







### **Mother Nature provides perfect** weather to kick off Elmvale Fall Fair

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

Oct 11, 2024

Everyone loves a parade, especially on a spectacular autumn morning when the sun is shining and the mercury heads north.

On Friday morning in Elmvale, about 20 minutes north of Barrie, thousands of folks took advantage of the weather and lined the village's streets and boulevards to take in the official opening event of the Elmvale Fall Fair, with the children's parade, a spectacle that featured about 2,000 local pupils from schools across the region.

Beginning with a police cruiser and fire engines, the children's parade is one of the fair's highlights and it features kids of every age, from kindergarten to Grade

Small children held mom or dad's hand as they walked and waved feverishly to the spectators.

Teens, far too cool for this sort of thing in any urban centre, hooted and hollered, singing songs at the top of

"The kids are right into it," said Tanya King, first vicepresident of the fair executive. "The kids love being in the parade."

The pinnacle of the parade, according to King and virtually every other person BarrieToday spoke to, were the floats made by local high schoolers.

According to those in the know, which is everyone by rising country star Ty Baynton at 8 p.m. in Elmvale, the high schoolers are divided into four teams and each one has to build a float. They only have a few days to create their float and they go about their business in secret, clandestinely working in sheds and workshops after school.

The unveiling represents the culmination of all of their efforts and provides the winners of 'best float' with bragging rights for a year.

As the parade made its way down the village's main street on its way to the fairgrounds on George Street, proud parents and grandparents went snap happy, capturing an endless supply of smile-inducing memories, in both still and video formats.

Many of the parents and grandparents who lined the streets this year as spectators spent quite a few of their own early years in the parade.

They keep coming back to Elmvale to relive the memories, eager to make more. "The fair is also our homecoming," said King. "Folks who were raised here and then moved away always seem to come back for the fair. "It's amazing to stand here and watch all of these folks. Generations of them, all enjoying the fair," she added. According to King, fair organizers are expecting about 6,000 visitors over the course of the two-day event.

Friday's lineup included the kids' pedal tractor pull, the pony show, the antique tractor pull and a performance

Saturday attractions include livestock judging, stock and modified truck and tractor pull, the Lion's Club truck draw and the Pure Country 106 video dance

Admission to the fair is \$13 for adults, \$8 for students and free for elementary school and younger. Midway tickets are purchased separately.



Mayor Jennifer Coughlin, lady in red, and husband dancing to Ty Baynton









### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dear editor,

As the cost of living continues to spiral out of control, many Canadians are struggling to keep up with rising utility bills. A Universal Heat Pump Program could provide significant relief. By offering free heat pumps to heat and cool every household, we could drastically reduce energy costs across the country. Heat pumps are far more efficient than traditional heating and cooling systems, meaning they use less energy and save people money.

This program wouldn't just benefit homeowners. Renters, who are often facing the greatest economic hardships would also benefit under this initiative. With built-in tenant protections, the program would ensure that landlords can't raise rent to cover the costs, allowing everyone to benefit equally. In these difficult economic times, this kind of relief is sorely

Just look at PEI where a Free Heat Pump program had a huge impact on reducing energy poverty across

In addition to the financial benefits for households, heat pumps offer life-saving cooling for homes making them much more resilient to extreme heat events like the ones we saw this summer.

It's time for our federal government to step up and implement this common sense solution by providing heat pumps for all.

Noel Macartney, Tiny

### **EDITORS NOTES**

Elmvale Fall Fair was a great success with visitors from far and wide. The weather was great and the people came. The Elmvale Lioness Lions serving food upstairs made record profits to give back to the

There is financial support in the name of democracy to this newspaper from all levels of government; 3 out of 4 municipalities, Provincial and Federal. Yet four councillors on Springwater Council still support a flyer that costs over 3x the amount rather than communicating via local newspaper, as noted in the last meeting with a recorded vote. Ask yourself why or better yet ask your councillor. 4 out of 5 people read news, that's the facts. Diversify is key to great marketing!

I have launched a refreshed website and free community events and article submissions will be accepted through the website. The events are given priority over an email sent to me as they are formatted already. I am working tirelessly to give you good news. North Simcoe Springwater News is growing steadily and I hope you enjoy this edition!





# Springwater councillor accuses township staff of 'falsehoods'

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

For the second time in as many weeks, Springwater Township staff's honesty and integrity has come under attack by a municipal councillor.

During the public portion of Wednesday's special closed-session council meeting, Coun. Phil Fisher questioned the validity of the information provided by staff regarding the issue that had been discussed behind closed doors.

"From my perspective, I believe the last meeting, I believe that, I'll call them falsehoods, we weren't fed the correct information and uh...," he started to say before being cut off by Mayor Jennifer Coughlin.

"Coun. Fisher, as I stated earlier, in accordance with our procedural bylaw...," she said.

"Absolutely, yea," Fisher interrupted.

"Providing accusations like that is not appropriate at this table," the mayor said.

'What I'd like to say is questioning staff is not accusing staff," Fisher said. "We are a board of directors, as you said earlier on tonight, and I think we do need to hold them to account, particularly when it comes to things like I mentioned previously.

"I'm sorry if some people took it that way, but it is our job to question certain things, mayor," he

Moments earlier, Coughlin stopped the meeting to read from council's code of conduct, in response to earlier comments made by Fisher, which included questioning a staff member -"Are we misleading council or are we not doing our job? Or a combination of both?" — and speculating that staff fabricated the incident.

"I will remind members of council that no member shall maliciously or falsely impugn the professional or ethical reputation of any staff," Coughlin read from the code of conduct. "So, before we carry on this evening, with allegations or accusations that there was a misinterpretation it is actually in contradiction of our code of conduct and anything moving forward, as chair, I will be pulling point of order on that.'

Mike Murphy, president of CUPE Local 2380, which represents the outside workers at Springwater Township, said the union's goal is to provide the best quality public service possible, which is something they can achieve only by working together.

"When a member of council makes baseless accusations such as these it indirectly hurts the relationship we have with the employer," Murphy told BarrieToday in an email. "The is inappropriate," the CAO added.



union's position is that all members of council are expected to act in an appropriate way that is befitting of their office and to do their best to care for their constituents and employees."

Murphy said it was unfortunate this occurred.

"Our local has worked very hard to build the trust of council and will continue to do so despite this," he said.

Coughlin's admonishment of Fisher's behaviour was one of two he received Wednesday.

In his efforts to test the veracity of the claims put forth by staff regarding the cost of having a certain section of road plowed by an independent contractor, he reached out directly to that contractor. He told council he secured a much, much lower price.

Jeff Schmidt, the township's chief administrative officer, noted his concerns with Fisher's actions without naming him.

"I think it's very inappropriate for a member of council, an individual member of council, to try to acquire or procure goods or services on behalf of the township," he said. "Council as a whole has that authority under the procurement bylaw.

"To have a member of council do that I believe

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### A Heartfelt Thank You

By Brenda Munshaw for Flos Agricultural Society Executive Oct. 19, 2024

As the vibrant colors of autumn paint our town, we reflect on the incredible success of the Elmvale Fall Fair this past Thanksgiving weekend. What a wonderful way to celebrate the season and our community!

This year, we were blessed with beautiful weather that invited families and friends to come out and enjoy the festivities. With clear skies and mild temperatures, the fairgrounds were filled with laughter and excitement, and we're thrilled to report a record number of fair goers joining in the fun. It was heartwarming to see so many familiar faces, along with new friends, gathering together to create lasting memories.

The Elmvale Fall Fair is a true showcase of local talent, and this year did not disappoint. Our exhibitors displayed their skills and creativity, ranging from stunning crafts to mouth watering baked goods and top notch livestock showcased in the show ring. The community's talent shone brightly, and we were in awe of the passion and dedication that went into each exhibit. Thank you to all our talented exhibitors for sharing their gifts with us!

We would also like to extend our deepest gratitude to our generous sponsors. Your support is invaluable to us, and it allows us to put on such a vibrant event. From local businesses to individual donors, each contribution helps to enrich our fair and ensure its continued success.

Last but certainly not least, we owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to our volunteers. You are the backbone of the Elmvale Fall Fair, working tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure everything runs smoothly. Your enthusiasm and dedication are truly inspiring, and we couldn't have done it without your unwavering support.

As we wrap up another successful Fall Fair, we are filled with gratitude for our community. Thank you, Elmvale, for coming together to celebrate the season and create an unforgettable weekend. Here's to many more years of fun, fall festivities and lasting memories!



Executive of fair above LtoR: Pres. Brenda Munshaw, Past Pres. Doug Ritchie, 2nd VP Matt Garwood, and 1st VP Tanya King Thank you!







Thank you to everyone who entered our truck draw for 2024. The draw was held yesterday afternoon and the winners are as follows:

2024 Ford Maverick XLT AWD Supercrew - John Seili - Wasaga Beach

\$500 - Ralph Giffen - Springwater

\$300 - Malcolm Bressette - Waubaushene

\$200 - Barrett Reid - Barrie

Thank you to Bourgeois Motors for their support. Shown above is Lion Bob Coe, Lion Jim Elliott, Lion Ilene Elliott, winner Stacey Peck, winner Jim Seili, Lion Dan McGinnis and Lion Bill Scott.

All the proceeds get donated to community projects through the Elmvale & District Lions Club.



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### **Recreation and Special Events**

### **Tree Lighting Celebration**

Date: Tuesday, November 26, 2024

Time: 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Location: Perkinsfield Park, 43 County Road 6 South

### Registration is open for fall and winter programs!

Register online at www.tiny.ca/playportal, or contact the Recreation and Special Events Department at **recreation@tiny.ca** or 705-526-4204.

#### **March Break Camp Registration**

Resident registration opens Monday, November 18 at 12 p.m., general registration opens on Monday, December 2 at 12 p.m.

### **Coffee and Connect**

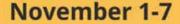
Registration is open for this fun and inclusive opportunity for older adults to learn more about technology. Sessions begin Tuesday, October 29!

### Youth Trip: Unplug and Play at The Rec Room

Registration includes both transportation and a meal. Date: Friday, November 15. Register online at www.tiny.ca/playportal.

### Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week

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### **Annual Winter Road Closures**

**Notice**: The hills located on Concessions 8, 15, and 17 West, Hall Road, and the majority of Stamp Sideroad will be closed for the winter months, as there is no winter maintenance on these sections of roads. Full details:

www.tiny.ca/News

### Sign up for E-Billing!

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

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

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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/Interim **Control** for more information.

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

For further information: Planning and **Development Department** 

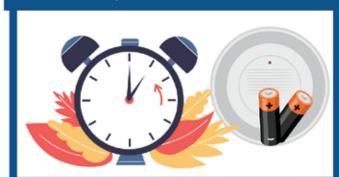
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### Fall Back One Hour

**Daylight Savings Time Ends** Sunday, November 3, 2024

This is also a good time to test your smoke alarms and replace batteries, if needed.













### **Cycle for Hope** organizers seek town support to gear up for larger event

Reporter, Source: Midland Today.ca, Oct 17, 2024

Following another record-breaking year from the Georgian Bay Cycle for Hope fundraising drive, its organizer pitched to Penetanguishene council a proposal that the one-day cycling event could become part of a larger community weekend-long festival, with the assistance of the town.

As the largest fundraiser for the Georgian Bay Cancer Support Centre in Penetanguishene, the mid-August event brought in over \$167,000 for the organization, with a record number of 272 participants according to executive director Eric Walter. "We didn't get a good count on the actual people, spectators and supporters," said Walter, "but we estimated that to be about 80 to 100 additional people on site there. And it was truly, truly just an incredible event." Walter made a presentation to Penetanguishene council recently, reporting on the success of the event as well as projecting its path of growth. His slideshow presentation noted the ride originated in 2012 as Cycle Camelot before its 2022 rebranding to Cycle for Hope, and had raised over \$700,000 for the facility since its inception. "Approximately 60 per cent of participants reside within 30 minutes driving distance of the start location, which means 40 per cent of those people are people that are coming from out of town to experience the event for the first time,"

Of that majority, "when they have that cancer diagnosis, they're staying in this area because they can afford to now because they no longer have to worry that treatment is hours away, because we'll support them through that. "They don't have to worry that resources aren't around."

A push to include Collingwood on the route was a major factor in the record-breaking success, said Walter, along with partnering with cyclingassociated businesses. "We really wanted to capture those people outside of this area and bring them in, and it's been working. It's just world class cycling and landscape, and we see that in the responses from people," Walters noted. He informed council that riders from as far as Michigan had made the trek to join in on the six different routes, ranging from hardcore cyclists to families walking to local restaurants for ice cream and back.

By praising the local attractions and giving an overview on the increasing success of the event, Walter reached the conclusion to his presentation, which asked Penetanguishene council to consider making Cycle for Hope into a weekend-long festival. "This year if you were at the ride you saw tents, music, businesses, activities, and lots and lots going on – and that's something we really want to expand on, to help increase participation awareness and just give people something really great; a great experience," said

"We're seeking support and resources to add to that community festival that will be built around this



By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative event, so that when we have our team of volunteers who are arranging live entertainment, lunch, vendors and all these things, we're able to work with the town," said Walker. "Bring somebody on to our team to help create an incredible event around what is already an incredible event, and hopefully engage more participants, more residents, and more visitors in what is becoming the premier cycling event in the

> No decision was made by council following the presentation as it was received as information only and possible consideration at a future committee of the whole meeting.

Mayor Doug Rawson said: "It's tremendous to see the uplift they have had over the last several years, so great job and thank you for the work you do in supporting the community."

