



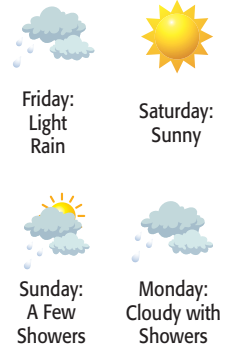
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Equipment Ontario held a grand opening of its new location on County Rd. 50 in Lorretto, just south of Alliston. The store carries a huge variety of farm equipment from small machinery to larger equipment needed on large farms. Michelle Snodden, Greg Snoddon, Carson Brown, and Marlin Stoltz, welcomed visitors to the grand opening on Saturday, Sept. 28. Read a full story on Page 9. BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

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# Investigation at Stevenson reveals concerns over leadership, quality of care

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

A final report of an investigation into Stevenson Memorial Hospital (SMH) reveals several concerns about governance, leadership, quality of care, operations, and financial performance.

In February 2024, the Ministry of Health appointed an investigator, Janice Skot, to take a look at the operations in the hospital. The investigation took four months to complete.

Skot is a former top administrator for the Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre. She was assisted by four experts in their fields in compiling the 77-page report.

During the initial phase of the investigation, the investigator held meetings with the Stevenson board chair, vice chair, and CEO, attended board meetings, attended committee meetings, and conducted individual interviews. The investigator also met with the president, vice president of corporate services, chief financial officer, vice president of clinical services and the chief nursing executive. The investigator also received an overview of the capital redevelopment project and its status.

The second phase of the investigation included the investigation team meeting with

SMH staff. An anonymous survey was issued with 108 responses received.

The team met with more than 150 people and conducted 82 interviews.

The report includes several quotes from local residents who expressed concerns about the level of care at the hospital.

The report summarizes the hospital's struggles to provide safe, accessible care while making the best use of limited taxpayer dollars.

The report continues, "The hospital has suffered a series of disruptive changes, a decline in organizational performance, a culture of mistrust and fear, revolving-door leadership, chaotic destabilization, and significant financial challenges." This includes "A lack of transparency and strategic thinking at the senior leadership level."

The report lists several examples of unrest and uncertainty at the hospital, including a chief of staff resigning early, followed by a second chief of staff also leaving prematurely.

"The Board of Directors of SMH is an enthusiastic, well-meaning group of volunteers committed to its local hospital and community," the report states. "However, in the opinion of the Investigation Team, the board demonstrates weak governance practices, has

not been made aware of the hospital's true operational status, does not provide the monitoring and oversight necessary to provide quality care and financial stability, and has not demonstrated an ability to lead change."

The report goes on to say the biggest concerns at SMH are safety and quality of care.

"The biggest worry, however, is safety and quality of care at the hospital, which does not have an embedded 'culture of safety' for patients or its workforce. Quality is threatened by the lack of a structured quality framework, inadequate staffing, and urgent safety issues. The Investigation Team is so concerned about safety that it recommends immediate external reviews for two key areas of care – obstetrics and diagnostic imaging. Other clinical areas were also identified with serious risks. Alarm bells were rung so loudly about the quality of care at the hospital, that the Minister of Health, through an Order in Council, appointed an investigator in February 2024."

The report recommended immediate formal external reviews of obstetrical and diagnostic imaging services.

The report also makes several recommendations going forward, such as integration with a larger hospital that can share resources,



**QUALITY ISSUES** – A 77-page report from an investigator with Ontario's Ministry of Health shows several areas of concern for Stevenson Memorial Hospital. **FILE PHOTO**

expertise, and experience. In the past, SMH leadership and governors have resisted this model.

The report says the Minister of Health should recommend that the Lieutenant Governor in Council appoint a hospital supervisor for SMH with the full powers of a supervisor under the Public Hospitals Act.

On Sept. 27, the Ontario government appointed Eric Hanna as the supervisor for the hospital.

He is the former president and CEO of Arnprior Regional Health and interim president and CEO at Campbellford Memorial Hospital.

# Museum hosts groundbreaking event for Phase 1 of expansion and renovations

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Simcoe County Councillors and area partners gathered at the Simcoe County Museum on Tuesday, Sept. 24, for a groundbreaking event to mark the beginning of a multi-million dollar expansion project.

