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# ONE WORLD MUSIC FESTIVAL Brings Cultural Richness

*Comments from John French, Founder and artistic director of Brookside Music Association and the One World Music Festival*

August 26, 2024 - I am incredibly proud of the success of this year's One World Music Festival. The festival brought together an extraordinary lineup of local and global performers, creating a vibrant celebration of music and culture that resonated with audiences from all walks of life. The diversity and talent showcased on our stage truly set a new standard for what this festival can be.

Looking ahead, I am filled with hope and excitement for the future. We envision the One World Music Festival becoming a major tourism attraction, drawing visitors to experience the unique energy and cultural richness our community has to offer. To make this vision a reality, we are counting on increased support from our community—both in terms of volunteers who share our passion for music and cultural exchange, and financial backing from local organizations that believe in our mission.

With your continued support, I am confident that the One World Music Festival will grow to become a cornerstone event that unites people through the universal language of music for many years to come. Thank you to everyone who has helped us reach this point; the best is yet to come.

The crowd speaks...

What a brilliant event! Midland is so lucky! - Hillary Braime

Great idea ! Huge potential !keep it going John very creative of you ! Community will greatly benefit creatively ! - André Desroches

The One World Music Festival was incredible. Two days of absolutely amazing talent from all over the world. Not only was the talent phenomenal but the event was well run, engaging, and well thought out. We had the best time at the festival and we are so lucky to have an amazing group of people put on such a great event! I can't say enough good things!

Councillor Jamie-Lee Ball

It was AMAZING!!! We came from Peterborough and were absolutely blown away! The music was beyond belief — unlike any festival we've ever been to — and all for a measly \$10. How is this possible? From Uganda to Spain to Argentina with a big dollop

of top shelf local talent with the incredible Ariko and Huronia Hot Strings. And a setting to die for with the backdrop of Little Lake and the natural hillside amphitheatre with superbly designed seating.

Our only question — why wasn't it packed?!

Mary Delaney (Peterborough)

John French, you can be sure we will be promoting it in our neck of the woods. We will be talking about it for days to come, as well as looking up these performers on line. We learned this, for instance, about Payadora (www.payadora.com), the group that brought everyone to their feet: "Payadora's third and latest CD, the critically acclaimed "Silent Tears: The Last Yiddish Tango", reached #1 on the World Music Charts in Europe".

Mary Delaney

We had an incredible time at the festival! Such an impressive lineup.

I hope that this grows and that more people talk about it so that everyone will put it on their calendar for next year!

Heidi Schwarzkopf (Toronto)



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Photo #1: Left to Right: Denise Ritchie McLean, Alyson Dyce, Coach Steve Dyce



Photo #2: Left to Right: Tim McGinnis, Brody Leclair, Coach Steve Dyce

### Minor Ball Wrap Up

Written by Adrianna McGinnis.

Aug. 26, 2024 - On Monday August 19th Elmvale Minor Ball hosted our annual End-Of-Year Banquet. Our banquet is a chance to celebrate the success of each team throughout the season. From pre season, to regular season, to playoffs, each team works hard to improve their skills and have the best season possible. Our banquet was a fun night, with lots of smiling faces.

We also take the time at our banquet to thank all of our volunteers. From the Minor Ball Committee, to coaches, score keepers, diamond-liners, umpires, and all involved parents; we truly could not run our league without everybody's help.

We would like to highlight some teams:

U9 #1 Playoff Champs in group B.

U9 #2 Overall Season Champs and Playoff Champs in Group A as well as Champions of the playoffs.

U13 #1 Overall Season Champs.

U13 #2 Playoff Champs in Group B.

U21 Overall Season Champs.

We would also like to congratulate the winners of our memorial awards.

The Lynda Ritchie Memorial Award is awarded each year to a female player for their love of the game. This year's award recipient was Alyson Dyce from the U21 team.

The Chris Minty Memorial Award is awarded each year to a player for their dedication, attitude and commitment to Elmvale Minor Ball. This year's award recipient was Brody Leclair from the U21 team.

We look forward to seeing everyone's smiling faces in the spring for the 2025 season!

# Life Changing Experience



By Hope Graham

August 24, 2024 - We are fast approaching the time to select the 2024-2025 ambassador. I encourage anyone interested to apply, as the time I have spent in this position has been an eye-opening, transformative opportunity, offering a unique experience that allows you to develop valuable skills, from public speaking and leadership to networking and community engagement. Throughout my tenure, I have participated in many events and have met so many amazing people who will leave a lifelong impact. Being an ambassador is a chance to be a part of something meaningful, make a difference, and have a lot of fun along the way. To apply and learn more details of the position you can go to the Elmvale Fall Fair website.

As Ambassador I had the privilege of attending the CNE this past weekend in Toronto. There, I was in the competition for CNE ambassador competing against ambassadors from all over Ontario and I wanted to share my experience.

I just want to start off by saying thank you for supporting me in my role and giving me the opportunity to be your Flos Agricultural Society Ambassador.

This was actually my very first time being at the CNE and it was truly a fair like one I've never seen before. I started off developing an elevator pitch seminar led by our society's own Matt Garwood, then I went straight into my interviews as part of the competition.

The group was made up of many Ambassadors - 48 in total with many fairs represented.

Locally, I met the Collingwood Ambassador and had the chance to room with the ambassador from Aurther. It was great to be with the entire group; although I can say I was probably one of the youngest. I learned so much from my peers and mentors.

Throughout the event, we had a chance to tour the farm exhibition which was interesting to see. It showed how many animals there are on a farm, which must have been exciting for the youth in attendance

who may never have seen them live and up close.

Maybe it will encourage more to come to our livestock shows!

Later the first night we attended a seminar on normalizing differences and interacting with the world around us. This really talked about how each one of us is human and equal but each person does have their differences. The days were long, waking up at 6:00 am and going to bed around 10:30 pm but it was all part of a generous experience! I had the opportunity to watch The Warriors Day Parade on opening day. It was so interesting to see all the different groups that fight for our country in one parade, a special moment as it went through the Princess Gates.

We also were in a mental health seminar mainly focusing on the mental health of farmers.

The challenges that farmers face when seeking care and new opportunities for assistance were talked about.

There was a self-defence seminar learning how to protect yourself from potential threats. So try not to scare me on the streets of town when you see me, I have some new moves. We had a great formal dinner Saturday night!

Afterwards, we attended an etiquette seminar focusing on posture, answering impromptu questions, how to warm up before a speech physically and just how to get rid of those nerves before speaking. This seminar came from a former CNE ambassador Charlene Carroll. On the final day, it was the competition and we started out with our semi-finals at the Queen Elizabeth Theater giving our one-minute speech. Everyone did such an amazing job with their presentations and it was definitely a hard choice for the judges. After that, we were able to have lunch on the grounds and explore the food building. I ate a taco grilled cheese sandwich and a creme brulee croissant cone. All I can say is it was the best meal ever!

After lunch, we rode the train and were ready for the finals giving our quick elevator pitch. The Congeniality Award was given this year to the Ambassador from Six Nations, she is an Auntie in her community and certainly a kind, easy-to-approach Auntie with all of the delegates.

The top seven Ambassadors (Sunderland, Erin, Ripley, Dundalk, Stratford, Milverton, Petrolia) were chosen Sunday afternoon, from there the top three (Sunderland, Stratford and Ripley) with the announcement that the 2024-2025 CNE Ambassador this year was from Ripley - Hannah MacDonald. She was so shocked.

Overall this was an incredible experience and one that I will truly remember for the rest of my life. I met and reconnected with my fellow ambassadors there who were kind, and supportive to one another and we spent time together just touring the fair which was so fun. The CNE's generosity was so immense and I will forever be thankful for providing our meals, a goodie bag and the Hotel stay. I learned a lot from my time there. I left the program a better communicator, my eyes opened to new experiences, a general enhancement of my communication skills and a greater appreciation for the things that agricultural societies do for their communities.



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# LOCAL LEGEND ON WINNING TEAM

By Brian Belcourt

August 12, 2024 - On August 2, a local baseball team from Creemore traveled to Thorold, Ontario to compete in the Canadian National Old Timers 60 plus tier 1 baseball championship.

There was 4 teams in this division, Dufferin Simcoe Rockers with local legend John DeGroot, Hamilton Stealers, Great West Legends and the Spring Lake Masters.

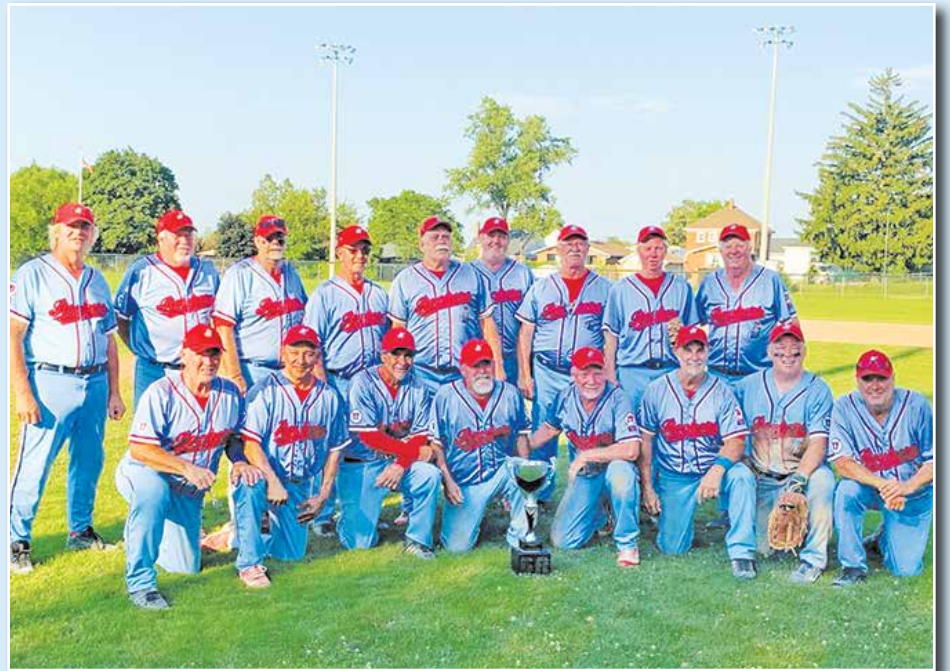
All 4 teams played a round robin with Hamilton and Great West finishing with 4 points, Dufferin Simcoe 3 points and Spring Lake 1 point.

In the semi finals Dufferin Simcoe Rockers upset the Great West Legends 12 too 4, the Spring Lake Master also upset the Hamilton Stealers 16 too 10.

In the final the Dufferin Simcoe Rockers completed their championship run with a 9 too 5 victory over the Spring Lake Master.

Congratulations to the team from Creemore on there successful tournament.

*Note: Last edition of the North Simcoe Springwater News August 15, 2024 reported that the team came in third place and that was incorrect.*



## Honoring all past Queens and Ambassadors



by Rowan King, On Behalf of the Ambassador Committee

July 29, 2024 - This fall there are many things to look forward to, crisp air, crunchy leaves, slow Sunday drives, but most of all the Fall Fair. Elmvalle gives thanks slightly differently than a turkey dinner - although we may still indulge in this tradition, the big way we celebrate is through the Elmvalle Fall Fair. It is a time for farmers, school children, local business, visitors, volunteers and ambitious youth to come together and celebrate our community. While the main reason fairs originated were to share agriculture and this is still a huge focus we also highlight many other important parts of our community. One way we do this is through the Ambassador Contest by empowering the youth of our community to become representatives of the fair. This year marks 50 years of the program which expanded from the Queen of the Fair and transitioned to the Ambassador of the Fair.

To mark this special milestone we are planning to honor all past Queens and Ambassadors. If you or someone you know were a past Ambassador, please reach out to our committee at [elmvaleambassadorprogram@gmail.com](mailto:elmvaleambassadorprogram@gmail.com).

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## Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament

Mayor Bill Gordon is excited to invite you to the First Annual Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament!

- Friday, September 6th, 2024 from 11am-6pm
- Player Registration is Open!
- Sponsorship opportunities are available.
- To join for dinner only, purchase a ticket on our website.



Visit [midland.ca/golf](http://midland.ca/golf) for more about this extra fun day!

All proceeds directly support our Community Grant Program. Join us for a day of fun, philanthropy, and community spirit!

[midland.ca/golf](http://midland.ca/golf)

## Labour Day Holiday Closure

Labour Day Holiday affected services:

- Town Hall - closed on September 2.
- Mid-Pen Transit - no service on September 2.
- NSSRC - closed on September 2.



## Midland, book your ride to Balm Beach

Midland residents can enjoy a Saturday at Balm Beach by booking a seat on the Community Reach shuttle. Last day of service is September 7, 2024. Secure your spot!

