting.

Jeffrey Abrams of Principles Integrity explained that the report was meant to provide council and the public "on the ethical wherewithal of the town's elected officials and its appointed officials," between the period of June 2023 to the end of May 2024. "I'm happy to report that in the period in question, there wasn't a lot of activity; we didn't have any education training or policy development work," said Abrams. "We responded to one request for advice. "There were three complaints that were filed with us; all of them were disposed of without the need for a full investigation and a recommendation report, so there were no findings against a member that would've triggered a report to council. "In each of the cases, we write a disposition letter. As is our obligation, we explained our decision to both the complainant and a respondent member involved," Abrams explained. Abrams also provided a broader perspective toward the provincial lens, touching on the subjects of breaches of confidentiality (giving a stern recommendation for monetary sanction) as well as conflicts of interest. However, Abrams spent the latter half of the presentation addressing "the issue of occurrences of disparagement, disrespect and even harassment and bullying in councils."

Within the report, Principles Integrity had detailed elements of harassment seen provincially which included council members who interrogate staff or seek different answers than can be provided by staff by 'asking the hard questions'. Since completing the report, Abrams drew attention to an August announcement by Municipal Affairs and Housing

Minister Paul Calandra at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference that "made some indication that there was going to be a uniform code of conduct for all municipalities, that's been referred to the provincial integrity commissioner for some work and recommendations. "We're not quite sure what the intention is," said Abrams. He expressed concerns regarding legislative change without pragmatic guidance which could interfere with the ability for an integrity commissioner to give course correction "in a timely, fair, and affordable way".

Two reasons were listed in the report: Every harassment complaint could force extensive reviews at a much greater cost than to resolve the matter through an integrity commissioner; and the timespan for imposing remedies could be measured in years in contrast to the few months that an integrity commissioner provides advice. "One example that I think is quite obvious to us is under the Education Act: a school board, upon the investigation and report of an integrity commissioner, can suspend a member's — not only their compensation for a period of time, but their attendance for a period of time. That, in and of itself, can remedy a number of situations," Abrams said. The presentation was described by Abrams as "our own good news story on council's ethical compliance" following the previous deputation where the annual Penetanguishene financial audit was similarly praised by Mayor Doug Rawson.

The integrity commissioner's periodic report from June 2023 to May 2024 can be located on the agenda page of the Town of Penetanguishene website. Meetings of Penetanguishene council are held on the second Wednesday of each month, and can be watched live on Rogers TV cable 53 when available, or on the Rogers TV website. Archives of council meetings are located on the Town of Penetanguishene YouTube channel.

Strong Competition at Midland Lawn Bowling club

By Leslie Gordon

Sept. 11, 2024 - Midland - At the recent KLB Bookkeeping Combo Fours tournament the competition was strong. Coming out on top was the team of Barry Holloway, Kim Conley, Steven Jupp and Cassandra Furlong. The second place team was Paul Jagos, Moe Walsh, Andy Brayson and Sarah O' Shea. Third place went to Gary Butineau, Sue Dixon, Lori Bone and Marv Hebner. The combo fours competition saw teams play four games that included mixed pairs, women's pairs and men's pairs to earn points for wins. The Midland Lawn Bowling club welcomes spectators and anyone interested in giving the sport a try. For more information visit the website.

Winning team: Barry Holloway, Kim Conley, Cassandra Furlong and Steve Jupp



2nd place Andy Brayson, Sarah O'Shea, Moe Walsh and Paul Jagos



3rd place Gary Butineau, Marv Hebner, Sue Dixon and Lori Bone



Elmvale Presbyterian Cemetery Update

Fall is a time for cleaning up our yards before winter. At the Elmvale Presbyterian Cemetery, volunteers will continue their work into the Fall, gathering leaves and branches, cutting grass, etc. At this time we would like to send out a friendly reminder to families, that it would be appreciated if monument flowers, decorations and overgrown shrubbery can be attended to.

