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# Wiidookdaadiwin Lookout offers 'spectacular' view of Springwater

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com, Nov 01, 2024

The view from Wiidookdaadiwin Lookout is amazing. On a clear day from the observation deck, about 30 metres above the ground, you can see forever — the horizon little more than a faint line in the distance. Below, the land spreads out in every direction. It disappears into the haze to the east and north and runs into the Niagara Escarpment to the west. Standing on the observation deck late Wednesday afternoon, Springwater Coun. Anita Moore was looking north, lost in the natural panorama before her, golden light from the setting sun bathing the landscape. "This is spectacular," she said. "From this view, you get an incredible sense of how vast and beautiful this township really is." Moore organized a tour of Wiidookdaadiwin Lookout on Wednesday for her fellow council members before the facility closed for the season. She extended an invitation to BarrieToday to join the tour west of the city.

Built on top of former Vespra Landfill No. 14 on George Johnston Road, just south of Snow Valley Road, the site features a huge observation area, hundreds of native plantings, signs explaining the history and importance of the site and a life-size bronze sculpture of two figures — one, an Indigenous scout, the other a canoe-carrying European — and their

luggage. Gobsnacked by the work that's been done at Wiidookdaadiwin — Ojibwa for "working together, and helping one another" — Moore's trying to find a way to get the township involved moving forward, to convince her fellow council members to throw some municipal support behind the project.

The township, the Chippewa Tri Council, Barrie's three Rotary clubs and Simcoe County have already contributed \$225,000 to the project. Moore's first inclination is to leverage the site, and nearby Historic Fort Willow, as a learning tool. "I want to try and promote it in an educational fashion," Moore said of the site, which is in her ward. "It's got an historical component, a First Nations component and a rehabilitation component. "I think it would be a perfect study site, along with Fort Willow, that might allow students to get a real sense of what this area was like in 1812," she added. Her idea may resonate with site organizers.

Tony Guergis, chair of Friends of Wiidookdaadiwin (FOW), said the educational component and opportunity is one of the main pillars of the FOW board's mandate. To illustrate his point, he mentions the story boards in the centre gardens that talk about Indigenous medicinal plantings. "Board member Elder Bill Jamison's vision for these gardens was a medicine walk to teach about the ways plants, trees and all

things found in nature were part of the medicine and health of their culture," Guergis said in an email. "We hope that the Indigenous culture is made more familiar and relatable to those that visit the site." According to Guergis, the FOW board has plans to discuss the site with local school boards about making the site an integral part of their curriculum from a historic, geopolitical and cultural perspective. "We intend to recruit an educator to the FOW board to assist us with liaising with the education boards," said the former Springwater mayor and county warden. He said Moore's idea of incorporating a chapter on site rehabilitation would be something the county would decide. "The idea of rehabilitation education would be a discussion and decision of the county," Guergis said. "Personally, I have promoted that idea from Day 1, but that's their call and outside the FOW mandate."

Guergis said when the site is officially opened next spring, he expects there will be many educational, historical and recreational groups come forward with proposals on how to use the site. "Camera groups, star gazers, bird watchers and yoga classes are just a few of the groups that have already suggested interest," Guergis said. "The site will be of significant importance to many people in many ways.

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First of all, that level of service is expensive, with many publishers spending more on mailing their papers than they do in creating them. There are issues with papers not being delivered on time or even at all. Customer service can be poor and investigations into complaints often only consist of asking the postal worker if he or she did their job. Then there's the fact that newspapers and Canada Post are fighting for the same flyer customers, meaning that the crown corporation can decide on a whim that newspapers with flyers are now classed as junk mail.

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However, both sides would be wise to remember that in an era of sharply declining mail volumes, local newspapers are often the largest and most reliable customer of the local post office. If that business was lost it would mean less revenue for Canada Post and fewer members for the union, which is something that neither side wants.

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Linda Belcourt, Editor - Nov. 4, 2024



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# Who were the Vespra Boys?

By Dennis Gannon

Nov. 3, 2024 - Within the serene setting of Springwater Provincial Park, there stands a tribute to the Vespra Boys. Who were the Vespra Boys? The Vespra Boys were the young men who left their home and families and went off across the Atlantic Ocean to a land far away to fight in the Great War, World War 1. Those boys, who in most cases were just boys, fought for the freedom we have today. Unfortunately, 29 of them did not come home. The exact number has been a question for a number of years and has ranged from 18 to the current confirmed number of 29. Three of those who went to serve were from Anten Mills. Lewis Cole, John Muir and Stanley Reynolds and unfortunately they did not return home as they lost their lives overseas. From the Minesing area, 26 volunteered and went to war. Fred Benson, Arthur Jacobs, William Parker and Harry Priest did not return. The Midhurst area also had 26 who served and Ernest Finlay was the only soldier who did not come back. A History of Vespra Township lists those who served in both wars.

The cenotaph in Springwater Park is in itself extremely unique. Almost all cenotaphs throughout the country have inscribed on them those who died in both world wars and perhaps other conflicts. This cenotaph, built in 1929 under the direction of Methven A. Adamson who was Superintendent of the Forest Station as it was known then was in honour of the Vespra Boys of World War 1. Two locals, Harvey Spence and Robert Mills are reported to

have handcrafted the stone cenotaph. The names of those who perished were not inscribed as on most cenotaphs. Instead on the front there is a limestone plaque with the inscription, "Lest We Forget, 1914 - 1918, In Memory of the Vespra Boys Who Died in the Great War" along with the Latin Inscription, "Dulce Et Decorum Est Pro Patria Morium" which translates means, "It is Sweet and Fitting to Die for One's Country."

Thus the Vespra Boys were honoured for their sacrifice with this one of a kind unique cenotaph.

Following World War 2, staff in the park decided to recognize those who served during this war by creating a V for Victory display behind the cenotaph. It is reported to have been built following "V" Day, the official end of WW2 on May 8, 1945.

To remember the Vespra Boys and all who have served, a Remembrance Day service on November 11 has been held annually within the park for the past decade. The service is arranged by a dedicated group of local volunteers with the support of Ontario Parks and the Beausoleil First Nation. The service will begin at 10:45 and the public is welcome to attend. Following the service refreshments will be provided along with the opportunity to create your own Remembrance Day memory and to see the names of those who did not come home from both WW1 and WW2. Complimentary park admission will be provided.

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**PORT MCNICOLL CENOTAPH,**  
369 Armstrong St, Port McNicoll candlelight vigil November 10th 6pm

**VICTORIA HARBOUR LEGION,**  
Parade starts at the Victoria Harbour Legion located at 134 William Street, November 9th, 2024 with the final service being at the Cenotaph at 2pm

**ELMVALE CENOTAPH,**  
Queen St West and Maria St Elmvale 10:45

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By Linda Belcourt, Editor, Nov. 4, 2024

What a party, complete with birthday cake and loot bags! This great group of staff are very close and are like family. A lot of staff have been at cHaus for many years. This is a testament of a great place to work.

The Midland Boathouse was the venue and many business people attended the party held on Oct. 25, 2024. Laughter was mixed into the networking. The staff are clearly committed to the job with many awards that were handed out.

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## Gold for Beausoliel First Nations Competitors

Submitted by Sabrina Jatsura, Oct. 19, 2024

Keyden (age 17) and Merritt (age 16) McCue members of Beausoliel first nations with their team Driven Jujitsui from Midland competed at the Ontario open Jitjitsui in Witby ON today, Keyden got a gold medal, and Merritt got a silver medal. Last year they competed as well and had the same placements.

They also attended the Barrie open Jujitsui in April of this year, where they both made it out with the gold medals.



## Elmvale Lion's Horseshoe League Shoe In



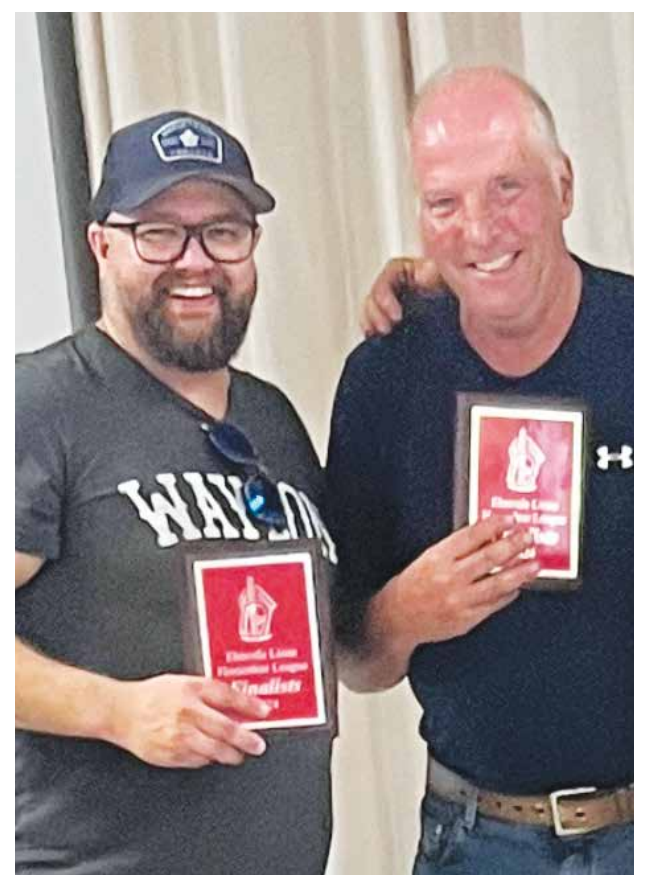
Submitted by Karen Klein Gebbinck Nov. 3, 2024

The final day for the Elmvale Lion's Horseshoe League was held Saturday, September 21st, 2024. With incredible weather the day was enjoyed by all. The day concluded with dinner and awards. The team finishing in first place was Roger Klein Gebbinck and Jeff Craddock. Finishing second was Kevin Craddock and Terry Van Casteren. For the season the top point getter was Jamie McLean. The player with the most ringers in the season was Paul Craddock. The player with the most six-packs was Kevin Craddock. We look forward to starting Thursday after Victoria Day weekend, new players welcome.

## Cindy Ladouceur Memorial Golf Tournament



The Cindy Ladouceur Memorial Golf Tournament that happened on August 10, 2024 this summer in Hillsdale raised \$5,000. Big Brother Big Sisters North Simcoe is very thankful for Hilary (on left) and Marc Ladouceur (on right) for organizing and running their Annual Golf Tournament that raised funds for their organization. Submitted by BBBSNS-Oct. 25, 2024



# 'Love the reactions': Midhurst residents put the 'scare' in scarecrow creations

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com, Oct 29, 2024

If the great Swiss sculptor Alberto Giacometti ever made a work specifically for the Midhurst Scarecrow/Scary Hallowe'en contest, it probably would have looked a lot like the sculpture Doug Washburn made for the front lawn of his Midhurst home. The only discernible difference would have been the head — Giacometti would never have made a horrific screaming face with a mouth full of pointed teeth and evil eyes. Made from black PVC pipe, the spooky, elongated figure's skin is a mixture of shop towels and thin-set mortar. Dubbed DeMummer, in honour of the ancient Newfoundland tradition of mummering (the practice of visiting several homes throughout an evening while dressed in a disguise), the creepy creature is the stuff of nightmares. Standing upward of seven to eight feet tall, DeMummer is an imposing figure — contorted this way and that, his skin hangs from his skeleton and he is forever stuck between the living and the dead. DeMummer is the latest in a long line of scary creatures the Washburns have made. Previous works look like they've been heavily influenced by classic films like *Aliens* or Tim Burton's *The Nightmare Before Christmas*. "We've been doing creatures for 10 years," Washburn said Tuesday morning during an interview outside of his Bridle Trail home to promote the Midhurst contest. "We do it because we love the reactions of the people who walk by," his wife Joanne said. "The little boys will prod it with a stick and the little girls will put flowers on it. "The adults want to know who made it, what materials were used and how long it took to make," she added.

Midhurst residents for the past 27 years, the Washburns started building DeMummer in August. Most of the design came from Doug's imagination. He said he takes inspiration from various internet posts and TV shows, but the final work is always an original one. Joanne offers suggestions as the build progresses. "We work on it together and it's just so much fun," Doug said.

Every year, Midhurst residents are encouraged to build a scarecrow on their front lawn, porch or deck and submit a photo to the community's voting page. Community members choose their favourite scarecrows and the top entries win a local prize. There are seven works entered into the competition this year and they can be found here. Teamwork is a recurring theme for the contest.

Joe and Sofia Cozzupoli live on Holloway Lane. Their front yard is a mix of graveyard headstones, hanging ghosts and a huge skeleton pushing a wheelbarrow of skulls. This is the couple's second year decorating their yard for the contest. "We've always loved Halloween, my wife is really big on it," said Joe as he took a visitor on an early morning tour Tuesday. "She loves decorating for Halloween and Christmas. We do a lot of cool stuff for the holidays and for the kids." According to Joe, local children love to stop and take in the display. He said the smiles on their faces is the only compensation he needs. "It takes us a few days to build — my wife is always thinking of new things to add — but it's such a great feeling when we're done," he said. "It looks good and spooky at night."

They are not the only Cozzupolis to participate. A few streets to the north, on Belmont Crescent, Michael and Rachel Cozzupoli — son and daughter-in-law of Joe and Sofia — have their own scary display. A witch hangs near the driveway, a cauldron of skulls her constant companion. Carved and decorated pumpkins line the sidewalk to the couple's front door. "We've lived here for three years," said Rachel. "This event spreads joy and keeps traditions alive. The contest is a plus."

Living just around the corner from Forest Hill Public School, Rachel said watching the children's reaction when they pass by every morning makes building the display incredibly satisfying. A soon-to-be-mom herself, Rachel said the neighbourhood kids love the spooky scene. "Usually on their way to school, they'll stop and point and laugh," she said. "They love it and that's what it's all about."

Voting for your favourite creation is easy. All you have to do is visit the scarecrow website by clicking here, review the entries and cast your ballot.

Winners will be announced Sunday, Nov. 3.

# Subsidy or investment? Recreation user fees could be on the rise in Springwater

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com, Oct 29, 2024

Municipally run recreation programs are all fun and games until somebody has to pay for them. Then it becomes a war between those who use and those who do not. Those who don't use the services don't want to pay any more because they've already paid their share through their taxes. Those who do use them don't want to pay more because that's human nature. They, too, have paid the subsidy through their taxes, but they're also the ones who are causing the wear and tear, creating the need for the facility to be maintained. Some would consider it fair that they pay for that wear and tear.

For residents in Springwater Township, it hasn't been much of a topic of discussion over the past couple of years because the municipality's recreation fees have been frozen. That changed during the township's most recent council meeting, when council voted to approve new recreation, parks and facilities fees, with the exception of facility rental fees, which will be studied further before any decision to increase them is made. "I thought the idea was we were going to waive and freeze for a year," Deputy Mayor George Cabral said when the topic came up on council's agenda. "We're into year two, so that puts us three years behind the 8-ball."

According to Dean Collver, Springwater's director of recreation, parks and facilities, the township initiated a process a couple of years ago to assess what full cost recovery of recreation programs and services might look like. He said as that process was winding down, there was some concern that recreation fees were "irregular" to other fees in other departments.