[midland.ca/beachshuttle](http://midland.ca/beachshuttle)

## Upcoming Council Meeting



Regular Council Meeting



Regular Council Meeting



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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](http://midland.ca/council)

## Midland's first Mural Festival

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.

Visit Harbourside Park on **September 28, 2024:**

- Enjoy a guided or self-guided mural tour.
- Pick up some delicious food.
- Murals come to life with artists painting on scene.
- Make your mark on our community mural.
- Enjoy live music.
- Check out the artists and artisans at the vendor market.



[midland.ca/muralfestival](http://midland.ca/muralfestival)

## Back to School Reminder

With class back in session comes an increase in pedestrian traffic and the return of school buses travelling around Midland.

Remember to take precaution during school start and end times. Safety first!



## Community Response Toolkit

The County of Simcoe and Town of Midland released a reader-friendly guidebook for people who want to learn more about supporting vulnerable people in their own communities.

Read more information, find the Toolkit and the Who to Call poster on our website.



[midland.ca/toolkit](http://midland.ca/toolkit)

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Photo above: Ontario Ministry of Health and Springwater (left to right) Springwater CAO Schmidt, Councillor Garwood, Deputy Minister Deborah Richardson, Mayor Coughlin, Councillor Thompson.

# Springwater Township Fights for a Doctor

Submitted by Matt Garwood

August 22, 2024 - Earlier this week members of Springwater Council and Staff attended the Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference and met with the Ontario Ministry of Health to advocate on behalf of Springwater residents regarding the lack of access to primary care close to home. Additionally, they met with the Ontario Medical Association to discuss the impact of physician shortages on our community.



Photo above: Ontario Medical Association and Springwater (left to right) Councillor Thompson, Councillor Garwood, Mayor Coughlin, Ontario Medical Association (OMA) CEO Kimberly Moran and staff, Springwater CAO Schmidt.



# Celebrating Indigenous Art & Culture

September 16-25, 2024

**CULTURE ALLIANCE** Sunrise Ceremony and Breakfast

**HURONIA MUSEUM** Flint-Knapping & Atlatl Workshop

**MIDLAND CULTURAL CENTRE** Artist Talk with Anong Migwans Beam

**MCC GALLERY OF INDIGENOUS ART** Nswi Noodinan (Three Winds) Exhibition

**SAINTE MARIE AMONG THE HURONS** Online program about the pathway to Truth and Reconciliation

**MIDLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY** Author Visit with Waubgeshig Rice

**PENETANGUISHENE MUSEUM** Wampum Belts Presentation with Brian Charles


**PARKS CANADA** Boat Trips to Georgian Bay Islands National Park

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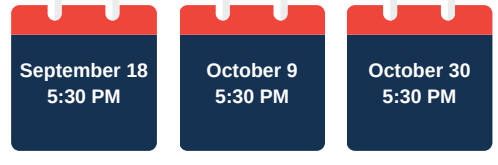


**Participate** - hear about community events, recreation programs, and public meetings



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## Council Meeting Schedule



September 18 5:30 PM  
October 9 5:30 PM  
October 30 5:30 PM



**Township of Tiny**  
[www.tiny.ca/events](http://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.

## Recreation Programs

### 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](http://www.tiny.ca/seniors/workshops).



### Program Registration

Fall/Winter program registration is open! View the Parks and Recreation Activity Guide or register online at [www.tiny.ca/playportal](http://www.tiny.ca/playportal).

### Youth Day Trip: Drive, Chip, Putt - Youth Golf Clinic

Join the youth golf clinic and enjoy a 9-hole round on Saturday September 21 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost: \$80. Register at [www.tiny.ca/playportal](http://www.tiny.ca/playportal).

## 2024 Firefighter Recruitment

We're accepting applications for Paid-On-Call (Volunteer) Firefighters. Full details including the recruitment guide can be found online at [www.tiny.ca/firerecruitment](http://www.tiny.ca/firerecruitment).

### Have questions?

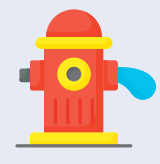
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**Application deadline: September 27, 2024 at 4 p.m.**



## Municipal Water Flushing

Municipal water users are advised that the Township of Tiny will begin flushing water mains throughout the fall season starting on September 3, 2024. To view the 2024 water main flushing schedule, please visit our website at [www.tiny.ca/drinkingwater](http://www.tiny.ca/drinkingwater).



## 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](http://www.tiny.ca/InterimControl) for more information.

If you have witnessed a violation of this by-law and wish to file a complaint, please contact the Municipal Law Enforcement Department at 705-526-4204.

For further information: Planning and Development Department  
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## 2024 Property Taxes

The 2024 Final Tax Bills were mailed in May. If you have not received your tax bill please contact us. Not receiving a bill does not relieve the taxpayer from the responsibility of payment. Interest charges for late payments are calculated at a rate of 1.25% on the first day the payment is late, and the first day of each month thereafter.


### Final Installment Due Date

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### Have Questions?

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## Heritage Social Event



**When:** September 28 from 11am - 3:30pm



**Where:** Township of Tiny Community Centre, 91 Concession 8 East

Tiny's Heritage Advisory Committee invites you to attend the Heritage Social! Reminisce with others and share your photographs, artifacts, and memorabilia. Light refreshments provided.



## Did you know?

The boat speed limit within 300m of shore is 10km/hr between Concessions 1 and 16 in the Township of Tiny.

## Beaches in Tiny

Personal items cannot be left unattended/overnight on municipally owned property. Items left unattended/stored on municipal property will be removed by the township at the owner's expense.

Waterfront structures such as boat lifts on the lakebed are regulated under Provincial law and are not permitted in front of any municipally owned properties.

## Ad Hoc Committee Member Opportunity

**Township of Tiny Administrative Centre  
Ad Hoc Committee**

**Application Deadline:  
Friday, September 6, 2024 at 12 noon**

[www.tiny.ca/CommitteeOpportunities](http://www.tiny.ca/CommitteeOpportunities)



## 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](http://www.simcoe.ca/waste).



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**August 23, 2024 Submitted by Ginger Tsang  
 Summer Program Survey**

Our summer reading program is always looking to improve and bring you the types and kind of programming you enjoy and we have a quick survey (just 9 questions!) to help us prepare for next year. By filling out this survey you could WIN a Lego camera kit! Find our survey on our website online.

**Adult Summer Book Bingo**

Complete our adult summer reading bingo for a chance to win cool prizes! Forms must be completed by September 1 and participants must be age 18+ to be eligible to win.

**Labour Day Closure**

All branches of Springwater Libraries will be closed for the Labour Day Holiday on Monday September 2. We will reopen to regular hours on Tuesday September 3. Have a great long weekend!

**Intro to Genealogy**

This program will provide you with a basic understanding of how to being your genealogy journey both online and in the library. It will highlight some local history materials, genealogy books, and Ancestry Library Edition. This program is geared to those just starting out on their genealogy journey. Friday September 13, 3pm at Elmvale Branch. Cost: FREE. Registration required.

**Outreach Event**

Come visit us at Springwater Township's 30th Anniversary event on Saturday September 14, 4pm-8:30pm at the Township Admin Centre (2231 Nursery Road) with family-friendly activities, a free BBQ hosted by the Lions' Clubs, musical entertainment and fireworks!

**Pain Management Seminar**

Presented by the North Simcoe Muskoka Self-Management Program, this workshop is for adults of all ages who live with chronic pain. This could include but is not limited to arthritis, migraines, fibromyalgia, strain injuries, pain from an accident,

back/neck pain, multiple sclerosis, lupus, Crohn's disease and other pain-related conditions. Tuesday September 17, 2pm at Elmvale Branch. Registration required.

**Sublimation Printer Bookmark**

Ages 8+ can register to come to the library and create a custom, "Let's Go to the Library" bookmark using the Canva program and our Sublimation printer. Tuesday September 17, 6pm at Midhurst Branch. Cost: \$2 per bookmark. Registration required. Registration will open on Saturday August 17.

**PA Day Program**

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 Elmvale Branches. Cost \$2. Registration required.

**Fall Programming:**

**Mondays:** English Language Learners Club 1pm at Elmvale Branch. Starts Monday September 9.

**Tuesdays:** Storytime 10:30am at Elmvale Branch. Starts Tuesday September 10.

**Wednesdays:** Storytime 10:30am at Midhurst Branch. Starts Wednesday September 11.

**Wednesdays:** EarlyON Stay, Play and Learn for Preschoolers 9am-12noon at Elmvale Branch. Register at [earlyonsimcoenorth.ca](http://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. Starts Wednesday September 11,

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

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

**Fridays:** EarlyON Stay, Play and Learn for Preschoolers 9am-12noon at Elmvale Branch. Register at [earlyonsimcoenorth.ca](http://earlyonsimcoenorth.ca).

**Boston Pizza supports Wendat Community Programs**

*Submitted by Andrea Abbott-Kokosin*

August 15, 2024 - Since 2005, Boston Pizza Midland has donated \$586,844 to Wendat Community Programs through their annual Charity Golf Tournament. The 18th annual tournament was held on Monday June 24, 2024, at Brooklea Golf Course and raised \$63,434.

All proceeds raised by Boston Pizza at the golf tournaments are used to purchase passenger vans to transport clients to and from a range of programs provided by Wendat Community Programs.

"Thanks to Boston Pizza Midland, we can ensure that transportation is available to bring adults with mental illness to our social club and frail seniors to our Day Program. We are thankful for this ongoing support", said Andrea Abbott-Kokosin, Executive Director at Wendat. "We thank Andy Staffen and

the staff of Boston Pizza Midland for their hard work and support of Wendat."

Currently, there are four vans on the road, pictured below is the newest van, a Ford Transit, outside Boston Pizza in Midland with a group of staff and clients along with Andy Staffen of Boston Pizza.

Wendat Community Programs provides high quality care and support services to adults experiencing mental illness or age-related challenges in the Simcoe-Muskoka area. Wendat has been in operation since 1987.

**Photo left to right: Dean Farrel, Property Manager Wendat Community Programs, Peggy a client of Wendat, Verna Porter Administrative Assistant Wendat, Andy Staffen, Owner Boston Pizza, Andrea Abbott-Kokosin, Executive Director Wendat, Lorraine, a client of Wendat and Garth a client of Wendat)**



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**A TINY SENIOR MOMENT**

*By Jennifer Gray, Senior Column Writer*

August 21, 2024 - As part of an ongoing commitment to healthy aging, the Township of Tiny's Senior Advisory Committee is excited to present a series of workshops this Fall addressing topics and issues related to seniors, older adults and their caregivers. The four sessions will be held in partnership with local clubs and service providers. Members of the community are encouraged to attend, and admittance is free with pre-registration. Details on the first two workshops are as follows:

**Wed Sept 11, 2024: Wills and Power of Attorney**

Estate planning is easy to put aside; we prefer to not think about our mortality. However, it's one of the most important things we can do for ourselves and the people we care about. Wills and powers of attorney (POA) make up the cornerstone documents in an estate plan. A POA is meant to protect us while we're alive and a will is to honor one's wishes after they pass.

As part of this workshop, experts will cover strategies on taking control of your legal and financial well-being and protecting your loved ones. They will also discuss the importance of appointing trusted individuals to act on your behalf as well as the different types of Powers of Attorney.

The discussion will be led by a member of Durham Regional Police Service's Older Adult Support and Investigative Services (OASIS).

Time 9:30am-12:00pm  
 Location: Township of Tiny Community Centre (91 Concession 8 East, Tiny)

**Thursday, October 3rd, 2024: Keeping Active**

Explore the importance of physical activity in healthy aging. Discover how staying active can prevent or delay age-related health issues, strengthen muscles for independent daily living, and enhance overall well-being. This workshop features an interactive presentation by Canada's National Ballet School on Sharing Dance for Older Adults which can be done seated or standing. Additionally, there will be a lineup of fitness experts to guide participants in various aspects of fitness and well-being. The group will explore fun and effective ways to stay physically and mentally fit at any age. No prior experience is necessary – just come ready to have fun and stay healthy.

Time: 9:30am-12:00pm  
 Location: Township of Tiny Community Centre (91 Concession 8 East, Tiny)

**Upcoming workshops:**

Social Connections: Wednesday, October 23, 2024  
 Jill Farren - Motivational Speaker: Thursday, November 7, 2024

Registration is free; however, participants are required to reserve a ticket in advance.

For more information and to register: [www.tiny.ca/seniors/workshops](http://www.tiny.ca/seniors/workshops)

Email: [recreation@tiny.ca](mailto:recreation@tiny.ca) Call: (705) 526-4204  
 Detective Franssen of Durham Regional Police educates the crowd on Wills and Power of Attorney at last year's Senior Speaker Series event.