Prior to Walter's presentation, an announcement from Coun. Suzanne Marchand was made to promote October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Marchand placed a pink pumpkin on the council shelf in front of her from the centre's other fundraiser, Paint the Town Pink, while announcing that she was not only a supporter but also a previous breast cancer survivor. "(As) someone who's celebrating nine years, this is something that's really near and dear to my heart," said Marchand who included an immediate family member that passed from the disease. "Take a moment, support the Cancer Support Centre, wear pink this month, and tell the people you love to get their breasts checked. "I'm really pleased to announce (from) the Ontario government (as of) October 8 that breast cancer screening can start at the age of 40. No referrals required. Early screening means early detection and higher survival rates."

The Cycle of Hope presentation and slides can be located on the agenda page of the Town of Penetanguishene website.

Meetings of Penetanguishene council are held on the second Wednesday of each month, and can be watched live on Rogers TV cable 53 when available, or on the Rogers TV website.

Archives of council meetings are located on the Town of Penetanguishene YouTube channel.



Georgian Bay Cancer Support Centre executive director Eric Walter (right) pitched the success of the Cycle for Hope fundraiser this year as a possible weekend-length festival to Penetanguishene council at a recent meeting.

Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter.



### **Health unit** recommends taking steps to protect yourself against seasonal respiratory illness

By SMDHU, Oct. 9, 2024

SÍMCOE MUSKOKA – As autumn brings cooler days and changing leaves, it also marks the start of respiratory illness season. With an expected rise in cases of common colds, COVID-19, seasonal influenza, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and other respiratory infections in our communities, the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) recommends taking precautions to protect yourself and others throughout the fall and winter.

Young children, the elderly and those with medical conditions are at increased risk of serious illness from these respiratory viruses. You can protect yourself and family members by taking simple, proven and effective steps to reduce the risk of becoming ill and to protect those closest to us. These steps include:

- Staying home when you are sick with any symptoms of respiratory illness and keeping children home from school or child care if they are ill.
- Avoid non-essential visits to friends and family in vulnerable settings like hospitals, longterm care or retirement homes if you are sick
- Getting vaccinated for influenza, COVID-19 and RSV (if eligible) as soon as it is available to you.
- Washing your hands often and regularly cleaning then disinfecting high-touch surfaces.
- Covering your mouth and nose when you
- Consider wearing a tight-fitting, medical mask in indoor public settings, especially if you are at higher risk of severe infection.
- If sick, wear a mask in all public settings until 10 days after your symptoms started (masks are not recommended for children younger than 2 years

Influenza and COVID-19 vaccines will be available to those who are at higher risk of severe infection in the coming weeks, with the vaccines becoming available to everyone starting Oct. 28. These two vaccines are available free of charge from participating local pharmacies and some health care providers.

The RSV vaccine is available through the province's Older Adult High-Risk RSV Vaccine Program for people aged 60 years of age and older, and meet one of the following descriptors: They are a resident in long-term care homes (LTCH), Elder Care Lodge, or retirement home.

To keep the public informed about local respiratory virus activity, the health unit has launched the Weekly Respiratory Virus Update — an interactive dashboard updated weekly. Starting from Sept. 1, 2024, the dashboard provides a summary of the most recent week's influenza, COVID-19, and RSV activity, offering an overview of circulating respiratory viruses in Simcoe Muskoka and, when available, in Ontario.

For more information, visit smdhu.org or contact Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520, weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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### Flu, COVID-19 and RSV vaccines are available now

### Submitted by SMDHU, Oct. 21, 2024

SIMCOE MUSKOKA – It's that time of year when contagious respiratory viruses, such as influenza (flu), COVID-19 and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) are on the rise. To protect yourself and those around you, the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) is reminding people to get vaccinated. Currently, COVID-19 and flu vaccines are available at participating local pharmacies and some primary care providers throughout the Simcoe Muskoka region for those who are most at risk of severe infection. Starting Monday, Oct. 28, the rest of the general public are recommended to also get vaccinated.

Publicly funded vaccines to protect against the flu and the updated KP.2 COVID-19 vaccine are recommended to everyone aged six months and older. They are available at participating local pharmacies and some primary care providers. Pharmacists can give flu vaccine to children aged two years and older, and COVID-19 vaccine to children aged six months and older. "Seasonal flu, COVID-19 and RSV are all very contagious respiratory infections that can result in serious illnesses, and we have three safe and effective vaccines to protect against them," says Dr. Colin Lee, SMDHU associate medical officer of health. "This year, Ontario is also offering protection for all infants against RSV, where previously this has only been available to premature and high-risk babies. RSV can be very serious for babies, with 3,850 requiring hospitalization in the 2022/23 season and 538 of those being admitted to the intensive care unit. RSV immunization reduces the risk of hospitalization by 80 percent. To be protected right away, you can receive multiple vaccines at the same time."

RSV immunization is available to all infants born in 2024. It is also available for those up to two years of age with certain health conditions. In order to provide best protection, hospitals will start to immunize all newborns shortly after delivery and before they are discharged home from now till around April. If you have a child born in 2024 but have not received RSV immunization because it is only now becoming available, please speak with your health care provider. RSV vaccine is also available to pregnant people at 32 to 36 weeks gestation under certain circumstances to protect the infant when they are born. Please speak with your health care provider if you have questions regarding eligibility.

Publicly funded RSV vaccine is also available through Ontario's high-risk older adult RSV vaccine program for eligible individuals aged 60 years and older, including people living in long-term care homes, Elder Care Lodges, or retirement homes, people with certain medical conditions through their health care provider.

The health unit has a limited number of appointments for children six months through to four years of age who can't access the COVID-19 and flu vaccines through a local pharmacy or their health care provider. Call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Getting immunized is one of several important steps in protecting your health this fall and winter. In addition to getting vaccinated, the health unit strongly recommends taking protective steps including staying home when you are sick with any symptoms of respiratory illness and keeping children home from school or child care if they are ill; cleaning hands and disinfecting high-touch surfaces frequently; and wearing a mask in indoor public settings, especially if you are at higher risk of severe infection.

If you are at higher risk of severe COVID 19 outcomes, and develop COVID-19 symptoms, you should seek testing for COVID 19 using home rapid antigen tests that are available at some pharmacies and health care providers or you can consult the provincial COVID-19 testing locations website. If you test positive, you may benefit from available antiviral treatments for COVID-19, which must be taken within the first five to seven days of symptom onset. It is best to speak to your health care provider in advance to discuss a COVID-19 testing and treatment plan before you get infected.

In addition to the protective measures mentioned above, the health unit also recommends that you stay aware of the respiratory viruses circulation in our communities by checking the health unit's Weekly Respiratory Virus Update which is updated every Wednesday.

For more information, visit our website or contact Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520, weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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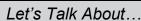
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### **M**IDHURST PHARMAC



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### NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

#### BY THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PENETANGUISHENE

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Penetanguishene passed Bylaw number 2024-45 on October 9, 2024, under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 to amend Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2022-17. The By-law pertains to all lands in the municipality with changes to a number of general provisions.

Applicant:	Town of Penetanguishene	Date of Decision:	October 9, 2024
File No.:	Z.A. 2/2024	Date of Notification:	October 24, 2024
Subject Lands	All Lands in the Town	Last Date of Appeal:	November 13, 2024

#### **DESCRIPTION OF ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT**

Council of the Town of Penetanguishene initiated a Zoning By-law Amendment to make minor changes to the Town's Zoning By-law 2022-17, as amended, that are considered housekeeping in nature. The housekeeping changes are intended to clarify the bylaw and make corrections. The following are the proposed changes:

- Definitions update for the terms Attached, Structure, and Temporary Tent.
- Changes to the provisions for Accessory Buildings or Structures related to their number, height, and setbacks from front yards and other buildings.
- · Changes to the provisions for Additional Dwelling Units in a Main Building, and in a Detached Accessory Building.
- Removal of a provision that requires Frontage to be only through a Plan of Subdivision.
- Changes to the regulations for Platforms and Porches and clarity on when they apply.
- Adding a Temporary Tent as a permission in all zones, excluding the Environmental Protection (EP)
- · Adding the permission for an Additional Dwelling Unit in a Single Detached Dwelling in the Residential Three (R3) Zone that was omitted.
- Correction of terms within the permitted yard encroachment section.
- Removal of duplicate regulations for accessible parking spaces.
- Updates to five (5) different exception zones for corrections and one (1) new exception zone.
- Corrections to eight (8) Holding Symbols.

#### WRITTEN AND ORAL SUBMISSIONS

There was one written comment received at the statutory public meeting on August 14, 2024, and agency comments were received and considered by Council through Staff Report PL-2024-47. There were minor changes made to the proposal as a result of comments.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

The last date for filing an appeal is November 13, 2024. The notice of appeal must be filed with the clerk of the municipality, must set out the reasons for the appeal, and must be accompanied by the fee required by the Tribunal.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information regarding this matter may be obtained by visiting the Town of Penetanguishene engagement website, www.connectpenetanguishene.ca/development. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Town of Penetanguishene Planning and Community Development department by email planning@penetanguishene.ca or by phone 705-549-7453.

Dated at the Town of Penetanguishene this 24th day of October, 2024

Kelly Cole Director of Legislative Services/Municipal Clerk Town of Penetanguishene 10 rue Robert St. West/Ouest P.O. /C.P. Box 5009 Penetanguishene, Ontario L9M 2G2

On September 26, 2024, the Midland District and technology needs for GBGH. Shrine Club presented the Georgian Bay General GBGH Foundation's Impact Fund, which more than \$25,000 in support of the hospital's addresses the highest priority capital equipment highest priority equipment and technology needs.

The Midland District Shrine Club has been Hospital (GBGH) Foundation with a gift of generously donating to the GBGH Foundation \$1,000. The funds will be used to support the for the past 20 years, collectively contributing



From left: Win Elliot & Neal Foot, Midland District Shrine Club; Robyn Blanchet, community giving officer, GBGH Foundation; and Grant McCabe, Vice-President, Midland District Shrine Club.

### **Fire Code Conviction** for illegal Rooming **House in** Midland

Submitted by Town of Midland

(October 9, 2024, Midland ON) On Thursday, October 3rd, 2024, the Justice of the Peace of the Orillia Provincial Offences Court, found the owner of an illegal rooming house in Midland guilty of contraventions of the Ontario Fire Code.

The owner, who resides outside of the Town of Midland, was found guilty and subsequently fined \$50,000 plus fees and victim surcharge, this conviction stems from a second offence of failure to comply with an inspection order for contraventions of Section 9.3 of the Ontario Fire Code. A follow up inspection of the property was conducted by Fire Prevention Officer, Captain Cale McLean April of this year. During that inspection it was determined that multiple retrofit requirements of Section 9.3 of the Ontario Fire Code continued to not be met.

The Midland Fire Department continues to work to reduce community risk through fire prevention and enforcement strategies. The Midland Fire Department is committed to ensuring that appropriate measures are being taken by property owners to achieve fire safety through compliance with the Ontario Fire Code and the Fire Protection and Prevention Act. The Midland Fire Department would also like to remind all property owners, commercial and residential, that violations of the Ontario Fire Code can pose significant risks and can result in very tragic consequences for the occupants of those buildings.



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### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO EXPROPRIATE LAND

IN THE MATTER OF an application by THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PENETANGUISHENE for approval to expropriate land which is described as Part of Lot 116, Concession 2, geographic Township of Tay, now in the Town of Penetanguishene being part of PIN 58446-0017(LT) for the purpose of the construction, maintenance and operation of public utilities and related appurtenances thereto.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application has been made for approval to expropriate the land described as follows:

Part of Lot 116, Concession 2, geographic Township of Tay, now in the Town of Penetanguishene being part of PIN 58446-0017(LT) which is more particularly identified as Parts 1, 2, and 3, Plan 51R-Draft Part 2 on the Draft Expropriations Act Expropriation Plan of Part of Lot 116, Concession 2, prepared by Dearden and Stanton Ltd., attached here to as Schedule "A".

Any owner of lands in respect of which notice is given who desires an inquiry into whether the taking of such land is fair, sound and reasonably necessary in the achievement of the objectives of the expropriating authority shall so notify the approving authority in writing,

a) in the case of a registered owner, served personally or by registered mail, within 30 days after the registered owner is served with the notice, or, when the registered owner is served by publication, within 30 days after the first publication of the notice:

b) in the case of an owner who is not a registered owner, within 30 days after the first publication of the notice.

The approving authority is:

THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PENETANGUISHENE

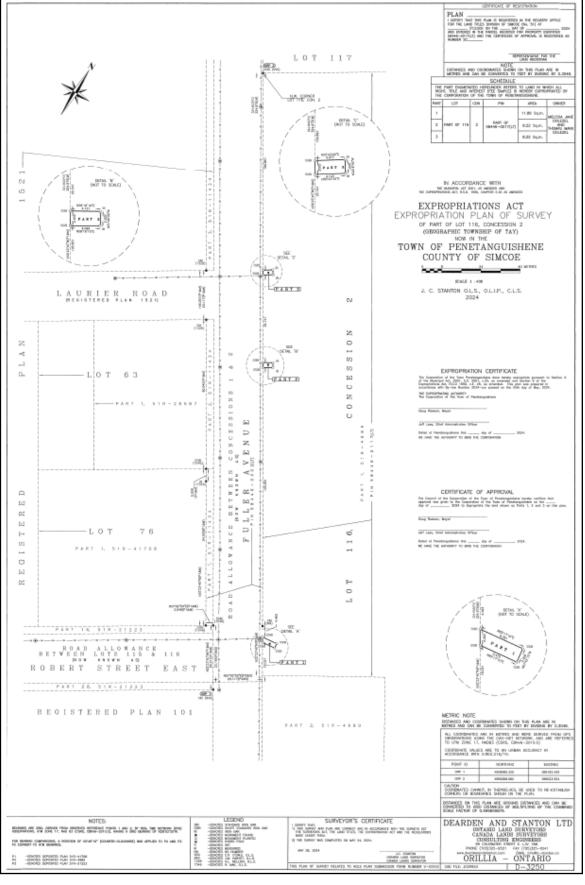
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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PENETANGUISHENE

MAYOR Doug Rawson

DEPUTY CLERK Kelly Cole

SCHEDULE "A" TO THE NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO EXPROPRIATE LAND
Part of Lot 116, Concession 2, geographic Township of Tay, now in the Town of
Penetanguishene being part of PIN 58446-0017(LT)



# County creating more safe spaces for unhoused individuals during the coldest months of the year Enacts alternate spaces strategy for 2024/25 winter sheltering

Midhurst/October 18, 2024 – With another winter season approaching, the County of Simcoe has enacted its alternate spaces strategy for winter 2024/25 within the shelter system across the region. This comprehensive system response increases shelter spaces during the coldest months of the year to encourage individuals who are living unhoused to seek safe and warm shelter indoors.