It was suggested that staff review costs in context of what the market would bear. "We conducted an assessment of the market and where we sit in the market, relative to other municipalities," Collver told council. In the report Collver prepared for council's consideration, it was noted that while it's difficult to develop solid comparisons with other municipalities regarding subsidy rates for specific facility operations, there is a common measuring stick — an annual report that provides high-level comparisons of service investments among Ontario municipalities that is created by BMA Management Consulting, a Hamilton-based firm specializing in municipal financial and management consulting. "This report describes a (2023) Springwater recreation facilities cost per capita of \$15 versus a study average of \$80," Collver wrote in the report, which included 101

comparator municipalities. "Expressed differently, Springwater's expenses related to recreation facilities are approximately 81 per cent lower than the study average."

Unlike other township services where user fees are applied, Collver said recreation and recreation facilities are understood to provide a social value that supersedes full cost recovery at an individual level. "Affordability is a key consideration given that an overarching purpose of municipal recreation is the support of healthy communities," he wrote in his report. "Research supports the fact that municipalities that support recreation across the socioeconomic spectrum tend to thrive in terms of overall livability and well-being. "User fees are often identified as the No. 1 barrier to participation," Collver added.

Collver's report said economically, municipalities with a higher degree of participation in sports and recreation realized increased spin-off effects in support of local business and in property values. At the same time, recreation facilities are also expensive services for any community, so cost recovery considerations need to remain a significant part of the balancing of benefits. Coun. Matt Garwood said council would have to decide which it thought was more important — providing residents with the facilities that lead a healthy and active lifestyle, or cost recovery. "These are the two different sides of the same coin," he said.

Collver said subsidies are a difficult concept because it forces council to draw a line in the sand to express in a percentage the value of its commitment to recreation. He said market rate is a viable option. "Break it down into two ideas — market rate and subsidy rate," Collver told council. "Which is the idea we want to follow and what line do we want to draw in either one. Do we want to be in the middle of the market, or do we want to be at a rate that we can determine collectively?" "Breaking it down into those simple ideas may help the conversation and help you with your decision," he added.

Springwater Mayor Jennifer Coughlin said it's a difficult decision for council to make. "We need to choose our level of investment, our level of subsidy," she said. "It really comes down to a matter of what are we willing to put on the regular tax rate and what are we willing to put back to the end user." Township staff will develop a parks and recreation user fee guideline/policy with input from user groups, residents and stakeholders.

Municipal staff expect to present it to council midway through next year.

## MPP Jill Dunlop announces funding for Seniors Active Living Centre programs in Simcoe North

Seniors staying fit, active and socially connected to their communities

Submitted by Office of Jill Dunlop MPP, October 28, 2024

SIMCOE NORTH - Today, Jill Dunlop, MPP Simcoe North, announced the Ontario government is investing in the third quarterly installment payment for Seniors Active Living Centres (SALC) in Simcoe North.

"This is Premier Ford's and our government's ongoing commitment to support our seniors," said Jill Dunlop, MPP Simcoe North. "Seniors Active Living Centres bring our seniors together, where they meet old friends, connect with new ones and stay actively involved in their community. Seniors' centres play such an important role in our communities, but across Ontario."

The funding comes from an annual investment of more than \$15 million, an increase of

approximately one million dollars from last year.

"Seniors Active Living Centres are the best way for our seniors to stay fit, active, healthy, socially connected, close to their homes and in our communities", said Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility. "Our government is proud to invest in Seniors Active Living Centre programs that are improving the health and independence for our seniors."

Simcoe North received third quarter installments totalling \$37,500.00 with the following organizations receiving \$12,500.00 each; Askennonia Senior Centre, Georgian Shores Swinging Seniors, and BayShore Seniors.

SALCs offer learning opportunities and a variety of recreational and social of activities including fitness, healthy lifestyle and wellness classes that are important supports in communities.

## Remembrance month with virtual lecture series

Midhurst/November 1, 2024 – In honour of Remembrance Month, the Simcoe County Museum will host a virtual lecture series every Thursday throughout November. Each week, historical experts will lead sessions covering a range of topics. The series is open to individuals and groups, with free virtual admission available by registering at [museum.simcoe.ca](http://museum.simcoe.ca).

### Program Schedule:

#### Topic: Liberation of the Netherlands

Date: November 14, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.

Mark Zuehlke, award-winning author of the Canadian Battle Series, will delve into Canada's role in the liberation of the Netherlands during WWII, marking the 80th anniversary of these pivotal events.

#### Topic: Collingwood and the transition from wooden to steel shipbuilding, 1880-1916

Date: November 21, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.

Michael Moir will trace Collingwood's transformation from wooden boat production to steel shipbuilding, highlighting the shipyard's impact on Canada's wartime efforts.

#### Topic: The Barrie Legion Wall Clock: Nine World War Two Barrie Men Remembered

Date: November 28, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.

Steve Glover will recount the touching story behind the Barrie Legion's Wall Clock, which commemorates nine local WWII soldiers lost in combat.

For further information on speakers and topics, visit [museum.simcoe.ca](http://museum.simcoe.ca)

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## Basil Clarke acclaimed as County of Simcoe Warden for a second term

Midhurst/October 22, 2024 – County Council held mid-term nominations during its meeting on October 22, 2024. Basil Clarke was acclaimed as Simcoe County Warden for 2025-2026. Warden Clarke was elected as Warden for 2023-2024 and will continue in the role until the 2026 Municipal Election.

Additionally, Jennifer Coughlin was acclaimed as Simcoe County Deputy Warden for 2025-2026. Deputy Warden Coughlin was also elected as Deputy Warden for 2023-2024 and will now continue in the role until the 2026 Municipal Election.

Bios for Warden Clarke and Deputy Warden Coughlin can be found here.

"I am humbled and honoured to receive the support of our Council and to continue representing them, our residents and communities as Simcoe County Warden," said Basil Clarke. "In my opinion, Simcoe County is one of the best places to live in Ontario and I'm committed to continuing to help our communities thrive. I also look forward to continuing to work with Deputy Warden Jenny Coughlin as we address both challenges and opportunities across our great region."

During its meeting on November 26, 2024, County Council will elect Chairs and Vice Chairs for its three Business Section Committees for 2025-2026.

## County of Simcoe supports local students through the 2024 Bursary program

Midhurst/November 1, 2024 – The County of Simcoe is supporting 21 local students through the Student Bursary program. Each student will receive at minimum a \$3,000 bursary towards their post-secondary studies. This year, the County received a record number of applications, which were anonymized and independently reviewed by members of the Bursary Committee.

"The County is proud to continue our collaboration with local municipalities and Georgian College to support Simcoe County students financially," said Warden Basil Clarke. "Our County Council is committed to enhancing our communities and aiding our residents, including fostering the growth of our future workforce. On behalf of County Council, I congratulate this year's award recipients and wish them great success in their educational pursuits."

This year, the County partnered with all 16 member municipalities to offer 16 bursaries that are jointly funded (\$2,000 from the County, \$1,000 from the member municipality). Congratulations to the following recipients:

- Wesley Barzo, Township of Adjala-Tosorontio
- Elizabeth Simpson-Hillis, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
- Lindsay McDermid, Township of Clearview
- Benjamin Mundle, Town of Collingwood
- Emalee Alderson, Township of Essa
- Madelyn Burton, Town of Innisfil
- Halle Pike, Town of Midland
- Meagan Houle, Township of New Tecumseth
- Nicolas Lancione, Township of Oro-Medonte
- Jayneigh Hesler, Town of Penetanguishene
- Taylor Bechthold-Coon, Township of Ramara
- Brianna Wilson, Township of Severn
- Jake Lance, Township of Springwater
- Olivia Ferlito, Township of Tay
- Karys Littlejohns, Township of Tiny
- Rosalena Galdamez-Keeling, Town of Wasaga Beach

In addition, the County is providing five bursaries that are fully funded by the County. Congratulations to the following recipients:

- Finlay Kenzie, Township of Oro-Medonte
- Findlay Nischan, Town of Collingwood
- Olivia Nothrop, Township of Springwater
- Mark Trumble, Township of Adjala-Tosorontio
- Chloe Tyers, Township of Clearview

In addition, the County has once again partnered with Georgian College, who will provide an additional \$1,500 in financial assistance to recipients that are enrolled in their institution.

"We're pleased to continue our partnership with the County of Simcoe on this bursary program which recognizes the power of both post-secondary education and community," said Nene Brode, Manager of Financial Aid and Awards, Georgian College. "At Georgian College, we encourage students to connect more outside of the classroom. For those already living in Simcoe County, they know the power of the outdoors and this important bursary provides an extra incentive to stay, play, study and begin their careers here."

The application process for the Student Bursary program typically will re-open in the spring. Once announced, the program will be promoted through various channels, including all the County of Simcoe's social media accounts. Residents and students looking for more information on the bursary program, eligibility and the application process are encouraged to visit [simcoe.ca/studentbursary](http://simcoe.ca/studentbursary).

Submitted by County of Simcoe

## Simcoe County Museum temporary closure begins November 1

Midhurst/October 31, 2024 – The Simcoe County Museum will temporarily close from November until the end of March to facilitate ongoing renovations as part of an expansion project. The full closure will save approximately 2 per cent of the project's \$16.6 million cost, allowing for quicker and more efficient construction.

The renovations are part of the Matthews Innovation and Transportation Gallery Project, which broke ground in October. The expansion will occur in three phases, with this first phase anticipated to finish in February 2026 and the entire project slated to be completed by 2030. The project will significantly expand gallery space, introduce an environmentally friendly zero-carbon design, and create new areas for curatorial

functions and collections storage.

During the closure, the Museum will continue its operations through several initiatives:

- Outreach program: Staff will bring the Museum experience to classrooms around the County with dynamic, hands-on educational programs. These programs were carefully designed to continue to spark curiosity and inspire young minds. For more information or to book a program, please email [education@simcoe.ca](mailto:education@simcoe.ca).

- Collections management: Staff will pack, re-house and document collections that are being moved as part of the renovations. They will also research, develop, and build two new major permanent exhibits: the People's Gallery and the Innovation Gallery.

- Outdoor skate trail: The Museum's outdoor skate trail will still operate this winter, weather permitting, with staff on-site to maintain the trail and supervise.

For more information and updates on the Museum throughout its closure, please visit [museum.simcoe.ca](http://museum.simcoe.ca).

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# Town of Penetanguishene Announces Participation in Safe Community Project Zero Campaign

Submitted by the Town of Penetanguishene, Oct. 20, 2024

The Town of Penetanguishene is thrilled to announce that our Fire Department has been selected to participate in this year's Safe Community Project Zero campaign and initiative aimed at enhancing safety in our community through the distribution of vital combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

Safe Community Project Zero – a public education campaign sponsored by Enbridge Gas and administered by the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council, is providing more than 14,500 free combination smoke/carbon monoxide alarms to residents in 75 communities across Ontario. This initiative specifically targets high-risk individuals, including seniors, people with disabilities, and those facing financial challenges, ensuring that life-saving devices reach those who need them most.

As a proud recipient of the 2024 Safe Community Project Zero campaign, our department has received 126 Kidde Canada 10-year, worry-free combination smoke/carbon monoxide alarms, with a retail value of approximately \$8,100. These alarms will be distributed to residents in our community, focusing on those who are at heightened risk.

"This partnership with Enbridge Gas through the Safe Community Project Zero campaign, allows us to enhance safety and protect our community," said Chief Renaud. "We are grateful for this opportunity to make a meaningful impact and ensure that our residents have the tools they need to stay safe."

"The best way to reduce potential exposure to carbon monoxide is to properly maintain fuel-burning equipment," said Grant Kilpatrick, Manager Operations, GTA West, Enbridge Gas. "These alarms are a critical second line of defense against carbon monoxide poisoning, known as 'the silent killer'. We're proud to support our communities, and raise awareness and help Ontarians implement these protection strategies."

The distribution of these alarms will begin in the coming weeks, and residents who believe they may qualify for a free alarm are encouraged to reach out to our fire department for more information.

For more details about the Safe Community Project Zero campaign or to learn how you can get involved, please contact:

Town of Penetanguishene Fire Department

Together, let's make our community a safer place!

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- 26 How acrobats perform
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- 48 "I did it my \_\_\_" Frank Sinatra
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- 50 "Uh-huh"

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- 28 Willingly
- 29 \_\_\_ Beta Kappa
- 31 Heavy heart
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- 35 Soccer \_\_\_
- 37 Dad's chair
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# PENETANG KINGS

## BEAT INNISFIL TWICE AND LOSE PAIR TO ALLISTON

Submitted by Jamie Robillard, Nov. 1, 2024

The Penetang Kings regular season continued over the past two weeks with them winning two and losing two games between October 18th and October 31st.

On Friday October 18th the Kings took the road to face the Allison Hornets and came out on the short end dropping a 6-2 decision to the first place Hornets in the Carruthers Division of the Provincial Junior Hockey League. Ashton Kirwin and Tanner Thayer scored one goal each for the Kings while Landon Simec turned aside 43 shorts in the Penetang net. For his efforts Simec was named the player of the game for the Kings. Penetang managed only 21 shots on Allison netminder Owen Butler.

On Friday October 25th the Kings hosted the Innisfil Spartans at the Penetanguishene Memorial Community Centre and doubled the Spartans on the scoreboard by a 6-3 margin. Tanner Thayer led the Kings offence with three goals and one assist while Jacob Vandenburg, Camron Hutchinson and Owen Fuller each chipped in single markers. Simec again played a strong game from Penetang stopping 31 shots. The player of the game was awarded to Thayer for his efforts in pacing the attack.

Before the contest the Kings honoured Carter Wilson with a framed picture acknowledging his 100th game in a Kings uniform.

On Saturday October 26th the Kings played host to the Hornets and the Allison team showed why they are considered the top team in the division laying a 16-1 beating on Penetang. Carter Wilson scored the only Penetang goal while Kevin Pearson made 59 saves in the Kings net. Alliston had eight different goal scorers to share in the game's scoring and controlled the game from the early going, scoring four first period goals and five second period tallies.

On Thursday October 31st the Kings travelled to Innisfil and bounced back from the October 26th game, coming out on top of the Spartans by a 3-1 score. Riley Thayer, Cole Rumbolt and Matthew Laframboise each scored one goal for the Kings. Simec turned aside 33 Spartans shots while Penetang peppered Innisfil's netminder Luke Rockbrune with 64 shots on net.

Penetang now stands tied for fourth place with the Spartans in the eight team league standings with a record of six wins and seven losses.

The Kings will play two home games, first on Friday November 8th at 8:00 pm at the Penetanguishene Memorial Community Centre when they face off against the Midland Flyers followed by a game on Saturday November 9th when the Huntsville Otters come to town also at 8:00 pm. November is a busy month for the team with other home games on November 15 vs Allison, November 22 vs Stayner and November 29th vs Muskoka. The team also plays five November road games.

NOTES: Alliston is looking like the team to beat this season as they have easily handled all of their opponents to date including the second place Stayner Siskins. The Hornets got past the Siskins by an 8-1 score on Thursday October 31st in Stayner.



Oct. 18 @ Alliston Player of the Game - Landon Simec



Oct. 25 vs Innisfil Player of the game - Tanner Thayer



Oct. 31 @ Innisfil Player of the Game - Matthew Laframboise



Carter Wilson honoured for his 100th game as a King.



Riley Thayer #11 puts a shot on goal

## Sudbury Selected to Host 2025 Ontario 55+ Summer Games to Boost Economy and Sports Culture in the North

Ministry of Sport, October 31, 2024

SUDBURY —The Ontario government is investing \$235,000 to support Greater Sudbury's successful bid to host the 2025 Ontario 55+ Summer Games. By hosting more than 1,000 participants in almost 20 events, the 2025 Ontario 55+ Summer Games is expected to generate over \$1.5 million in local economic benefits to Greater Sudbury and the surrounding communities.