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# Dayna Reid Headlining Celebrate Springwater Event

**August 14, 2024 - The Township of Springwater is celebrating its 30th anniversary of amalgamation with a signature event, Celebrate Springwater, taking place on Saturday, September 14, 2024 beginning at 4:00 p.m. at Tree Nursery Sports Park (2231 Nursery Road).**

*August 14, 2024 Submitted by Township of Springwater*

Celebrate Springwater is a free event and will include family and children's activities, a complimentary barbecue hosted by the local Lion's Clubs and live music and entertainment. The evening will conclude with a spectacular fireworks display, presented by Geranium, taking place at dusk.

The headline performance will be Springwater's own Dayna Reid. As a rising-country recording artist, Dayna Reid turned heads with the release of her Top 40 radio single 'She's Me', which earned her the titles of iHeartRadio's Future Star and Stingray Radio's Trending Track. Known for her heartfelt songs and authentic and captivating sound, Dayna's 2024 single 'This House' had led to her being nominated for Breakthrough Artist of the Year at the Canadian Music Association of Ontario Awards.

The Township is currently seeking talented local artists for paid opening performances prior to Dayna taking the stage. Think you would be the right fit? Email your contact information and a link to a performance video by August 23 to: [celebrate@springwater.ca](mailto:celebrate@springwater.ca)

"Our 30th anniversary is a significant milestone for our community, and our Celebrate Springwater event will truly embody the spirit and unity of our Township," says Mayor Jennifer Coughlin. "From local talent, to family activities and participation from our local service groups and organizations, this celebration is not just about our past 30 years but also looks forward to our exciting future."

Additional information on the Celebrate Springwater event can be found online at [www.springwater.ca/CelebrateSpringwater](http://www.springwater.ca/CelebrateSpringwater)

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# Penetanguishene Blazers Win Three AA Provincial Titles at OBHA Championships



Submitted by **Jamie Robillard**

August 25, 2024 - The Penetanguishene Blazers represented the Penetang Midland Minor Ball Hockey League in nine categories of play at the Ontario Ball Hockey Association Provincial Championships in July and came home with three 'AA' Titles.

In Brampton the U18-Juniors, Girls U13 and Girls U18 teams all captured gold at the 'AA' level of play while the U12-Atom and Girls U15 squads won the 'AA' silver medal along with a 'A' gold medal by the U16-Bantam team.

The U18 Lady Blazers won all six of their games in capturing the Championship. The Blazers swept through the round robin beating teams from Newmarket, Oshawa, Toronto and Cambridge. In the semi-finals Lacey Larmand and Brooke Browne each scored single goals as Penetanguishene got past Oshawa by a 2-1 score and then in the Championship game Sydney Larmand and Browne, with one goal each, led the Blazers to a 2-1 win over Newmarket. The Blazers roster was composed of Goalie Olivia Charlebois, Lacey Larmand, Stella Willson, Tatum Scanlan, Brooke Browne, Sydney Larmand, Ellie Gauthier, Zoe Everson, Karley Eckstein, Gabreille Cloutier, Tia Callas, Breanna Berriault, Alexa Archer, Shauny Roberston, Emily Wilson and Ella Harding.

The U13 Girls Blazers completed the round robin portion of the Championships with 2 wins and 2 losses before getting past the Ottawa West Eagles by a 9-0 score in the semi-finals. Grace Jones scored three goals, Gracie Seguin netted two while Danica Lee, Cailin Latour, Samantha Czaplá and Ava Binns scored single tallies. In the Final Grace Jones scored three goals including the overtime winner as Penetanguishene got past the Cambridge Canucks by a 3-2 score. The Blazers roster consisted of goalies Lily Zandbelt and Madison Torrvall and runners Samantha Czaplá, Ava Binns, Brooklyn Binns, Danica Lee, Jane Awery, Liv Granlund, Grace Jones, Leah Sibley, Cailin Latour, Gracie Seguin, Gracelyn Smith, Ryle Merritt-Reid, Reede Porteous, Emily Sauve, Sophia Mayer, Camie Charlebois and Hannah MacDonald.

The U18-Junior Blazers advanced to the semi-finals with three round robin games wins over the Niagara Sting (8-0), the Oshawa Stampede (6-1) and the Kingston Attack (3-1). In the semi-finals the Blazers edged the Niagara Storm 3-2 on Isaac Larmand's overtime winner Alex Sajan and Elliot deMunnik added on goal each. Larmand again paced the Blazers in the Championship game scoring twice while Finn Price

and Brody Coe added single markers. The U18-Junior Blazers roster was made up of goalies Masen Downs and Colten Drillen-Roach. Runners Cole Warren, Finn Price, Alex Sajan, Nathan Ross, Isaac Larmand, Brody Coe, Ethan Barron, Owen Fuller, Curtis Warren, Cole Tucker, Aidan Gravel, Conner Varley, Nathan Schaap, Ethan Wright, Cameron Weishar, Elliot deMunnik, Charlie Wright and Josh Hutton.

The U16-Bantam Blazers finished round robin play with 1 win and 2 losses to advance to the 'A' semi-finals. In the round robin Penetanguishene got past the Ottawa West Eagles 3-2, dropped a 6-1 decision to the Brantford Royals and lost 1-0 to the Belleville Predators. In the semi-final's goals by Ty Hutton, Reid Rawson, Darcy Quesnelle, Lukas Waschenko and Ben Traynor paced the Blazer to a 5-1 win over the Ottawa West Eagles. In the gold medal game, the Blazers were trailing 3-0 after less than five minutes of play but stormed back with two goals from Blake Weicker and singles from Quesnelle and Max Geere to get past the Chatham Coyotes by a 4-3 final score. J.P. Fiddler was outstanding in the Penetanguishene goal throughout the Championships, making numerous key saves. Other players on the U16-Bantam roster were Mason Bath, Brycen Kingma, Lucas Sibley, Evan Latour, Graham Richardson, Owen Loughran, Cooper Thompson and Samantha Larmand.

The U12-Atom Blazers came home with 'AA' silver medals on the strength of two round robin wins and a tie. The Blazers stopped Prince Edward County (13-0), followed by a 2-2 tie with the Toronto ML Warriors, and a 10-1 win over the Oshawa Stampede. In their semi-final the Blazers Maverick Gouett and Dre Pellarin each scored single markers while Cash Lavechia recorded the shut out as they got past the Kingston Attack 2-0. In the Final the Blazers met a strong Niagara North Nemesis squad and could not find an answer to the challenge dropping a 5-0 decision. The U12-Blazer's roster was composed of goalies Lavechia and Jaxxon Cadeau. Runners Pellarin, Harper Fraser, Keegan Smolin, Adam Boucher, Gouett, Ella Cadeau, Ashton Kingma, Wylie Ladouceur, Max Moreau, Jaxon Duhamel, Ben Nicoll, Jett Bondar, Aaron Sloss, Hudson Hamelin and Liam Skinner.

The 'AA' silver medalist U15 Girls Blazers dropped a 4-0 decision to the Newmarket Vipers in their 'AA' Championship game. Newmarket played a strong game defensively giving Penetanguishene only a couple of scoring chances. In round robin play the Blazers won three and tied one game on route to the Final. The

U15-Girl's roster was made up of goalie Haylo Leblanc, Rhyann Baxter, Addison Withrow, Robyn Fraser, Eva Granlund, Ella Harding, Marla Gravel, Ava Gignac, Rebekah Leroux, Ashlynn Irwin, Hadlei Gagnon, Cassandra Brawn, Rylan Rossel, Myla Parent, Piper Bondar and Isabella McFadden.

The 'A' Silver medal winning U14-PeeWee Blazers played 4 round robin games winning 3 and dropping 1. The opened with a 6-1 loss to the Belleville Predators followed by a 4-2 win over the Niagara Hitmen, a 3-1 win over the Ottawa West Eagles and a 4-3 win over the St. Catharines Punishers. In the semi-final the Blazers shut out the Niagara Lions 5-0 on two goals from Stuart deMunnik and singles from Cole Traynor, Parker Sneddon and Mason Stevens. Spencer Graham recorded the shut-out. In the Championship game the Blazer lost 5-3 to the Kings Attack with Sneddon, deMunnik and Brody Quesnelle scoring one goal each. The U14-PeeWee roster was made up of goalies: Graham and Everson Fay along with runners: deMunnik, Anderson Dalziel, Caleb Muldoon, Dylan Larmand, Caleb Lesperance, Landry Jones, Kolten Langley, Liam Moreau, Quesnelle, Traynor, Ticeson Hrizo, Sneddon, Dan Lefley, Stevens, Cameron Gignac, Aubrey Ireland, Gavin Sloss and Noah Robitaille.

In Belleville both the U8-Tyke and U10-Novice Blazers were eliminated in semi-final play. The U8-Tyke Blazers won 1 and tied two in the round robin tying both the Belleville Predators 0-0 and the Kingston Attack 2-2 while downing the Cambridge Canucks 7-0. In the semi-final's the Blazers dropped a 5-3 decision to the Kingston Attack. The Blazers were made up of goalie Blayke Ritchie, Parker Maurice, Ben Marchildon, Dominic Pepin, Landon Phillips, Zaidyn Gignac, Hailey Bowen, Jacob Laurin, Draper Temolder, Max Stone, Bennett Duivenvoorden, Blake Duivenvoorden, Louka Bracnik, Van McFadden, Scott Haines, Alex Bertram and Brendan Hayes.

The U10-Novice Blazers played up and down ball hockey starting off with a 7-1 victory over the Belleville Predators followed by a 6-3 loss to the Peterborough Force. Penetang then edged the Cambridge Canucks 2-1 before dropping their semi-final contest 4-3 to the Brantford Royals. The U10-Novice roster was made up of Reid Archer, Stirling Baxter, Forrest Belfry, Joshua Boucher, Grayson Chrysler, Naleah Desrochers, David Dorion, Fionn Flahive, Monty Gouett, Lucas Harvey, Kolten MacDonald, Brennan Murray, Everson Morden, Emma Parent, Bo Vermilyea and goalie Dean Bachly.

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## Annie's Journal

by Annie Warner Donnelly



August 26, 2024 - Hello Everyone. Last issue, I quoted from Max Lucado's 2007 devotional called Grace for the Moment. In his introduction, he wrote: "Because of Calvary, I'm free to choose. And so, I choose." He went on to tell us how each

morning he spends time choosing to live the practical application of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control as he meets the challenges of the day ahead of him. In Galatians 5:22-23, the Apostle Paul called these nine character choices "the fruit of the Spirit". He finished writing verse 23 with these words: "Against such there is no law."

It makes sense. Has there ever been - could there ever be a law against kindness or goodness or patience or love or joy? No! Instead, these nine character choices have the ability to change the world, moment by moment, relationship by relationship.

Max Lucado did more than just share how he applies the words found in Galatians 5:22-23. He reminds us how our lives can change when we put into practice one of God's greatest gifts to us: the ability to make choices that not only can make things better for us; better choices, consistently based on the word of God, expand our character in wise and endearing ways.

Let's look at an example. There's a lot of bad things going on in our world these days. Much of it is out of our control. The news can penetrate our hearts and minds in such a way that fear becomes almost a regular companion.

But, in 2 Timothy 1:7, we read, "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and love, and a sound mind."

In Isaiah 41:10, we read, "...do not fear for I am with you; do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

We are not alone during the challenges we face. The Bible reminds us that God will never leave us nor forsake us. We can choose to be grateful for His presence in our lives, or we can send Him away.

What we choose today impacts what tomorrow, and the days after that, will be like. Let's choose carefully. Amen.

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## Karma Concert 2024 Raises \$10,000 for Hospice Huronia

Submitted by JoAnne Warren

Midland, ON – July 29, 2024 – The annual Karma Concert 2024 was a resounding success, raising an impressive \$10,000 in support of Hospice Huronia. The event, held on July 13, brought together music lovers and community members for an evening of unforgettable performances and heartfelt generosity. Nearly 500 tickets were sold, including 100 Karma Kids tickets, highlighting the community's enthusiastic participation.

The event showcases local talent with attendees voting on their favourite acts. The top-voted performance then gets to choose what local charity received all proceeds from the event. Dan Laurin, Evan Lahaie and Dave Koetz of The Anchormen were voted as the top performers and chose Hospice Huronia to receive the \$10,000 raised.

"We are overwhelmed by the support and enthusiasm from everyone who attended Karma Concert 2024," said Julie Hartman, host of the event. "Raising \$10,000 for Hospice Huronia is a testament to the community's dedication to making a positive impact. We send out gratitude to all the Karma goers who made this possible."

Hospice Huronia provides compassionate end-of-life care and support to individuals and families in the region. The funds raised will go a long way in supporting their vital services.

We would like to thank our sponsors, volunteers, performers, and attendees for their contributions to this successful event. Shout out to Larmand Group Private Wealth Management, Stone Tree Inc., Reve Interior Design Studio, Poppy and Peonies, Constellations Child Care, and RC Backline for their generous contributions to Karma 024. Together, we created a night filled with music, joy, and generosity.