Some shrubs have grown over the actual monument, or at least to the point of obscuring the inscription. These shrubs will be removed by cemetery staff late this Fall, or early Spring, as it is the mission of the cemetery to display monuments with dignity. Please address any questions to the cemetery board manager, Bradley McGrady, or other cemetery board member.

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Submitted by Christine Marshall

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LEWIS, Alan Alexander (P.Eng)

Passed away peacefully at Tomkins House Hospice in Penetanguishene on September 12th at the grand age of 96 years. Beloved husband of Patricia and loving father of Lori Finglas (Stephen). Cherished grandfather of James (Ashleigh) and Tristan, great grandfather of Ava and Tilly. Uncle to Paula and Mark in the UK. Fondly remembered by extended family and friends.

Alan lived a long, adventurous life. From an early age he was devoted to design and engineering aircraft. He was inseparable from his beloved wife and they travelled the world, riding elephants in Thailand, snorkelling the reef in Australia and walking the streets of Pompeii. His love of skiing, golf, sailing and bridge kept him young and active.

In the near future, a Celebration of Life will be held to commemorate Alan and the wonderful person he was.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Tomkins House would be appreciated by the family.

Expressions of sympathy may be made at www.leclaircremationcentre.ca



Elmvale Palace League Final Tournament

By Linda Belcourt, Editor

Sept. 24, 2024 - On September 21, 2024 the Elmvale Palace hosted a baseball league tournament with mixed players enjoying slow pitch baseball. The tournament was won by the Duster team. The day was finalized with a celebration at the Palace with a banquet and Charlotte and the Dirty Cowboys playing great live music.

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GRAY, Kenneth (Ken)

Passed away peacefully at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie on Friday, September 6, 2024. Ken Gray of Woodland Beach in his 83rd year. Beloved husband of Sharon Gray (nee Price). Dear father of Craig Gray, Neil (Shelley) Gray, and Todd (Alison) Gray. Grandfather of Colton (Kaylea), Dawson, Madisyn, Ellie, and Alyssa. Brother of Norma (Cliff) Tapscott, and Michael (Lisa) Gray. In-law to Joan, Ann Marie (Dieter), and Robert (Bertha). Ken will be missed by his extended family and friends.

A Celebration of Ken's life will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2024 at 1 pm at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale.

Memorial donations in Ken's memory may be made to the Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre or the Canadian Cancer Society.

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



ADAMS, Lorraine Lynn 'Lorie'

Adams, Lorraine Lynn 'Lorie' – It is with broken hearts that we announce the passing of Lorie Adams on Saturday, September 14, 2024. Lorie at the age of 59 cherished wife of Doug and devoted mother of Luke, Joel

and Rachel.

Lorie was born on November 25, 1964 to Gordon and Margaret Dotzert and grew up on a farm near Amulree, Ontario. Lorie was the youngest of the family and will be lovingly remembered by her sisters Shirley (Bill) Sara, Nancy Dotzert (Glen Kenyon), Jane (Tony) Davison and Barbara Dotzert. Special sister in-law to Doris (Ronald) LeBold, Jim (Kathy) Adams, Ann Marie (Dan) Tessier and Denise Adams-Lawrence (Mark Lawrence). Predeceased by her brother Wayne Dotzert. Lorie cherished her memories of the times she spent with her nieces and nephews.

Growing up on the family farm Lorie enjoyed her time creating a close friendship to her nieces Sarah and Liz as well their brother Dan who lived on the farm as well. After graduating from McMaster University Lorie began her nursing career at University Hospital in London Ontario.

When Lorie married Doug she then moved to Barrie and continued her nursing career until she and Doug founded Adams Funeral Home in 2007. At that time Lorie ended her nursing career and stayed at home to raise their three children. Lorie's pride was her children and the amazing gardens which she cared for with all her heart. Her personality and smile will be forever remembered by her amazing circle of friends.