Effective October 15, 2024, the alternate spaces strategy allows shelters to expand the number of warm indoor spaces for those who are unable to secure a shelter bed or a space in a warming centre location when required throughout the winter months.

To reduce risks for individuals out in the elements, during the coldest nights, the County of Simcoe requests that shelter organizations activate additional alternate spaces to support individuals on site who wish to stay inside.

This is just one part of the County's 10-point homelessness prevention strategy, which provides significant investments and resources to help unhoused individuals across the region. The strategy makes affordable housing even more attainable by increasing supply, creating "deep rent subsidies", increasing eviction prevention services, and improving available shelter. It commits the County to find new opportunities, enhance community shelter services, and improve safety throughout the community.

It opens up opportunities during months when individuals living unhoused are most at risk to help protect their safety and security including through the alternate spaces activation strategy and warming centres

The County reminds residents that warming centres are open during the coldest months of the year for vulnerable populations. Warming centres form one more part of the regional system approach to homelessness prevention with support from community partners.

To maximize options for access to warm, indoor locations, all County of Simcoe Social and

Community Services offices, located in Alliston, Barrie (3rd floor), Collingwood, Orillia and Midland, are open from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. for individuals to come in from the cold.

In the coming week, the County will be announcing locations and details of warming centres in communities across the region. Those in need of shelter or warmth can always call 2-1-1 to connect with a nearby shelter or visit one of the warming centre locations.

About the County's 10-point homelessness prevention strategy

The County of Simcoe's 10-point Homelessness Prevention Strategy provides a strong, data-driven plan to help vulnerable residents and our communities. The strategy includes a considerable added investment toward the goal of preventing and ending chronic homelessness. For further details and ongoing updates to the homelessness prevention plan, visit simcoe.ca/HomelessnessSystem.



Elmvale Branch: 705 322-1482 Midhurst Branch: 705 737-5650 Minesing Branch: 705 722-6440 www.springwaterlibrary.on.ca

#### Fundraiser Silent Auction

The Friends of Springwater Public Library are having an online silent auction the first two weeks of November. To help with their fundraising efforts, drop off your donations of any new, slightly used items, gift cards or cash at any branch of Springwater Public Library and watch for details to bid for some great items online! Some of our auction items include hand made quilts, a three day/two night stay at a cottage on Georgian Bay and more! Thanks very much for your support.

### PA Day Stop Motion Workshop

We're excited to invite you to our upcoming stop motion animation workshop, where you will dive deep into the fascinating world of animation and in groups create your own stop motion short. This workshop is for ages 6 and up. Friday October 25, 1pm-3pm at Elmvale Branch and Midhurst Branch. Cost: \$2 per participant. Registration

required.

**Indigenous Earring Beading** Join Natalie, an Afro-Indigenous women who will guide adults in making block coloured fringe

earrings. Saturday November 1, 10:30am at Midhurst Branch. Cost: \$15. Registration required.

### Take and Make Crafts

Every month the library will have a new FREE craft kit for you to take home and make! Each

month be sure to stop by early as these kits are only available while supplies last. Thursday November 7: Hatching Dino kit.

#### **Best Intentions Book Club**

Join this fun monthly book club that is designed for moms that have the best of intentions to finish a book, but sometimes don't. This non-judgemental group is a fun way to meet other parents and talk about books (or at least the parts that we read). Please know that spoilers happen in this book club. November 12 at 6pm, Midhurst Branch. Registration required.

#### Winter Centrepiece

Make a gorgeous standing wreath to add to your décor or as a seasonal gift. Tuesday November 12, 2pm at Elmvale Branch. Cost \$10. Registration required. Tuesday November 26, 5:30pm at Midhurst Branch. Cost \$10. Registration required.

#### PA Day Program: Dinosaurs

In this program your child will learn about different types of dinosaurs and their fossils, they will hatch some dinosaurs, make their own dino fossil, create dino accessories and participate in other dinosaur related activities throughout the library. Friday November 15, 1pm-3pm at Elmvale and Midhurst Branches. Cost \$2. Registration required.

# Minesing Moments

By Lorrie Norwood

Oct. 21, 2024 - It's been some time since I submitted my Minesing Moments article, and for that I apologize. Life gets busy and I haven't had a whole lot to report. I always like to invite people to contribute to our Minesing Moments so if you have an event coming up or a Birthday wish you'd like to share with the community, please let me know at my new email address LorrNor71@gmail.com. I'd love to hear from you and share your news.

Thanksgiving weekend came and went with beautiful weather, and we've had several days follow up with same warm sunny days. I hope you were able to enjoy time with family or friends to celebrate.

The leaves are at their peak now and I'm sure they will be falling any time soon. This may be the week to get out and go for a hike or drive to enjoy the view and take in the beautiful colours that mother nature delivers. Remember to take a few moments before you start your raking to stretch a little bit because if you are anything like me, your shoulder muscles will be screaming if you

Halloween will be here in no time and the trick or treaters will be knocking at our doors. Remember to leave your house well lit for the children to know you are home. In my time here in Minesing, I have always enjoyed the well-mannered children who come to my door and I know this year won't be any different. If you do have to drive, please remember to go slow and watch out for children who are full of excitement and may not be following the rules of the road as much as they should.

Mark your calendars for Friday December 13th as the 5th Annual Christmas Tractor Parade as it is back again! The parade will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will make its way around the community. Please remember to bring items for the Elmvale Food Bank. It's always so warming to know that our community contributes to the foodbank in such a generous way and this year will be no different, I am sure. We look forward to what our local farms and neighbours have in store for decorations this year! More details will follow on the Minesing Facebook page and in future editions of this newspaper.

Until next time, maybe buy an extra box of Halloween candy because who doesn't love leftovers?

### Waverley **Brothers Never Came** Home W.W.I.



SGT. Fred Reynolds, (1st on Left), 4th Battalion fell at the battle of St. Julien, Belgium 1915



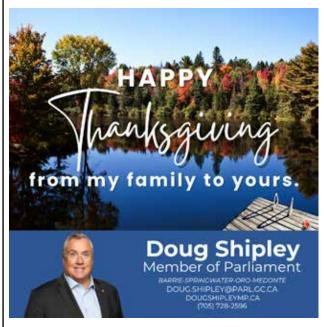
L. CPL. George Reynolds, (4th on left, holding pistol, he was machine gunner), 17th Battalion fell at Vimy Ridge, France 1917. Photos submitted by Dana Whetham, Great Newfew.

Curious about homesteading or preparedness, or just want to be more independent?

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I often receive correspondence from residents who are unsure of which level of government is best suited to assist them with their concerns. Accordingly, I have prepared a guide for residents to refer to if they are unsure of who to get in touch with.

As your federal representative, my office can assist with:

### **Doug Shipley, MP Notes**

- Passports
- Canada Revenue Agency inquiries,
- Employment Insurance,
- Canada Pension Plan and Canada Pension Plan Disability,
- OAS and the Guaranteed Income Supplement,
- Immigration Refugee Citizenship Canada inquiries, and other federal matters.

At the provincial level, your Member of Provincial Parliament can assist with:

- Birth Certificates, Death Certificates, and Marriage Certificates,
- Family Responsibility Office (FRO) Issues,
- Drivers Licensing, Health Cards, and Ontario Photo Cards,
- Healthcare and Trillium Drug Program,
- Highways,
- Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP), Ontario Works (Social Assistance),
- Workplace Safety & Insurance Board (WSIB), and other provincial matters.

At the municipal level, your local councillor can assist with:

- By-law Enforcement,
- Land Use Planning and Property Taxes,

- Local Public Transportation, Local Roads, and Snow Removal,
- Police and Fire Protection,
- Recreation,
- Waste Collection, Recycling, Water, and Sewer Services, and other municipal matters.

If you are having issues with any of these government programs or services, I encourage you to contact your representative at the appropriate level of government, who will be happy to assist you.

If you would like to reach me directly to share your concerns around policy, legislation, or government service the fastest way to connect with me is by sending an email to Doug.Shipley@parl.gc.ca

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

We look forward to hearing from you. Sincerely,

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

# Paint 'n Sip at Elmvale Palace



Paint 'n Sip at Elmvale Palace was a blast of fun! Next events are Painting on Welcome matts on October 23rd at 2 pm and on November 15th at 7 pm at the Palace Tavern, 13 Queen St W, Elmvale. Call 705-322-1741 to register.

RETROFIT PROGRAM | WAUBAUSHENE-BARRIE-MUSKOKA

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### **ANTEN MILLS**

It may be a little noisy in the village this weekend check out the Anten Mills Community Bulletin as the Halloween celebrations take place. On Friday night it is the second annual Witches Walk. Beginning at 6:45, the Witches will meet at the pavilion to start their journey. They will be travelling down Pineview to Ghibb to Luella to Peacher over to Lawrence and back to the community centre and pavilion. Back at the pavilion, Bombshell, a great band will entertain with a mixture of music until 10:30 when the evening wraps up. This is an adult event and admission is by cash donation. Food will also be available. If you live on the walk route get out and cheer the Witches on.

Then on Sunday from 11 until 1 it's the kids turn for fun. A variety of activities have been planned for them. This includes a photo booth, pumpkin carving, sensory activities, along with crafts and other fun. Pizza and other snacks will be available at loonie and toonie prices. Pre registration is required to ensure that there are sufficient goodie bags for the kids so Facebook page for details. Food bank donations are requested for this event.

Neither of these events could be possible without the great support of the community volunteers who organized and arranged them. A big thanks goes out to them as well as the people who donated to the

A second meeting was held to discuss how to celebrate our 150 years as a community in 2025. Great discussions took place and it has been decided that a one day Homecoming Reunion will take place on Saturday September 13, 2025. The events will start in the early afternoon and end with a fireworks display early in the evening. Live entertainment is hoped for along with numerous activities for the family. A historical display is one idea being planned along with stories from families who have lived in the community for many years. If you have been in the community centre you would have seen the

board where those who came for the last school reunion in 1968 all signed with the years they attended. Over 400 people attended that reunion. It is hoped that something similar can be done in 2025. A steering committee has been formed to help set out the details for the day. They will also be looking for financial assistance to hold the event so will be seeking grants, donations and sponsors. In the future they will need volunteers to help organize and look after various activities. Another component of the celebration is the logo design contest. It is still open for submissions and the details are available on the Facebook page. There will be a meeting on November 5 at 7:30 PM in the community centre to continue planning and everyone is welcome. If you require further information on any of the festivities the email contact is antenmills 150@gmail.com.

Starting tomorrow, October 25, we begin to remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice as the Legion Poppy Campaign begins. The wearing of a poppy is a simple gesture we can all do and the poppy campaign only asks that you make a donation for the poppy. Poppies will be available at many locations and the Legion appreciates your support.

On November 11 we gather at Remembrance Day events to remember those who served. In Springwater we can either attend in Elmvale or at Springwater Provincial Park. The cenotaph at Springwater Provincial Park is the only one in a provincial park. It was constructed some 90+ years ago in memory of the Vespra Boys. Twenty nine boys and men from the former Vespra Township fought in WW 1 and didn't come home and the cenotaph was constructed to remember them. In the next edition of this column there will be more about them. The ceremony at Springwater Park is held within the serine setting of the park. The ceremony includes the laying of wreaths and is an opportunity for families to remember a family member who served

and is no longer with us. If you would like more information about the service or how to obtain a wreath the contact information is

sweetgannon@gmail.com.

As of today, October 24 it's only two months until Christmas. That means there are only 44 days until we celebrate the annual Anten Mills Christmas in the Village with our Tree Lighting on Saturday, December 7 and the Santa Claus parade on December 8. Email reminders will be going out to those who participated in the past and already two groups have confirmed their participation. More details will follow in the coming weeks and should you need more information you can email antenmillschristmas@gmail.com.

When you look around at other communities, we are very fortunate to have a great group of people who step forward and create memories. Be at the rink in the winter when the volunteers flood the multipurpose pad, at Easter with the Fun Run and Easter Eggstravaganza, the Autumn Craft Fair or the Halloween and Witches Walk. These are all made possible by those who step forward. The Anten Mills Community Recreation Association is responsible for providing community events and your input is valuable. To assist with reviewing past events and what is planned for the future a general meeting is planned for Tuesday. November 12 in the community centre beginning at 7:30 PM. If you are interested in what goes on and how it's planned, then your attendance is welcome.