"The Simcoe County Museum is a vital part of our region's identity," said Simcoe County

Warden Basil Clark. "It's important to preserve and showcase Simcoe County's great history. This expansion and the renovations being made will help build up our heritage and culture, while ensuring that the Museum continues to evolve with our region's growing history."

The ground was broken with a vintage 1922 Erie B Steam Shovel, showcasing the heritage and culture that the Museum curates and

embraces.

The expansion will total 11,200 square feet, including a new 5,000-square-foot Matthews Innovation and Transportation Gallery with a mezzanine.

Additional space will be dedicated to curatorial functions and collection storage among other elements.

The first phase of the project is anticipated to

be finished by February 2026, with the entire project slated to be completed by 2030.

The Museum will be closed from November 2024 to March 2025 to facilitate the renovations.

The Museum will continue to conduct outreach at local schools, and weather permitting, plans to operate the Museum Skate Trail throughout the winter months.



**GROUNDBREAKING** – Simcoe County councillors pose with a vintage steam-powered shovel that was used at a groundbreaking ceremony to start the new multi-million dollar expansion and renovation at the Simcoe County Museum on Tuesday, Sept. 24. The expansion will include an Innovation and Transportation Gallery. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

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# Nottawasaga Foundation contributes \$100,000 to Stevenson’s redevelopment campaign

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Nottawasaga Foundation continued its support of the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation (SMHF) by delivering the eighth installment of \$100,000 toward its \$1 million commitment.

This pledge, made to celebrate the Nottawasaga Foundation’s 25th Anniversary in 2017, supports the hospital’s ‘Because of you, we can’ campaign.

This funding will contribute to the hospital’s much-needed redevelopment project and help meet critical equipment and technology needs.

“We are honoured to fulfill our annual commitment of \$100,000 as part of our \$1 million pledge,” the Nottawasaga Foundation said in a statement. “Supporting Stevenson’s redevelopment, equipment, and technology requirements align with our mission to enhance healthcare services in our community.”

The Because of you, we can campaign is the largest campaign in SMHF’s history. Donations received help purchase essential equipment, upgrade technology, and complete critical renovations essential to the transformation and redevelopment of Stevenson Memorial Hospital.

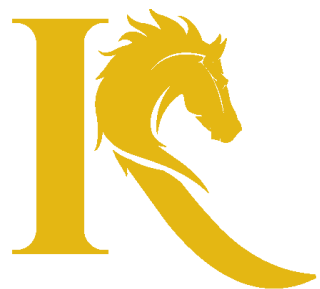
The Biffis family and the Nottawasaga Foundation have been steadfast supporters of Stevenson Memorial Hospital for many years. They have notable involvement in critical projects such as introducing digital mammography services and supporting the Obstetrics and Birthing Unit.

“Thank you to the Nottawasaga Foundation and the Biffis Family for their continued support,” said Barbara Steed, Interim President and CEO of Stevenson Memorial Hospital. “Their generous contributions are vital to the success of our redevelopment project, which will transform our hospital and help ensure we can meet the growing healthcare needs of our community.”

Frank Cerisano, CEO of SMHF, added, “The Nottawasaga Foundation and the Biffis Family have once again demonstrated their leadership and commitment to our cause. Their ongoing support is a cornerstone of our fundraising efforts and helps ensure quality healthcare remains accessible to all community members.”



**HEALTHY DONATION** – The Nottawasaga Foundation donated \$100,000 to the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation in support of its ‘Because of you, we can’ campaign on Wednesday, Sept. 18. This is the Nottawasaga Foundation’s eighth installment toward its \$1 million commitment. The pledge was made as part of the Nottawasaga Foundation’s 26th Anniversary in 2017. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**



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~ Stanislaw Jerzy Lec

## First responders

Several years ago I was driving up Highway 400 around 10:30 p.m. heading north.

There was a car ahead of me travelling a little too slow for my liking, so I pulled into the left lane and hit the gas. As soon as I got around him, there were flashing red lights in the rearview mirror.

I pulled over one lane to let him pass, but nope, he stuck with me.

I moved over one more lane and the police car stayed right behind me. That feeling of dread came over me when I realized he was pulling me over.

As I pulled onto the shoulder of the road, I was already calculating the fine in my head.

As the police officer walked toward my car, I decided the best course of action was to simply be polite. There was no way I was going to try to dispute what had just happened. I was well over the speed limit and he was right behind me.

“You know you were doing 130 back there?” he said when he came to the driver’s window.