A huge thank you to all the musicians who shared their talent: Ken Allen, DJ and Daughter, Jamie Schaack, Bowen, You, Me and KP, Walter Dandy, The Big Easy, Kyle Tippin, Wet Sheets, Big Decision, Em Rey, Salamonies, Bopper et Al, and 4K

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## Doug Shipley, MP Notes

August 21, 2024 - The end of the summer is here with the Labour Day long weekend on the horizon. I hope you were able to enjoy all the wonderful things the summer months bring – sunshine, ice cream cones, and backyard barbecues. Summer is a great time of year as it is equal parts relaxing and busy. I hope when you were relaxing it was in your favourite spot, and when you were busy it was with your favourite people.

While summer winds down, teachers and students are getting ready for their new schedules. This time of year is exciting and stressful for our students and their caregivers. As they prepare to head back to class, they're looking forward to the school year, learning who their new teacher is and seeing their friends, but maybe a bit worried about changes to their routines and homework. With the preoccupation of getting into the swing of the school year and all the extra traffic September brings, let's all remember to pay special attention to school zones, crosswalks, and the flashing lights on school buses.

As we all enjoy the last hurrah of summer and the remaining warm days ahead, let's get out into the community and make the best of this time. Get out on the water, enjoy a night under the stars, or have family and friends over for a potluck dinner or BBQ, and create a few more summertime memories. I encourage you to stop in at one of the many farm stands to pick-up some fresh corn, and maybe some tomatoes and zucchini for that last minute get together. We are fortunate to live within a robust farming community, so let's show our support by buying local.

I hope you have a safe and happy long weekend, and that our students and teachers have a wonderful first day and a terrific school year. As always, if you have questions or concerns with any federal matters, please contact my office at 705-728-2596 or email Doug.Shipley@parl.gc.ca. Happy Labour Day!

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# Golf tournament surpasses \$1M raised for GBGH

Submitted by GBGH

August 13, 2024 - On July 12, 2024, 144 golfers gathered at the Midland Golf & Country Club for the Glenn Howard Charity Golf Classic, raising \$192,755 for Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH). This brings the total raised to \$1,002,000 for the GBGH Foundation since 2016, supporting vital equipment investments such as scope cleaning machines, automated medication dispensing units, surgical expansion and the magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) Project.

“More than \$1-million raised for our hospital is such an incredible accomplishment for this passionate and hard-working group of volunteers,” says Nicole Kraftscik, CEO, GBGH Foundation. “They are making such a difference at GBGH through their investment in equipment and technology, and we are so grateful to each of them for their ongoing support.”

This year’s funds once again supported bringing an MRI machine to GBGH. With the donation from the tournament, total donations to the MRI fund have exceeded \$2.9-million of the \$4-million goal.

“I have personally been to Barrie or Toronto for an MRI on multiple occasions,” says Glenn Howard, tournament chair. “I know that having one in Midland will speed up appointment times, and help people get answers sooner. We [the committee] are so thankful to all of our amazing partners and sponsors who helped us raise a record-breaking \$192,000 for our hospital this year. We just can’t thank them enough.”

The tournament was supported with a generous \$50,000 donation from Marco Mancini, along

with sponsorship from Tom Smith Chevrolet Buick GMC, Charles Morden Construction Inc., Scotiabank, NT Power, Thor Wealth Management, Balm Beach Windows & Doors, Robert Snyder & Suzanne Strongman, Midland Toyota and Paul & Sharon Harbottle. Many local businesses also provided Hole-in-One contests, prizes and auction items which added to the total revenue.

“It is awe-inspiring to see the support from businesses

and individuals grow every year at this event,” adds Kraftscik. “Everyone loves it because of the fun and energy at the tournament, but also because together, everyone involved has a bigger impact on our local hospital.”

Anyone interested in learning more about organizing an event to benefit GBGH is encouraged to visit <https://gbghf.ca/partnership-events/>



Photo: On July 12, 2024, the Glenn Howard Charity Golf Classic, presented by Tom Smith Chevrolet Buick GMC, raised \$192,755 for the MRI Project at GBGH, bringing the total raised to \$1,002,000 for the GBGH Foundation since 2016. From left: Robyn Blanchet, community giving officer & Nicole Kraftscik, CEO, GBGH Foundation; Marco Mancini; Andrea & Steve Jacklin, owners, Tom Smith Chevrolet Buick GMC; Glenn Howard; and Matthew Lawson, president & CEO, GBGH.

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# Madeline 'Maddy' Tannahill

by Waxy Gregoire

Madeline Tannahill from Penetang sits back and reminisces about those days when she excelled in the sport of golf.

It all started in 1966 at the Ashburn Country Club in Halifax where she qualified for the tournament by being among the top 16 players in Ontario.

From 1968 to 1979, she competed in Ontario Open Tournament with fields of 90 golfers with her best finish coming in fifth.

Maddy played in many Canadian Ladies golf championships beginning in 1970 at the Oakdale Country Club in Toronto with a five handicap and then in 1974 in Winnipeg. She competed in Ontario Match Play four times.

For a person to qualify for Ontario Match Play, a player had to be in the low 16 in the Ontario Open. In order to do that she had to win a berth on the Huronia District team which in turn dictated four match play playdowns.

Maddy was in the top eight Ontario amateur ladies from 1974 to 1977 which allowed her to be a member of the Ontario Match team.

Maddy captured the Huronia District championship eight times from 1968 to 1979 playing two matches a day over a two day period, beating the best golfers from Shanty Bay, Barrie, Midland, Orillia, Collingwood, Brooklea and Horseshoe Valley golf clubs.

It was quite a year for the Tannahills in 1968, Maddy is Don's twin sister and it was the same year

he won the Memorial Cup in hockey.

The same year she won the Midland Golf and Country Club ladies championship and then did it a total of 10 times.

During the 1980 tournament Maddy had recorded 75 on both her first rounds, going into the second day she had a 20 stroke lead over second place.

Madeline held a Canadian Professional Golfers Association Certificate as a teaching pro...what a player.



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# Huronia Community Foundation Updates

By Scott Warnock

August 18, 2024 - Established in 2020 by Jane Courtemanche in memory of her son Duncan, the Bimbombay Memorial Endowment Fund supports initiatives to help youth struggling with mental health issues. This year Jane's donation once again supports the North Simcoe Youth Wellness Hub. The "HUB" offers a wide range of services to youth ages 12-25, at the RIGHT TIME and THE RIGHT PLACE. Jane is shown second on the left.



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By Scott Warnock

August 18, 2024 - Recently the Explorer's Club at Askennonia Seniors Centre headed out for a beautiful ride on THE FLASH. Joining the club was HCF Executive Director Scott Warnock. The trip was made possible thanks to a grant from the Heart of Georgian Bay Community Forward Fund at Huronia Community Foundation, Says Judy Contin, Executive Director, Askennonia Seniors Centre, "thanks again for your ongoing support."

Pictured in front row, Judy Contin and Scott Warnock

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By Scott Warnock

August 18, 2024 - Once again the St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) Food Bank in Victoria Harbour is the recipient of a Smart and Caring Grant from the HCF Community Fund and the John and Jan MacIntyre Community Fund. This year SVDP will use their grant to create a budget friendly recipe book. "We now have the funds to be able to print enough copies to put one in each of our Christmas Hampers. A gift to our clients so they can make nutritious meals for themselves and their families." explains Mary Warnock, President.

Pictured Verna Webb, Food Bank Volunteer and Creator and Designer of Recipe Book and Mary Warnock, President St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank, St. Mary's Victoria Harbour.



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# Midland Civitan Club enhances services at GBGH

Submitted by GBGH

August 20, 2024 - In July, the Midland Civitan Club donated \$10,000 to help fund a new MRI machine at Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH). This gift brings the total amount raised for the MRI machine to \$2.92-million of the GBGH Foundation's \$4-million goal.

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.

"We feel that the addition of an MRI facility will only enhance the services of our local hospital and help better serve the residents of North Simcoe," says Mike Tinney, president, Midland Civitan Club. "Our hospital is probably the single most important

part of our community and I'm sure that we will continue to support it as long as we can."

The Midland Civitan Club has been investing in excellent care at GBGH for more than 20 years, with total gifts of more than \$75,000. The club has supported the purchase of a new CT scanner, the renovation of the Emergency Department and many pieces of equipment.

"The generosity and kindness of the Midland Civitan Club continues to make a difference at GBGH," says Victoria Evans, key relationships officer, GBGH Foundation. "Their investment today is helping us get even closer to an MRI at GBGH, and we are so thankful that they have chosen to support our community in this way."

For more information on the MRI project at GBGH, please visit: <https://gbghf.ca/current-needs/mri/>

# Underwater Adventurers



By Elizabeth Hill

August 24, 2024 - Elmvale Presbyterian Church became an underwater adventure area for the children at VBC during the week of Aug. 12 - 16. The kids were led by a super group of young people to the various stations where they experienced exciting Bible adventures, scientific experiments, learning Bible verses, delicious snacks and fun games. The sounds of laughter, discussions and talking about God filled the church.

We were lucky to have Errol Lee with us helping with the Sticky Scripture Station and leading the singing and doing his super dance moves. Thank you to Carolyn Hill for leading the opening and closing each day. She helped everyone to grow in their faith and understanding of God. The children were delighted by the antics of Sydney Shores (Pauline Hunter) and could hardly wait for the next day's adventures. We ended the week on Sunday with a special service led by Errol Lee followed by a BBQ. Thank you to all the children who came and the many volunteers who so enthusiastically led all the activities.

The Mission project this year was to provide school supplies to Brixton Hill in Jamaica as they had suffered damages from hurricane Beryl earlier this year. The campers pitched their coins into the "Dutchie Pot" and when tallied up they had contributed \$211.45. Well done campers. More will be added to this as this also became a mission for the church.

It was a wonderful week watching the children diving into friendship with God.



Cutline 1: The Midland Civitan Club donates \$10,000 to help fund a new MRI machine at Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH). From left: Jeff Holloway, director, GBGH Foundation Board; Jesse Dees, chief development officer, GBGH Foundation; Midland Civitan Members: Mike Tinney (president), Carroll Wilson (treasurer), Mary Anne Ivens, John Veals, Vern Fahrentholtz, Eileen Zummach, Sally Wasilkowsky, Bill Knicely, and Oliver Latour; and Victoria Evans, key relationships officer, GBGH Foundation.

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# 3 North Band donates to Food Bank

By Neil Lefaive

August 23, 2024 - Because of the generosity of the people in attendance of the 93 North Band's Bayside Soirée and Tugboat Festival performances, this time, it's the Penetanguishene's St. Vincent De Paul Food Bank that was the recipient of a \$600.00 donation. The band members thank all who donated for their generosity and for attending their shows.

Present on behalf of the band are Greg Somers (L) and Roger Lacroix (R).



# SwoopFiber Summer Bash: A Fun-Filled Day for the Elmvale Community

Submitted by Simran Hotwani

Elmvale, August 17, 2024 — SwoopFiber's Summer Bash brought the Elmvale community together in a lively celebration at the SwoopFiber storefront, located at 18 William St, Elmvale.

The event, held from 11 AM to 4 PM, was a resounding success, filled with fun activities, delicious food, and a shared spirit of community. The SwoopFiber team would like to extend their deepest gratitude to the residents of Elmvale for their incredible support throughout the recent fiber internet rollout. The event celebrated the completion of their construction and fiber network, which now delivers high-speed internet to homes and businesses across Elmvale. SwoopFiber is thrilled to have been able to give back to the Elmvale community in such a meaningful way.

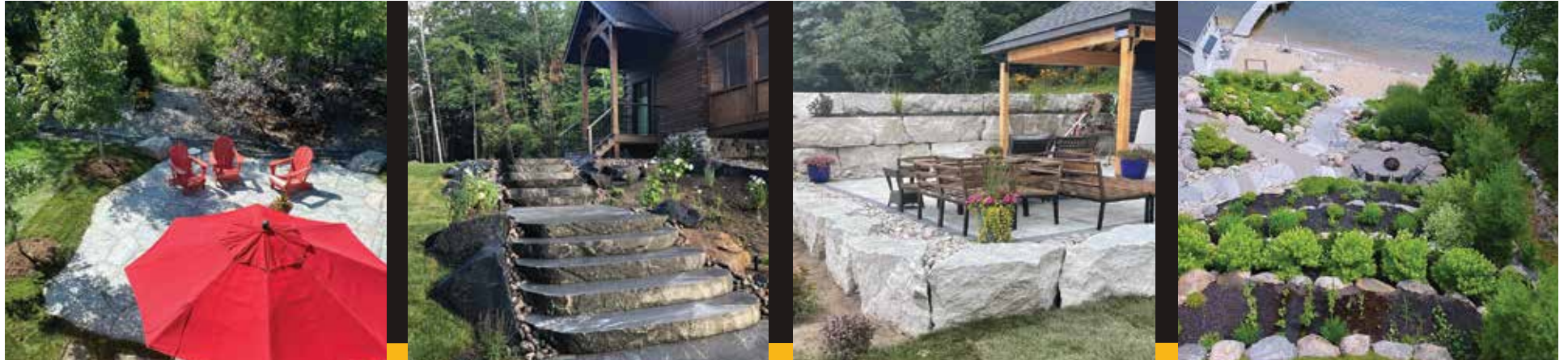
The Summer Bash offered something for everyone, from the dedicated Kids' Zone to the exciting games and activities that had attendees of all ages engaged. Guests enjoyed a mouth-watering BBQ, alongside a variety of snacks, desserts, and refreshing beverages, all complimentary. The photo booth was a hit, with many attendees capturing fun moments with friends and family, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

In addition, the grand raffle is still open for entries, offering participants a chance to win some fantastic prizes including a 65" Sony TV, an iPad, and a PlayStation 5. Those who haven't signed up yet are encouraged to do so before the opportunity closes on October 20th. Visit their website [www.swoopfiber.com/grand-affle](http://www.swoopfiber.com/grand-affle) to sign

up today!