Last week one of the pillars of our community passed away. Doug Jones grew up just the next concession over on Rainbow Valley Road and in 1967 he built his family home on Horseshoe Valley Road. Doug was fortunate to continue to live here until several years ago. Doug passed away on October 15 in his 94th year. To his sons Doug Jr. and Glenn and their families the community offers our most sincere condolences. When the CRA held its 45th anniversary in 2016, Doug was an integral part as one of the students who attended the school, he helped uncover the reunion sign board and cut the anniversary cake with one of our community young children. He will always be remembered.

A reminder that there is a Halloween family event this Saturday at Matheson Creek Camp over on Gill Road on Saturday from 12 until 3. More details can be found on their website.

That's all for this week. Hope to see you at our upcoming events. Until then. THANKS for READING, BE WELL and STAY SAFE.





# Ontario Helping Kids Stay Active and Healthy

# Province investing in local after school programs for children and youth

By Office of Jill Dunlop, MPP Simcoe North, October 10, 2024

SIMCOE NORTH - MIDLAND —The Ontario government is investing \$30,000.00 through Ontario's After School Program to support the Boys and Girls Club of North Simcoe (BGC) in Midland to deliver active recreation programming.

This investment is part of \$14.6 million in funding that the province is providing to Ontario's After School Program for the 2024-25 school year.

This program is improving the health and well-being of children and youth and encouraging their development of leadership skills through safe and supervised sport and recreation activities. Participants are also provided with a healthy snack and additional programming, such as academic support and arts and cultural activities tailored to meet the needs of the local community.

"Our government is proud to support opportunities for children and youth throughout Ontario to lead active and healthy lifestyles," said Neil Lumsden, Minister of Sport. "This funding will expand access to vital resources and enable partner organizations to continue delivering high-quality, tailored active recreation programming that aligns with the needs of local communities."

As part of the government's \$24 million budget to support initiatives that help promote equity in sport and recreation, this funding will create opportunities for children and youth across the province to be more physically active and engaged, and to develop leadership skills.

"As the local MPP, I am thrilled to see provincial funding for Ontario's After School Program supporting the Boys and Girls Club of North Simcoe in delivering vital programming here in Midland, and that also support the outlying areas," said Jill Dunlop, MPP for Simcoe North. "This investment will provide our youth with safe, engaging activities that promote learning and healthy lifestyles after school hours. It is a meaningful step toward helping our children and families thrive in our community."

Families interested in Ontario's After School Program can contact an ASP delivery partner for more information about eligibility requirements and services that are offered by their program.

### QUICK FACTS

- Ontario's After School Program was launched in 2009 and is currently delivered by 111 organizations across Ontario including municipalities, First Nations and community-based, non-profits with a sport and recreation mandate, such as YMCAs and BGC Clubs.
- Ontario's After School Program supports supervised sport and recreational activities for more than 13,000 children and youth, from kindergarten to grade 12, in more than 80 communities across the province.
- Funding will support BGC North Simcoe Youth Development Programs offering a wide range of programs focused on personal development, education, and leadership, helping young people build confidence and life skills in a supportive environment
- Funding will have a Community Impact assisting the club to continue to provide a safe and inclusive space for children and teens in the region, providing activities that promote physical health, academic success, and social engagement, while fostering a sense of belonging in the community.

### Message from MPP Dunlop, Simcoe North

October 18, 2024 - As we observe both Remembrance Day and Indigenous Veterans Day this November, it is a time to reflect on the courage and sacrifice of those who have served and continue to serve our country. We pay tribute to the men and women who have fought for our freedom, and a time to remember those who fought and continue to serve in the name of freedom, democracy, and peace. We owe a debt of gratitude to our veterans, and it is our responsibility to ensure their stories and contributions are never forgotten. Whether by attending local ceremonies, wearing a poppy, or taking a moment of silence on November 8th or 11th, each gesture is an important way to honour those who have given so much.

Looking forward, Ontario continues to make important strides in strengthening our province. I am pleased to share that the province is expanding class sizes at the Ontario Police College, enabling more recruits to be trained to serve and protect our communities.

This expansion reflects our province's commitment to maintaining public safety and supporting our frontline heroes.

Additionally, Ontario and the federal government are investing up to \$4 million in the Labour Force Management Strategies Initiative for the agricultural sector. This initiative will help address workforce shortages by supporting recruitment, training, and retention efforts, ensuring that our agricultural industry remains strong and capable of meeting growing demands. With this support, we are helping to secure the future of this key industry and ensuring that Ontario's agricultural workers are well-equipped to meet the demands of today and tomorrow.

As we reflect on the past and look forward to the future, I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful fall season. Our region is particularly beautiful at this time of year, and I hope you have a chance to enjoy it with family and friends. Let us all take the time to appreciate the sacrifices of those who came before us, while continuing to build a strong, prosperous Ontario for future generations.



As we pause to reflect on Remembrance Day, and Indigenous Veterans Day, we honour the extraordinary bravery and sacrifice of our veterans and active service members. Their dedication has shaped the freedoms we enjoy today, and it is our duty to ensure their legacy is never forgotten.

### Providing Provincial Support in Simcoe North

- Anniversary, Birthday
   & Special Event Scrolls
- Birth, Death & Marriage Certificates
- Family Responsibility Office Issues (FRO)
- GAINS (tax credits for disabled persons and seniors)
- Health Care
- Health Cards/ OHIP Issues
- Natural Resources & the Environment
- Ontario Disability Support Program

- Ontario Student Assistance (OSAP)
- Petition Insight
- Provincial Government Programs
- Seniors Issues
- Small Business Issues
- Transportation
- Trillium Drug Program (OTDP)
- Workplace Safety
   & Insurance Board
   (WSIB)



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# **Governments Investing to Improve Ontario Farmland**

### Canada and Ontario funding 213 projects to enhance the resilience of agricultural lands

October 09, 2024

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness

STRAFFORDVILLE – The governments of Canada and Ontario have awarded over \$12.2 million in support to 213 projects designed to help farmers make their agricultural lands more healthy and resilient.

The funding, through the first intake of the Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program, is supporting the planting of grasslands and trees, reducing tillage, and creating water retention ponds. These improvements help farmers increase their resilience against extreme weather events and enhance the health of their soil and water, while boosting biodiversity on their properties.

"Our hardworking farmers face many challenges that are outside of their control, especially when it comes to extreme weather events and the impacts from climate change," said the Honourable Lawrence MacAulay, federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food. "Through the Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program, we can help them protect their land against these unpredictable challenges so they can continue to grow and succeed for generations to come."

"We want to support our world-class Ontario farmers with lasting on-farm improvements to help secure long-term growth and environmental resilience for a stronger agri-food sector," said Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness. "We strongly encourage our farmers to apply and take advantage of the Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program, as funding remains available and open for new applications. This is an exceptional opportunity that we want extended across Ontario's almost \$51 billion agricultural sector."

Funding amounts vary according to the type and scope of the project. As funding is still available through the second intake of the initiative which opened on June 3, 2024, farmers are encouraged to apply through the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association website. Eligible applicants could receive \$30 per acre for reduced tillage, and up to \$25,000 per acre for the

establishment of new wetlands on agricultural lands.

The Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership is a five-year (2023-2028), \$3.5-billion investment by federal, provincial, and territorial governments to strengthen competitiveness, innovation, and resiliency of Canada's agriculture, agri-food, and agri-based products sector. This includes \$1 billion in federal programs and activities and a \$2.5 billion commitment cost-shared 60 per cent federally and 40 per cent provincially/territorially for programs designed and delivered by the provinces and territories.

### Quick Facts

The Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program (RALP) is being delivered by the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) and is helping Ontario reach the goals outlined in the Grow Ontario Strategy, which includes strengthening the stability of the agri-food supply chain.

The second intake includes several continuous improvement updates to ensure the program continues to meet its intended purpose, including clarifying eligible activities and revising selected acreage-based rates and length of land use terms to better align funding incentives with intended outcomes.

Additional programming is being planned through RALP.

### Quotes

"Ontario famers know good stewardship and best management practices are the key to soil health and building long term sustainability on our farms. OSCIA is pleased to deliver the Resilient Agricultural Landscape funding program under the Ontario Agricultural Sustainability Initiative to Ontario farmers to complete projects including reduced tillage, creating water retention ponds and wetlands, and establishing natural grasslands that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help sequester carbon."

### - Phil Oegema

President - Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association

### The Swan Sings for \$10,000



Photo above (Left to Right): Linda Swan, Kevin Swan, Debbie McLean and foodbank staff Elmvale and District Food bank has received the benefits of many annual traditions. This week at the volunteer meeting, we were surprised with a presentation made by Kevin Swan. For 30 years Kevin has hosted the Swan Song golf tournament, inviting guests to donate to the cause. This year Kevin stopped by our volunteer meeting and presented us with a cheque for \$10,000. We are so thankful for this donation as it will help us to continue to purchase what we need for our shelves Thank you Kevin

### **Harbour West Marina Party Supports GBGH**

Submitted by GBGH, Oct. 8, 2024

On August 23, 2024, Harbour West Marina hosted their annual summer party, where Harbour West boaters enojoyed good food, good company, and participated in a raffle that supported the Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) Foundation.

"A long time friend, fellow boater, and volunteer with the Georgian Bay General Hospital Foundation brought it to my attention that many boaters also find themselves in need of the services provided by GBGH, but as visitors to this area, don't often think to support our hospital," shares Graeme Ariss, owner, Harbour West Marina. "I believe that the local marinas play an important role in raising awareness and appreciation for our hospital within the boating community and Harbour West is happy to do our part."

The event raised \$714 for GBGH, with funds to be designated towards the GBGH Foundation's Impact Fund which addresses the hospital's highest priority capital equipment and technology needs.



### Craighurst WI October Meeting

Craighurst Women's Institute met October 15. We opened the session with the Ode and Mary Stewart Collect. Secretary was absent so we did without minutes from September. Treasurer gave her report (we are in the black). Business was firstly consider a worthy project for which The Retired Teachers of Ontario will give us some funding. There were various ideas - pave the Penetang Road sidewalk ourselves, and/or print a brochure all about the Craighurst Women's Institute and our 95 year old history. Did you know, gentle readers, that we have been around that long? CWI started just as most of you lost your money in the great Stock market crash. We carried on our good works through "The Great Depression" where a lot of you became hobos and rode up and down the country on the train, stopping in Craighurst for a hot meal and a bed in a barn. We continued through World War II, writing the soldiers and giving up nylons. I could go on but the meeting calls.

Secondly in business was once again the deplorable, execrable, heinous state of our sidewalk. Georgian Communities installed several new bits around their new culvert. That section is a dream come true. But the rest is deplorable. A case in point - the sidewalk is so bad a wheelchair cannot be pushed along it. We have pictures, Oro-Medonte Township, in case any of you are reading this. Such a black mark in the face of an old and famous Township. This sidewalk is

older than the township, older than the W I. It dates from the glory days when we had scheduled passenger trains and a station. It dates from the turn of the last century. Members were shown the sidewalk pictures and cried "shame".

After a cuppa tea and calming music we had our program, an art lesson given by one talented member. We warmed up with crayons and paper, and then stepped up to canvas and acrylic paints. The lesson continued with technique, application, paint mixing, colour creation (how do you make brown?) perspective, proportion, (how do you mix brown?) realism vs impressions, when does hunting season start, bow or



black powder or slingshot, and HOW do you come up wth brown? After much creativity and toil we proudly displayed our artwork, declared victory and went home.







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### **Canadian Tire Midland Recommits \$50,000 Hospice Donation Over the Next Five Years**

Submitted by Hospice Huronia, Oct. 11, 2024

MIDLANĎ, OÑ - Canadian Tire Midland, led by Michael and Marie Ferris, is pleased to announce a renewed commitment to supporting Hospice Huronia-Tomkins House, a facility that offers compassionate end-of-life care to patients and families across North Simcoe. Over the next five years, Canadian Tire Midland will donate \$10,000 annually to the hospice, continuing its strong support of this vital community

During a recent visit to Tomkins House, Michael Ferris expressed his admiration for the exceptional care provided by the staff and volunteers. "It was truly an honour to visit Tomkins House, a facility that was once a dream for so many in our community. To witness firsthand the care, comfort, and compassion extended to patients and their families was an inspiring and moving experience," said Ferris. "The dedication of the entire team, from nurses to volunteers, ensures that patients spend their final days in a peaceful, supportive environment—free from worry and surrounded by dignity."

The Ferris family and Canadian Tire Midland have been long-standing supporters of Hospice Huronia. "We are proud to continue contributing to this remarkable organization, which provides much-needed care to our community. On behalf of Marie, myself, and the entire team at Canadian Tire Midland, we extend our sincere gratitude to everyone involved with Tomkins House. Your hard work and dedication make this facility a beacon of hope and compassion for families in their most challenging moments," Ferris added.

In addition to expressing ongoing support, Ferris also congratulated Hospice Huronia on their recent recognition by the Chamber of Commerce for being named one of the "Great Places to Work."

"Hospice Huronia-Tomkins House provides a range of services, including residential hospice care, grief support, and palliative services, ensuring families and patients receive the highest quality of care during difficult times. Mike, Marie and the Canadian Tire Midland Family will help sustain these essential services and further support the hospice's mission. We are so grateful!" Said Debbie Kesheshian, Executive Director.

For more information about Hospice Huronia and how you can contribute, please visit www.hospicehuronia.

#### **About Canadian Tire Midland:**

Canadian Tire Midland is a proud member of the North Simcoe community, dedicated to supporting local initiatives and organizations that contribute to the health and well-being of the region.

#### **About Hospice Huronia-Tomkins House:**

Hospice Huronia-Tomkins House provides compassionate palliative and end-of-life care and support services to families in the North Simcoe area, helping them navigate challenging moments with dignity and peace. Hospice Huronia's grief and bereavement programs have become known throughout the community.