“I believe you’re right,” I replied as I handed him my driver’s license. “I really

juiced it when I passed that car.”

He took my license and went back to his police car. Most likely he checked to make sure I wasn’t wanted for anything and to make sure my driver’s license was valid.

The police officer returned to my window less than two minutes later, handed me my license, and said, “This is your lucky night. We’re looking for drunk drivers. Slow down”

I thanked him for his understanding.

I have no doubt that the reason I got a warning that night rather than a \$300 fine, was simply because I was polite, courteous, and acknowledged that I was speeding. Maybe this cop just appreciated not getting an earful from another driver who is angry for being pulled over for an offence THEY committed.

Police officers take a lot of grief from the public – from mouthy motorists who are indignant for being stopped after blowing a red light, to criminals who take a swing at them to avoid being arrested for a crime THEY have committed.

The police are simply upholding the law and doing the necessary job they have

been hired to do.

Quite often, first responders don’t get the credit they deserve for the work they do in our communities.

You probably pass by your local fire hall all the time and don’t give it much thought.

When you call the fire department, they respond – every time.

The fire department plays a vital role in society, and it’s also an extremely dangerous job.

First, there is the inherent risk of being near a fire. There is a risk of burns, smoke inhalation, collapsing walls, and collapsing floors. There is a risk of explosion and dangerous gas.

When attending a motor vehicle accident, they use powerful tools, that pose a risk for the operator and those standing nearby. There is the risk of being on a street and having another car driven by a drunk driver crashing into you while you are completing a rescue.

Then there is the psychological trauma of dealing with some very bad situations.

Firefighters are always training to mitigate the risks of the job, however, the

risks will never completely go away.

Paramedics are first responders who have to deal with worst-case situations all the time.

They are routinely called when there has been a serious accident or someone is in a life-threatening situation. They have to remain calm, assess the situation, then act – possibly to save someone’s life.

It is a tough job where you have to pack your emotions away and do the job you were trained to do. You can’t become emotionally involved because a child has been seriously injured or a person is going through the last stages of life and you are trying to help them stay alive.

This is another job where the trauma of dealing with such things over a period of years can put a drain on even the strongest people.

The men and women in our cities and towns who take on these jobs and are the first to be there when you need them, deserve the greatest respect from our society because when you really need them, they’ll be there.

**BRIAN LOCKHART**  
FROM THE SECOND ROW



## The lifeline close to home: A mother’s grateful experience

As a mother of two and living in the New Tecumseth area, I know there’s nothing more important than the health and safety of our children. We do our best to protect them, but sometimes life throws unexpected challenges, testing our ability to react quickly and calmly. One local mother recently experienced such a moment when her child’s routine cough became a frightening emergency. It was a situation that many of us can relate to, and thanks to the care and proximity of Stevenson Memorial Hospital, this mother’s story has a happy ending.

The evening had started like any other. After putting her young child to bed, this mother noticed her child had a slight cough—nothing unusual. However, just a few hours later, she was awoken by the sound of her child struggling to breathe. Panic immediately set in, as any parent would feel in such a crisis.

She quickly called Telehealth Ontario for advice. As soon as the healthcare professionals on the line heard the sound of her child’s breathing, they immediately dispatched an ambulance, fearing the worst. However, living just minutes

away from Stevenson Memorial Hospital, she confidently declined the ambulance, knowing she could get to the hospital herself even faster.

Within minutes, she arrived at Stevenson; her child was swiftly triaged and taken into the Emergency Department. Medical staff immediately began administering respiratory treatments, including steroids, to help open the child’s airway. It was an efficient, life-saving intervention, and after what felt like an eternity of fear and uncertainty, this mother could finally breathe a sigh of relief as her child’s condition began to improve.

For this mother, the experience was a reminder of how vulnerable we all are and how fortunate we are to have a hospital like Stevenson Memorial in our community. “I was so thankful to have the hospital nearby,” she recalls. “I can’t imagine having to drive any further at that moment. They were there for us when we needed them the most.”

Stories like hers reinforce the importance of supporting Stevenson Memorial Hospital. As a community hospital, it often serves as a first point of care for

thousands of families, just like hers. Every day, it stands ready to offer life-saving treatment for situations like respiratory emergencies, heart attacks, strokes, and countless other conditions that require immediate intervention. And for this mother, knowing that expert medical care is just minutes away is invaluable.