For those who missed out, don't worry—SwoopFiber has more events up its sleeves! Stay connected with them on social media @swoopfiber to see pictures from the event, and be sure to tag them in your own photos.

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# Bearbells



August 17, 2024  
by Leslie Noonan

After last weeks adventure along that escarpment face, I chose a close to the ground route with no stomach-turning drops, only picturesque views. Hardy Lake Provincial Park is found on Highway 169 just east of Bala. It is a popular destination and parking is limited, but if you are inventive and don't mind some scratched paint you may be able to just squeeze yourself into a spot that is perhaps not really a parking spot and might be up the side of the bank with your car on a significant slant. All par for the adventure!

Hardy Lake has some unique flora that is usually found on the Atlantic Coast. If you like geology you would already know that this is due to the glaciers and that this area was once Lake Algonquin. This is typical Canadian Shield, with lots of bogs and marshes as well mixed forests. There are several trails to choose from, like the short three km B and C trails that are perfect for those with children, and still offer beautiful views out and over the lake and through forests of pine and cedar. I chose the longer A trail, which is a doable nine km. There is also an extra one km trail that adds to the A trail. Trails are easy to follow, and any side trails are clearly marked. The trail itself has some small elevation changes, lots of roots, and many areas of thick black mud. I doubt that the trail is ever completely dry and would suggest wearing shoes that you don't mind squelching through. There are also several boardwalks that connect you between points of land and offer scenic views over Hardy Lake.

Despite the overcrowded parking lot, those crowds disappeared once I was out on the trail, only briefly passing other hikers, or having them pass me as I contorted myself into pretzels trying to get the right angle to identify a new fungus. Today I was intrigued by what looked like a brown sea urchin hiding under a rotten log. A quick poke, and nope, instead of spines these spikes were soft and squishy. There is my lack of self preservation again, poking my finger where it doesn't belong. A quick scan of my app and there it was, chocolate tube slime, and not even a true fungus but a protista, and nope, I have no idea what that means except slimy, and I have no intention of licking it to see if it really does



taste like chocolate.

About halfway through the trail there is the remains of an old homestead. Only the small grey walls and chimney remain, though I did stumble over a metal pipe leading to the lake, perhaps for pumping water. It would have been a beautiful spot to live, though very rugged and isolating. I can relate, as some days I would love to have a break from society. Finally, within the last km or two the mixed forest becomes dense pine with

a thick brown litter of needles. A small creek travels down a granite slope with burbles and gurgles. A lovely place to sit for a minute for a rest. Altogether a great trail for any ability. And now dear readers, I have a plane leaving in just a few hours and have yet to pack, because I always leave things for the last minute, and there seems to be a large orange tabby sleeping in my luggage. It's off to the Emerald Isle!!

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**Jo Knows Nutrition**

by Joanne Nijhuis

# THAI COLD SOUP

## A NEW TAKE ON GAZPACHO

August 25, 2024 - Here's to a summer soup filled with garden vegetables done with a twist. This unique take on a tomato-based gazpacho is bursting with the Thai-inspired flavours of coconut milk, lime and ginger. Delish as a main for lunch or as a first course at dinner, Thai cold soup is a breeze to prepare with very little time spent over a hot stove.

**Did You Know?**

Field tomatoes are an excellent source of Vitamin A & Vitamin C which act as powerful antioxidants in the body. Coconut milk contains medium-chain triglycerides (MCTs), a healthy fat when consumed in moderation that is beneficial to heart and gut health. Coconut milk also has antibacterial and antiviral properties due to lauric acid, the most common medium-chain triglyceride.

**INGREDIENTS**

- 2 cups (500 ml) fresh, finely diced tomatoes of choice
- 1 cup (250 ml) fresh, finely diced cucumbers of choice
- 1 yellow or red pepper, finely diced
- 1 shallot, finely diced



- 1 cup (250 ml) coconut milk
- 2 Tablespoons (30 ml) fish sauce
- 2 Tablespoons (30 ml) lemon grass paste or 2 stalks lemon grass, minced
- 1 Tablespoon (15 ml) freshly grated ginger or ginger paste or ¼ teaspoon (1.25 ml) ground ginger spice
- 1 Tablespoon (15 ml) palm, coconut or brown sugar
- ¼ cup (63 ml) freshly squeezed lime juice
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed or 1 teaspoon (5 ml) garlic paste or ½ teaspoon (2.5 ml) garlic powder
- 1-2 teaspoons (5-10 ml) chili paste, sriracha, hot sauce or crushed red pepper flakes, optional
- Garnish Options: cooked shrimp, sliced green onions, fresh basil, chopped peanuts or cashews

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Combine the coconut milk, fish sauce, lemon grass, ginger, and sugar in a saucepan. Cook on medium heat, stirring frequently for 5-10 minutes. Remove from the heat and let the mixture cool to room temperature.
2. To a large bowl, add the tomatoes, cucumbers,

yellow or red pepper, shallot, lime juice, garlic and chili paste, sriracha, hot sauce or crushed red pepper flakes. If a smoother texture is preferred, combine these ingredients in a food processor and pulse several times until the desired consistency is achieved.

3. Add the ingredients from the saucepan to the tomato mixture and chill in the refrigerator for at least 2 hours until very cold.

4. When ready to serve, divide the soup into individual bowls and garnish with desired toppings such as cooked shrimp, sliced green onions, fresh basil, chopped peanuts or cashews.

**ENJOY!**

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# ANTEN MILLS

by **Dennis Gannon**

August 25, 2024 - Wow, where did the summer go? Here it is the last weekend of the summer and already some college and university students have made their way to their campus. Tuesday morning the bells will ring for most of our elementary and high school students and a new school year will begin. September starts the busy season for many and here in our community it's going to be a great one!

The euchre players have been missing their game but not too worry, they are back in the community centre starting next Thursday, September 5 at 7PM. All are welcome regardless of your skill and if you enjoy cards then you won't want to miss joining in. Euchre will continue until mid December.

The Knotty Knitters are also ready to get back together. This group will commence on Tuesday, September 3 at 1PM. The knitters are a very social group. You don't even need to knit or crochet to join this group. If you want to knit or crochet or learn to do either then this is where you want to be. If you wish to just be social and meet up with friends from the community you are welcome as well. The Knotty Knitters have been very generous as they in the short time together have made donations to the Elmvale and District Food Bank, Furry Friends and Victoria Village to name just a few of the groups they have supported. Recently the group received an extremely generous donation from the Anten Mills family of Wendy Krever. Wendy and her husband Bill haven't lived in the community that long and sadly she passed away in July. Wendy had a lifetime history of working with Seniors and would have had a wonderful time with the knitters had it been possible. The community sends their sympathies to her family and thanks them for their generosity in her name and know that the knitters will do great things in Wendy's memory.

Saturday, September 28 is going to be another day to remember in the village. That's the day the now annual Anten Mills Artisans Craft and Food Fair will take place at the community centre. Roslyn has done a fabulous job of organizing this event and on top of that, she's added a Chili Cook Off. New this year, Roslyn is looking for 8 local residents who think that they have the best chili. These can be any type of chili, meat, chicken, vegetarian and it's going to be the tasters who decide the winner. Besides bragging rights, three winners will receive nice gift basket prizes. If you think that your chili is the best, then enter the contest. You need to email Roslyn at farmview@on.aibn.com for more details on how to enter.

The craft fair will also have the best pancake breakfast around where you can get 2 pancakes, 2

sausages for 2 Tonnies. The breakfast is in support of the Elmvale and District Food Bank so come hungry that day and get some fabulous treasures and filled stomachs. More details are available on the Anten Mills Community Facebook page so check it regularly for updates.

Accompanying this article you will see a photo that may look a bit strange. Anten Mills 150 and 2025 - 1875. Just what does that mean? Obviously the building on the left is our current community centre and the former Anten Mills school house. The building on the right is believed to be the original school house. According to the book, "A History of Vespra Township", in 1875 Anten Mills became a community with the construction of a school. It is believed that the school could accommodate up to 90 students. The original school was replaced by our current community centre in 1891 and the first students went to school there in 1892. As the village was part of the former Township of Vespra, the community was never incorporated but we know it as our community and next year we will celebrate 150 years.

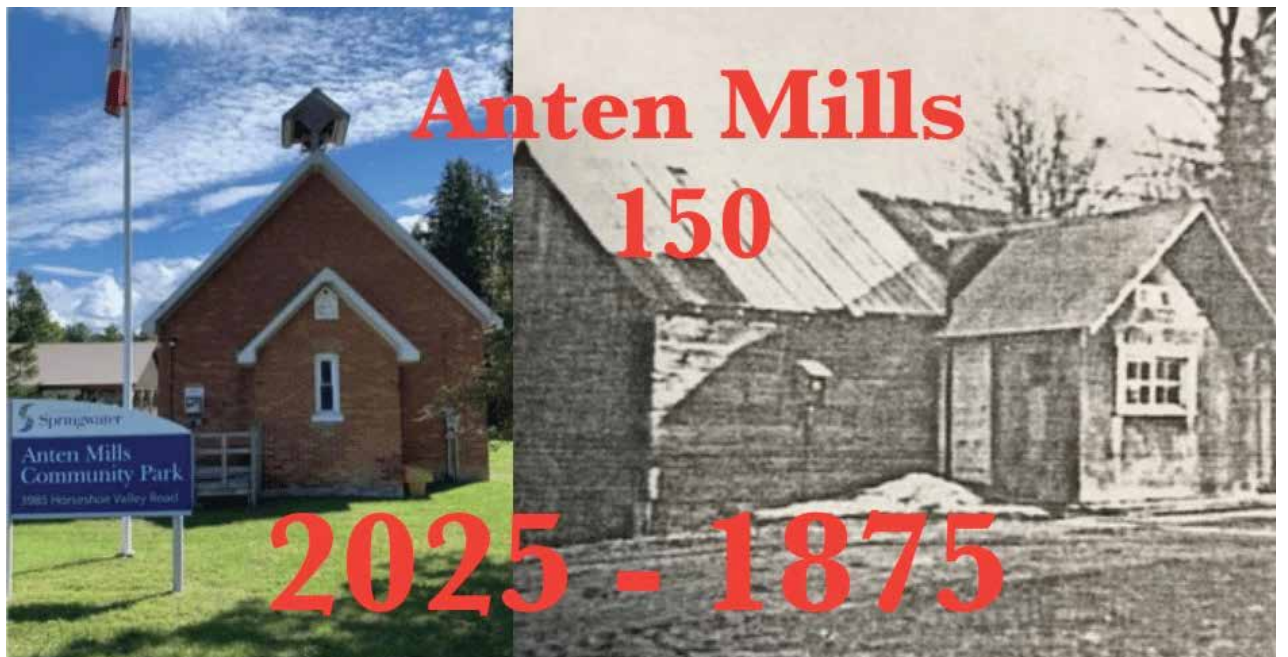
In 2021 following a detailed assessment by the township Heritage Committee, the building was deemed to be of heritage significance and was designated a Heritage Building by Springwater Township and listed accordingly. Some of the assets which were seen are the school bell and tower, original trim throughout the building as well as random width tongue and groove wainscoting on the walls and ceiling.

In recognition of the 150th anniversary, the Anten Mills Community Recreation Association has requested that the bell and tower be restored to

working condition, the drop ceiling be removed and the original tongue and groove ceiling be restored with period appropriate lighting and that the floors be replaced with a luxury vinyl, plank flooring replicating the hardwood below. It is understood that this request will be discussed at the next council meeting on September 4. The support of the community is needed and you are asked to reach out to your council member to encourage them to include the request as they work on the 2025 municipal budget. Our Ward 3 council member is Brad Thompson and his email is Brad.Thompson@Springwater.ca. You can find other members' contact information on the Springwater website or their new app.