"Our government is proud to support the 2025 Ontario 55+ Summer Games in Greater Sudbury where our 55+ participants can showcase their abilities in competitions with their peers from across the province," said Neil Lumsden, Minister of Sport. "The games are another great example of our work to maximize the economic impact of sport tourism in Ontario and help older adults lead healthier, more active lives."

The 2025 Ontario 55+ Summer Games will provide a welcome boost to tourism in the north and strengthen

local hospitality industries, businesses, hotels, and restaurants as visitors enjoy the hustle and bustle of every-day life in Greater Sudbury and experience the region's incredible landscape.

The Ontario 55+ Summer Games occurs every two years and is delivered by the Ministry of Sport, in partnership with the Ontario Senior Games Association (OSGA). Participants of the Ontario 55+ Summer Games can also go on to represent Ontario at the next Canada 55+ Games.

Hosting the Games in Northern Ontario supports the government's ongoing efforts to provide people of all ages and abilities the opportunities to access sports and recreation no matter where they live. Games Ontario events increase tourism and build up a resume for northern communities to host more sports events, develop a base of qualified volunteers and encourage more people to take part in future Games.



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TEAM MURPHY	0-1-1	4.0
TEAM ALLEN	0-1-1	3.5
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TEAM HUTH	0-1-0	1.0



# Springwater, amid 'safety hazards,' OKs plowing of controversial road

*By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com, Oct 21, 2024*

Springwater Township council has directed staff to perform a task the township's Joint Health and Safety Committee (JHSC) calls a "safety hazard to the public and township staff." In a recorded vote at the end of a special session of council last week, Councillors Danielle Alexander, Anita Moore and Phil Fisher and Deputy Mayor George Cabral voted to direct "staff to proceed with the winter maintenance on Old Second South, beyond Sutton Heights, using a 4x4 pick up truck."

Councillors Brad Thompson and Matt Garwood and Mayor Jennifer Coughlin voted against the direction, which included five safety conditions that must be met prior to doing work on that section of road. The decision was not well received by the union representing the workers. "The Local is extremely disappointed with the four members of council who voted to ignore the recommendations of the JHSC and the third-party consultant that was hired to perform this assessment," said Mike Murphy, president of CUPE Local 2380 in an email to BarrieToday. "It is extremely disheartening that these councillors care so little for the health and well being of their employees," he said. "Our members are unified in their position that no job is more important than their safety and they are willing to stand up for that," he added.

According to Murphy, if staff who are directed to perform this work feel their safety is jeopardized in any way, they will refuse. "If staff feel that it is unsafe to maintain this road then the direction from the Local will be to refuse work once again and we shall notify the Ministry of Labour immediately," he said.

In a report that was co-written by public works director Grant Taylor and Jane Robitaille, the township's manager of people, safety, learning and employee relations, and presented before council on Sept. 18, the township's JHSC recommended that

winter maintenance on Old Second South, beyond Sutton Heights, "be suspended due to the safety hazards to the public and township staff." Some Springwater councillors didn't agree and sought out a legal opinion that supported their view. According to Moore, that legal opinion gave her the confidence she needed to direct staff to do the work on the road. "So, now we're in a position where we've been advised that the use of a 4x4 truck with a plow, and this is our legal opinion, is that it is a medium to low risk, with mitigation measures in place," she said. "I think that the measures outlined are very reasonable. I will support this," said Moore. Coughlin would not. In her opinion, the resident of Little Lake Lane, who made the original request for increased maintenance on the road back in 2022, knew where they lived and knew the road did not receive winter maintenance. The resident said his wife needed to be to work by 8 a.m. and he wanted the township to provide the same level of service to his road as they do to all other roads in the township. "This for me, and this is going to sound horrible, this is much like moving beside a chicken barn and complaining about the smell," she said. You live on a road that does not have winter maintenance and you're asking this township to now perform winter maintenance."

Coughlin said this section of Old Second South hasn't been a part of the township's regular winter maintenance program since the township was amalgamated in 1994. "I will not support maintaining this road any more than we have prior to last year," she said. "We haven't done so for the past 30, 40 or 50 years. "Not quite sure why we're starting now," she added.

According to Jeff Schmidt, chief administrative officer for Springwater, the township has six road classifications, based on traffic volumes and speed. The Old Second South, he said, is a "class six" road. Ontario's Municipal Act, Reg. 239/02: Minimum Maintenance Standards for Municipal Highways

(MMS) sets out minimum standards for road and highway maintenance for all municipalities. "Class six roads do not have any prescribed maintenance within the legislation," Schmidt said. "If council decides to provide winter maintenance we need to discuss what the expectations are for frequency. We have a number of other Class Three, Four and Five roads that have prescribed maintenance within the legislation, this one does not. "This won't be the first road plowed, it would be later on, unless council directs us to give it a higher priority," he added.

Cabral, who voted in favour of making staff do the work, said he has no expectations that the township will "race over there and plow the road" ahead of any other township roads. "It's Class Six," Cabral said. "If there's serious snowfall, we understand the priorities. "The key here is are we in the position to provide winter maintenance and based on the report we got today, I think we are."

Coughlin cautioned council before it made its decision, urging it to think ahead. "The only thing that has changed is the expectation of the resident, not the level of service provided by the township," she said.

If, while township staff are doing the work on Old Second South, a staff member gets hurt or injured, the union will be there to support them. "If a member is injured while performing this work then all members of council, as well as management, are in a position where they may be open to a lawsuit and the Local will ensure that those responsible are held accountable," Murphy said. "The fact of the matter is that this legislation is presumptive and speaks to there being no reprisals for refusing unsafe work. "Both our members, as well as management, are both protected by this legislation and our hope is that they use it to stand up to this ridiculous decision by four members of council."

## Springwater puts off request to move forward on community hub

*By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com, Oct 24, 2024*

The path to approve the next stage of Springwater Township's community hub project has been detoured by Craig Road. A request to approve the next step in the community hub development — a multi-purpose complex that would include an aquatics centre, a library and a gymnasium — at the corner of Bayfield Street and Snow Valley Road in Midhurst has been put off until February of next year.

At the township's recent council meeting, some members of council struggled with the idea of committing the township to more than \$130 million worth of construction — Craig Road (\$61 million) and the community hub (\$76 million) — despite the fact that both projects will receive funding through Development Charges (DC). Deputy Mayor George Cabral's fiscal concerns were shared by Councillors Danielle Alexander, Anita Moore and Phil Fisher. "My problem is how do we move forward with two significant projects that are in the tens of millions of dollars," Cabral said. "For me, I'm having a hard time trying to justify supporting this (community hub request) tonight until I know a little bit more of where we're at on Craig Road. "How are we going to manage that? I don't think we've been provided with the info that will help me understand how we'll pay for all of this," he added. "Craig Road is 100 per cent DC-funded," said Jeff Schmidt, chief administrative officer for Springwater. "We don't have those DCs today and so we will have to do some interim financing to make sure we can proceed with that."

He reminded council that at the last council meeting, council approved staff's request to submit an application to the provincial government for funding assistance. If accepted, the township could potentially receive up to \$20 million to aid in the cost of building the road. Additionally, since the road is slated to become a county road at some point in the

future, Schmidt suggested that perhaps, somewhere down the road, the county might be able to assist with some of the funding. "We've had discussions with them (Simcoe County) to see if there's an opportunity for them to assist us, maybe with Phase Two of the project or even Phase One," Schmidt said.

According to a Craig Road update report prepared by the township's engineering department that council received on Oct. 2, the township has completed the conceptual design and hired Ainley as its roadway design consultant. The township has also completed the archeological and environmental assessments. The report noted that Phase One is approximately 60 per cent complete but "progress has been impeded as a landowner has not provided the required access to their lands."

Phase Two design work has started. In regards to the community hub, Schmidt said it too may benefit from funds generated through DCs. He said the township has suggested changes to its DC bylaw that would result in the township receiving DC funds for not only the community hub but also the township's new fire station on Snow Valley Road. "As those DCs are being collected for Craig Road through those new houses, we will also be collecting DCs for the recreation piece for our community hub," he said.

He tried to refocus council on the request that was in front of them — the community hub architectural and engineering service project which staff recommended be awarded to Colliers Project Leaders for a cost of \$193,530.08 excluding HST. "What we're asking for is this next stage of this project to proceed," Schmidt said. "If council agrees with this request tonight, we're probably looking at the end of this term of council where this portion would be completed and would provide for an opportunity to enhance, if you will, or revise the numbers that have been provided, what Weston had originally provided, to get a little more granular as it relates to both operating and

capital costs. "At the end of this stage, council has the opportunity to say ya or nay."

Schmidt said the report would provide a more detailed analysis of the needs — what the community hub will look like, what the community is requesting and the cost. To give council a clearer understanding of the township's financial status, Schmidt said staff will update the township's long range financial plan in 2025, which will provide council with all of the different initiatives the township is working on and provide them with a better understanding of the township finances from a financial sustainability perspective. "I get what you're saying tonight but I would say, really, this next process is just the next stage to give you more information about this community hub project," Schmidt reiterated. "It's not committing you."

Greg Bedard, director of finance for the township, tried to allay council's concerns about financing the projects. "Where we're at now, we're looking to move forward with Colliers to gain more information to provide those projections to you," Bedard told council. "We need the up-to-date costing on the project so we can put that into our projections into DCs and when we're going to collect those: to look at when we're going to collect, when we're going to cash flow, what that interim financing looks like. "Right now we don't have the information needed, with respect to this project, to share with you," he added.

Bedard said this project, in consultation with some of the DC work council has requested, will give staff the opportunity to provide that information to council in an effort to provide it with a bit more comfort moving forward. Council voted four to three to refer the motion back to staff who will report back to council in February, next year. As part of that report, staff will include the estimated DCs that are anticipated in the next two to five years.



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The Friends of Springwater Public Library are having an online silent auction the first two weeks of November. Some of our auction items include hand made quilts, a three day/two night stay at a cottage on Georgian Bay and more! Visit: <https://new.biddingowl.com/FriendsofSpringwaterLibrarySilentAuction> or scan the QR code. You can also visit our website and find the link to the auction available there. Thanks very much for your support!

**Take and Make Crafts**

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**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.

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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.

**Circuit Sublimation Earrings**

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**Thursday Murder Club at the Library**

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**Make a Gift Day**

Using Canva and our sublimation printer you can make: two magnets \$4.00, one ornament \$2, a neck gaiter \$5, one mug \$5. Saturday November 23 at Elmvale Branch or Saturday November 30 at Midhurst Branch. Registration required for your one hour time slot between 10:30am-3:30pm.

# Penetanguishene Public Library

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**Tech Talk**

When : Thursday Nov 21st at 11:00am  
Need assistance with technology? Sign up for our Tech Talk sessions! Sign up in person and discuss with the staff the specific things you need help with.

**Adopt a Squishmallow**

When : Friday Nov 22nd at 10am  
Ages : 0-14, Cost : Members are \$5.00 and Non-members are \$7.00  
Children come to the library and adopt a Squishmallow! "New Parents" will receive

a certificate and a list of activities that the adoption agency/the library recommends to make Squishmallow happy. There will be storytime, colouring pages and playtime with your Squishmallow.

**First Light Tickets**

Available at Penetanguishene Public Library  
Members : \$7.00 and Non-members : \$10.00  
Available in quantities of 4 only while supplies lasts.

**Man of Movember**

In honour of Movember PPL is looking for nominees for the PPL mustache of the year award. If you know of a library gentleman, you would like to nominate please fill out a nominee application. APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FROM NOVEMBER 1 to 22, 2024

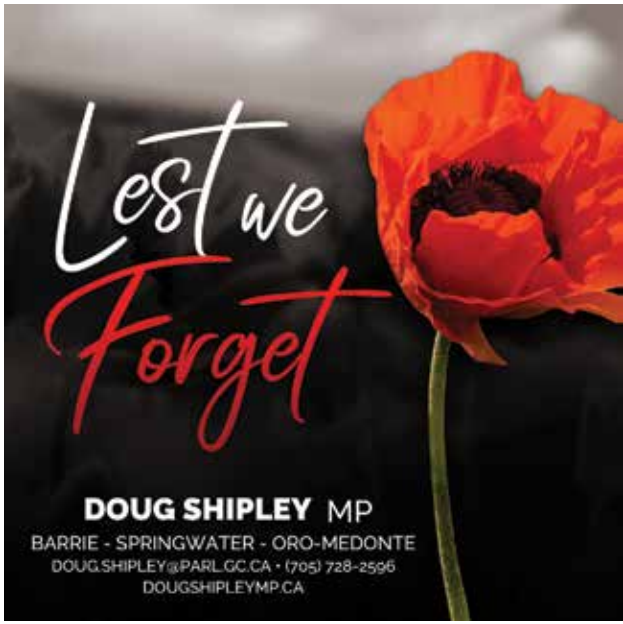
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**In Memory Tree Ceremony**

When : Monday Nov 25th at 1:00pm  
Remember loved ones over the holidays at the Penetanguishene Public Library In Memory Tree Celebration. Tree lighting at 1 pm  
Ornaments can be purchased for \$7 Oct 28th to Nov 22nd. Name and year scripted on front.  
Refreshments will be available after the ceremony.

**Book Tasting**

When: Thursday Nov 28th at 4:00pm  
Meet Authors and enjoy snacks paired with their books.  
Cost : Members are \$5 and Non-Members \$7.00  
Must register by Nov 25th.



Every year, on November 11, we take the time to pause and honour the brave men and women who have fought to protect and uphold the freedoms we enjoy today. To show support for our veterans, I encourage you to wear a poppy, attend a Remembrance Day ceremony, or simply thank a veteran. It is our responsibility to make sure that their memory, service, and sacrifice are never forgotten.

If you wish to attend a service, the following ceremonies are among those taking place in the region:

- Royal Canadian Legion Branch 262 (Elmvale) – ceremony will begin at 10:30 am at the Elmvale Cenotaph
- Royal Canadian Legion Branch 147 (Barrie) and the City of Barrie – parade will begin at 10:30 am, departing from Dunlop St. and Mulcaster St. to Five Points, ceremony to follow at Memorial Square
- Springwater Park – assemble at 10:30 am at the Springwater Provincial Park Cenotaph
- Oro-Medonte Remembrance Day Service on November 10 – ceremony will begin at 10:45 am at the Old Town Hall Cenotaph

If you are unable to attend a ceremony on

Remembrance Day, please pause at 11 am to observe two minutes of silence. Take the opportunity to reflect and remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms.

This year marked the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF). For a century the RCAF, and its personnel have defended Canada, its people, allies, and interests. I offer my thanks to the men and women who have served and continue to serve Canada, at home and abroad, for their efforts and sacrifices to keep our country and our communities safe.

We will never be able to truly repay our veterans, but we will continue to remember, respect, and honour them for their dedication to our country, their service, and the sacrifices they have made.

Lest we forget.

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

Sincerely,

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



October 30, 2024

As part of the province's ongoing efforts to build and improve local schools, the Ontario government has provided the Simcoe County District School Board with approval to issue the tender for the new replacement Shanty Bay Public School to create more student spaces. This is supported by an investment of \$18.9 million, which includes additional funding of \$13 million.

Once completed, this project will deliver 190 new elementary spaces for local families. The investment is part of Ontario's commitment to providing about \$16 billion to support school construction, renewal and improvement over 10 years. Since 2018, the government has approved or supported the development of over 300 school-related projects including child care, of which more than 100 are actively under construction.