Pictured: JoAnn Warren, Community Engagement Lead - Mike Ferris, Canadian Tire -Debbie Kesheshian, Executive Director

### **Fall Brings Grant Opportunities through** The Heart of Georgian Bay Community Forward Fund"

Submitted by Scott Warnock, HCF, Midland Ontario Oct. 15th 2024

What would our area be like without its charitable organizations? Their work is vitally important, and funding help is now available. This fall, through the generosity of the M Wayne and J Coleman Family Fund, deserving organizations are invited to apply for grants from the Huronia Community Foundation's "THE HEART OF GEORGIAN BAY COMMUNITY FORWARD FUND".

Launched in 2023, the fund disbursed a total of over \$91,000 in grants to 19 local charities. It represents the M Wayne and J Coleman family's commitment to the future of Huronia, funding organizations in seven main areas: Food Security, Arts and Culture, Education, Literacy and Trainina, Environmental Leadership, Healthy Living and Mental Health.

Details on the Heart of Georgian Bay Community Forward Fund and how to apply are now available www.huroniacommunityfoundation.com. Applications will be accepted until December 30th 2024, Grants will be awarded in February 2025.

Previous recipients of the Heart of Georgian Bay Community Forward Fund included Georgian Bay Food Network - School Snack Program; Waypoint Centre for Mental Health - POMPHY Program for Youth; CLH Foundation - Bridging the Gap 2.0; Askennonia Senior Centre - Senior Explorers Club; Severn Sound Environmental Association - Restore the Shore; and Scientists in School - North Simcoe STEM enrichment.

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## Bearbells



by Leslie Noonan

October 12/24

The fall colors are finally starting in earnest, helped along by those colder nights. The yellow, reds. oranges and almost pink colors. This to me is the perfect time of year to hike. The days are warm, the colors vibrant and there are no bugs! To really see those colors up close, here I am 25-50 feet off the ground, hugging a tree while I consider how to get back down to the ground!

Horseshoe valley offers many great outdoor activities, from golfing, to mini putt, hiking and tree top trekking. That's right, people pay money to climb ladders into the forest canopy and struggle to maneuver around obstacles, with hundreds of feet of air between them and the ground. Well, perhaps I exaggerate, but not by much. This was a late birthday gift for my daughter, and I promised to at least attempt the easiest course.

I already knew that I may not be able to do the course. With my knee injury I have difficulty bending my knee, except when it decides to give out and fold under me. It was with great trepidation that I watched the demonstration, which involves letting go of the rope, sitting in your harness, and pull yourself back up onto the rope. Geesh, not even sure I can do that, but heck, I will try. I did pass this orientation requirement, by hauling myself back onto the line using my arms. Let's hope I don't have to do that too often. As my family lined up to start up the first ladder, I thought I would mention that wolves let the oldest and weakest of the group go first, and the pack adjusts to this slower pace. Not in my pack, as the kids exchanged glances and proceeded to clamber up the ladder and disappear across a rope bridge, leaving this oldest of the pack to fend for herself. My husband did wait across each obstacle to ensure that I wasn't clinging to a branch in terror. I was especially slow as I was testing each step to not hurt my

For the most part the first course is easy, and I decided I was able to head to next course. Despite the rocking on logs and the swinging steps, I was slowly making my way around the course, with little pressure on my knee as I was using my upper body to hold me steady. That is, until I was met with a barrel that I was expected to crawl through. Now, when you can't bend your knee, it is hard to get on the ground. My technique is too basically fall on my ample butt and go from there. So



bark and metal cables. A few minutes to catch my breath after that unusual yoga moment, and it was a zip line through the forest to another tree trunk. Night was now descending, and it was time to turn on the headlights. Ah yes, not just tree top trekking, but nighttime tree trekking, just so you won't see the void beneath your

It must have been the darkness that convinced me that I could continue to the third course, a very bad idea. This course was higher and much more difficult, which I discovered only a short way in, as I held a plank in a death grip and tried to move around it, balancing on a thin cable. It only got worse as I flew down the zip line, hit the platform, fell back and zipped back down the line, sliding back and forth until I settled to a stop midway between the platforms. As I used my arms to pull myself along the cable, I vowed to get back to the gym to loss some pounds as there is nothing so

motivating as trying to pull your own weight. My son reached out and grabbed my hand to bring me to the platform, saving me from spending my night dangling in the air. By the time I finished this

course I was drenched in sweat, and my arms felt like limp noodles. A great time to spend with family and to face your own fears.

### Ontario Investing \$500,000 to Stop Spread of New Harmful Aquatic Invasive Species

The investment will be provided to the Invasive Species Centre to mobilize rapid response to stop the invasive species from spreading

Submitted by the Office of Doug Downey, MPP Ministry of Natural Kesources, Oct. 17, 2024

LEAMINGTON —The Ontario government is investing \$500,000 to manage and prevent the spread of two aquatic invasive plant species recently detected in Leamington and Lake Simcoe. Hydrilla was first detected in the Hillman Marsh Conservation Area located in Learnington, Ontario. Water soldier was also detected in Lake Simcoe waters for the first time. "Our government is acting quickly to prevent the spread of invasive species in Leamington," said Trevor Jones, MPP for Chatham-Kent—Leamington. "A quick response will prevent the spread of invasive species which degrades water quality and harms natural habitats."

The funding will be provided to the Invasive Species Centre to mobilize a rapid response plan against these two high-risk aquatic invasive plant species. "With the recent findings of hydrilla and water soldier in Ontario, it's more important than ever for us to take immediate action against these aggressive aquatic invasive plants," said Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources. "This funding will support the InvasiveSpecies Centre and local partners in quickly responding to these threats and

This funding is in addition to the ministry's \$16 million investment to help municipalities, conservation authorities and Indigenous communities stop invasive species from establishing or spreading in the province."This funding will help prevent the spread of this invasive species in Lake Simcoe and help protect the important ecology of our region," said Doug Downey, MPP for Barrie - Springwater - Oro-Medonte. "Ensuring invasive species are quickly and carefully dealt with will help keep Lake Simcoe safe and healthy for years to come.'

"This new investment from the Ministry of Natural Resources will enable the Invasive Species Centre and our partners to support rapid response against two of Ontario's most aggressive invasive aquatic plants," said Colin Cassin, Invasive Species Centre Policy Manager. "Quick action and collaboration among partners are key to protecting Ontario's lakes and rivers from the costly ecological and economic burdens these species present when left unchecked."

The Ministry of Natural Resources will continue to work closely with the Invasive Species Centre and

protecting our natural environment and biodiversity local partners to further assess the extent of these invasions and prevent, detect and respond to future threats. To support this work, Ontario is renewing the Ontario Invasive Species Strategic Plan to ensure we have the most robust plan possible in place.



### Jo Knows Nutrition by Joanne Nijhuis

# MEXICAN CORN CHOWDER THE ULTIMATE FALL SOUP THAT WILL DELIGHT!



As autumn settles in and the days grow cooler, nothing says cozy quite like a hearty bowl of soup. This savoury Mexican corn chowder is best prepared with local corn on the cob fresh from our farm fields. Why not double or triple the recipe and freeze for handy meals when life gets busy? Serve for lunch or dinner with your favourite fixings and crusty whole grain bread for dipping. Delish!

#### DID YOU KNOW?

A serving of corn kernels (1/2 cup or 125 ml) is a good source of gut-loving insoluble fibre, vitamin C, important B vitamins and minerals such as zinc, magnesium copper, manganese and iron. Chili powder, paprika and cumin are common spices added to soups and stews that are intensely flavourful and healthy for you. Rich in antioxidants, these spices may reduce inflammation and are good for your heart and immune system.

**INGREDIENTS** 

- 2 Tablespoons (30 ml) olive oil or vegetable oil of choice
- 1 cup (250 ml) red or white onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced or ½ teaspoon (2.5 ml) garlic powder
- 1-2 jalapeño peppers, seeded and diced or ½ ½ teaspoon (1.25-2.5 ml) red chili flakes, crushed, optional
- 3 cups (750 ml) white or yellow potatoes, diced
- 1 red pepper, chopped
- 4 cups (1000 ml) fresh or frozen corn kernels
- 14.4 fluid ounces (400 ml) coconut milk
- $\bullet$  3 ½ cups (875 900 ml) vegetable or chicken broth
- ¼- ½ cup (63-125 ml) fresh cilantro, chopped, optional
- 1 tablespoon (15 ml) fresh lime juice, optional
- ½ teaspoon (2.5 ml) chili powder
- ½ teaspoon (1.25 ml) cumin, optional
- ¼ teaspoon (1.25 ml) smoked paprika, optional

• To garnish, add sour cream (milk or plant based), Greek yogurt, cilantro, or sliced green onions.

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. In a large pot, add the oil and sauté over medium heat the onion, garlic, jalapeño peppers or red chili flakes, potatoes, red pepper, and corn kernels, until the potatoes have softened (6-8 minutes).
- 2. Stir in the coconut milk, broth, cilantro, lime juice, chili powder, cumin, and smoked paprika and simmer on low heat for 25-35 minutes.
- 3. Taste and correct seasoning with salt and pepper, if using.
- 4. For a smoother texture, cool the soup and blend half with an immersion or regular blender. Reheat on medium heat, stirring often.
- 5. Ladle the soup into bowls and garnish with sour cream, yogurt, cilantro or green onions.

**ENJOY** 

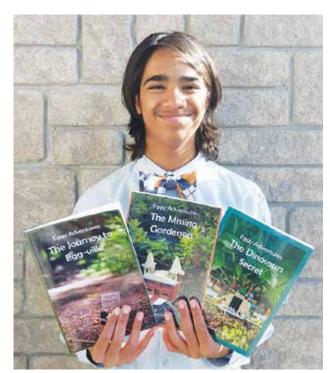
# 13-Year-Old Author to Exhibit at National LEGO® Fan Expo and Launch Fourth Book

Springwater (October 17, 2024) – In a remarkable display of creativity and talent, 13-year-old author and LEGO® enthusiast Elliot D'Souza is set to captivate audiences at Bricks in the Six Canada's largest LEGO® fan event, where he will celebrate the launch of his fourth book, Eggy Adventures: The Mystery in the Snow, and debut creative LEGO® builds which were used in his storytelling. The expo, which takes place from November 14-17 at the Hilton Meadowvale Mississauga, marks the culmination of an extraordinary two-year journey during which this young author has written and published four books.

Despite his age, Elliot has already made waves in both the literary and LEGO® communities with his innovative storytelling and detailed brick builds. His previous works which are all part of the Eggy Adventures series — The Journey to Egg-ville, The Missing Gardeners, and The Dinosaurs Secret — have garnered attention for their imaginative plots, inspired by his love for adventure and mystery. The book series is available in libraries and online book retailers, including Amazon.

At just 13 years old, Elliot D'Souza is already an accomplished author and LEGO® builder. Over the past two years, he has published four books, including The Journey to Egg-ville, The Missing Gardeners, The Dinosaurs Secret, and The Mystery in the Snow, which have captivated readers with their vivid storytelling and creative plots. A lifelong fan of LEGO®, he draws inspiration from his builds to create his stories, demonstrating a remarkable blend of literary and artistic talent. Living in Springwater, Ontario, and being a Barrie student, Elliot is actively involved in his community, leading and participating in public library events as well as providing motivational presentations at elementary schools.

For more information about Elliot D'Souza and the Eggy Adventures series, visit ww.eggyadventures. com. For more information about Bricks in the Six, visit www.bricksinthe6.ca









### **Elmvale Fall Fair is for Youth on Friday**









The EDHS houses proudly cheered for their house. Pirates are in black, Rowdies are in red, Trojans are in green and Blizzards are in blue.







Schools: Photos are Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Elementary School, Huronia Centennial District School and Hillsdale Public School. Other schools attending were Midhurst Public school

### **Baby Show Elmvale Fall Fair**



By Janes Lees, Oct. 17, 2024

Photo: Sweepstakes Winner of The Mary Bertram Memorial Baby Show for 2024. Front Row L-R: Alex Seili, Elmvale Fall Fair 2024 Sr. Ambassador, presenting to Sweepstake Winner, Clara Martyniuk, of Elmvale, and her Mother, Cristal Martyniuk. Back Row: Jane Lees, Chairperson of the Baby Show.

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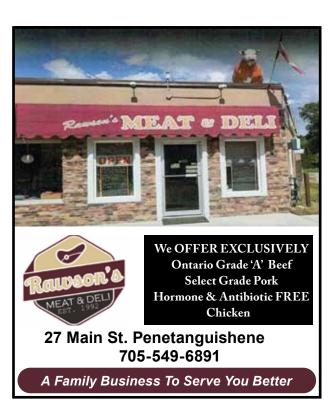
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## New ward could be added in Springwater as population balloons

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

Oct 10, 2024

Over the next 10 years, Springwater Township is going to experience phenomenal growth — most of it in and around the village of Midhurst, just north of Barrie.

The growth may be so great, in fact, that another ward could be added in Springwater to ensure population parity in all township wards, a goal of the current ward boundary review that is being done by Watson and Associates Economists.

According to Jack Ammendolia, managing partner at Watson and Associates, the concentration of growth in Midhurst makes it difficult to create a plan that maintains parity today and also well into the future.