The true formation of our community for 150 years should be celebrated. What that celebration looks like is up to the community. Is it a one day reunion or is it included in all the events that the community holds throughout the year. Should there be banners and a logo and perhaps some swag? Could there be a dance or some other gathering? Perhaps it's storytelling from some of the people who have made Anten Mills their home for decades. In order to think about this the CRA is inviting current and former residents young and old to a brainstorming session on Tuesday, September 10 at the community centre beginning at 7:30 PM. The purpose is to see what interest there is. All comments are welcome and your support is appreciated. Anten Mills is our community so let's celebrate our community and the 150 years of being together.

That's it for this week. Remember to watch for school buses and kids as they return to school next week. Enjoy the long weekend and as always, THANKS for READING, BE WELL and STAY SAFE.



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# Pittman 'actively working' to reopen OPP satellite in Penetang

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

Aug 19, 2024 - A visit by the OPP to Penetanguishene council provided an insight into the community safety and policing act, crime statistics, and an active effort to re-open the Penetanguishene walk-in office.

Southern Georgian Bay OPP detachment commander Inspector Todd Pittman provided a verbal presentation regarding the Community Safety and Policing Act consultation at the recent regular council meeting.

The intent was to highlight three key priorities on the existing detachment action plan and ask for comments, regarding: crime prevention; policing roadways, waterways and trails; and community well-being

"The first key priority that we have is on addressing and preventing crime in our policing area while maintaining investigative excellence," said Pittman.

"Really, that's about building those relationships with our victim services, looking at targeting intimate partner violence."

He noted that two positions were implemented but not yet filled to combat the epidemic of intimate partner violence.

Through various working partnerships ranging from Crown attorneys, local shelters, youth wellness hubs and more, Pittman described the various means which the OPP engaged with the community. Additionally, the community street crimes unit engaged in drug crimes as well as property crimes.

"If I'm not mistaken, there was a warrant executed (recently) in the town of Penetanguishene resulting in a recovered stolen BMW that we now have in our hands, being processed by our forensic identification team," said Pittman.

Pittman added that the mental health response team would be rebranded as MCCRT (Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Team), with his aim to increase the number officers from one to two due to the "quite high" mental health occurrences in Penetanguishene compared to other communities.

The second priority listed by Pittman involved roadways, waterways, trails, and the year-round focus on policing those.

He reminded council that the Southern Georgian Bay OPP was "one of the fortunate detachments with a full-time marine unit", and that he could be looking at the detachment obtaining all-terrain vehicles for increased

patrol for communities with related bylaws.

"We'll continue to do our RIDE initiatives, focus patrols on high-traffic complaint areas," Pittman added. "We do directed foot patrols as well, just on areas where we have increased drug use and things like that."

The third key priority was on community well being, and partnerships within the detachment stakeholder communities. "That's engaging these in being a part of the committees," Pittman said, "the discussion, and really looking for a whole-of-community approach to community well being is a big focus for us."

"It's important, I think, to hear from our business what's happening in our streets, what they're seeing, and to get the pulse of the community."

With the core presentation addressed, Pittman included a brief summary of crime statistics he had on hand for Penetanguishene.

Motor vehicle collisions of personal injuries, fatalities, and property damage, were down 29.5 per cent from 2022 to date; speeding charges in Penetanguishene were up 86.2 per cent; seatbelt charges were up 200 per cent; and Pittman stated that he was happy to see that impaired charges were down 31.6 per cent.

Violent crimes included one homicide in 2023, with other serious violent crime of attempted murder, sexual assault, assault, firearms offenses, and robberies down 47 per cent from 2022 to date, "which is a very good thing".

"Our property crimes – so that's arsons, break and enters, theft over, theft under \$5,000 as a threshold, possession of stolen goods – even though we just did recover a BMW yesterday, we are still down 32.5 per cent which is a good thing," said Pittman.

"It's not the enforcement, it's the amount of calls for service and issues for those things are going down, which is great for our overall community safety and well being."

Drug crime saw a 20 per cent overall decrease, while clearance rates were at 63.9 per cent overall. Property crimes, "often the most difficult one to solve", said Pittman, were below the provincial average sitting at 17 per cent.

"We brought in last year, and we're still pushing it, trying to get things like the CamSAFE initiative, trying to get people comfortable with coming and reporting these crimes to police and identifying the people responsible."



Regarding mental health calls, 112 were reported in 2023 while 2022 saw 95; Pittman offered that the to-date number of 78 currently meant that "we're probably going to be up around that 100-plus mark again this year, just showing that mental health is on the rise in our communities and we need a response."

Coun. Doug Leroux shared that speeding was the biggest complaint in the town from what residents had told him, and Pittman acknowledged that traffic complaints were "the number one complaint in the entire province." His plan was to dedicate more officers to speed enforcement.

Addressing a previous comment by Coun. George Vadeboncoeur about deployed resources in the future, Pittman explained that he had since consulted regarding a staffing deployment model as the way to gain future staff. He specifically noted the Penetanguishene OPP satellite office which had closed its doors in 2022.

"We ended up closing the office when we lost one of our detachment administrative clerks, because then we had nobody to work the front desk. We still do have officers going in and utilizing the office, however," said Pittman.

Of interest right now, we're actually getting more staff," Pittman added. "We had three new staff start this week, and we're getting another five by February, so we're actually overstaffed a little bit in the office."

"One of the overstaffs that I would like, and I'm actively working on, is another detachment administrative clerk. If I can get that clerk, then we will reopen the Penetanguishene office for walk-in service from the detachment, and that's something I'm working on."

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.

## Hey Dads!

August 18, 2024 - Who doesn't like some bacon? Saturday morning, eggs, coffee and...bacon. So good. I once saw a t-shirt all about two of a dad's favourite things: exercise and bacon. It had four lines written on it with only slight changes in each line. Follow along the lines with me:

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That's my kind of eggscercise.

Some friends texted us a few weeks ago. They had some unexpected piglets show up from one of their pigs. Did we want any piglets? DID WE?!? Pigs are the logical next addition to our hens, ducks, and calves. But these piglets weren't next door. They were almost next province. My patient wife and I loaded seven of our kids in the big van for a three-hour tour to collect the little squealers. But how do you transport piglets for three hours? I'm glad you asked.

If you're smart you have some sort of enclosed cage-like structure. Maybe a dog kennel or a livestock trailer or something professional like that. If you're me you use a couple of those jumbo storage totes from Costco. You've probably seen the black ones with the yellow lids or whatever the newest colour combo is. But how big is a 5-week-old piglet? It's about the size of a small dog. So,

if your bin doesn't have a lid on it that little piglet is going to get out. We brought lids. We also made a Costco grocery stop on the way to pigland so the van was jam packed with jumbo-size toilet paper and other bulk food items. Now all we had to do was grab the pigs, turn around and head for home. Only three hours away.

But you can't just shove the little porkers in a bin with a lid on it for three hours in the middle of summer. They had nice straw in their bins for padding. They were like small luxury pork apartments. And we left the lids off slightly with lots of breathing room. Yep. So that was a mistake. Should have popped those lids on nice and tight.

We weren't on the road long before I heard squealing from the back of the van. If you've ever tried to drive with kids screaming at you, you'll understand a bit of what I was experiencing. Kids

were shouting, "Dad! One of the pigs is out! She's under the seat!" In addition to the kids' screams there were also the pleasant sounds of a panicking piglet trying to manoeuvre her way under seats, around loads of Costco merchandise, and out of the van. My 12-year-old son, Sterling, rose to the occasion and jumped out of his seat to wrestle the little pink pile of squirming, squealing bacon. Piglet didn't like that too much and the squeals rose to a fever pitch. I pulled the van over and he was able to wrangle her back to her luxury tote of comfort. We made sure the lid was more closed this time and everyone made it home as one happy family. Time flies, dad! Make every moment count! Even the squealy ones!

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# Here's what North Simcoe residents pay for when councils go to AMO

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

Aug 19, 2024 - What better way to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, than to have taxpayer dollars advocate for pressing issues in their respective communities?

The annual conference begins next week in Ottawa, and many of the 444 represented municipalities have been preparing to attend with delegations in mind.

As each would need to submit a request for an opportunity to have a 10-minute, one-on-one with provincial politicians, choosing which topic to speak about and with whom would be unique for every municipality to agree upon within their own ranks.

MidlandToday reached out to North Simcoe's municipalities to see what they would be seeking to accomplish at the conference, how much it would cost their ratepayers, and why it was an important function which would benefit their residents.

## MIDLAND

Of seven requested delegations, CAO Rhonda Bunn stated that five had received confirmation.

Those were in regards to: a \$42-million grant application to the Housing-Enabling Water System Fund (Ministry of Infrastructure); support for the cruise industry (Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming); the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund and a change to Municipal Accommodation Tax legislation (both with the Ministry of Finance); and a shortage of qualified building inspectors within the province (Ministry of Colleges and Universities).

"Delegations hosted at AMO are an excellent opportunity for municipal staff and elected officials to meet face-to-face with provincial leaders and ministry staff," said Bunn, adding that the delegation requests "highlight some of the challenges faced by small urban municipalities such as ours."

Costwise, Bunn cited that Mayor Bill Gordon would be attending as a Simcoe County council member under their fee expense (which means taxpayers would be paying for his stay through the county rather than municipality), while the remaining six council members and two senior staff members also scheduled the full conference to attend; early bird registration and three nights of conference hotel accommodations for roughly \$1,700 per person calculated to \$13,600 total.

"The town takes advantage of 'early bird' rates by registering early in the year to keep our costs low," Bunn shared.

Gordon said that out of all the conference opportunities available to municipal leaders and senior staff each year, if you only had the budget or desire to attend one, it would be the AMO.

"The costs are trivial when compared to the value received by networking with virtually every peer municipality in the Province over three days," he said.

More focused events and conferences provided similar value, said Gordon, but not to the widespread opportunity of AMO.

"Participation in these yearly events, even if only at the AMO, keeps a municipality connected to their associations and their executive, their peers and

provides valuable direction for the following years. It is also the forum to elect new members to the AMO board and opportunities to connect directly with every Provincial minister and their staff," stated Gordon who, as per a recent council meeting, had received unanimous approval from Midland council to run for a position on the AMO board of directors.

"We are lucky to have such a close relationship with our MPP/Minister Dunlop in Simcoe North but that doesn't replace the need to network and connect with other ministers at the conference," Gordon added.

Regarding the Ministry of Infrastructure delegation, Gordon hoped that residents would wish him luck.

"I am up against 443 other municipalities," said Gordon, "but we have a solid business case and an excellent presentation lined up for each of the delegations, especially this one. I will be selling our town hard to the ministers we meet with and looking for the help we need to help us support growth. Our water/wastewater system expansion is staggeringly expensive, and without winning some significant Provincial funding the costs will be borne by the local ratepayers."

## PENETANGUISHENE

Mayor Doug Rawson said that three delegations had been accepted for the week.

"We're meeting with the Solicitor General regarding the Central North Correctional Centre and the funding disparity between us and the province," said Rawson. "We're also meeting with the Minister of Finance regarding heads-and-beds regarding Waypoint and the superjail; first time we've delegated that in some time so we're looking forward to that. And we're meeting with the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility regarding regulatory framework for long-term care institutions."

Value was the key reward, said Rawson on what Penetanguishene residents were paying for.

At an expense of approximately \$2,000 each for the full complement of seven council members and CAO, Rawson cited previous years where AMO delegations had produced results.

"Last year we delegated (Ojibwa Landing at 111 Robert Street West) at AMO, talking about how long it's been going through the approval process, and we're almost right across the finish line. Quickly after delegation last year, the ministers were able to put a little more pressure on the department level, we were able to get that across the line quicker. We've had some positive traction regarding CNCC; there's no check in the mail but this is about building partnerships and relationships, and bringing our agenda forward.

"On top of the delegation piece, there's also lots of learning," Rawson added. "Every member of council will be going to learning sessions... networking with other municipalities. I think it's hard to measure, but it delivers tremendous value back to our council and our community at large."

## TINY TOWNSHIP

Deputy CAO and corporate services director Haley Leblond said that two delegations were requested and accepted to speak about septage management

and the development of settlement areas.

"All residences, farms and businesses in Tiny are on a septic system," stated Leblond. "Given the vast size of the township (roughly 344 square kilometres), underground wastewater treatment infrastructure to connect homes is extremely expensive and not feasible to install."

Leblond noted that while septage could be spread on ministry-approved fields during winter, resident options were limited.