"The funding for a new replacement Shanty Bay Public School is great news for our community," said Doug Downey, MPP for Barrie—Springwater—Oro-Medonte. "Since taking office, I, alongside with the team of parents, students and educators, have advocated for this school to remain in the Shanty Bay community. This investment will ensure families and students have access to a quality learning environment in the years ahead."

Additionally, Ontario is taking action to ensure that school board capital assets are used effectively and efficiently to meet the needs of growing communities, support student learning and ensure value for taxpayer dollars. The Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act, 2023 empowers decision-makers to build modern schools faster by better utilizing school capacity, reducing barriers for school boards to facilitate agreements for schools in multi-use buildings such as condo towers, and shortening planning time through design standardization when constructing, renovating, or making additions to schools.

"As a mother, I understand that the local school really is the heart of the community, and that it's so important for young families to have a school

## Ontario Building New Replacement School in Shanty Bay

Province's investment in innovative and modern learning spaces will ensure students have high quality education

that's close to home," said Jill Dunlop, Minister of Education. "Our government is listening to parents, which is why we took action, and we are proud to deliver a new, state-of-the-art Shanty Bay Public School for local families, along with increasing funding, staffing and a back-to-basics focus on reading, writing and math to help ensure students graduate with the fundamental skills they need to succeed."

Highlights of the project include:

- 190 new student spaces

"Under Premier Ford's leadership, we're building more state-of-the-art schools to support the needs of Ontario's students, families and growing communities. By investing in innovative and modern learning spaces, we're ensuring students have access to the quality education that will provide them with lifelong skills and education in a safe and healthy environment," said Kinga Surma, Minister of

Infrastructure. "These investments are one of the ways we're delivering on our promise to build Ontario, with an infrastructure budget of more than \$190 billion over the next decade."

"The Simcoe County District School Board welcomes funding from the Ministry of Education for the construction of new and replacement schools," said John Dance, Director of Education. "This is exciting news for students, staff, and families that have been advocating for a replacement Shanty Bay Public School. The replacement school will address the current facility restrictions and will ensure that students continue to learn in their community for

years to come."

The new replacement Shanty Bay Public School will be located at 1871 Ridge Road West in Shanty Bay.

Quick Facts:

- Since 2018, the Ontario government has invested more than \$3.6 billion in capital construction projects in education, including 139 new schools, 109 additions and renovations to existing facilities, creating more than 98,000 student spaces and over 8,000 new licensed child care spaces.

- For the 2024-25 school year, the ministry has allocated renewal funding of approximately \$1.4 billion to school boards to revitalize and renew aged building systems and components.

- The Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act, 2023 ensures the public education system focuses on what matters most: teaching important life-long skills such as reading, writing and math; improving accountability and transparency for parents and families; maximizing capital assets of boards to support building modern schools faster and better utilizing current school capacity.

- Ontario secured a \$13.2 billion agreement with the federal government that will lower fees for families to an average of \$10 a day for children under the age of six under the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care system.

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# ANTEN MILLS

By Dennis Gannon, Nov.3, 2024

It was a dark and dreary night. The rain was falling and the wind was picking up. A typical fall evening. Wait! This isn't the beginning of a horror story. No, it's the beginning of a wonderful evening enjoyed by the witches and their friends when they came together for the 2nd annual Witches Walk. Unfortunately the rain did begin as the witches started their walk through the village but that didn't curtail the 20+ witches from having fun. Back at the community centre they danced and made memories as the local band, Bombshell entertained them under the pavilion. Being good neighbours, they cleaned up and left the park before 11PM ensuring everyone had a peaceful evening.

Then on Sunday it was the little ones' turn. For them the sun shined and the temperature was great. Pumpkin carving, games, a Photo Booth were all part of the fun and to top it off when they got their passport filled, they went home with a fabulous loot bag.

Both events would not have been possible if not for the great volunteers who organized and looked after the events. A special thanks goes out to Casey and Colleen and the group that they had working on these programs. Their efforts are greatly appreciated. As well a thanks goes out to Lindsay's family who donated over 100 pumpkins for the kids to carve. Their donation and the donations of those from the community who donated to the events is much appreciated.

It has been said before that we live in a fabulous community where people are not afraid to give of their time or make a donation when asked. A trend that is welcomed as is their energy. As a Community Recreation Association events that keep our community engaged are essential. A review of past events helps to ensure that everything is on track and make adjustments as needed. A general meeting of the Anten Mills CRA will occur on Tuesday, November 12 starting at 7:30 in the community centre and all are invited. Our council member Brad Thompson will be in attendance and is willing to listen to any concerns that you may have. An invitation has been extended to the new Director of Parks and Recreation however his attendance has not been confirmed. Should he attend it will be an excellent opportunity to hear his vision for the future of

recreation in the township.

On the council agenda this past week was a request to finalize the new subdivision with the entrance from Wilson Drive. From the report on the agenda it appears that all the conditions have been met and the plan can be registered. That would mean that the lots could be sold and construction begun. Soon we could have new neighbours. As for the name of the street it will be called Davis Way in recognition of a Springwater resident who gave their life for our freedom during WW1. A fitting tribute.

Remembrance Day is on Monday, November 11. Their will be ceremonies in Elmvale, Barrie and at Springwater Provincial Park. The Springwater Provincial Park service is not organized by a Legion Branch but by volunteers. A refreshed group of volunteers has undertaken this year's service and if you have gone by the entrance to the park over the past week you will have noticed that there are several enhancements to encourage attendance. The service will begin at 10:45 AM and admission to the park on November 11 is complimentary so please consider attending and remember those who have given us the freedom we have today.

If you are considering getting some Anten Mills cool clothing as a Christmas present this year then you better order now to ensure delivery in time. The clothing is well made and reasonably priced and with each item purchased, \$5 comes back to support community activities. The website to purchase is antenmills.justadd1.com.

With Thanksgiving and Halloween behind us it is time to think about the Christmas activities in the village. Soon the lights will be installed on the tree in front of the pavilion. Our Christmas in the Village starts on Saturday, December 7 with the ever popular Tree Lighting and continues the next day with the annual Santa Claus parade. Entries for the parade have already started and should you require more information the contact email is antenmillschristmas@gmail.com. More information will be posted here and on the Anten Mills Community Bulletin Facebook page.

Our Springwater volunteer firefighters are again this year selling Christmas trees and urn greenery. The urn greenery is sold one day only and here at the community

centre. If you are looking for a great deal on helping you get your home ready for the holidays then mark your calendars now and head over to the community centre on Sunday, November 17 starting at 10AM until they sell out which is usually before 2. You are not only making your home ready, you are also supporting the firefighters and their charities. Christmas tree sales will start November 30.

That's all for this week. I hope to see you at a Remembrance Day service and on the 12th for the CRA meeting. Until then, THANKS for READING, BE WELL and STAY SAFE.



## Tiny Firefighters lead Movember

Submitted by Township of Tiny, October 31, 2024

(Tiny, Ontario) The Township of Tiny's Volunteer Firefighters are partnering with the Midland, Penetanguishene, and Tay Fire Departments for the third year for the Southern Georgian Bay Firefighters' Movember campaign that takes place during the month of November. The Wasaga Beach Fire Department will be joining the team for 2024.

Since 2003, the Movember campaign has used the moustache as a symbol to focus on raising awareness and money for men's health initiatives including mental health and suicide prevention, prostate cancer, and testicular cancer.

"The Movember campaign draws attention to the conversations we need to be having about our physical and mental well-being with our friends and loved ones and encouraging them to seek help when they need it," said Dave Flewelling, Director of Fire and Emergency Services/ Fire Chief. "The event also helps raise funds for life saving health research and initiatives."

This year, the Southern Georgian Bay Firefighters, led by team co-captains Samantha Barnett and Ky Winstanley-Hayes, kicked off the Movember campaign with a charity golf tournament at Brooklea Golf and Country Club in September, raising \$3,500.

"While the goal of our Movember campaign is to raise money to help fund initiatives for men's health, the real goal in my opinion is to start a conversation

that can make a positive difference in someone's life," said Ky Winstanley-Hayes, team co-captain and Tiny volunteer firefighter. "A simple phone call or text asking how someone is doing and that they matter to you, it can make larger difference than any amount of money raised."

Thanks to the ongoing support from the community, the Southern Georgian Bay Firefighters team has topped the fundraising charts for Movember for three years in a row, earning the top titles for Canadian Fire Department, Firefighter, and Female in Canada.

In 2023 co-captain Samantha Barnett won the

first-ever "Mo Your Own Way" award, and the Southern Georgian Bay Firefighters were nominated for Team Movember (Canada). Last year, the team raised a total of \$55,787. To learn more about the participating firefighters, or to donate to the team's campaign goal, visit [www.tiny.ca/fire](http://www.tiny.ca/fire).

"As we enter another cycle of fundraising for men's health, it is crucial that the individuals who see us or hear us are having conversations about your family history/mental health with their loved ones. Awareness is an essential component for the month-long



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# New downtown mural makes Midland a natural direction for visitors

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, Oct 28, 2024

The crisp bluster of a tempered October season wasn't enough to keep local artists and regional dignitaries from welcoming in Midland's newest artistic addition.

At the Southern Georgian Bay Chamber of Commerce building, also housing the Downtown BIA, the painted side of Midland's northern downtown core was unveiled during an announcement on Friday. "This is part of a larger project called 'Downtown Midland Comes to Life: Arts and Ambiance,'" said BIA operations manager Katarina Knezevic. "It's supported by the 'My Main Street' community activator initiative and really the whole purpose is for the enhancement of downtown to make it more vibrant, to make it more enjoyable for everybody."

On the side of the building at 208 King Street, bricks and their crevices were painted by Wasaga Beach artist Shandelle Page McCurdie to depict a near-pixelated view of Midland's waters on Georgian Bay, while iconic regional aspects such as the tall white pines and Canadian geese joined semi-realistic watercraft and native plants to showcase the forefront of the piece. "Considering the surface texture that I endured, I think everything went really smoothly," said McCurdie.

After receiving mid-summer confirmation for the piece, McCurdie referred to a laminated template for the overall design but kept the painting's final product lax to allow for creative liberties and the challenges of painting in the outdoors.

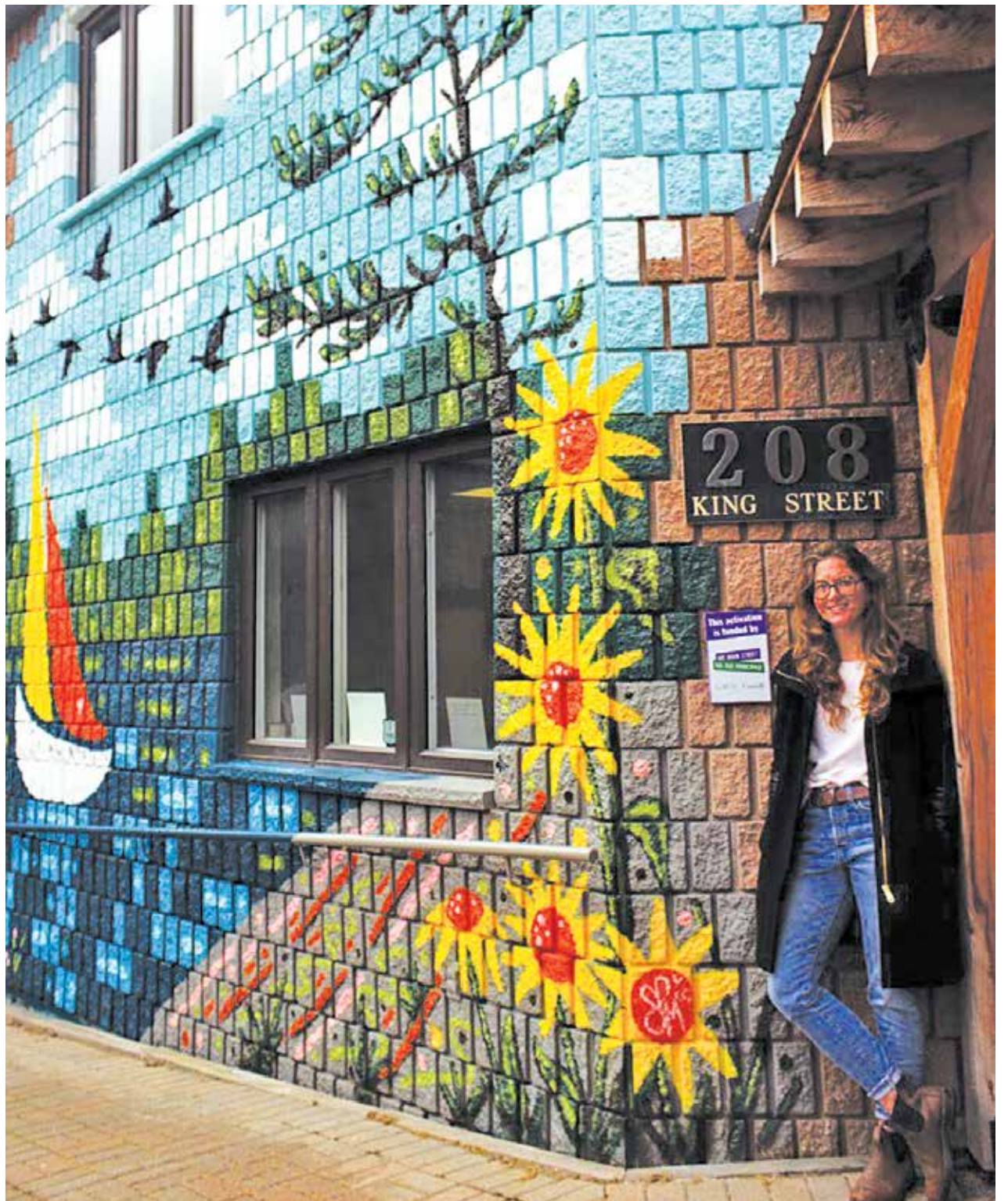
No official name was given for the mural, as McCurdie said it would have to be a joint decision by herself and the BIA. However, she offered a suitable unofficial title she felt could apply. "I want to say 'A Natural Direction', because the nature and the landscape of Midland is what created the direction of this whole mural, of the design itself. "We knew that we wanted to take in a lot of local elements, but also Canada geese were a very big part of the design choices," McCurdie added. "I think that they tend to have a pretty good sense of direction."

The 'Downtown Midland Comes to Life: Arts and Ambiance' project also included other visual and aural elements around town, including the colourfully painted bollards in the parking areas, placemaking patios, and light displays with additional mounted speakers.

Thanks were given to other artists in attendance: bollard covers - Hilary Slater, Greg McCullough, Frieda Abroziak; banners - Frieda Abroziak, Tyler Franz, Heather Kertzer, Courtney Guthrie; and pop-up mural - Alex Kostecka-Silva.

My Main Street is operated by the Canadian Urban Institute and funded by the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario, with the Community Activator providing support for community projects designed to draw visitors and increase local vibrancy.

Further information on the mural and project are located on the Downtown Comes to Life page of the Downtown Midland BIA website.



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# New Street Banners Added to Series Honouring Local Veterans in Elmvale

Submitted by Township of Springwater, October 30, 2024

For the fifth consecutive year, Queen Street in downtown Elmvale is proudly displaying commemorative banners paying tribute to local veterans. This ongoing project is a collaborative effort between the Township of Springwater, the Royal Canadian Legion - Elmvale Branch and the Elmvale Business Improvement Area. With the addition of sixteen new banners this year, featuring thirty-two individuals, the initiative remains dedicated to honoring the bravery and selflessness of our nation's veterans.