Grateful for the care her child received that night, this mother has become an avid supporter of Stevenson Memorial Hospital. She contributes to the hospital’s ongoing initiatives, helping ensure that other families will continue to benefit from its services, just as her family did. “Supporting Stevenson is a way for me to give back,” she says. “They were there for my child when we needed them, and I want to ensure they’ll always be there for other families, too.”

Her story is one of many that show the impact a local hospital can have on the lives of families in the community. It’s a testament to the dedication of the medical staff and the importance of having accessible healthcare close to home. With ongoing redevelopment plans, Stevenson Memorial Hospital will expand its services

and facilities to meet the region’s growing needs. However, none of this would be possible without the support of donors like her—people who understand the difference a local hospital can make.

As a community, we are fortunate to have Stevenson Memorial Hospital, but we must continue to invest in its future. By supporting the hospital, we ensure that it remains a lifeline for all of us—a place where families can turn in their greatest need. This mother’s story is a powerful reminder that healthcare is personal, and sometimes, it’s the difference between life and death.

If you’ve ever needed Stevenson Memorial Hospital, you know the peace of mind it brings just by being nearby. Let’s continue supporting Stevenson so that it remains a community pillar, always ready to care for our families, neighbours, and ourselves.

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# Opening our eyes to the stories around us

Stories are all around us if we take a few minutes to pause, look and listen.

Recently, I ventured down in the city to the University of Toronto where Victoria College was hosting its annual book sale. This sale has become something of an annual tradition for my friends and I, and due to the fact they rarely change the layout of the sale, we're able to zero in on the genres of particular interest and get in and out without breaking too much of a sweat – carrying home the haul is another story!

This year's sale yielded "just" seven books to take home and as I leafed through my finds on the train back, I realized that two books, published nearly 70 years apart, had come from the library of the same man – who evidently signed the books when he got them before putting them on the shelf, hopefully well-enjoyed.

The first book, published in 1953, had a big, bold signature in charcoal grey ink just inside the cover, as if the reader's name was etched with a fountain pen with ink drawn straight from the well. It was a confident signature supported by extra, unnecessary flourishes that were undoubtedly chosen to make a statement. The second, published in 2022, bore the same name, potentially signed with the same fountain pen – but, instead of the big, bold signature, the ink was a little fainter, the first and last name penned with a decidedly shakier, more tentative hand, and the superfluous flourishes of 1953 still present, but streamlined perhaps in the interests in time and dexterity.

While I bought the books for their subject matters, in the end I was more intrigued by the story these two signatures, 69 years apart, told.

That is, for me, part of the appeal of used books over newer volumes. While the stories contained on freshly-printed pages can prove timeless, a used volume as a whole can have a story all its own, from when it is first purchased, the places its first reader

took it, to the circumstances of why it was donated in the first place, and the start of its next chapter, once it's picked up from a table groaning under the weight of others waiting to find their places in a brand-new library.

I have a similar viewpoint on heritage buildings, particularly houses and homes.

For a time, the paternal side of my family lived in a home built in 1836. We knew the broad strokes of what took place within its walls – thanks to its documented early history as the then-village's first courthouse-and-jail combo and the tombstone that had fallen and been forgotten in the backyard – but I always wondered about the people who lived there, celebrated milestones there, and even died there.

Each step on the creaking floorboards was a gentle step in someone else's footsteps and it fostered almost a custodial feeling for the brief time we lived there. I wonder if the current occupants, a business, ever have the same thoughts.

My thoughts, as they often do on National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, turned to our shared history – not only the tragic history of residential schools writ large, but the individual stories of both those who were victimized by the system and never came home and those "warriors" who lived to shine a light on cultural genocide. This year, as they have in the past, also turned to their non-Indigenous peers who likely had no idea how truly lucky and privileged they were.

On Monday evening, I was transfixed by the moving words of Traditional Anishinaabe Grandmother Kim Wheatley, always a powerful voice for what's needed to achieve true Reconciliation, as she delivered a lesson we all can and should learn from.

Her voice and wisdom, combined with the smell of the smoke from the nearby sacred fire, are always transporting as they come together to share a reality that so many find

difficult to comprehend.