In 2014 Lorie was diagnosed with cancer, she faced her disease and treatment with tremendous courage and strength always being positive and optimistic. Lorie never complained and set an example for others to follow.

A visitation and service were held at the funeral home she and Doug founded (Adams Funeral Home and Cremation Services) followed by the interment at Minesing Union Cemetery on Wednesday, September 18, 2024.

Memorial donations to the Regional Cancer Centre at the Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre or Hospice Simcoe would be appreciated by the family.

The family would like to thank Dr. Sarah Rask, Dr. Matt Fallwell and the entire Oncology Department at the Regional Cancer Centre for their treatment, care, and support of Lorie over the past 10 years. Also, a thank you to Dr. André Bédard and Colleen Wormsley for their compassionate palliative care.

Messages of condolence may be forwarded to the family through adamsfuneralhome.ca.



THOMSON, Christie (Chris) August 19, 1931 – September 15, 2024

In life and in death, Chris was surrounded by love. Engaged to the end, he left us peacefully at home on September 15, 2024. His close-knit family – children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins – now carry forward a wealth of cherished memories.

In Quebec City on August 19, 1931, Chris was welcomed into the family of Cecil and Kate Thomson joining his siblings Fay, George and Hilda. After graduating from Bishop's University and embarking on a teaching career that included a mission stint in Kenya, Chris settled in Midland where he met his beloved life-partner and wife, Marg (nee Heasman). They enjoyed 65 happy years of marriage, raising five children: Jim (Annie), Kate, Jill (Walter), Ruth (Keith) and Scott (Jill). He shared his love, curiosity, and humour with his eleven grandchildren: Kim (Nick), Nicky and Mikey; Ashley, Julia and Ryan; Alyson and Taryn; and Sara, Ethan and Meredith.

Chris was a kind and inspiring mentor who touched the lives of many. He was a faithful member of Midland Alliance Church, a well-respected teacher and librarian at Midland Secondary School and a founding member of Huronia Players. He shared his love for drama and music, directing several plays and musicals that inspired countless students. Summers were especially treasured as he spent time with family and friends at his family cottage in St. Pats on the Lower St. Lawrence.

A Celebration of a Life Well-lived will take place at Midland Alliance Church, 829 Yonge Street, Midland on Saturday, October 12 at 11 am with a drop-in reception to follow in the lower hall until 2:30.

For those unable to attend in person, the service will be livestreamed on the church website at <https://machurch.ca/media>. The livestream will also be available two weeks after the service at the same site, allowing friends and family to participate at their convenience.

Friends may visit <http://www.leclaircremationcentre.com> to share memories and condolences with the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Huronia Players at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/huronia-community-foundation/>. Please select "Huronia Community Players Fund" in memory of Chris Thomson. Funds can help support the Huronia Players/Thomson Family Award <https://www.huroniaplayers.ca/menu-get-involved/bursary-program>

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THE BAY STUDIO TOUR



OCTOBER 5 & 6

10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Come on this free self-guided Studio Tour .
34 Artists in 24 Studio Locations.



You may start and end your Tour at any stop

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Beckwith Island
Awenda Provincial Park
Cedar Point
Lafontaine
Perkinsfield
Wye

Champlain Rd
Avenida Park Dr
Avenida Park Rd
Military Rd
Sandy Bay Rd
Robert St W
Robert St E
Thompson Rd
Park St. to Therrien Ct.
Vindin St
Midland
Yonge
Little L
Wisden Rd
Bruce St. to Forest Rd

Concession Rd 19 W
Concession Rd 18 W
Concession Rd 17 W
Concession Rd 16 E
Concession Rd 14 W
Concession Rd 13 W
Concession Rd 12 W
Concession Rd 11 W
Concession Rd 10 W
Concession Rd 9 W
Concession Rd 8 W
Concession Rd 7 W
Concession Rd 6 W
Concession Rd 5 W
Concession Rd 4 W
Concession Rd 3 W
Concession Rd 2 W
Concession Rd 1 W