The project was launched in 2020 and now features 160 local veterans. The partnership hopes to keep expanding on the number of veterans recognized in years to come. Those highlighted this year include: Albert Archer, Alex McNeil, Alvin Archer, Archie Smith, Britton Bell, Edward Archer, Emerson Webb, Frank Loftus, George Archer, George Bell, Gordon Kirton, Gordon Spring, Harold Barnes, Harold Lawson, Ivison Spring, Jack Ball, Jack Brock, Jack Spence, James McNeill, James Reid, Jim Fleming, Jim Pearson, John Braithwaite, L. McNeill, Leo Hitz, Lloyd McKnight, Percy Black, Robt. Sprigley, Rodney Barnes, Stanley Clute, Wilbert Archer, William Cain.

"It's an immense privilege for the Elmvale Business Improvement Area to partner with the Township and our local Legion in bringing this program to life for the community," says Crystal Graveson, President, Elmvale BIA. "These banners serve as a reminder of the sacrifices made by our community's heroes, ensuring their legacy continues."

"The Elmvale Legion is proud to partner with the Township of Springwater and the Elmvale Business Improvement Area to make this program a reality each year," says Michael Jacobs, President, Legion Branch 262. "As you view the banners, take a moment to reflect on the sacrifices

that these veterans and their families have made to ensure our great nation of Canada is a free and safe country to live in."

"The program is a great initiative to honour those who have served our country and to remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice," said Mayor Jennifer Coughlin. "As visitors pass through our community and see the banners, we hope they too, will pause to reflect on the immense impact of our veterans and carry that sense of gratitude with them."

The banners will remain up throughout the month of November.

For information on Remembrance Day ceremonies happening locally, visit [www.springwater.ca/RemembranceDay2024](http://www.springwater.ca/RemembranceDay2024)



### Teen Take & Make:

Upcycled Mixed Media Art Journals

Kits available Nov. 6

Ages 12-18

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### An Enchanted Evening in the Tortured Poets Department

Thursday, November 7, 5:30-7:30pm

Taylor Swift's Toronto concerts are just around the corner. Join MPL for an enchanting evening celebrating her music, poetry and all things Swiftie.

Drop-in. All ages. No registration required. Some activities available while supplies last.

### French Film Screening: Testament (2023)

Wednesday, November 20, 5:30-7:30pm

Have fun & improve your French with this screening of the French language drama Testament, starring Rémy Girard (subtitled in English).

### Making Affordable Meals for Older Adults

Thursday, November 21, 10am-12pm

Swap tips for making healthy, nutritious and affordable meals while we try out a few budget-friendly recipes.

Space is limited. Visit us at [midlandlibrary.com](http://midlandlibrary.com) or call (705) 526-4216 to register.

### Ornament/Gift Topper Making for Older Adults

Friday, December 13, 10-11am

A simple, classic project to inspire even beginning crafters! Follow along with MPL's most artistic and crafty eDatabase, Creativebug, to make your own paper clay ornament or gift topper! We'll provide everything you need; you supply the creativity.

Visit us at [midlandlibrary.com](http://midlandlibrary.com) or call (705) 526-4216 to register.

### Teen Detectives

Tuesday, December 17, 4-6pm

Ages 12-18

Join MPL for a fun afternoon of critical thinking and cold cases\* as we attempt to determine who murdered Harmony Ashcroft?

Beverages & snacks provided.

Drop-in. No registration required.

\*Not actual cold cases - puzzles are from the Unsolved Case Files: Cold Case Murder Mystery Game.

### An Evening of Motorcycle Adventures

Wednesday, December 18, 6:30-7:30pm

Join MPL as our volunteer presenter Tim shares his personal travel story, with anecdotes and tips. Together we'll visit Eastern Canada and the continental U.S. on a motorcycle.

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### Winter Break Marvel Scavenger Hunt

December 23 - January 3

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# World Polio Day



*By Mike Knell Rotary, Oct. 25, 2024*  
 The photo captures an energetic group of Rotarians from the Midland and Penetanguishene Rotary Clubs. Thursday Oct 24th was World Polio Day and the Rotarians walked throughout downtown Midland handing out info on the progress of eradicating Polio from the world as our gift to children. Polio still persists in Afghanistan and Pakistan but the rest of the world is Polio free. Rotary members have now contributed more than \$2.1 billion and recently the Government of Canada presented Rotary International with a cheque for \$151 million to assist the Global Polio Initiative this year. We thank our communities for their continued support with our broad based Rotary fundraising initiatives.

# North Simcoe Springwater News is found in Portugal



Shown left to right, Yvonne Howell, our Springwater News member Sheila Webb, Carol Paznar and Lynn Renaud in Lisbon Portugal, with a shot of Port wine, holding the paper.

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# Local bakeries support bake sale for GBGH

*Submitted by GBGH, Nov. 4, 2024*  
 November 1, 2024 – For the month of November, bakeries in Midland, Tay and Penetanguishene are joining forces to raise funds for Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH). Café Kittyhawk, Boulangers Midland City Bakers, Royal Tea on King, Shana’s Baked Goods, Pier 21 Restaurant, World Famous Dock Lunch, The PULSE Nutrition, and the Captain’s Cafe (at GBGH) will be collecting donations for Celia’s Bake Sale, an annual fundraiser organized by Penetanguishene resident, Melissa Robinson.

For the past four years, Melissa has spent the month of November baking to raise funds for GBGH to honour the memory of her daughter, Celia Marie Robinson, who passed away at GBGH on Christmas Day 2019 from an underlying genetic immunodeficiency. Since 2020, the event has raised more than \$28,000.

“We will forever be grateful for the care and compassion we received from the team at GBGH,” shared Melissa. “We wanted to do something to

honour Celia, and I decided the bake sale was the best way. I never thought it would take off the way it did. The community support has been amazing.”

In 2024, Celia’s Bake Sale is raising funds to purchase a vital signs monitor (or two) for the Emergency Department at GBGH. Each monitor has a cost of \$5,700 and provides critical information to the care teams on a patient’s blood pressure, heart rate, respiratory rate and temperature. It was one of the pieces of equipment that the GBGH team used for Celia’s care.

“The response from our local bakeries has been wonderful,” says Robyn Blanchet, community giving officer, GBGH Foundation. “Melissa’s passion for the cause is compelling, and we are thrilled that a number of businesses are joining her to raise funds to honour Celia this year.”

Anyone interested in learning more, or making a donation to support this heartwarming cause can visit: <https://gbghf.ca/bake-sale-for-celia/>



Boulangers Midland City Bakers is taking part in the annual Celia’s Bake Sale, with a portion of proceeds from all blue and white baked goods in November being donated to the Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) Foundation. From left: Melissa Robinson, Celia’s Bake Sale and Robyn Blanchet, community giving officer, GBGH Foundation.

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# Bearbells



by Leslie Noonan

October 31/24

This morning is warm though overcast, perfect weather to get out before the showers come this afternoon and threaten to put a damper on Halloween night. At least this year parents won't have to bundle up the kids in coats and hats, but they might need an umbrella or canoe. After a quick search on my hiking app, I chose a nearby route that offered several hiking options. I should have looked more closely at different apps, as things did not quite go as planned.

Tucked away off road 33 near Six Mile Lake is the Gibson River Provincial Nature Reserve. This is a non-operating park, with no amenities, and as I quickly found out, no parking. The small lot to enter the park is only for locals. Hmm, well, by the time anyone comes to give me a ticket I will be long gone, so I took a chance and parked. I quietly closed the car doors, and almost tiptoed to the trail holding on to my bearbells to not be heard. Already this hike is unusual, and I feel like I am trespassing, even though the park is a public space.

The path heads up a small hill and across exposed bedrock. This section had been frequently used by ATV's and was a mess of deep ruts and grooves filled with muddy water. As I gingerly attempted to traverse this area, using my poles to steady me, my weak left leg gave out. Not even my poles could save me this time and down I went right into one of those muddy ruts. A stunned moment, with me lying on my right side in a warm but very wet puddle. I went through a quick inventory in my head; knee, ok, and no extra injury. Car keys, still in my pocket. Phone, nope, not in my pocket, ah there it is, near my head and deep in the mud. Ok, now to get to my feet, with one gimpy knee and slippery mud on all sides. Sigh, there is no help for it, and I plunged my arms into the warm goo to help steady myself as I pulled myself to my feet. Thick mud covered my shoes and legs, and up to my mid back was wet and muddy. If I came out of the bush now, I would be mistaken for the swamp thing. It is Halloween, so here is my ready-made costume!

Once back on my feet, I continued on for less than 20 feet before turning back in disgust. The entire way is just chewed up trail. It is extremely rare for

me to give up so early, but my vibe today was just not going well. I was almost back to the trail head when I noticed a chunk of exposed rock that just might lead to a trail. I could see my car, and I was dripping with muddy water, but stubborn me just could not pass by without seeing if there was a trail, and there was! A much nicer trail than the one I had been on, that came out to another ATV trail that was much easier to traverse. I had no idea where I was and the app for the trails was useless. I noticed a yellow blaze that veered away from the ATV trail and led deeper into the forest. Ok, sure, why not, what could go wrong, said every female on Halloween.

I followed the yellow blazes through forests, thick with yellow and brown leaves. There was no visible trail, so I had to be extra cautious to follow those blazes. The scenery was lovely, and it was incredibly quiet. Just the type of hike I like, except that I never really shook off this lingering feeling of trepidation. I swear I could feel eyes watching me and feel icy fingers reaching out to touch me. Perhaps I have spooked myself with Halloween horrors, and my poor start to the hike did not help. I travelled a few kilometers and decided to turn around and head back. I did get to show off my mudwoman outfit though. I stopped to get some much-needed gas for my car, and had to laugh at the looks I got as I squelched out of my car at the pump. Grey mud clung to most

parts of my body, and dry flakes cascaded around me. Muck oozed up around my shoes with every step and globs dropped off my forearms onto the asphalt. I even left a muddy handprint on the pump. So if tonight, with the moon bright and the sky dark, you see a limping mud person shambling towards you, wailing with anguish, don't be concerned. I just forgot to buy wine. Happy Halloween!!!



## Fall Gbay Gals Give Event



October 28, 2024 - We had our Fall Gbay Gals Give Event on Monday October 21st at the Midland Legion. What a fabulous turnout and such a fun night for all involved.

Saint Vincent de Paul Midland, Penetanguishene & Victoria Harbour Chapters and Quest Art School were the recipient charities chosen. The money is still trickling in but so far Quest Art Gallery received \$22,350 and St Vincent de Paul received \$23,050!

This puts our donations to date since our inception in 2018 at over \$500,000.00!!! Just think of the impact this has had on the local charities that we have supported so far. We are forever grateful to each of our Gbay Gals for their generosity. We all have come together to share

a passion for giving back to our community. Something we are all so very proud of.

Special thanks to The Midland Legion and Cheryl Fry for hosting our event and to our Food Sponsor Helen Alyonka Pugacheva-Juncal from The Law firm of Chin & Orr in Midland for providing the wonderful food. And the leftovers after the event were received by the Guest House Shelter.

Our next Giving Event will be in May 2025. More details to follow.

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# PASTA SOFFRITTO



**Jo Knows Nutrition**  
by Joanne Nijhuis



It's the perfect time to save some money and shop your fridge and cupboards with this versatile Italian recipe. So simple to make with ingredients that most have on hand, Pasta Soffritto is a coarse tomato sauce that is a little different from what you typically buy at the grocery store. Served with either pasta or rice, this recipe may become one of your favourite mid-week meals throughout the colder months.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Soffritto, meaning slightly fried in Italian, is the magical first step to creating so many iconic Italian dishes including Osso Buco, ragus, stews, soups and sauces for pasta and rice. Soffritto is the mixture of finely diced onions, carrots and celery gently and slowly cooked in fat to release a depth of flavour and fragrance. The variations are endless once you have

your soffritto, so feel free to create your own version of a recipe with whatever other ingredients and spices you have available in your home. Rosemary, sage, thyme, dried chili peppers, beans, ham, ground meat, cooked bacon or a splash of red or white wine are all delicious additions to your soffritto.

**INGREDIENTS**

- 2 tablespoons (30 ml) butter
- ¼ cup (63 ml) olive oil
- 1 cup (250 ml) finely diced carrots
- ½ cup (125 ml) finely diced celery
- 1 cup (250 ml) finely diced onion
- 4 cloves garlic, chopped or 1 teaspoon (5 ml) garlic powder
- 1-2 teaspoons (5-10 ml) dried oregano
- 1 tablespoon (15 ml) Italian flatleaf parsley or 1 teaspoon (5 ml) dried parsley
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 can (28 Fl oz, 796 ml) whole plum tomatoes
- 2 tablespoons (30 ml) tomato paste
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 cup (250 ml) cooked ground beef, turkey or

chicken, optional

- Garnish: freshly grated parmesan cheese, fresh parsley, or freshly ground black pepper

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. In a large saucepan set over medium heat, melt the butter and olive oil.
  2. When the butter is foaming, add the carrots, celery, onions and garlic and cook for 8 to 10 minutes, stirring often until the vegetables have softened.
  3. Add the parsley, oregano, plum tomatoes and tomato paste to the saucepan. Crush the plum tomatoes with the back of slotted spoon. Stir in the cooked meat, if using. Add the bay leaf.
  4. Bring the sauce to a boil.
  5. Reduce to medium-low heat and simmer, partially covered for 40-45 minutes, stirring occasionally.
  6. To create a less coarse tomato sauce, puree in a blender or food processor or use an immersion blender.
  7. Serve with your favourite pasta or with rice, if preferred.
- ENJOY!**

## The Christmas Hamper Campaign

The Elmvale & District Food Bank is now accepting applications for Christmas Hampers. The Christmas Hamper Campaign is an annual 'bonus' effort provided by many generous donors, sponsors and volunteers who want to bring a little boost of Christmas cheer to those experiencing food insecurity. The hampers include food and gifts and many volunteers spend countless hours organizing this campaign. If you or someone you know is in need of a hamper please visit the food bank on Wednesdays from 4-6 or Thursdays from 10 until noon to apply. Applications will be accepted until November 21st and proof of residence will be required. Individuals, families, businesses, service groups, if you've been thinking about it, this is the chance for you to jump on board and get involved with Christmas hampers. You can sponsor a family and make their Christmas wishes come true. These hampers really do make a difference to folks. For information on sponsoring please contact Debbie, 705-322-3070 or email [scmclean@bell.net](mailto:scmclean@bell.net)

Farm Credit Canada has an annual campaign known as Drive Away Hunger. This year six employees from the Thornton office spent about four hours at the food bank helping to prepare for the upcoming annual Christmas Hamper Campaign.

Andrew, Meghan and Cathy, owners of Northwin

Deck and Construction Inc., delivered an amazing food donation to our food bank. This family has delivered to us in the past and once again they have been very generous.

We extend heartfelt gratitude and thanks to all of these folks who continue to support your local food bank, which in turn continues to support your neighbours and friends who may be facing a difficult time. *Submitted by Debbie Craddock, Nov. 3, 2024*



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# The Unknown Facts

The 1932 PSS [Penetang] football team consisted of many boys who eventually ended up serving their country during WWII.

Two men in particular have interesting stories that astonish me to this day.