"The important part is the concentration of growth," Ammendolia said Tuesday during one of the two ward boundary review public information sessions Springwater Township hosted at its administration centre. "Sometimes you work in a municipality that has four communities that are going to grow at an equal rate, so the parity can work for longer. In this case, the growth is concentrated in one spot," he added. "There's no system I can give you that's going to be OK in '24 and OK in '34." Ammendolia said his goal is to create a solution that reflects what's most important to the people who live in Springwater Township. "What we want to know from the public is 'what is acceptable?'" He laid out the choices: Play catch-up and fix the system for the 2026 election, monitor growth and do another ward boundary review in 10 years, or build a system in terms of what Springwater will look like in the future and grow into it. "The reality is, we look at the guiding principles, which are not all aligned with each other, and a lot of these things are in tension with each other," Ammendolia said. "When you start to fix one thing, something else falls a little more out of balance."

Tuesday's public information session featured three options Watson and Associates had developed.

Option one, Ammendolia explained, looks at the 2024 population only. "We know things are going to happen in the future but we're only going to look at 2024," he said. "When we look at it, it works for 2024 but it doesn't work for the future."

Option two, he said, still has a couple of issues, but should work for the 2026 election and probably the 2030 election, too.

By 2034, Ammendolia thinks the township will experience the same issues it's experiencing now.

"When you start to look at what does work for the future, option three really starts to focus more on the 2030, 2034 populations, but you lose a bit in 2034," he

Ammendolia said he and his team looked at the existing system and concluded some of it works from a community of interest perspective — because villages in each ward have connections and similarities — but from a population parity perspective, "it's really out of

Currently, Ward 4 stands out like a sore thumb.

While the other four wards have total populations between 3,890 and 4,750 people, Ward 4 has 7,660

According to Ammendolia, the system works best when all wards are within 25 per cent, plus or minus, of the ward average.

By 2034, if the ward boundaries are kept as is, Ward 4 will grow to almost 13,000 residents and Ward 5 will grow to about 11,500. The remaining wards will have populations between 4,500 and 5,500.

"As the municipality grows, everything falls out of balance," Ammendolia said.

In option one, after the ward boundaries are modified, the 2034 population variance between wards is negligible, with wards having between 3,440 and 5,510 residents each.

By 2034, Ward 5's population will be almost 18,000 almost three times the population of the next largest ward, Ward 1 which will have about 6,200 residents. The other three wards will have populations of between 4,650 and 5,690 residents.

In option two, after the boundaries are readjusted, the population variance between wards is almost nonexistent, as each ward has between 4,180 and 5,500 residents.

By 2034, Ward 3's population will be almost 12,000 residents, 33 per cent higher than the next most populated, Ward 5, which will have about 9,000 residents. The remaining wards will have between 5,500 and 7,000 residents.

In option three, after the boundaries are moved, Ward 3 will be home to 3,200 residents, well below the ward average of almost 5,000 residents.

By 2034, Ward 5's population will be almost 11,000, about 2,000 residents more than Ward 3 and more than 3,000 residents in each of the remaining wards.

Watson and Associates will draft final recommendations for council's consideration in December.

Residents who missed the public information sessions can still make their voices heard by clicking here to visit Springwater Township's ward boundary review page.



Jack Ammendolia, managing partner of Watson and Associates Economists, stands amid the poster boards that showcase the three options his firm has developed for Springwater Township's ward boundary review. Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter.

## PENETANG KINGS WIN ONE AND LOSE TWO

Submitted by Jamie Robillard

The Penetang Kings regular season continued over the past two weeks with them winning one and losing two games between October 4th and October 12th.

Playing at home before a large crowd on Friday October 4th the Kings dropped a narrow 5-4 decision to the Muskoka Bears in the Carruthers Division of the Provincial Junior Hockey League.

The Bears scored the winning goal with just 3:44 remaining in regulation time. Scoring for the Kings were Max Geere, Wyndam Brownlee, Cole Rumbolt and Carter Wilson. Kevin Pearson made 26 saves in the Kings net, while Connor Sampson of the Bears stopped 36 Kings shots. Wilson was named the Kings player of the game.

On Friday October 11th the Kings made the short trip to Midland to face the Flyers and came away with a 5-2 victory. Wilson led the way for the Kings offence with one goal and two helpers while playing a full 200-foot game and for his efforts he was again named the Kings player of the game. Tanner Thayer scored 2 goals and added one assist, Rumbolt and

Camron Hutchinson with one goal each rounded out the Kings scoring. Landon Simec in the Kings net turned aside 20 shots while the Kings fired 51 shots at the Flyers goalkeeper Jack Pinder.

The Kings then travelled to Orillia on Saturday October 12th to meet the Terriers and again lost a close one goal decision this time by a 4-3 margin. Scoring for Penetang were Brownlee, Thayer and Rumbolt. Simec was named the Kings player of the game stopping 42 Terrier shots in the Penetang goal. Penetang managed 37 shots on Terrier goaltender Aidan Jerry.

Penetang slips to fifth place in the eight team league standings after nine games.

The Kings will play two home games, first on Friday October 25th at 8:00 pm at the Penetanguishene Memorial Community Centre when they face off against the Innisfil Spartans followed by a game on Saturday October 26th at home against the Alliston Hornets also at 8:00 pm. The next Kings Road game will be in Innisfil on Thursday October 31.

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Thayer and Fuller take on a Bear



October 4 vs. Muskoka, October 11 @ Midland Player of the Game - Carter Wilson



October 12 @ Orillia

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# The Tragedy of Mike Sweet

the Pee Wees in the town of Penetanguishene. As Mike matured he became a police officer with the Toronto Metro Police.

Constable Sweet and his partner, Ronald Crossley, were patrolling in their cruiser on the night of March 14, 1980 when they received a report of a robbery in progress. Officers were already at George's Bourbon Street restaurant on Queen Street when they arrived. Deep in the interior of the restaurant Sweet was shot. He didn't lose consciousness and pleaded with the assailants for his life.

Two brothers James and Craig Munro showed no mercy in giving up their hostage. Not certain of the situation inside the restaurant, heavily armed police set up a command post outside. An hour and a half later at 0330 hours they stormed the

Sweet was just a kid playing minor hockey with restaurant and rescued Sweet. The loss of blood had been too much. He died on the operating table at 0610 hours.

> James and Craig Munro received gunshot wounds during the police entry. Both recovered. On February 7, 1981, Craig Munro who actually shot Constable Sweet was found guilty of first degree murder without eligibility for parole for 25 years and his brother James was convicted of second degree murder without eligibility for parole for 12 years.

> Munro told a parole hearing he was drunk and high, not thinking straight. He also claimed that he didn't know the extent of Sweet's wounds.

> Mike William Sweet left behind a spouse and three young daughters.

L. Waxy Gregoire



Mike





### Annie's **Journal**

**Written by Annie Warner Donnelly** 

Oct. 21, 2024 - Hello everyone. As a key Biblical theme, stewardship penetrates all aspects of our lives. In "Stewardship Leaders, A Guide for the Local Church", Charles E. Bradford points out that stewardship links central Biblical themes. He writes

"It (stewardship) is an essential element of faith ... It embraces and connects many of the great doctrines of the church and becomes an organizing principle of understanding Scripture. The doctrine of Creation, the doctrine of humanity, redemption, and restoration; the doctrine of the Sabbath; and the doctrine of the church are inextricably bound up with the idea of stewardship. Stewardship also becomes the root of mission, the basis of sharing the gospel with the world."

Stewardship lies at the core of the great commandment: "Loving God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength, and our neighbour as ourself." Stewardship is lived out through the use of our time; our Spiritual gifts and the natural abilities God has given to us; and our material possessions, but that's not all. The care we take of our bodies; our minds; our mental and emotional health determines our ability to understand what it means to love our neighbour as ourself, and have the health and strength to be able to do it.

In a world filling itself with violence, non-violent communication is becoming rare indeed. The great commandment calls upon us to love our neighbour as ourself. Our words and actions towards others demonstrate how little, or how much, we care for ourselves.

"Non-Violent Communication is a language of life - of empathy, collaboration, authenticity and freedom" wrote Marshall B. Rosenberg, PhD, in his 2015 book with those words on the cover. "If violent means acting in ways that result in hurt or harm, then much of how we communicate could indeed be called violent communication."

Question: Do our words and actions bring the violence we see in the world into the lives of those who are trusting us to love them and never do them

Does our answer surprise us?

May God help us through these disquieting times. I ask this for us all. Amen.

### Community News from **Wyevale**

Submitted by: Karen Moreau, Oct. 20th, 2024 Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving Weekend. The weather sure has been favorable, and the moon has been glories and for those of who were able to take in the North Lights were very blessed.

Youth Group: Youth group will meet Friday November 8th and November 22nd from 7-9. Students from Grade 2 -8 are welcome. A donation of a twoonie to cover snack costs would be welcomed. Contact Pat 705-543-9043 for more information.

Bible Study: Every Wednesday at 2pm in the church basement. We will be studying the book of Proverbs. Thank you to all the donations, volunteers and challenging work that goes into preparing, cooking, serving and cleaning up of the Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner. It is a community dinner and social that is appreciated by many.

Saturday, November 2nd Christmas Market 9 to 3 pm: Vendors and Bake table. Take away Fresh Shepherds pie dinner \$12.00. Also, frozen turkey pot pies; single \$6.00 and Family \$12.00. See our website for more information or to book a vendor table, contact Pat 705-543-9043 for more information.

Lots of Christmas Craft Sales starting to take place in the next couple of months so enjoy as many as you

Please if you have any news you would like to have printed, please contact me @ moreau1949@rogers.

Next report is due on November 4th, 2024.

### **OPP REPORT** Submitted by OPP

#### **OPP Investigators Seeking Assistance with Theft** a cash reward of up to \$2,000.00. Investigation at Midland Motel

Investigators from the (MIDLAND,ON)-Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment are seeking assistance from the public after the OPP Communication Centre received a complaint of a theft of motel property that occurred on October 19, 2024, at approximately 1:43 a.m.

A staff member was distracted when an unknown individual removed a large set of keys belonging to the Quality Inn on King Street, Midland. Investigators are being assisted video surveillance at the inn and the community is asked to have a look at the attached photographs (3) to see if the suspect can be identified and hopefully lead to the return of the stolen property.



Theft Vehicle Leads to Numerous Investigations By Huronia West and Georgian Southern Bay OPP Detachments (MIDLAND,ON)

The theft of an vehicle unlocked from a Fuller Avenue, Penetanguishene

business was the start of a series of criminal investigations by officers from Huronia West and

Southern Georgian Bay Detachments of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) between October 11- 13, 2024.

A Honda Odyssey was removed by an unknown person at approximately 5:37 p.m. from the parking lot of a Penetanguishene address October 11, 2024 which was investigated by members of the Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment. Further investigation of the parking lot surveillance footage identified the suspect.

Later on October 11, 2024 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. an unlocked Sierra pick up truck was stolen from a residence in Clearview Township and later on October 11, 2024 was involved in a fail to remain two vehicle crash on Simcoe County 91 in Clearview Township.

On October 12, 2024 at approximately 11:13 a.m. the suspect returned to the Fuller Avenue, Penetanguishene in the stolen Sierra pick up and upon being identified, fled the scene diving in a dangerous manner through the parking lot and onto Fuller Avenue, Penetanguishene.

The accused Christopher James TRICCO 33 years of no fixed address was later arrested at a residence in Wasaga Beach and held for bail and will be appearing at a future date before the Ontario Court of Justice on the following criminal charges.

- Theft of Motor Vehicle
- Possession Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000 - in Canada (two counts)
- Fail to Comply with Probation Order (two counts)
- Operation While Prohibited under the Criminal Code
- Dangerous operation
- Flight from peace officer
- Operation While Prohibited under the Criminal
- Mischief Under \$ 5,000
- Resist Peace Officer

Anyone having knowledge of drug or property related investigations is asked to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122, opp.southern.georgian.bay@opp. ca or by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). You can submit your information online https://www.crimestopperssdm.com/ Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to call display and you will remain anonymous. Being anonymous, you will not testify in court and your information may lead to

### POLICE SEEK PUBLIC'S ASSISTANCE WITH MISSING PERSON

(M'CHIGEENG, ON) - The United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin Anishnaabe Police (UCCM Police) and the Manitoulin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are seeking the public's assistance in locating Juanita MIGWANS.

On October 7, 2024, UCCM Police received a report of a missing person identified as 30-year-old Juanita MIGWANS of M'Chigeeng, who was last seen walking on Highway 551 and Oakhill Drive in M'Chigeeng, on October 2, 2024, at approximately 10:30 a.m. She was wearing a light-coloured jacket and dark-coloured pants.

Juanita MIGWANS is described as an Indigenous female, with a slim build, approximately 5'6" (168 cm) and 110 pounds (50 kgs) with brown hair and brown eyes.

The investigation is being conducted by the Manitoulin OPP Crime Unit in conjunction with the UCCM Police and under the direction of the OPP Criminal Investigation Branch.

#### OPP Make Arrests in Midland Retail Shoplifting Investigations

(MIDLAND,ON) - A number of shoplifting complaints were fielded by the OPP Communication Centre recently as retail store security observed and apprehended three persons in separate incidents in Midland.

Officers from the Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment responded at approximately 8:56 p.m. October 16, 2024 to the Penetanguishene Foodland and after a brief investigation into the theft of store merchandise arrested Trevor Wade KING 33 years of Christian Island.

The accused was charged criminally with the following offence

- Possession Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5,000 - in Canada
- Theft Under \$5000- SHOPLIFTING

Earlier on October 16, 2024 at 2:36 p.m., officers attended the Midland No Frills store and and after a brief investigation into the theft of store merchandise arrested Tyler COPEGOG 22 years of no fixed address Midland.

The accused was charged criminally with the following offence

Theft Under \$5000- SHOPLIFTING

On October 15, 2024 at approximately 1:44 p.m. officers attended the Midland LCBO store and after a brief investigation into the theft of store merchandise arrested Sarah WHITEHEAD 24 years of Barrie.