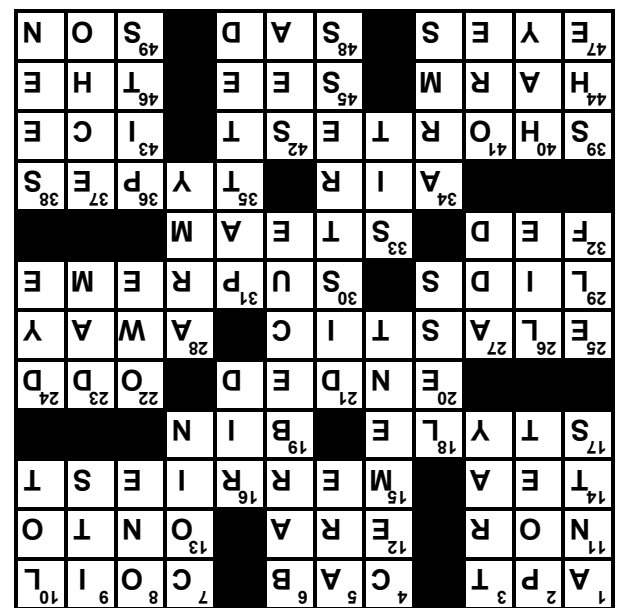
"Previously, septage from Tiny was able to be hauled to the Town of Midland's wastewater treatment centre, but this is no longer an option. The discussion with the Minister of Infrastructure will explore the septage challenges currently experienced by the township and others in North Simcoe, and the potential for provincial assistance in investment into alternatives to field applications."

As for development of settlement areas (through the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing), Leblond explained that the township had been advocating for changes and expansions for years, contending that the current fixed settlement boundaries by the county and the province were non-reflective of activity seen through increased building permit activity and a demand for housing and employment lands in Tiny.

"The township is supportive of proposed new policy directions in a consolidated provincial policy document that will provide more flexibility for settlement area boundaries," said Leblond. "Discussions with the Ministry will explore the expansion of the township settlement areas in smart and sustainable ways."

The importance of AMO attendance, according to Leblond, was due to the venue being the "largest annual gathering for local and provincial elected officials to meet, share ideas and solutions to common issues, and learn about emerging trends and upcoming changes that may impact our community".

"Registration and accommodation for Mayor Dave Evans and Deputy Mayor Sean Miskimins is covered by the County of Simcoe. The expense for the other members of council attending is registration of \$860 and hotel of \$909." As AMO was the primary advocate organization for municipalities, Leblond said it was imperative for the township to be part of the conversations.





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**Bid-Euchre** - 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.  
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#### 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  
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#### Georgian Shores Seniors Club

**Shuffleboard** 9:30 am  
**Chair/Floor Yoga**, 9:30 - 10:30 am  
**Zumba Gold**, 11:30 - 12:30 pm  
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#### Georgian Shores Seniors Club

**Summer Yoga - 9:30am**  
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**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)

#### Georgian Shores Seniors Club

**Billiards/Pool**, 9:00 - 11 am  
The Place, 300 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny  
Call Vickie for fees 705 526 5074 or gsseniors2016@rogers.com

## Events One Time

#### All You Can Eat BBQ & Corn

Sat. Aug. 31st, 11:30-1:30,  
Elmvale Presbyterian Church, 22 Queen St. E.  
Adults \$12, children 8 and under \$6.

#### Trivia Elmvale Legion

**September 4, 2024**  
**7pm - 9 pm**  
7 John Street, Elmvale  
\$5 per person, Teams of Six  
Call to reserve table 705.322.1042

#### Visually Impaired Group

**Sept. 4th, 2024 1:30-3pm**  
Georgian Village 705-355-7611  
101 Thompson Rd, Bldg F, Penetanguishene

#### Advance Care Planning

**Friday, September 13th, 2024**  
Presented by Hospice Simcoe  
All are welcome to attend. No cost.  
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#### Terry Fox Day - Heart of Georgian Bay

**Sunday, September 15th 9:00am to 1:00pm**  
Perkinsfield Park, Perkinsfield  
Run, Kids' Activities, Food & more...  
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#### True Blue Country concert and dance

**Saturday Sept. 21, 2024, from 7 pm to 10 pm**  
Lockhart Hall, 380 Zoo Park Road.  
Country songs. Concert, dance, cash bar. Tickets \$5 per person. Etransfer available.  
Phone Margaret 705 241 3484.

#### Heritage Social Event

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

#### 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**  
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## Events LIVE MUSIC

#### Busk 'til Dusk

**Thursdays 6 pm to 8 pm**  
August 29 Halo  
Sept 5 The Remedy

#### Penetang's Bayside Summer Soiree

**Friday night 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**  
June to August  
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**OBITUARIES**



**CLANCY, Cheryl**

Hi! My name is Cheryl Clancy (nee: Milani). Recently I passed and I would like to tell you my story.

I grew up in Port Arthur, Ontario, one of three children. I had a sister, Marlene and a brother, Don. At the age of 14 our family moved to the rural town of Woodbridge, Ontario where I attended Woodbridge High School. There I met John Clancy and our attraction was immediate. Together we enjoyed the best teenage era ever, "the 60's". We married in our early 20's and raised two children, Tim and Kristi. What exceptional adults they became.

I taught for the North York Separate School Board for 33 years before John and I retired to our home on Georgian Bay. What a fantastic place to live with picturesque views of sunsets over the water, thunderstorms rolling by and waves crashing on the beach.

I the summers we traveled throughout North America, golfing and sightseeing until we decided to spend winters on the Gulf shores of Biloxi, Mississippi. There we golfed, toured, dined, gambled and enjoyed Southern hospitality. Life was great!

But then I was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and Parkinson's and my life changed dramatically. Complications eventually caused irreparable damage and life was no longer a pleasure.

So now I have passed but I must say that as long as my life went, it was extremely enjoyable and rewarding due to my loving family and all the people who joined in my journey. I thank them all for their love and friendship.

I'm leaving behind my best friend and loving husband John and our two wonderful children, Tim and Kristi. I loved them so very much and I know they loved me dearly.

Family and friends will be invited to a future Celebration of Life for Cheryl. In her memory, hug your family and let them know you love them every day, as Cheryl always did.

Arrangements entrusted to Lynn-Stone Funeral Home, Elmvale Ontario

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**JENNINGS, Paul**

It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of Paul Jennings on Thursday, August 15th, 2024 at Georgian Bay General Hospital. Beloved husband of 38 years to Jeanette. Loving father to Connie (Doug). Cherished grumpa to Glenn.

Dear brother to Robert (Heather). Paul will be dearly missed by his close friends Jason Harris, Wade Shatford, and Bill Valiquette. His memory will be cherished by all those he knew at the golf course. Cremation arrangements entrusted to Nicholls Funeral Home. A celebration of life will take place on Sunday September 15th, 2024 from 11am to 2pm at Orr Lake Golf Club. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Orr Lake Golf Club Junior Program that Paul had pioneered. Please click the link to view the page: <https://orrlakegolfclub.com/product/paul-jennings-junior-golf-fund/>



**FRENCH, Mae**

Passed away peacefully at the Georgian Bay General Hospital in Midland on Sunday, August 18, 2024. Mae French of Elmvale in her 83rd year. Beloved wife of Ken French. Dear mother of Jeff (Lesley) French and Julie (Paul) Sandy.

Loving grandmother of Trinity, Daemin, Briyer, and Owen. Sister of Phyllis (Mike) Lefaive. Mae will be dearly missed by her nephew and niece, Dan and Anne Marie and extended family and friends.

A Celebration of Mae's Life will be held at a later date.

If desired, memorial donations may be made to the St. John's United Church or the Elmvale Foodbank.

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**2024 FALL PROGRAMS**

MONDAY	TIME & LOCATION
Table Tennis	9-11 Bill Thompson Rm
Yoga	9-10 Vi Kennedy Rm
Tech Support *	9-10:30 Creative Rm Resumes Sept 9
Line Dancing Advanced *	9:15-10:30 Community Hall B
<b>Fun Fit Circuit NEW TIME</b>	9:15-10:15 Gym 2
Coffee Break *	10:30-12 Multipurpose Rm
Chair Pilates	10:30-11:30 Vi Kennedy Rm
Intro to Line Dancing—Baby Steps *	10:35-11 Comm Hall B
Walking Club *	11 Outdoors
Line Dancing—Basic *	11-12 Comm Hall B
Hand & Foot Card Game *	1 Vi Kennedy Rm
Writer's Workshop *	1 Marg Scott Rm Resumes Sept 9
Watercolour Lessons Register	1-3 Vi Kennedy Rm Resumes Sept 9
TUESDAY	TIME & LOCATION
Pickleball—1 Gym	9-12 Gym 1 and 2
Quilting *	9-12 Vi Kennedy Rm
Watch Clinic with Dietmar	9-12 2nd & 4th Tuesday
Flex Band Flow Yoga	9:15 Multipurpose Rm
Massage Clinic- register @ reception	9:30, 10:30, 11:30 Margaret Scott Rm
Photography Club *(Resumes Oct 1st)	10-12 Marg Scott Rm 1st Tues of month
Zumba Toning	10-11 Comm Hall B
Chair Flow with Marie *	10:30 Multipurpose Rm Resumes Sept 3
Badminton	1-3 Gym 1 Resumes Sept 24
Intermediate French* \$20/session	1 Marg Scott Rm Resumes Sept 17
Circle of Friends Drop-In *	1:30 Vi Kennedy Rm
Book Club with Faith * 2nd Tue	2:30 Midland Public Library (see eblast)
WEDNESDAY	TIME & LOCATION
Table Tennis	9-11 Bill Thompson Rm
<b>Pickleball—2 Gyms</b>	<b>9-11:30 Gym 1 and 2</b> Resumes in Fall
Step Class	9 Comm Hall A
Line Dancing Advanced *	9:15-10:30 Comm Hall B
Chair Yoga	9:30-10:30 Vi Kennedy Rm
Men's Shed* NEW	10-12 Multipurpose Rm
Cribbage *	10 Marg Scott Rm Resumes Sept 11
Intro to Line Dancing—Baby Steps*	10:35-11 Comm Hall B
Line Dance—Basic *	11-12 Comm Hall B
Walking Club *	11 Outdoors
Creative Crafting * NEW	1 Multipurpose Rm
Beg Convo Spanish 1 \$20/session	1 Marg Scott Rm Resumes Sept 11
Bid Euchre *	1-3 Vi Kennedy Rm
Woodcarving *	1-3 Vi Kennedy Rm
THURSDAY	TIME & LOCATION
Zumba	9-10 Comm Hall B
Pickleball - 1 Gym for summer pgram	9-11:30 Gym 1
Beginner Ukulele Lessons	9-10 Multipurpose Rm Resumes Sept 19
Intermediate Ukulele	10-11- Multipurpose Rm Resumes Sept 19
Tai Chi *	10:15-11 Comm Hall B
Chair Pilates	10:30 Vi Kennedy
Writers' Circle *(Resumes in Fall)	1 pm Margaret Scott Rm 2nd & 4th Thurs
Watercolour Lesson Class is full	1:30 Vi Kennedy Rm ½ <b>Class is full</b>
Acrylic Painting Lesson Class is full	1:30 Vi Kennedy Rm ½ Resumes Sept 5
Uke & Guitar Jam *	1 Multipurpose R Resumes Sept 19
Book Club with Jennifer * 2nd Thurs	2:30 Midland Public Library (see eblast)
FRIDAY	TIME & LOCATION
Knit 'n Needles *	9-12 Multi Purpose Rm
Drumming Alive <b>NEW</b>	9-10 Comm Hall B STARTS Sept 13
Pickleball—1 Gym	9-11:30 Gym 2
Chair Yoga	9-10 Vi Kennedy Rm
Badminton	9:30-11:30 Gym 1 Resumes Sept 27
Chess Club *	10 am Marg Scott Rm Resumes Sept 6
Tabata	10:15 Comm Hall B
Beg French w/Adele \$20/session	1 Marg Scott Rm Resumes Sept 13
Card Making	1 Multipurpose Rm Resumes Sept 13
Musicians' Jam Circle *	1 Vi Kennedy Rm (Resumes Sept 13)

**St Jacobs Farmers' Market & Anna Mae's Bakery & Restaurant Bus Trip**  
**Thurs Oct 3, 2024 9 am-8 pm**  
Members \$125 Guests \$135  
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**Health & Wellness Fair**  
**Tuesday October 15 2024**  
40+ Booths Open 10 am  
Lunch @ Noon  
**Dr. Kamerin Matheson,**  
Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine  
will speak at 12:30 pm  
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**WOODROW, William "Stuart"**

With the heaviest of hearts, we announce the peaceful passing of our beloved husband, father and grandfather, William (Stuart) Woodrow on Sunday August 18th, 2024, in his 92nd year.

Born on October 3rd, 1932, Stuart was a man who proudly followed in his father's footsteps as a hard-working farmer in Oro Township.

He was a loving and devoted husband to his cherished wife, Shirley (nee Tordiff) Woodrow, of 62 years.

Stuart was a devoted and proud father to Stephen, his son Kevin, predeceased (and Jean) and his son Darren (and Tammy).