AB Thompson [Tommy] joined Britain's Royal Air Force in 1937. He plane's engine failed and the crew was captured while dropping propoganda leaflets over Germany. He spent 5 years and 8 months as a POW both in Germany and Poland. AB is considered the first Canadian captured given Canada was not officially in the war yet. He was one of those Commonwealth Officers who was at Stalag Luft 3 when the 'Great Escape' took place, he was number 68 of 76 men to escape and then be re-captured, obviously he was not one of the 50 men who were shot.

Phil Marchildon was a professional pitcher for Connie Macks Philadelphia Athletics when he received a telegram from Canada calling him up for the RCAF after the 1942 season. He was assigned to a seven men crew on a Halifax bomber. On his 28th mission the crew dropped mines on Kiel Bay. The plane was suddenly hit by cannon fire and the order was given to bail out, landing in cold black water of the North Sea two of the seven men crew survived. Phil and his partner were captured by the Germans and headed to Stalag Luft 3.

After 10 months of captivity the Russians began closing in on the camp and the 2,400 prisoners were ordered to march and keep marching from January to

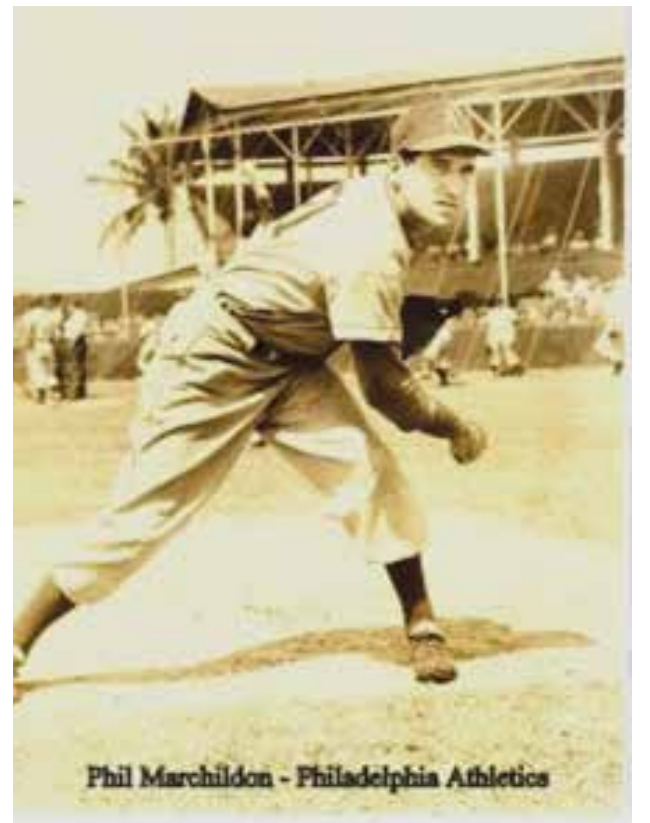
May...the Death March.

The Germans marched the POWs for miles to keep them away from advancing Allies.

A British patrol finally liberated Marchildon May 2, 1945, but when he got home he was 30 to 40 pounds underweight and had nerve attacks.

They were in school together did they meet up in the prison of war barracks? Did they know about each other throughout the death march? What conversations would they have following WWII?

*By L. Waxy Gregoire., Oct. 26, 2024*



## Flashback . . . . . football '32

It took some digging by The Citizen's Pat Moreau, but she managed to come up with the names of all the rugged gentlemen who made up the Penetanguishene High School football team in the fall of 1932.

The picture was taken in the days before 30-man rosters were common, and before highly sophisticated equipment was used on

the field. But as shown above, teams then, as now, relied for the most part on broad shoulders and thick necks. In the front row, left to right: John Blackwell, "Peggy" Spearn and Bev Keefe. In the second row: Philip (Tippy) Gignac, Andy DeVillers, Tommy Stewart, school principal R.D. Keefe, Eli Gignac, A.B.

Thompson and Frank Jarvis. And in the back row, left to right: Tom Sheridan, Oly Ultrickson, George Russell, "Ice House" McIntaggart, Danny McQuaig, George Kerr, Philip (Babe) Marchildon, Jerry Barber, and "Bub" Murray. The photo was loaned to The Citizen by Mrs. A.B. Thompson of Water Street, Penetanguishene.

# Application submission for full Tiny septage grant given go-ahead

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, Oct 25, 2024

Unanimous approval by Tiny council was given to submit an application for a provincial grant which, if successful, would provide septage services for the entire township within the next 30 years.

The Housing Enabling Water System Fund (HEWSF) Intake 2 septage application grant was just one option provided at the recent special council meeting, but nearly an hour was devoted to its importance, urgency, and the effect it could have for all residents.

If the grant were successful, a \$5 million cost to upgrade the Midland Wastewater Treatment Centre to accept Tiny Township's septage would cover 73 per cent of the cost (\$3.6 million) while the municipality would need to spend just \$1.3 million (27 per cent) spread over a three-year period.

been introduced in August as a suggestion by Infrastructure Minister Kinga Surma during a joint delegation with Midland at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference, as both municipalities sought government assistance.

Once aware of the HEWSF grant, Tiny public works director Tim Leitch worked in tandem with Midland environment and infrastructure executive director John Thompson to have the application option available for Tiny council consideration prior to its November 1 deadline. "We were exchanging emails on weekends and in the evenings," Leitch told MidlandToday after the meeting. "John and I both follow the same kind of work ethic, and this is what we had to get done."

Both men praised their staff, as did Tiny council members, for handling the excess workload to get the application prepared in time. "We're very happy to have been able to assist our neighbours, hopefully, in one of the options that they may choose to take," said Thompson. "It's certainly nice to allow our neighbours to advance and obtain some provincial funds to get them to their goals. I'm sure that the town of Midland are pleased to be able to help."

While Tiny council members did choose to approve submission of the grant application, Evans stressed it wasn't the final step but only one option, albeit a significant one. "Frankly, there are a plethora of options for us," Evans said. "Seeing that we have nothing in place right now almost makes it harder to come up with one (option) because you don't have anything to compare it against." He added that a

successful HEWSF grant application could benefit not only Tiny Township, but possibly others in the province. "This is a unique application for them (the Ministry of Infrastructure), and they're having to work through it in terms of: 'We've never had an application from two municipalities working for a common goal'. It's something that I think we lay the groundwork for other municipalities to come up with similar agreements, maybe not just with respect to whatever large capital investments need to be done."

Due to the narrow focus of the application, Evans began the special council meeting by requesting that if questions were posed to staff that they be focused solely on the topic and not a larger conversation about septage in the township.

Leitch explained that septic systems or holding tanks are on a roughly five-year cycle to be pumped out, but field application (or spreading) was an option in summer. "What those fields don't do though is marine waste and Porta-Potty waste; that's one of the restrictions that they cannot deal with, and that's one of the struggles that the wastewater treatment plants also have to deal with," said Leitch.

Evans raised a point that a Simcoe County direction was considered last month regarding sampling all private water supply wells for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances – otherwise called PFAS or 'forever chemicals' – as part of its county landfill monitoring program. As field application had been known to leech into township waters from spring runoffs, Evans added the point as an item of additional information.

The cost of \$1.5 million to Tiny residents raised concern for Coun. Dave Brunelle, but CAO Robert Lamb met that caution with a tempered response. "Giving approval to submit the application is not giving approval to go ahead with the project," stated Lamb. "Your senior administration, your legal team, have way more questions than there are still answers to at this point in time; but without getting an application in, we don't have a chance to get the funding."

The HEWSF intake 2 septage application report can be viewed on the agenda page on the Township of Tiny website.

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

## Open House for Midland's Splash Pad Feasibility Study

The Town of Midland is completing a Splash Pad Feasibility Study to create a vision and framework that provides direction for the future of a potential splash pad. Your feedback is important to us.

When: Tuesday, November 5, 2024, drop in between 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Where: Bill Thompson Room, North Simcoe Sports and Recreations Centre (527 Len Self Blvd)

• Drop in and learn about the study,

- Engage directly with Town staff and the consultants from pl.ural,
- Check out potential locations and factors identified by pl.ural,
- Share your feedback on the possibility of a splash pad in Midland.

Find more information on the Splash Pad Feasibility Study webpage. *By Town of Midland, Oct. 29, 2024*

## Community News from Wyevale

Submitted by: Karen Moreau, Nov. 4, 2024

**Youth Group:** Youth group will meet 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 2 p.m. in the church basement, we will be studying the book of Proverbs.

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

**Prayers for our Community:** Every week in our worship service we pray for three families in our community; to let them know we are here for them. It reminds us of the great Community support we get from everyone.

**Wyevale Santa Clause Parade:** November 30th, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.

Please if you have any news you would like to have printed, feel free to contact me at moreau1949@rogers.com

Next report is due on November 17, 2024.

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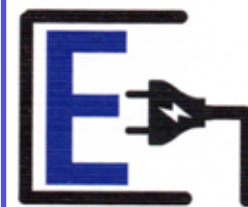
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# A Successful Gathering in Elmvale

Submitted by Matt Garwood, Nov. 4, 2024

On Saturday, November 2, 2024, the Flos Agricultural Society proudly hosted the District 5 Annual General Meeting at the Elmvale Presbyterian Church. Representatives from most district fairs gathered to participate in this important annual event including the general meeting, guest speakers featuring the Elmvale Junior Fair Board, a workshop for local fair Ambassadors, lunch, and much more.

The Flos Agricultural Society, home of the Elmvale Fall Fair, would like to thank volunteers who gathered together to make hosting this event possible.



Flos Agricultural Society Directors, Executive Members and Ambassadors



## Local economic development corp aiming to help region thrive

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, Oct 30, 2024

The transformation of the Economic Development Corporation of North Simcoe from its near-demise to a strengthened economic force for the area will be tested during upcoming council budget discussions, but not critically. “Economic development supports the retention and growth for businesses,” said EDCNS director Cathryn Love in a conversation with MidlandToday. “Our goals are job creation, skills development, business growth and community revitalization.” Midland, Penetanguishene, and the townships of Tay and Tiny are served by the EDCNS, and in previous years they had largely funded the organization.

However, two factors caused uncertainty to fund the organization by local councils in 2023: the perception of an inflated reserve within the EDCNS, as well as an inability to deliver key performance indicators (KPI) on what they’d accomplished while other organizations could clearly provide that information. Given the difficulty in obtaining transparency by local councils as far back as 2021, funding was reduced greatly in 2023 and the organization was told to produce results. Several positions changed within the not-for-profit organization, and an ‘innovation hub’ was presented as the biggest offering which could be provided with financial restrictions. “Our three key industries for the innovation hub are manufacturing, agriculture and construction,” said Love, “so we’re going to be reporting on the export growth for those industries.”

Acting as a collaborative space to bring together major roles from those sectors, Love stated that no physical space had been obtained for the hub although 2025 would be a likely year for a location to be found. “I think our business support services have aligned with those KPIs in the past,” Love noted. “We played a part in that certainly with our manufacturing round tables that we provided, promotional videos, marketing activities – representation for North Simcoe within the county regionally. “I don’t think maybe it’s been as transparent or tracked as diligently as it could be, and that’s certainly something we’ll be doing going forward,” she added.

Love also shared that instead of relying on the commitment of municipal funding as the primary source over time, the organization would be expanding to municipal, provincial, federal, private sponsorship, and internal revenue to build “a sustainable model for EDCNS and the innovation hub.”

Asked if there were any gaps for the EDCNS to tackle, Love admitted that youth engagement hadn’t been as strong as she had hoped. Whether introducing the public to the Makerspace section of the Midland Public Library, partnering with local industry tours, or providing information placements in trade at higher education institutions, Love stated that those elements would also be incorporated into the innovation hub.

“When you talk to youth about job training, exploring job opportunities or entrepreneurship, at a certain age

of 8 to 10 years they’re starting to think about what interests them and what problems they want to solve. So we want to start having those conversations.”

MidlandToday reached out to the four North Simcoe council representatives who sit on the EDCNS board of directors for their impressions of the organization’s recent efforts, goals and achievements, but only Mayor Dave Evans of Tiny Township responded. In his opinion, Evans said that the innovation hub had proven the EDCNS had “dedication to a more strategic and impactful path, instilling confidence in their viability and direction”, driven positively by the roles of the board of directors and Love. “The Innovation Hub alone justifies the investment, showing the positive impact EDCNS brings to North Simcoe,” wrote Evans. “Given its success, councils are likely to support EDCNS even further to sustain and expand its benefits.”

He added that he’d hoped to see continued investment in the hub’s growth, focusing on expanding programs and setting goals that would solidify its role as a key economic asset to the community. Love remarked that the cooperation of the four municipalities was a core strength that not many North Simcoe organizations held. “There’s obviously going to be things that people disagree on, but at the end of the day they’re still showing up and having those discussions,” said Love. “EDCNS is a great representation of how all four municipalities are coming together to make this region stronger, and that’s unique; it’s something I haven’t seen anywhere else.”

Information on the innovation hub can be found on the Economic Development Corporation of North Simcoe website.



Cathryn Love, director for the Economic Development Corporation of North Simcoe, outside the office at 212 King Street in Midland.



## Pumpkins flying at Pumpkinpalooza

By Brian Belcourt, Reporter North Simcoe Springwater New, Nov. 4, 2024

The Springwater-Vespra Lions Club held their annual 2024 Pumpkinpalooza on Sunday November 3rd, 2024. The event was held on Pooles Road from 11am til 3pm. There are two catapults that are used to launch your Halloween pumpkins at a target. Local Lions and volunteers secure the pumpkins into catapults launch arms. When the pumpkin is secure, the person that bought the pumpkins to the event are giving the rope to pull. Off goes the pumpkin in the sky and smashing to the ground. It is a very satisfying and fun experience. The event is held by the Springwater-Vespra Lions club as a free event for people to fun day of disposing their pumpkins after Halloween.

Community members who participate in the events could also practice their fire hose skills thanks to the Springwater Fire Department, who had a hose connected to the 2 fire trucks and a target to aim at. The fire department also had their off-road ATV at the event, driving around the field. If you were hungry, the Lions members served hamburgers, hot dogs and baked goods. It is a fun way to raise funds for the community.

The Springwater-Vespra Lions Club is in Midhurst serving the south end of Springwater township. They host the free community event. Lion Barb explained that the event started in 2016 but was not held during Covid 19. Lion clubs hold community events as part of their service commitment to the community. Lion Barb explained that the event is not a fundraiser although they accept donations and funds raised from food sold are used to support their club projects. The Springwater-Vespra Lions Club recently donated \$7,000 dollars to the Elmvale Food bank.

The event was well attended as there were long lines at both catapults.

**Pictured are Joe MacDonald and his son Rowan MacDonald as they pull the rope to launch their pumpkin.**



# Green and white allows safe walking at new Lafontaine crosswalk

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: *MidlandToday.ca*, Oct 31, 2024

Roads are safer in Lafontaine as a new crosswalk was installed for pedestrian safety and community heritage. Public works director Tim Leitch announced the installation at the recent meeting of Tiny Township council, noting that it marked the fourth crosswalk in the municipality. “The school approached us a couple of years ago and were looking for a safer way for people to get across the street (Lafontaine Road West), Concession 16 – which is a county road,” said Leitch.

As the road is also County Road 26 and maintained by the county, Leitch said that coordination needed to be made with the county for the installation. “It also services the school (École élémentaire catholique Sainte-Croix), they’ve got some local businesses there, plus we also have the retirement home that’s in that area. It’s a busy little area.” Leitch stated that crossing signal lights had been considered for the crosswalk, but county standards required closer scrutiny. “We did a people count on that location on the busiest weekend in the summertime, just so we could see what the numbers would be,” said Leitch. “Unfortunately, it didn’t get to that level.”