The accused was charged criminally with the following offence.

- Possession Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5,000 - in Canada
- Theft Under \$5000- SHOPLIFTING

The accused persons were all released to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice on November 28, 2024.

### OPP and CAFC Urge Businesses to Verify Who Your Dealing With While Conducting Online

(MIDLAND,ON)- Officers urge businesses to verify who you're dealing with before conducting remote or online sales especially with the change of seasons prompting increased inventory of winter retail/wholesale products.

Detachment members have investigated numerous incidents of area businesses, including automotive and recreational vehicle dealerships, who have fallen victim to a Card-Not-Present (CNP) Fraud at this time of year.

The M/O - Need to Know!

The fraudsters contact a business to place an order for a product by way of phone, email or website, with plans to make the payment using a stolen payment card and counterfeit driver's licences.

The business, believing it to be a legitimate purchase, requests a driver's licence, then processes the payment on stolen payment card(s). The business provides the product(s) through a shipping company or to an individual picking up the product using a rented van or trailer (also rented with a stolen payment card).

Eventually the real cardholder identifies and disputes the unauthorized charge. As a result, the business receives a chargeback and is responsible for paying back the amount charged on the stolen card.

Tips to protect your business:

- · Watch for orders made using different names, addresses and card numbers but are from a single IP (Internet Protocol) address;
- Prior to shipping merchandise, take steps to verify the information provided by the customer (telephone number, email address, shipping address etc.);
- Be sensitive to priority shipments for fraud-prone merchandise, which may indicate a fraudulent transaction;
- Be aware of orders that occur with a request for urgent shipment, especially if the shipping address does not match the billing address on the credit card provided;
- Be aware of orders from repeat customers that differ from regular spending patterns; and
- ·Contact your processor and ensure security measures are established to prevent victimization and reduce unwanted chargebacks.

Businesses who accept CNP orders can better avoid fraud by using the automated verification tools supported by their acquirer and the payment

### Intoxicated Person Investigation Leads to a Slew of Charges for Midland Resident

(MIDLAND,ON) - A number of calls to the OPP Communication Centre by community members reporting an intoxicated person causing problems during an ongoing Yonge Street, Midland church service has resulted in an arrest and a slew of charges for a Midland resident.

Officers from the Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment responded at approximately 9:52 a.m. October 13, 2024 and located the individual and made an arrest under the Liquor Licence and Control Act. An investigation by the officers lead to offences relating to a minor theft from a nearby convenience store and further to probation offences in three other service areas and wanted for further investigation by another Southern Ontario Police Service.

The accused was being transported by the investigating officers to the Niagara Falls area when the OPP in car camera system was damaged.

The accused Lloyd THRASHER, 32 years of no fixed address, Midland has been charged criminally with the following offences.

- Obstruct Peace Officer
- Theft Under \$5000- SHOPLIFTING
- Fail to Comply with Probation Order (three
- Mischief destroys or damages property And Further
- Being intoxicated in public place contrary to the Liquor Licence and Control Act
- Having liquor in open container in unauthorized place contrary to the Liquor Licence and Control Act
- Abandoning material that is likely to become litter contrary to the (Environmental Protection Act) The accused was released to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice on November 28, 2024...

Anyone having knowledge of drug or property related investigations is asked to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122, opp.southern.georgian.bay@opp. ca or by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). You can submit your information online at https://www.crimestopperssdm.com/



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### HIRING



### Special Events and Volunteer Coordinator

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As the most northerly township in the County of Simcoe, the Township of Tiny offers 70km of coastline along beautiful Georgian Bay. The municipality's approximate population of 13,000 residents at least doubles in the summer as the region is a popular destination for both tourism and cottagers due to its beautiful waterfront areas and small-town appeal.

The Township of Tiny is currently seeking a qualified candidate for the position of Special Events and Volunteer Coordinator.

Reporting to the Director of Recreation and Special Events, the Special Events and Volunteer Coordinator is responsible for planning, organizing, and executing corporate and major departmental special events and community projects and programs to foster an engaged community that celebrates local culture and traditions. This position involves overseeing the volunteer program, budgeting, and leveraging community partnerships to create initiatives that service the diverse needs and enhance the life, health, and well-being of the community.

Visit www.tiny.ca for a detailed job description.

#### **How to Apply**

Qualified applicants are encouraged to submit a resume and cover letter to:

Human Resources
Township of Tiny
130 Balm Beach Road West
Tiny, Ontario L0L 2J0
Fax: (705) 526-2372
Email: humanresources@tiny.ca

Resumes will be accepted until 12pm on November 1, 2024. We thank all applicants who apply for this position but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

### **Accessible Accommodations**

The Corporation of the Township of Tiny is committed to an inclusive and barrier-free recruitment and selection process. Please inform us should an accommodation be required at any point in the recruitment process. Information received relating to accommodation needs of applicants will be addressed confidentially.

### Disclaimer

Personal information collected will only be used for candidate selection, in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act R.S.O., 1990, c.M.56.

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### **Community Events - Ongoing**

#### **MONDAY**

Elmvale Seniors Drop In Monday Oct. 28, 2024

10 am - 12 noon

Elmvale Library. Call Lynn for info, 705.322.3309

**Bid Euchre** Elmvale Community Hall 1 pm - 4 pm Every Monday.

Call Anne for details 705-322-1232

**Bay Shore Seniors Club Indoor Pickleball** 1:00 - 2:30 pm 2000 Tiny Beaches Road S., Woodland Beach

Georgian Shores Seniors Club Billiards/Pool, 9:00 - 11 am Seniors in Motion Fitness, 10:00 – 11:00 am **Hustle and Muscle, 11:30 – 12:30 pm Bid Euchre,** 1 – 3:30 pm The Place, 300 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny Call Vickie for fees 705 526 5074 or gssseniors2016@ rogers.com

#### **TUESDAY**

Elmvale Legion Tuesdays at 1 pm Table Shuffleboard, Cost \$1

Palace Tavern Elmvale BINGO Every Tuesday night Midland Rotary proceeds 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm Barrie Rotary proceeds 8 pm to 9:30 pm

<u>Bay Shore Seniors Club</u> Billiards/Pool 10:00 – 12:00 p.m. Gentle Chair Yoga 10:30 am - 11:30 am **Indoor Pickleball** 1:00 - 2:30 pm/ 2:30 - 4:00 pm **Bid-Euchre** – 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. 2000 Tiny Beaches Road S., Woodland Beach Call 705-361-1331 or info@bayshoreseniors.ca

Georgian Shores Seniors Club Billiards/Pool, 9:00 - 11 am Shuffleboard 9:30 am

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

Springwater Senior's Golf League 2024 May 7- Sept. 24 - Tues. 8:00 a.m. tee off Springwater Golf Course 1481 Golf Course Road, Minesing, Mixed seniors' league - scramble format Contact intalatour@hotmail.com to join

### WEDNESDAY

E.D.G.E. Elmvale District Garden Enthusiasts Meetings held 4th Wed. of each month from March to Nov. at 7:00 pm

Elmvale Legion, 7 John Street Elmvale Guests always welcome, no charge bring a friend.

**Bay Shore Seniors Club LifeStyles** - 9:00 - 10:30 am **Bridge** – 12:30 – 4:00 p.m. **Access Art** - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m Indoor Pickleball - 4:30 - 6:00 pm 2000 Tiny Beaches Road S., Woodland Beach Call 705-361-1331 or info@bayshoreseniors.ca

Georgian Shores Seniors Club **Chair/Floor Yoga**, 9:30 – 10:30 am **Zumba Gold**, 11:30 – 12:30 pm **Games Afternoon**, 12:30 - 3:30 pm **2nd Camera Club**, 2:00 - 3:30 pm The Place, 300 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny Call 705 526 5074 or gssseniors2016@rogers.com

### **THURSDAY**

Probus Club of Simcoe North Meetings monthly 2nd Thurs. 10 a.m.

For women & men in retirement or semi-retirement. Penetang Legion, 2 Poyntz St. For more information klarkins@csolve.net or call Joyce (705)526-3424

**Bay Shore Seniors' Club** Indoor Pickleball 12 - 1:30 pm **Book Club** (4th Thurs) 1:00 - 3:00 pm Darts 2:00 - 4:00 pm 2000 Tiny Beaches Road S., Woodland Beach Call 705-361-1331 or info@bayshoreseniors.ca

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

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

Let's Do Lunch \$5: Elmvale Presbyterian Church

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

Coffee Party Last Thursday of the month 9:30 - 11a.m. Elmvale Presbyterian Church

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

Midland

#### **FRIDAY**

Bay Shore Seniors' Club

All Welcome, Cost: \$3

VON Smart Exercise (FREE) 9:30 - 10:30 am **Woodcarving** 10:00 - 3:00 pm

**Billiards/Pool** 10:00 - 12:00 pm

**Indoor Pickleball** 10:30 - 12:00 pm/ 3:30 - 5:00 pm **Shuffleboard** 1:00 - 3:00 pm

2000 Tiny Beaches Road S., Woodland Beach Call 705-361-1331 or info@bayshoreseniors.ca

Georgian Shores Seniors Club Billiards/Pool, 9:00 – 11 am Table Tennis, 9:30-11:30 am 1st and 3rd Bingo & Lunch: 12 noon - 3:30 pm **TGIF social,** 4:00 – 6:00 pm The Place, 300 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny Call 705 526 5074 or gssseniors2016@rogers.com

### **SATURDAY**

Elmvale Legion Saturday at 5 pm

Meat Darts- \$ 10.00 for 3 games 3 prizes per game and a meat draw prize after \$1.00 a ticket (\$25.00 value)

### **SUNDAY**

Bay Shore Seniors' Club Indoor Pickleball 2:00 - 3:30 pm

2000 Tiny Beaches Road S., Woodland Beach Call 705-361-1331 or info@bayshoreseniors.ca

Good Vibes First Sunday 2-5 from 2 to 5 p.m.

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

### MONDAY to FRIDAY

S.M.A.R.T Exercise Program with V.O.N.

Mon 9:30-10:30am

1724 Mosley St - Hall 1A Recplex gym Wed & Fri 1:00 - 2:00 pm 44 River Road West Re/Max Room (Stars Arena)

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Mon. 9am @ Springwater Room (arena) Wed. 9am @ Elmvale Community Hall Fri. 11am @ Elmvale Community hall Also available - pole walking at Heritage Park on Wednesdays 9:15am

Times and locations all subject to change. Bring good support (running) shoes and water Call 705-355-2200 to register or walk ins

Midland Bridge Club 427 William St, Midland

Mon. 12:45pm: Duplicate Bridge, Tues 6:45pm: Social Bridge, Wed., 12:45pm Duplicate Bridge, **Thur. 12:45pm** Duplicate Bridge, **Fri. 12pm:** Bid Euchre. Contact Vern 705-730-9998. Possible lesson if desired. midlandbridge@gmail.com

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

Askennonia Seniors Centre

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

Mondays

9 Table Tennis

9 Yoga

9:15 Fun Fit Circuit

10:30 Coffee Break

10:35 Intro to Line Dancing- Baby Steps

11 Walking Club

Tuesdays

1 Badminton

1:30 Circle of Friends

Wednesdays

9 Table Tennis

9 Step Class 9:30 Chair Yoga

10 Cribbage

10 Men's Shed

11 Walking Club

1 Creative Crafting

Fridays

9 Knit'n Needles

9 Drumming Alive

9 Pickleball

9 Chair Yoga

9:30 Badminton

10 Game Club

10:15 Tabata

1 Card Making

### **Special Events - One Time**

Creative Visions Art Show and Sale Saturday, October 26 from 10 -4

Rec Plex ,1724 Moseley Street ,Wasaga Beach Free Admission

MCC Presents: The Legendary Downchild Blues Band FAREWELL TOUR With Special Guest Jeff Rogers

October 26th at 7:30pm

A Farewell Tour celebrating 55 years of Downchild Blues Band. "There would be no Blues Brothers if it weren't for Downchild" - Dan Aykroyd

FREE Matheson Creek Camp Open House **Sat. Oct. 26, 2024 12 - 3 pm** (Rain date Oct 27) Dress up for Trick or Treat on the Trails, wagon rides, Scavenger Hunt and bon fire with marshmellows

Take Out Roast Beef Dinner Sat. Oct. 26, 2024 (pre-order), 4:00-6:00 PM Midhurst United Church 91 Doran Road,

Cost: \$35.00 Contact: Liz at 705-722-7208 Celebrate Halloween Trunk or Treat Event

St. John's Church, Elmvale Silent Auction for Springwater Library Nov. 1 to 14, 2024

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### **OBITUARIES**



#### JONES, Douglas John August 4, 1931 – October 15, 2024

Doug Jones, a long-time resident of Anten Mills, passed away Tuesday, October 15 at Mill Creek Long Term Care Centre in his 94th year.

Predeceased by his wife of 63 years Pauline (Johnston), parents Leonard Jones and Muriel Braithwaite, brothers Joe Jones (Marg) and David Jones (Noreen).

Beloved father of Doug Jones (Sue) of Barrie and Glenn Jones (Barb) of Holland Landing. Grandfather of Bobby Jones (Steph) of Barrie and Alana Jones (Paul) and Lauren Jones of Hamilton. Great Papa to Jackson and gray Jones.

Doug was born in Toronto in 1931, in the height of the Great Depression but the family moved back to their roots when he was a young boy. They lived on Flos Concession 2 (now Rainbow Valley Road) where he contributed on the family farm during the struggles of the Second World War and the years after.