Thunder Beach Rd
Cedar Point Rd
Poplar Dr to Rue Vanier
Jules Leger to Marchand to Moreau Pkwy
Tiny Beaches Rd to Desroches Trail
Tiny Beaches Rd to Concession 15 to Wolfe Trail
Concession 13 to Quesnelle Dr.
Tiny Beaches Rd North to Castleton
Tiny Beaches Rd to Blair Lane
Jean Ann to Brook Ave
Jean Ann to Sherwood
Tiny Beaches Rd North

County Road 6 to Silver Birch
County Road 6 to Asselin Dr

Peek A Boo Trail
Military Rd
Sandy Bay Rd
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Robert St E
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Vindin St
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Wisden Rd
Bruce St. to Forest Rd

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| <p>1 LIZ LASKY - Painting
90 Thompsons Road, Unit 10, Penetanguishene</p> <p>2 HEATHER ELAND - Quilts
90 Thompsons Road, Unit 11, Penetanguishene</p> <p>3 LORIE DESROCHES - Pottery
MONICA IRONSIDE - Painting
69Therrien Court, Penetanguishene</p> <p>4 FRANCIS FORGET - Painting
25 West Street, Penetanguishene</p> <p>5 KAREN AMOS - Stained Glass
922 Concession 16 East, Tiny</p> <p>6 LINDA BRUBACHER - Painting & Weaving
BEV OWEN - Plein Air Painting
135 Peek A Boo Trail, Tiny</p> | <p>7 HEATHER KERTZER - Painting & Jewellery
PAUL BRESLIN - Photography
284 Farlain Lake Road East, Tiny</p> <p>8 STEPHEN ST.AMANT - Pottery
87 Silver Birch Drive, Tiny</p> <p>9 HILARY SLATER - Painting
ROGER BEAUSOLEIL - Woodturning
650 Concession 17 West, Tiny</p> <p>10 SAM SGRO - Wood Carver
1632 Tiny Beaches Rd. North, Tiny</p> <p>11 ANTJE GAGNÉ - Pottery
DEB GRISÉ - Painting
39 Rue Vanier, Tiny</p> <p>12 WENDY MARCHAND - Painting, Sculpture, Prints
130 Moreau Parkway, Tiny</p> | <p>13 CHRISTINE MARSHALL - Painting
16 Desroches Trail, Tiny</p> <p>14 BARBARA SIMMONS - Painting
26 Wolfe Trail, Tiny</p> <p>15 ROD PROUSE - Painting
10 Quesnelle Dr., Wahnekewaning Bch, Tiny</p> <p>16 DON PETTIT - Painting
12 Castleton Drive, Tiny</p> <p>17 CYNTHIA BLAIR - Painting
JANA CAISSIE - Artisan Bath & Beauty
10 Blair Lane, Cawaja Beach, Tiny</p> <p>18 JERRY (YARKO) KULYK - Painting
63 Brook Avenue, Tiny</p> <p>19 CAROL HALLMAN - Stained Glass
45 Sherwood Crescent, Tiny</p> | <p>20 KIM MATICIW - Fibre Artist
ARTHUR KARASIK - Abstract Painting
77 Forest Road, Tiny</p> <p>21 JULIE MCGREGOR - Painting
BRET CULP - Photography
66 Tiny Beaches Road North, Tiny</p> <p>22 RACHEL GELDERBLOOM - Jewellery
29 Tiny Beaches Road North, Tiny</p> <p>23 MELANIE ROBITAILLE - Photography
LAURA KULSON - Jewellery
RODRIGO MORENO - Woodturning
11 Asselin Drive, Tiny</p> <p>24 INGRID LUPP - Glasswork
72 Concession Road 12 East, Tiny</p> |
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