Notably, Leitch brought attention to the crosswalk’s appearance and its connection to Lafontaine. “(As well as signage), it’s also got the unique colours with the white and the green, which are the Franco-Ontarian colours, which is reflective of the community that this was put in,” Leitch stated. Coun. Kelly Helowka expressed gratitude during the meeting on behalf of himself and the positive feedback he had received from residents. “I know there’s a few cities and towns in North America that have adopted those types of crosswalks. Some of them are red and white, some are green and white as you said, and the people have been very receptive to those,” said Helowka.

Leitch said that although the cost had “gone a little bit above and beyond what would typically be in” a budgeted amount, that his staff had been pleased with the end result, and wanted to bring awareness to the community who may be driving through the community safety zone. “We’re very happy to have this put into place, and just want the public to be aware that when you’re driving through Lafontaine, make sure you watch out for people and also the users of it,” said Leitch. “The key is that we funnel our pedestrian traffic through one central area, which will make it a lot easier for our travelling public. “It’s another little safety project we’ve implemented in the township,” he added.

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



A green and white safety crosswalk was recently installed in the heart of Lafontaine.



## Annie’s Journal

Written by Annie Warner Donnelly

Nov. 4, 2024

Greetings Everyone. I continue to think about the beautiful October day when the Elmvale Fair brought together people of all ages to watch the parade pass by. And oh, what a beautiful, lively parade it was!

According to an article that Jessie Thompson wrote for the *Lance*, October 5, 1983, the first fair held in the village of Elmvale was in 1881. (Thanks to the Springwater Library for this information.) Using twenty-eight years to represent a generation means that approximately 5 generations have attended the Elmvale Fall Fair. This year’s theme, “Then and Now” was creatively expressed by the parade’s participants.

On the Lady of Lourdes Elementary School float, Anita (Collins) Roussy represented “Then”. In 1961, she walked beside her seven-year-old brother, Kraig Collins. “Kraig and I were excited to walk in the parade,” said Anita, “and he was thrilled to learn that his grey chinchilla rabbit won a ribbon!”

In 1961, the one room school Kraig and Anita attended – S.S. No.6 Flos, located near Phelpston – was heated by a woodstove that the teacher’s husband maintained to keep everyone warm. However, the two outhouses, one for the boys and one for the girls, didn’t have the luxury of heat!

On the float, three of Anita’s granddaughters represented “Now”: Hailey Paige May, aged 8; Jayde Martha May, aged six (the same age her grandma was in 1961); and Kaitlyn Nicole May, aged four.

Anita’s fourth granddaughter, Lauryn Bryna May,

watched the parade with her parents Brad and Bryna (Anita’s daughter). This little two-year-old entertained the parade participants with her dance moves to the music, her happy smile and her little hands waving to all who passed by.

Speaking on behalf of her family, Anita said, “What a wonderful experience this has been for all of us! Everything has been so well organized. The children were able to pet some sheep. They put food out for some cows and were able to pet one too. Their face paintings were works of art. They enjoyed seeing things that were grown and things that were hand-made. We were impressed by the community’s involvement. This fair is already on my 2025 calendar whether we’re on a float or not!”

Perhaps you missed the Elmvale Fair but attended one of the other 211 fairs here in Ontario according to [ontarioagsocieties.com](http://ontarioagsocieties.com). I wondered which fair is the oldest. Wikipedia says that the “Williamstown Fair is Ontario’s oldest continually operated agricultural fair. It received its patent on March 29, 1808, from Francis Gore, Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada. It is probable that at first, the local farmers simply gathered on the village common or streets.”

How blessed we are to experience multi-generational community events like Fall Fairs. When you see a farmer, be sure to say thanks for all their family does to make life better for all of us in so many ways! Amen.



Shown above in Elmvale Fall Fair Parade 2024; 2024 Kaitlyn May. 2022 Hailey May. Jayde May (White shirt, no sign as originally she was planning to walk). 1961 Anita (Collins) Roussy.

## OPP REPORT Submitted by OPP

### OPP HURONIA WEST OPP INVESTIGATING A FATAL TWO VEHICLE COLLISION

November 4, 2024  
(TOWN OF WASAGA BEACH, ON) - The Huronia West Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is investigating a fatal two vehicle collision in Springwater Township.

On November 3, 2024, at approximately 4:20 p.m., members of the Huronia West OPP with assistance of Springwater Fire and Simcoe County EMS responded to a report of a serious collision involving two vehicles on Penetanguishene Road.

Sadly, as a result of the collision, a 43-year-old driver was confirmed deceased on scene by EMS. The 45-year-old driver, along with the 50-year-old and 14-year-old passengers in the other involved vehicle were transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The two adults were later transported by ORNGE Air to a trauma centre in Toronto.

A section of Penetanguishene Road was closed for several hours while OPP members trained in collision reconstruction measured and documented the scene.

The investigation is ongoing.

### OPP Officers Investigating Late Afternoon Fatal Motorcycle Crash in Midland

November 2, 2024  
(MIDLAND, ON) - Officers from the Southern Georgian Bay Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) along with County of Simcoe Paramedics responded at approximately 4:28 p.m. November 2, 2024 to a report of a single vehicle motorcycle crash on William Street, Midland.

The lone 37 year old male occupant of Midland was triaged at the scene and transported to an area hospital where he was pronounced deceased by attending physicians.

Members of the OPP Technical Traffic Investigations unit (TTCI) are assisting detachment officers into the cause of the crash. Investigators look into all factors that could have caused the crash including speed, helmet use, and the condition of the rider and motorcycle leading up to and including the time of the crash.

William Street in the area of Gloucester Street and Bayview Drive will remain closed for several hours while investigators complete their scene investigation and clear the scene of debris.

### OPP Investigators Seeking Assistance with Overnight Home Invasion In Tay Township

November 1, 2024  
Three Suspect Descriptions  
Investigators would like to thank to community for their continued assistance in this investigation and would like to provide the following information about the three suspects that has been obtained thus far.

- Suspect #1 - white male, tall, skinny build, 25-30 years of age, wearing dark coloured clothing, possibly short brown hair and wearing black 'Mechanix' brand gloves with white writing and had possession of a firearm.

- Suspect #2 - white male, obese build, 25-30 years of age, possibly reddish hair, wearing a red and white hat, gloves and dark clothing.

- Suspect #3 - white male, 25-30 years

Please see the attached suspect vehicle photographs (1) & (2)

Investigators are asking for anyone with information or exterior home surveillance / door cameras or were in a vehicle in the area with in car video and may have seen some suspicious activity to please 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) or submit your anonymous information online at <https://ontariocrimestoppers.com>.

ca/submit-a-tip/submit-a-tip. You can follow Crime Stoppers of Simcoe Dufferin Muskoka [www.crimestoppersdm.com](http://www.crimestoppersdm.com) on X or Facebook.

### HURONIA WEST OPP ARRESTS UNREGISTERED NURSE WITH 19 CHARGES RELATED TO IDENTITY FRAUD

November 1, 2024  
(TOWN OF WASAGA BEACH, ON) - The Huronia West Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has arrested an unregistered nurse with 19 charges related to identify fraud in healthcare facilities across Simcoe County.

Between September 2020 and April 2024, the individual secured employment as a nurse at multiple healthcare facilities, including long-term care homes, despite being unregistered and unqualified to practice nursing. To obtain employment, the individual falsified employment applications, certificates, resumes, reference checks and police checks by modifying the name to resemble active nurses with good standings.

Between 2020 and 2024, the individual conducted full nursing duties.

On October 24, 2024, the individual turned themselves into the OPP Huronia West Detachment.

As a result, Hailey ROBERTS, a 33-year-old from Tiny Township, was charged with:

- Identity Fraud - five counts
- Use, deals, acts on forged document - six counts
- Obtaining by False Pretence - Over - four counts
- Obtaining by False Pretence - Under
- Assault with a Weapon - three counts

The accused was held for a bail hearing at the Ontario Court of Justice in Barrie.

The OPP believes there are more healthcare facilities that the accused has been involved in and is asking anyone with information about this or a similar incident to call the Huronia West OPP at 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at [www.crimestoppersdm.com](http://www.crimestoppersdm.com). When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

The OPP Huronia West Crime Unit is continuing the investigation.

### Three Christian Island Residents Escape Serious Injury in Single Vehicle Crash in Tiny Township

November 1, 2024  
(MIDLAND, ON) - Three Christian Island residents escaped serious injury yesterday after the east bound Concession Road 12 of Tiny Township Jeep they were riding in crashed into the trees at the intersection of Overhead Bridge Road near 10:46 a.m. October 31, 2024.

Officers from the Southern Georgian Bay Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) attended the scene along with Simcoe County Paramedics and Tiny Township Fire Service attended the scene and triaged two of the occupants and transported them to an area hospital for treatment of minor injuries sustained in the crash.

An investigation into the crash was conducted and a on scene search resulted in the seizure of a quantity of drug paraphernalia leading into an impaired by drug investigation by the officers.

Charged in this investigation is the driver Martin MONAGUE 55 years of Christian Island with the following offences.

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Obstruct Peace Officer
- Failure to comply with release order - other than to attend court

And Further with the following Provincial Offences of

- Fail to surrender insurance card
- Operate a motor vehicle without insurance

- Class G1 licence holder - unaccompanied by qualified driver

- Careless driving causing bodily harm And Further with the Offence

- Possession of a Schedule I Substance- Cocaine contrary to the Controlled Drug and Substances Act

The accused was further arrested on a outstanding warrant held by an western Canada police service in connection to an ongoing investigation in that jurisdiction.

The accused was held for a bail hearing and remains in custody to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice at a future date.

Devon ASSANCE 30 years of Christian Island who was a passenger in the vehicle was arrested on outstanding warrants held by a neighboring police service in connection to an ongoing investigation in that jurisdiction. The accused was released from OPP custody to the care and custody of the involved police service.

The third occupant in the vehicle, a 57 year old male was treated and released from hospital.

### Midland Auto Theft and Break & Enter Investigations Lead to Arrest of Midland Resident

(MIDLAND, ON) - A theft of vehicle report to the OPP Communication Centre at approximately 8:26 a.m. October 23, 2024 resulted in members of the Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment attending an Ottawa Street Midland address to conduct an investigation. This investigation led to identification of a suspect and further to the recovery of the stolen 2014 Jeep which contained stolen property parked in front of a multi-resident residence on Elizabeth Street, Midland.

On October 24, 2024 officers were dispatched to the First Street and Yonge Street, Midland area for an unwanted persons call and located and arrested the suspect in the theft of vehicle investigation and released the individual with a future court date.

On October 25, 2024 at approximately 4:27 p.m. a community member observed an individual forcefully breaking into an Midland Avenue apartment and contacted the police. Responding officers located and arrested the suspect at the Midland Avenue apartment.

Charged in connection with both investigations is Clayton ARCH 42 years of Midland with the following offences.

- Possession Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000 - in Canada
- Break, Enter a place - with intent to commit indictable offence

Both offences contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada

The accused has been released from custody and will appear before the Ontario Court of Justice on December 5, 2024.

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The kids and I rounded up all the extra building material around the yard. Old wire fencing, chicken

wire, steel posts, wood posts, old barn board, telephone poles, and a bunch of railway ties we found in the long grass out by the trees. Surely this stock of supplies would build a pig-proof pen.

We were converting a small section of the cow pasture into the pigsty. We had that to start with. We also had old steel fencing and barbed wire pinned up to some wood posts. But the little porkers will wiggle and squirm through any opening "pig" enough for their head to get through. On top of the barbed wire and steel fencing we added...more steel fencing - with spaces only big enough for a pig snout to squeeze through. "But what about the digging?" You ask.

Cue the telephone pole and railway ties. My son had expertly manoeuvred a 20-foot telephone pole across the yard with the tractor a few days earlier. Then the tractor keys mysteriously disappeared. While waiting for new keys to arrive, instead of simply lifting the telephone pole into the pigpen with the tractor, we manually lifted it over the fence using manly dad-strength and an untold number of small, yet powerful children. Could a pig ever escape from this stronghold? Could anyone ever escape from Alcatraz?

When the pigs were next spotted running around outside of their pen I called for an immediate investigation. I meandered around the pen to see where they broke through. Maybe a gate had opened? Nope. Was there a hole in my impenetrable fencing? Nope. One of the kids must have let them out.

Shaking a can of dog food brings the pigs-a-runnin' and we had them contained. A few minutes later... THEY WERE OUT AGAIN! By cranking my C.S.I. skills up to ten I was finally able to find the spot where they broke through the fence. A couple pieces of wood later and it was good as new. Now we're one week out and no escapes. Time flies, dad! Make every moment count! Even the prisoners-escaping moments.

*Jason Weening tries to manage 10 kids and a herd of random animals with his patient wife. You can buy his adventure book for kids, Danger in the Jungle, at beydads.ca. - Nov. 4, 2024*



**Community Events - Ongoing**

**SENIOR CLUBS**

**Askennonia Seniors Centre**

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

**Bay Shore Seniors' Club**

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

**Georgian Shores Seniors Club**

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

**MONDAY**

**Elmvale Seniors Drop In**

Monday's  
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

**Askennonia Seniors Centre**

Table Tennis, 9am-11am  
Yoga, 9am-10am  
Fun Fit Circuit, 9:15-10:15am  
Coffee Break, 10:30-12pm  
Intro to Line Dancing- Baby Steps, 10:35-11am  
Walking Club, 11 am-12pm

**TUESDAY**

**Elmvale Legion**

Tuesdays at 1 pm  
Table Shuffleboard, Cost \$1

**Palace Tavern Elmvalle BINGO**

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

**Bay Shore Seniors Club**

Billiards/Pool 10:00 - 12:00 p.m.  
Gentle Chair Yoga 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.

**Georgian Shores Seniors Club**

Billiards/Pool, 9:00 - 11 am  
Line Dancing, Prog. Beginners 9:30 - 11:00 am  
Line Dancing, Easy Intermediate, 11:30 - 1:00 pm

**Askennonia Seniors Centre**

Badminton, 1pm-3pm  
1:30 Circle of Friends, 1:30pm-2:30pm

**WEDNESDAY**

**E.D.G.E. Elmvalle District Garden Enthusiasts**

Meetings held 4th Wed. of each month from March to Nov. at 7:00 pm  
Elmvale Legion, 7 John Street Elmvalle  
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

**Georgian Shores Seniors Club**

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

**Askennonia Seniors Centre**

Step Class, 9 am-10am  
Chair Yoga, 9:30am-10:30am  
Cribbage, 10am-11am  
Men's Shed, 10am-12pm  
Walking Club, 11am-12pm  
Creative Crafting, 1pm-3pm

**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.  
Mary Grise 705-526-6349 marygrise07@gmail.com

**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

**Georgian Shores Seniors Club**

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

**Let's Do Lunch \$5:**

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

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

**Connecting Together - Fellowship with Others**

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

**FRIDAY**

**Bay Shore Seniors' Club**

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

**Georgian Shores Seniors Club**

Billiards/Pool, 9:00 - 11 am  
Table Tennis, 9:30-11:30 am  
3rd Bingo & Lunch: 12 noon - 3:30 pm  
TGIF social, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

**Askennonia Seniors Centre**

Knit'n Needles, 9am-12pm  
Drumming Alive, 9am-10am  
Pickleball, 9am-11:30am  
Chair Yoga, 9am-10am  
Badminton, 9:30am-11:30am  
Game Club, 10am-11am  
Tabata, 9am-10am  
Card Making, 1pm-3pm

**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

**Good Vibes**

First Sunday 2-5 from 2 to 5 p.m.  
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**MONDAY to FRIDAY**

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Wed & Fri 1:00 - 2:00 pm 44 River Road West  
Re/Max Room (Stars Arena)

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Wed. 9am @ Elmvalle Community Hall  
Fri. 11am @ Elmvalle Community hall  
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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

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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

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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.  
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**Special Events - One Time**

**Silent Auction for Springwater Library**

Nov. 1 to 14, 2024  
friendsofspringwaterlibrary@gmail.com

**Christmas Luncheon & Bazaar**

Sat. Nov. 9th, 2024, 11am-1pm  
Knights of Columbus Hall, 17 Poyntz St, Penetang  
Bake Table, crafts, 50/50 Draw and more.