He met and married Pauline Johnston of Phelpston in 1957.

After his father became ill, and subsequently died, he and Pauline took over the family farm. While farming Doug worked at Mansfield Rubber/M.D.G./General Tire and was one of the longest tenured employees, staying over 30 years.

In 1967 they sold the farm and built a house in the village of Anten Mills. He remained in that house until just a few years ago.

After retiring from General Tire, he took a position with Brinks as a driver/guard and developed many friends and enjoyed the job immensely.

In retirement he enjoyed going to his 50 acres and cutting trees, splitting wood and transporting it back to the house. He often said if he paid himself \$2.00 per hour for his work it wouldn't be worth it, but it keeps me busy.

Doug and Pauline enjoyed going to Casino Rama and Georgian Downs with friends and family and the subsequent lunch out.

Although Pauline hated flying, they went on a few trips with Glenn and Barb, most notably to Arizona and California.

Life was never the same after Pauline's passing in August 2020. In later years he was often heard to say, "I've lived too long!"

A special thank you to the staff at Mill Creek for their compassion and care over the last 3 ½ years. A visitation for Doug will be held on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at Legacy Funeral Home, 55 Cedar Pointe Drive, Barrie (parking and main entrance on Hwy 400 side of the building) from 10am – 11:15am, followed by the funeral service at 11:30am and then a time of reception for family and friends. An interment will be held at Minesing Union Cemetery at 2:15pm.

Memorial donations to the Elmvale Food Bank, Elmvale Legion, or Mill Creek Care Centre would be appreciated by the family.

Condolences may be forwarded through legacyfuneral.ca



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#### ROWAT, Barbara Joan

Passed away peacefully at home with her family by her side on Sunday, October 20, 2024. Barb Rowat (nee Foggo) of Elmvale in her 79th year. Beloved wife of Lealand Rowat. Dear mother of Marcia Rowat (John King) and Chris (Bridget)

Rowat. Grandmother of Abigail, Samantha, Alexa, and pre-deceased by Zoe. Great-grandmother of Aleczander, Linken, Izobella and Nikolas. Sister of Marcia (Brian) March and pre-deceased by Diane (Survived by Earl) New. Barb will be missed by her many nieces, nephews and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the St. John's United Church in Elmvale on Saturday, October 26, 2024 at 1 pm. Reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the St. John's United Church.

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

### NOTICE

The Annual Elmvale Fall Fair Legion draw of \$500 was won by Isaak McGinnis. The Fall Fair Ambassador for 2024 drew his ticket on the stage in the Elmvale Arena at 4:30pm on Saturday, October 12. We thank everyone for supporting RCL Branch 262.

Dave Lewis, Lottery Chair



## HEY DADS!

Oct. 21, 2024

Have you ever had to train a puppy? Training kids is one thing but training a puppy takes things to a whole 'notha level. If you read my last article you'll know that our new puppy, Scout, ate my Starlink internet cable a few weeks ago. It's fixed now. But Scout is still hungry.

We checked out five dog training books from the library and the kids are doing their best to train Scout. I'll admit I haven't been overly involved in the puppy-training process but I think it's a fair deal that I train the kids and the kids train the dog. Scout isn't the only animal we have. We have a couple calves, a few laying hens, ducks, a kitten and even a couple piglets.

Along with our pigs and puppy we have five baby keets. To be more accurate, we HAD five. Keets are baby guinea fowl. Guinea fowl are birds about the size of a chicken and we were told they love to eat bugs, including ticks. We discovered a lot of ticks on kids this spring so we got the fowl. Ours are not full-grown yet. Scout is a bit scared of the ducks and chickens but we have noticed him chasing the smaller keets. What could possibly go wrong?

I was in town yesterday and got a text from my wife with a picture. It was a picture of my son, Sterling, feeding one of the guinea fowl with a medicine dropper. The text simply stated, "Guinea fowl fiasco." We had seen Scout nip and chase the keets around the yard. He caught one once but the kids rescued it and all was well. Sterling went out and did some dog training to teach Scout not to chase the keets. It seemed to work...until I got the text. This fiasco was a bit different. Despite Sterling's urgent and timely veterinary attention, the fowl was finished.

I heard the story later that Justice, my 10-year-

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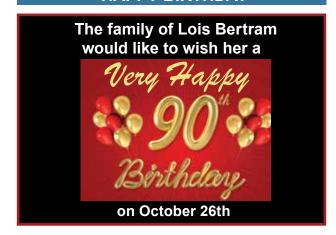
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old son, was out feeding the chickens and saw Scout chase the keet into the bushes. Scout came out of the bush with the keet in his mouth. Justice ran to catch Scout, hoping to rescue the small bird but was too late. There were some sad faces around here and our small flock of fowl is now down to four keet. The main reason we got Scout was to protect our birds from the coyotes! As a Canadian musical artist once said, "Isn't it ironic? Don't you think?"

So, do we get another dog to protect our birds from the dog we already have? Do we ramp up the pet-training regime? So many questions. A friend was telling me the other day about the life lessons our kids can learn from pets. He even mentioned lessons about death and grief. I don't think they're very fun lessons but I think agree. My 3-year-old Mabel smiled as she told me that, "The keet is in heaven." I don't know if all pets go to heaven but they certainly leave earth. Time flies, dad. Make every moment count! Even the sad ones.

Jason Weening tries to keep all the animals alive with his 10 kids and one wife. Check out his adventure book for kids at heydads.ca.





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### **OBITUARIES**



ROBBINS, Geraldine Barbara October 16, 1946 – October 7, 2024

It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that the family of Geraldine Robbins (nee Lepage) share her passing on October 7th in her 78th year.

Geraldine will be lovingly remembered by her husband of almost 50 years, William (Bill), and children Guy (Laurie) Forget, Michelle (Kurt) Glover, Dolores (Allen) Thomson and Trevor (Emily) Robbins. Grandchildren Jessica (Dean), Natashia (Cory), Evan (Hailey), Morgan (Duncan), Jayla and Raelyn. Great grandchildren Eden, Lilith, Jaxon, Logan, Chloe, Mckenna and Oliver. Geraldine is predeceased by her first husband Gerard Forget.

Geraldine was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She was compassionate, kind-hearted, selfless and truly beautiful inside and out. She will be deeply missed and always remembered by those who were fortunate to have known her.

You will forever be in our hearts.

Honoring Geraldine's wishes, cremation has taken place and there will be a family interment at St. Ann's Cemetery in Penetanguishene.

Memorial donations may be made, if desired, to St. Vincent de Paul or a charity of your choice.

Memorial condolences may be made at www. leclaircremationcentre.com

You can shed tears that she is gone, or you can smile because she has lived.

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CHAPMAN, Kenneth Milton June 26, 1951 - October 7, 2024

Ken passed away peacefully at Georgian Bay General Hospital on Monday, October 7, 2024, with his family by his side. He was the eldest child of Donald and Ruth Chapman (both

predeceased). Loving father to Rhonda Brioux (Jeff), David Chapman, Heather Martin (Jeff), and Mark Chapman (Jennie). A proud grandpa to Annie (Francesco), Rachelle, Alysha, Daniel, Jacob, Nicholas, Zachary, and Lucas. He was a cherished brother to Anne Dunlop, Art Chapman (predeceased), Kathy Demers and Helen Zandbelt (Ben). He will be missed by many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and neighbours.

Ken was a hard worker and dedicated his life to his family. He was kind and gentle hearted and would always lend a hand to those in need. He enjoyed the simple things in life: home cooked meals, country music, nature, visiting his family and connecting with community members.

A visitation will be held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale on Friday, October 25, 2024 from 6 pm – 8 pm. A Memorial Service will be held at 1 pm on Saturday, October 26, 2024 in the funeral home chapel.

Inurnment in Allenwood Cemetery, followed by a reception at the funeral home. The service will be livestreamed starting at 12:55 pm on Youtube, search: Lynn-Stone Funeral Home.

If desired, memorial donations may be made to the Elmvale Food Bank.

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### **OBITUARIES**



Irene Anna Voegele (née Zinnicken) May 27, 1940 – September 28, 2024

Irene Anna Zinnicken of Midland Ontario passed away on September 28th, 2024 in her home. Irene is survived by her three children, Heidi,

Harry, Ramona as well as her husband Wolfgang Voegele. Irene emigrated to Toronto, Canada in the 60s with her three children where she lived her entire life until her death in Midland Ontario this past September 2024.

Irene was a beloved mother to all three of her children, she was Omi to Adam, Madelyne, Zachary, Beckett and Emerson, her beloved grandchildren. Great grandchildren Kane, Lilly, Ferrin and Athen will miss her in their lives but she is in their souls.

Irene was the best mother, she was a devoted wife to Wolfgang, a homemaker who loved to garden and bake and be with her family, she was filled with warm light, laughter and hugs for everyone she knew.

Irene was born and raised outside of Koln, Germany in the small farming village of Mechernich. She is one of five sisters and the daughter of Maria and Johanne Zinnicken also deceased and from Mechernich, Germany.

Born near the end of World War ll, Irene was named for "peace" and that is what she was.

Peace and love is Irene Anna's legacy, we will all miss her a great deal.

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Wye Marsh in Midland and make a donation in our mum's name.

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### SEARL, Bradley (Brad) Gene

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Bradley (Brad) Gene Searl on Friday, September 20th, 2024, at 53 years old. Loving husband to Shelly, devoted father to Darian (Tyson DesRoches) and a wonderful grandfather to Atlas.

Brad was born on May 21st, 1971 to Alden and Jean Searl, and grew up in and around the Simcoe County area, specifically Waverly, Ontario.

Brad was the youngest of the family, and will be happily remembered by his brothers Stephen Searl (Kathy Earle) and Stuart Searl (Lillian). Uncle to Nickolas, Cody Dunn (Taryn), Chris Searl (Kayla Drew) and Daniel Searl (Kayla Bickerton). For the past 15 years, Brianne Woodall (Korey), Jordan Martin (Rebecca) and Zachary Martin (Morgan Wright) have been a part of his family as niece and nephews as well. Brad is also survived by many grand nieces and nephews.

Brad will be remembered for his ability to light up a room with his presence alone, along with his musical talent. His greatest joy in most recent years was experimenting in the kitchen and cooking for his true love Shelly, as well as spending time with his first grandchild, Atlas; who changed his life and made his final days happy and fulfilling.

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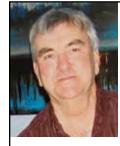
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FINLAY, Robert George January 17, 1954-October 9, 2024

Bob has ended his 12 year struggle with early onset frontal, temporal dementia.

Bob was born and raised on the Finlay Farm. He enjoyed raising pigs and beef cattle.

He also spent a few years cash cropping. Bob's heartfelt wish was to die a farmer, but his dementia diagnosis forced him to retire at 60.

Bob enjoyed sports of all sorts, from school years involvement with basketball, volleyball, track and field, soccer and baseball. In his adult years, Bob played hockey, baseball, broom ball and flag football. In University he competed with a square dancing team. We enjoyed cycling and square dancing as a married couple.

Bob enjoyed playing guitar, making up songs about friends and family, even rock and roll nursery rhymes for his children. He had a great sense of fun. He would lend a hand to neighbours at the drop of a hat. One of his memorable adventures was bicycling from B.C to the farm in the seventies. White water rafting, kayaking, canoeing and travelling around Orr Lake on the SS Porky Pig challenged his adventuresome spirit. Bob will be greatly missed by his wife Cindy, married 38 years. He leaves behind his son Austen (Jeffrey Tchen) and daughter Katie (Jason). He was Grampa to two beautiful grandchildren, Hannah and Callum. Bob was one of five siblings, Sandy (the late Bill), the late Suzanne (Doug), Cathy and the late brother John. He is predeceased by his mother and father, Emily and Alex. Bob will be missed by his many nieces and nephews.

Bob is being cremated. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Elmvale Lions Club Hall on the 7th concession from 2 pm - 4 pm, on Saturday, November 30, 2024. Donations, if desired can be made to Elmvale Sledge Hockey or Canadian Foodgrains Bank to honour Bob's involvement with both.

Special thanks go to the wonderful staff at Hillcrest Village Care Centre for their kindness and care shown to Bob in his final year.

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



### GIGNAC, Bernard Samuel 15-May-1942 - 1-Oct-2024

Passed away peacefully at home on October 1st, 2024 with his family by his side at the age of 82.

Bernard of Midland, loving father of Rita Gignac (Dan Dusome), Carmen Gignac,

Maurice (Laura) Gignac, Denis Gignac (Charmaine Paynter) and Luke Gignac (Veronica Cleaveley). Cherished grandfather of Dave (Sarah), Eileen (Dave), Zachary (Pauline), Erica (Marco), Michael, Aaron (Jessica), Grace, Jack and great grandfather of many caring great grandchildren. Bernard will also be missed by his many siblings, nieces, nephews and friends.

We will all miss your contagious joy and laughter. You may be gone but forever in our hearts

Memorial donation can be made to the Lorna Tomlinson Residence for Seniors operated by Wendat Community Programs in memory of Bernard and would be greatly appreciated by his family.

### Just released!! EDHS Students exhibit their Artwork at the Springwater Library

By Lisa Harpell, Oct. 11, 2024

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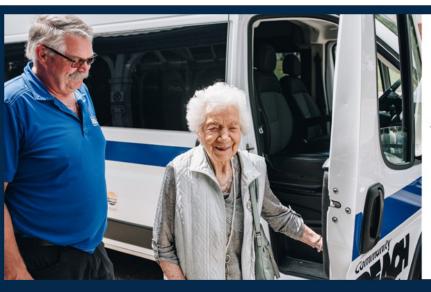


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