He adored his granddaughters Jessie and Kirstin, sharing many adventures and quiet reflections together.

Stuart and Shirley enjoyed many years of retirement with friends and family at their cottage in the North Bay area. He was a man who never garnered attention for himself and wanted nothing more than to enjoy life through his family and closest friends. He will be greatly missed by all. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Peaceful Transition.



**THOMAS, Robert George**

Passed away peacefully at Markham Stouffville Hospital in Markham on Friday, August 9, 2024 in his 97th year. Bob Thomas was a resident of Elmvale (formerly of Wyevale) and beloved husband of Pat Thomas (late) for over 69 years.

Dear father to Sharon Miller (Kim), Janice Gendron (late Michel), and Michele Shackleton (Michael). Loving poppa to Michael (Jeralynn), Matthew (Heather), Christian (Melissa), Jason, Bryan (Courtney), Adam (Delaine), and Daniel. Great granddad of Kenzie, Maggie, Drew, Lucas, Bennett, Kennedy and Mick. Brother of Dorothy Higgins (late Clare), and June Sale (late Bill) and brother-in-law of late Merna Dack (late John) and Murray Robinson (late Jackie) Bob will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Cremation with inurnment at Resthaven Memorial Gardens. Celebration of life to follow in the fall.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Georgian Bay General Hospital in Midland would be appreciated by the family.



**STEPHENSON, WALTER WILLIAM**

(Toronto Fire Fighter for over 30 years)

Passed suddenly after a lengthy illness at his home in Woodland Beach on Thursday, August 15, 2024. Walt Stephenson

in his 83rd year, leaves behind his beloved wife Elaine. Loving Grandfather of, Steven (Melissa) Howe and Deborah (Matt) See. Proud Great-Grandfather of Scarlett and Sydney Howe, and Aaron and Abby See. Brother of Robin (John) Skerrett, the late June (survived by Don) James, late Marilyn (Don) Gibson, and the late Donna (Henry) Gaudet. Walt will be fondly remembered by his nieces and nephew.

In keeping with Walt's wishes, there will not be a funeral service

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**In Loving Memory of Kenneth Joesph William Archer**


**August 23, 1941 - August 14, 2024**

Ken passed away peacefully at home with his family by his side. Ken leaves behind his wife Christine (Carruthers) of 38

years, our daughter Jamie-Lee Edwards (Bryan) their 3 children, Bristol, Samantha and Brooklynn, Ken also leaves behind his son Terry (Kathy) and their son Marc, His daughter Debbie Asselin (Randy), and their children, Amanda Hardy (Tom), Micheal (Desiree), and Emily. Ken was a very loyal and hardworking man his whole life, either in business or friendship. He loved going for coffee or being in his shop, but his passion was driving truck. He drove for 64 years and many miles across the country. He will be missed by his many friends and acquaintances, nieces, and nephews. The family would like to thank all those who contributed to make Ken's final journey more comfortable. Your kindness will never be forgotten.


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**OBITUARIES**



**Ferguson, Roderic Graham, KC, B.A (Hons), LL.B, LL.M, CS, LSM**

Passed away peacefully on Friday, August 23, 2024 at Hospice Huronia - Tomkins House, Penetanguishene in his 81st year. Roderic of Midland, beloved husband of Frances Ferguson (née Shepherd) for over 54 years. Loving father of James (Marta Brisco) and Katherine (Sylvain Lamarre). Cherished grandfather of Miles and Erica Ferguson, and Alexandre and Simon Lamarre. Caring brother of Daniel Ferguson, Bill Ferguson (Dianne Hood), predeceased by Jane Ballantyne (Ted). Rod will also be dearly missed by his nieces, nephews, friends and colleagues. He is predeceased by his parents Graham and Betty Ferguson.

Rod was born in Toronto and grew up in Fergus, Ontario. His parents owned a hardware store and he learned how to run a business and the value of hard work from an early age. Rod's early experiences running a Toronto Star delivery route and as a Queen Scout helped forge his character and develop the great people skills that served him throughout his life.

Upon graduation from high school in 1962, Rod attended Renison College at the University of Waterloo on scholarship, earning a general B.A. in political science. Rod attended Osgoode Hall Law School from 1966 to 1968, and graduated with First Place Standing and received the Silver Medal. While a student, he met his "bride" Fran. He was called to the Ontario bar in 1970 and was as an associate at Thompson Rogers. Having grown up in small towns and wanting to enjoy an active community life, he and Fran soon made the decision to settle in Midland, Ontario where Rod joined the law firm of Teskey, Heacock and Ferguson.

Rod was a sought-after lawyer in Simcoe County and beyond and acted as counsel to small law firms across the province, providing litigation services to clients who would otherwise have had to travel significant distance. His efforts were recognized in 1982 when he was appointed Queen's Counsel, and in 1989 when he was certified as a Specialist

in Civil Litigation. In 1997 he was awarded the Law Society Bicentennial Award of Merit for exceptional service to the Community and in 2011, the Law Society Medal for outstanding contribution to the legal profession.

Rod was a long-standing Rotarian in Midland, serving as President and Paul Harris Fellow, as well as a co-founder and honorary member of the Penetanguishene Rotary Club. He also actively served the legal community as a Bencher of the Law Society of Ontario, a director of The Advocates' Society and a member of the Ontario Bar Association executive council. He was also a proud member of the Simcoe County Foresters Honorable Guard.

Rod was a life-long learner, returning to Osgoode Hall Law School for his Master's in Alternative Dispute Resolution (2002). His one regret, educationally, was in not completing his Honours Degree before starting law school, and so, in his 70s, he completed the courses needed to graduate with a Bachelor of Arts, Honours Political Science in 2021.

Rod and Fran travelled together extensively, making many connections and maintaining friendships over the years with people from all over the world. Rod had a natural and genuine curiosity and was never shy to strike up conversations with people from all walks of life. He genuinely loved meeting people and hearing their stories.

Above all, Rod cherished his time with his family, and the cottage on Bone Island became a haven. Over the years, the family have welcomed spouses, grandchildren, neighbours and countless friends.

Friends are invited to Nicholls Funeral Home on Thursday, August 29, 2024 for the visitation from 2p.m. – 4 p.m. and again from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. A Funeral Service will be held at St. Paul's United Church, 308 King Street, Midland on Friday, August 30th at 11 a.m. The family invites everyone for a reception at the Rotary Hall in the Midland Cultural Centre following the Funeral Service. A private family interment will take place at the Lakeview Cemetery, Midland. Donations to the Rotary Foundation or to Hospice Huronia - Tomkins House in Penetanguishene in honor of Rod and would be greatly appreciated by his family.

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**LEONARD, Ross Milton**

Passed away peacefully at home on August 16, 2024 at the age of 74. He was a loving husband of the late Mary Ann (nee Trace), and devoted father of Trace (Janine) and Melissa (Kevin Peterson). Cherished Gramps to BreAnn, Trenton, Parnell, Nicholas and Camden. He leaves behind his co-pilot Carol Bywater and her grandchildren Bradyn, Chloe, Alexia, Evan and Jake. He is fondly remembered by his brothers Alvin (Martha), the late Gordon (Bev), Dennis (Pat) and Kevin (Tracy), brother-in-law Jim (Theresa), sister-in-law Val (Ray) and the rest of the Trace family.

Ross was born and raised on the Baseline of Tiny, playing hockey on the pond, planting trees with his dad, Milton and staying on his mom, Hilly's, nice list. He and high school sweetheart Mary Ann built a house and raised their family just down the road from where he grew up. Ross and Trace worked side-by-side at the shop in Innisfil for 24 years. Ross and Melissa share a love of storytelling and investing in casinos. Upon retiring in February of 2020, Ross became head cheerleader and chauffeur for his grandchildren's activities, keeping track of schedules and making it to as many events as possible.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Details to come.

In Ross' memory, a donation to a local Blood Donor Clinic would be greatly appreciated, or donations can be made to the Elmvale Legion or Elmvale Food Bank.

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**SAVAGE, John Richard**

John Richard Savage passed away suddenly at his residence on Monday, August 26th, 2024 at the age of 70. John dedicated his life to service; to his family, to the military, and to the Masons. He is predeceased by his former wife, Shelley, who

is survived by their daughter Brooke (TJ) and grandchildren Poppy and Ellie. He will be dearly remembered by his second wife Toni, and their children Benjamin (Victoria), Brynn, and Kylie.

He was a beloved brother of the late Patricia (survived by Bob), late Glenn (survived by Jude), Colleen (Steve), Robert (Helen), and Kathy (Fabian). He was a cherished uncle, cousin, and friend to many. As a PERI in the armed forces, as a Past Master of the Coronation Masonic Lodge #466, and as a long time president of the Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival, he made a large impact on his community.

A visitation will be held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale on Saturday August 31, 2024 at 11am. A Masonic Service will be held at 11:30 am, followed by the memorial service in the chapel at 12 pm. A reception will be held at the Masonic Lodge at 71 Queen Street in Elmvale starting at 1 pm.

Memorial donations may be made in John's memory to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

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### Midland Public Library—Tech Help

Every Wednesday, 2:00-4:00pm by appointment  
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Figuring out a new device? Giving video chat a try? If you've got a question about today's technology or are looking for a little guidance, then we're here to help! Contact Melanie at [mnichol@midlandlibrary.com](mailto:mnichol@midlandlibrary.com) or 705-526-4216 ext. 3321 with your technology concern to book your time. FREE – registration required.



### Penetanguishene Library

#### Technology Sessions

Learn how tablets work and how to download apps, update your calendars, use the settings, etc. Bring your questions, tablets, chargers, passwords. Limited spaces. \$2.00 Must have a valid library card to register. **Registration is in person only.** The library is located at 24 Simcoe Street in Penetanguishene.

### Springwater Library

#### Knit 2 Together

Thursday 6:30pm at Elmvale Branch.

Calling all "Yarn Divas" with their "Purls of Wisdom"! These "Chicks with Sticks" love to meet and chat because let's face it, "Knit Happens." Beginners and all levels are welcome.

#### SENIOR TECH HELP

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#### Midhurst Branch

Book your appointment Wednesdays 10:30am-12pm  
Tech-minded amazing volunteer Armando is back! He offers 30 to 45 minute appointments to teach technical skills to seniors. To book your appointment call the Midhurst branch (705) 737-5650.

#### Elmvale Branch

Book your appointment Thursdays between 3pm-5pm  
Equally awesome and friendly Carrie is available for tech help at the Elmvale branch offering 30 to 45 minute appointments. Book your appointment by calling (705) 322-1482.

### Tay Township Library

#### Digital Device Coaching for Seniors

One-on-one coaching with Instructor

Join Jennifer for free coaching and learn how to use your device. Please bring your device(s), the power cords and your usernames and passwords. To arrange a session please contact Jennifer at the Gateway Centre for Learning (705) 209-5699 or email [ed@gatewaycentreforlearning.ca](mailto:ed@gatewaycentreforlearning.ca)



### Midland Public Library—Cultural Assets Map

Are there any local sites that have great meaning to you? Meet with staff at Midland Public Library to share your stories and pictures, and we will upload them to the Culture Alliance Assets Map – where you can check out all of the amazing sites and stories!

Email [fshergold@midlandlibrary.com](mailto:fshergold@midlandlibrary.com)

or call 705-526-4216 ext. 3305 to book a meeting.

### Independent Living Services

Simcoe County

For more information about available services, please call (705) 737-3263  
[www.ilssimcoe.ca](http://www.ilssimcoe.ca)

- ➔ Independent Living Services received funding from the County of Simcoe to offer no fee and subsidized home maintenance and repairs to seniors and people with disabilities from changing a light bulb, putting up a grab bar, changing batteries in a smoke detector, to cleaning eavestroughs.
- ➔ They offer guidance and support to help add assistive tools such as grab bars or stair lifts or modifications for your home or vehicle.
- ➔ They can assist with light housekeeping, household tasks, meal preparation, laundry and shopping.



For more information about available programs, please contact Zina Thomson—Program Supervisor (705) 355-1022 ext. 228

- ➔ **Social and Congregate Dining Program**  
Our in-house cook prepares nutritious meals at very low cost to eligible seniors who wish to share a meal in the stimulation of a social group environment and to those seniors who participate in the Day Program.
- ➔ **Day Program**  
This program offers access to a basket of services based on assessed need to eligible older adults living in Penetanguishene and in some cases the immediate surrounding area.

## Community REACH

At Community Reach we LOVE our volunteers as they make such a huge difference in the lives of so many North Simcoe residents. Our drivers continually tell us what a rewarding experience this is as they take clients to medical appointments, shopping and social activities within the four North Simcoe communities. Drivers are compensated for their mileage. Give us a call to learn more about volunteering!

850 Hartman Dr #104, Midland, ON L4R 0B6  
(705) 528-6999 [www.communityreach.ca](http://www.communityreach.ca)



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