**Luncheon and Bake Sale CWL**

Sat., Nov. 9, 11-1pm  
OLOL Church Hall, Elmvalle  
\$10 adult, \$5 under 12 yrs  
Sandwiches, sweets, tea & coffee

**A Victorian Christmas Gift & Craft Show**

Nov. 9, 2024 10-4pm. Funds to animals in need.  
527 Len Self Blvd, Midland  
\$5 advance, \$6 at door. Get tickets at Simply  
Country, The Mouse Trap, Indulge Boutique and  
The Midland & District Animal Centre.

**Afternoon Tea with GBGH**

November 10th, 2pm to 4pm  
Rawley Resort, Spa and Marina in Port Severn

**Homes For The Holidays-Barrie May Court**

Nov. 10, 2024, 10-4pm  
Self-drive tour of 4 holiday decorated homes  
Tickets \$40 at www.barriemaycourtclub.ca/events

**MCC PRESENTS**

Juno Award Winner Steve Strongman With  
Special Guest Rick Robichaud  
November 15th at 8:00pm  
Matt Dusk Sings Tony Bennett  
November 18th at 7:30pm  
Sue Foley - One Guitar Woman  
November 20th at 7:30pm  
midlandculturalcentre.com

**Music Marathon**

Nov. 16 10am-4pm  
Midhurst United Church, 91 Doran Road  
Listen to resident and guest musicians!

**Trivia Elmvalle Legion**

Nov. 20, 2024 at 7 pm  
Teams of six or individuals, couples. \$5 each  
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**Multi-Faith Fireside Chat**

Nov. 20, 2024 at 1:30PM  
720 Dominion Ave., Midland.  
Ccall 705-526-3184 or 705-361-1075

**Christmas on the Hill Penetanguishene**

November 21st, 6pm to 9pm  
Downtown Penetanguishene

**Elmvale Legion Christmas Bazaar and Tea**

Sat. Nov. 23, 2024, 10:30 - 3 pm  
Crafts, jewelry, baked goods.  
Elmvale Legion, 7 John St

**Midhurst Arts and Crafts Tour & Tea Room**

Nov. 23 11-2pm, Nov. 24 12-2pm Cost: \$12  
Midhurst United Church, 91 Doran Road, Midhurst

**St. Louis Church Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale**

Sat. Dec. 7, 9.30 am. - 12.30 pm  
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## "Father Loses Daughter in Tiny Woods—Have You Seen Her?"

By *The Wildman Massacre Movie*, Nov. 4, 2024

Township was thrown into turmoil last week when a frantic father reported his daughter missing in the woods. Witnesses claim a large hairy creature was seen darting through the trees, carrying what appeared to be a lifeless body. Fearing the worst, the father has enlisted the help of four local hunters in a desperate search.

The truth is, this story is pure fiction...

Mark your calendars because *The Wildman Massacre*, a thrilling suspense-comedy movie by local indie film-maker Jerrod Farthing, is coming to the Huronia Players Theatre for TWO NIGHTS ONLY! *The Wildman Massacre* was brought to life with scenes filmed in the neighborhoods of LaFontaine, Perkinsfield, and Wyevale, adding an authentic local touch to this thrilling tale. Experience the horror and laughter as the story unfolds—will they find the missing girl, and what was this creature that took her?

Showtimes at the Huronia Players Theatre:

- November 15th, 7:30 PM
- November 16th, 2:30 PM and 7:30 PM

The film stars Chris Figgures, a cherished figure in Tiny Township known for bringing the community together through his "Busk 'til Dusk" music evenings on Balm Beach. His passion for the arts and community spirit shines brightly in his leading role. Chris also played a key role in the movie's promotional materials, creating posters and flyers. He was instrumental in connecting the production team with local sponsors, ensuring the community's support.

Joining him are fellow local talents with deep roots in the community: Keith Benoit brings rugged authenticity from his day job at Wyevale Concrete, and Scotty, a beloved longtime Balm Beach resident, showcases his natural acting talent for the first time. The film was shot by Rob Doda, a seasoned photographer known for his work with many local businesses and his deep passion for our community and the arts. Rob also contributed his talents to the movie's sound effects—so be sure to listen closely for his spine-chilling audio touches!

The production of *The Wildman Massacre* was a true community affair, with family and friends of the cast and crew volunteering their time and energy to make the movie a reality. The support and love poured into this film highlight the vibrant and supportive spirit of Tiny Township.

Come out and support your homegrown talent and witness the magic created right here in Tiny Township. **Don't miss out!**

### Special Thanks to Our Sponsors

We couldn't have brought this event to the big screen without the generous support of our local sponsors: The Boathouse Eatery; North Simcoe Springwater News; George Nagel - Century 21; Bingham's General Store; Adrian Obeyeskere - Insurance Broker; Simcoe Green Solutions; Leo Dubeau - HouseGuy.ca; Balm Beach Bar & Smokehouse; Sunsport Signs; Midland Printers.



## OBITUARIES



### O'HALLARN, Maurice Wilfred

Passed away suddenly at the Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre on Thursday, October 31, 2024. Maurice O'Hallarn of Elmvale in his 82nd year. Beloved partner of the late Valerie Freeman.

Loved brother of Rosemarie Frost of Sault St. Marie and Paul (Barb) O'Hallaran of Hillsdale. Dear uncle of Lawanda (Neil) Emery of Warton, Tina (Sam) Laitinen of Sault Ste Martie, and Leah (Shawn) Venderloo of Sault St Marie. Great-uncle of Eric Laitinen and Wyatt Frost-Worth. Maurice will be fondly remembered by his friends and extended family.

A Graveside Service will be held at a later date.

If desired memorial donations may be made to the Royal Victoria Cancer Centre or the OSPCA.

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### BOYLE, Joan (nee Dyer) September 23, 1929—October 6, 2024

Beloved wife of Charles Boyle, mother of Steven and Carolyn (Jell), sister to Jack Dyer, Elmvale, auntie to niece Laura Dyer and nephew Joe Dyer.

Predeceased by Charles, daughter-in-law Judith Halladay, and parents Joseph and Sadie Dyer. Joan was raised on a farm near Elmvale, Ontario. After graduating from Toronto Teachers' College, where she met Charles (always "Chuck" to her), the couple moved to Montreal where Joan taught Grade 1. When their own children came, she began learning traditional rug hooking. The family relocated to a 19th-century farmhouse near Spencerville and always had fond memories of restoring the house together. Joan set up Millcroft Farm Studio there, specializing in original rug designs, hand dyeing and teaching. She taught for the Ontario Hooking Craft Guild, Nova Scotia Rug Hooking Guild, and Green Mountain School, Vermont, among others .. She also wrote two manuals and taught at St. Lawrence College Brockville. There she developed courses for the Fibre Arts Traditional Rug Hooking Certificate program and earned her Certificate in Fine Arts. Her award-winning work was often featured in exhibits, most recently at Prescott Library in 2023. Joan greatly valued the friendships she made in the rug hooking community and continued to practice her craft with old friends and new at Walker House in Prescott. She loved historical fiction, was a dab hand at even the most challenging cryptic crossword, and enjoyed daily walks along Prescott's RiverWalk after she and Charles moved to Mariner's Club. Joan will be remembered as an encouraging and creative teacher whose great curiosity about life inspired both her students and her loving family.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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**Woodcock, Ted (Edward)**  
June 11, 1944 - October 23, 2024

Ted took his last earthly breath at his Orr Lake home surrounded by his most loving and devoted wife, Ruth, his daughter Jenn, his son Lou, his grandsons Kai and Riley, his sisters Lana and Linda and his niece Tracey and our Mary. His brother Bill, sisters inlaw Ruby, Marion and Jean, Jennifer's birthmother-Sonya, all of his nieces and nephews and family friends, were all here through our hugs. Ted created the most incredible legacy through his hard work, dedication, passion and love. He started in the control room at Ontario Hydro at the age of 18 and educated himself to become a Human

Resources Officer, a Home Inspector, Engineer, an Electrician, a builder of all things, a sailor of tall ships, a builder of tall ships, The Orr lake Stuart for water quality and community, a boy scout Master and home chef. He was The Best husband, father, Papa, brother, Uncle, and friend and we are so grateful for his love, guidance, sense of humor and sarcasm for his 80 years on earth.

The family will hold a Celebration of Life just after his next birthday, at his Orr Lake Home. June 14th 2025 at 2 pm, all will be welcome and it will be potluck.

Instead of flowers please send donations to any of the following that directly impacted his life: Sick Kids Hospital, Alzheimers and Dementia charities, Prostate, Heart and Stroke charities.

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**In Loving Memory of Pauline Gignac**

Pauline Gignac passed away suddenly on October 28th, 2024, at the age of 54. She is survived by her three daughters Ashley Charlebois (Kyle Hounsome), Brianne Charlebois and Nicole Charlebois, grandson Elliot Hounsome, loving partner Dave Ward, former husband & father of her children Terry Charlebois and former in-laws Judy & Ernie Charlebois. Predeceased by Gabriel "Gabe" and Elizabeth "Betty" Gignac. Pauline will also be missed by all her bonus children, bonus grandchildren, extended family, friends, coworkers and by everyone she knew.

Pauline will be remembered for being such a determined hard worker at her job Raytheon Elcan. Her bright, sassy, witty and brutally honest personality touched so many people's lives. Everyone looked to her for advice, guidance and felt the most comfort when around her. She was a safe space for many people and we will be so lost without her. The love Pauline shared for all animals including her squirrels in her backyard, going for hikes with her best friend/love, taking long drives to see the scenic routes and the head banging 80's rock & roll will live on through the people who loved her most.

A celebration of life for Pauline Gignac will be held at Knight's of Columbus Hall in Penetanguishene on Friday November 8th from 11am-1:30pm. There will be a light lunch and refreshments provided, as well as an alcohol cash bar available. Relatives and close friends are welcome to join after at St Ann's cemetery for the interment.

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**OBITUARIES**



**GRIEVES, Linda**

It is with heavy but humble hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved Wife (Bill Grieves), Mom (Shannon, Billy and Jeff) and "Granma" (Cassidy and Jaydin), Linda Grieves, at the age of 77, after a courageous six-year battle with cancer. Linda gracefully gained her angel wings on Tuesday October 22, 2024 surrounded by her loving family.

Linda was a proud Wife, Mom, Granma, Sister, Aunt, Friend and Neighbour. She was truly a remarkable woman, known for her kindness, warmth, and infectious spirit. Linda had the unique ability to make everyone feel special and to bring joy to whoever she was with. Her heart was so big and there was room for everyone. Her laughter and love touched countless lives and her generous heart was a guiding light in the lives of her family and friends.

Throughout her life, Linda dedicated herself to her family, friends, and causes close to her heart. She was a passionate advocate for animals and children, and in her memory, we encourage donations to the Midland OSPCA, SickKids Foundation or Hospice Huronia.

Though she will be deeply missed by everyone who had the privilege of knowing her, her legacy of love and compassion will live on in our hearts forever. To say that she fought a war is an understatement. Her strength and determination helped her to fight with everything she had and she showed us the true meaning of what a hero really is.

A celebration of Linda's life will be held in the late Spring. We invite all who knew and loved her to join us in honoring her remarkable journey.

Rest in peace, dear Mom/"Granma". You will always be our favorite person and we will keep you close in our hearts forever. Thank you for all of the great memories and for always loving us.

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**MILLIGAN, Patricia Milligan**

Passed away peacefully at the Mill Creek Care Centre on Tuesday, October 22, 2024. Patricia Milligan of Barrie in her 87th year. Loved mother of Blaine (Kim) Milligan, Shelley (late Jim) White, and Leasa Reid (Karl Williams).

Cherished grandmother of Aaron (Lisa), Andrew, Ryan, Victoria (Cody), Jennifer (Ashwin), Braydon (Nicole), Brock (Elizabeth), Brea (Jason), and Brodi. Great-grandmother of Dillion, Reegan, Riley, and Emma. Sister of Ronnie (Dodi) Mills, and the late Barry (Donna) Mills and Mona (Jay) Govette. Patricia will be dearly missed and forever loved by her many nieces and nephews.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

If desired, memorial donations may be made in her memory to the Alzheimer's Society.

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**Christmas Candlelight Memorial Service**

*This service is a time for family members and friends dealing with grief and loss at Christmas to remember and honour their loved ones. Whether the loss is that of a parent, a spouse, a child, a sibling or a friend, we can light a candle in their memory.*

*The service will be lead by Fr. Jim Bussanich of Our Lady of Lourdes Church and will take place at*

**Our Lady of Lourdes Church  
Elmvale  
7:00 pm  
Sunday, December 1, 2024**

*Everyone is welcome to join us for this very special evening.*

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**TITTERSON, Gary Charles**

Passed away peacefully at the Georgian Bay General Hospital in Midland on Thursday, October 24, 2024. Gary Titterson of Elmvale in his 85th year. Pre-deceased by his wife Anne Titterson. Beloved father of Diana (Fred) Tinkler, Kelly (Brian) Jamieson, and Christina Titterson (Tyler Turner). Grandfather of Sarah (Nathan), late Andrew, Ammanda (Dereck), Pamela (Chris), Christopher (Dawn), Dallas (Levi), Ashton, Samara, and Mya. Great-grandfather of Austin, Carter, Logan, Preston, Titan, Bradyn, Mason, Casadee, Everson, Briar. Gary will be dearly missed by his brother Frank (Wanda) Titterson. He will be fondly remembered by his nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale from 6-8 pm on Sunday, October 27. A funeral service will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (79 Ferris Lane, Barrie) on Monday, October 28 at 11 am.

Interment Elmvale Cemetery.

If desired memorial donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation in memory of Gary.

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**DUNN, James**

It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of James Dunn on Monday, October 28th 2024 surrounded by his loving family. James will be very missed by his wife of 43 years, Janette, his 3 sons, Steven, David (Christie), and Kristopher, and his 3 grandchildren, Benjamin, Freya, and Grayson. Dear brother to Ruth (Charlie), John (Agnes), Karen and Kate. James will be fondly remembered by his extended family from Scotland and his many friends. Cremation arrangements have been entrusted to Penetanguishene Funeral Home. A private family celebration of life will take place at a later date. If desired, donations in memory of James may be made to the Royal Victoria Hospital – Cancer Care Program.

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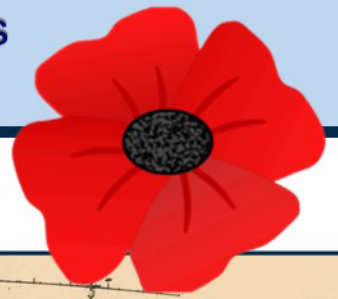
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#### Veterans Dinner

Monday November 11th

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