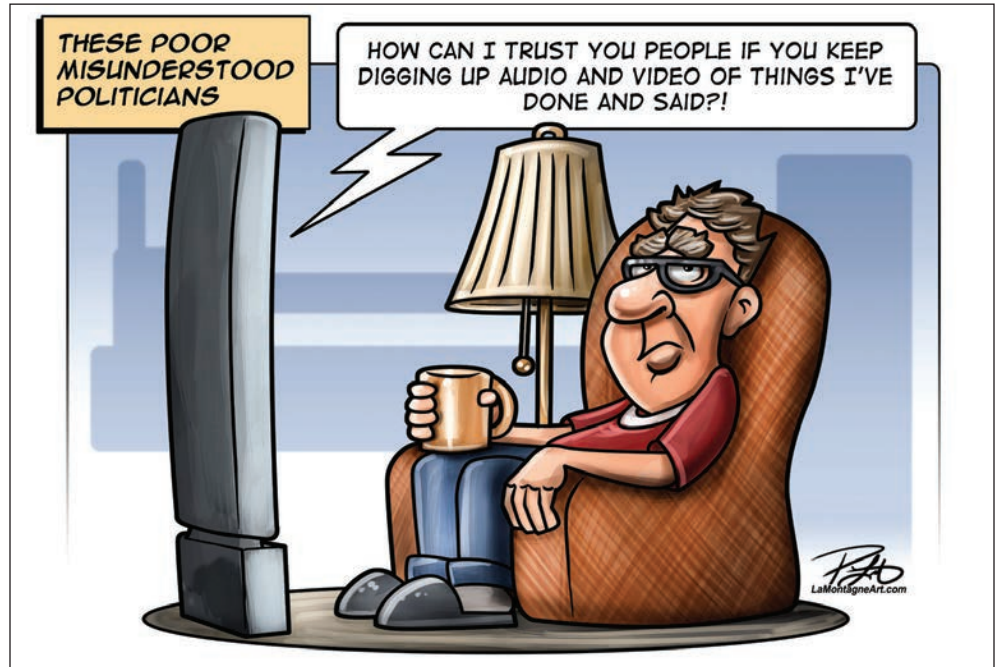
As the sun began to set on another National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, I was snapped back to where I was seated taking it all in by the sound of flip-flops slapping against the freshly-laid concrete of Aurora Town Square.

The carefree child, ribbons in the colours of the Medicine Wheel cascading down her back, fluttering with each slap, was Wheatley's granddaughter.

As her grandmother and her peers spoke around the fire, she was a ball of energy running circles around the space, eventually pausing with a friend to play in a couple of puddles left over from the in-ground fountains that were turned off to make way for the ceremony.

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- High school dances
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- Checked
- One-sided
- Having an extreme greed for wealth
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- We all have one
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- Unidentified flying object
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- Consumer advocate Ralph
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- Body part
- One's responsiveness
- Woman (French)
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- Muslim ruler title
- Unhappy
- Gradually disappeared
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# Second human case of West Nile virus identified in Simcoe County

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

A second person in Simcoe County has been diagnosed with West Nile virus.

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit reported it as the second case of West Nile in the region on Sept. 26. The Health Unit confirmed the first case on Sept. 12.

West Nile virus circulates between birds and some species of mosquitoes. The virus can be transmitted to humans by a mosquito bite if the mosquito has first bitten an infected bird.

The Health Unit's surveillance program indicates that West Nile activity remains within local and historic norms.

Mosquitoes continue to be active during the

fall, despite some people thinking mosquito activity largely disappears by this time of the year. For that reason, people still need to take precautions to protect themselves from the virus.

To stay safe, the Health Unit recommends personal protection in areas where mosquitoes may be active.

The precautions included using an approved insect repellent, wearing light-coloured clothing covering arms and legs, and remaining indoors

during dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.

Although most people will not become sick if bitten by an infected mosquito, West Nile virus can cause severe illness in some people. Symptoms of the virus include fever, muscle weakness, stiff neck, confusion, severe headache and a sudden sensitivity to light. In very rare cases, the virus may cause serious neurological illness.

Those experiencing symptoms should seek medical advice.



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Applications can be submitted through the Town's Website at the following link:  
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## Bruce Trail Day to be celebrated Oct. 5

BY PAULA BROWN, LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Dufferin County families and hikers have been invited out to experience the beauty of the Bruce Trail at a special event this upcoming weekend.

The Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club will be celebrating Bruce Trail Day on Sunday (Oct. 6). The event called "Tunes on the Trail" will be held in an area known as "Split Rock Narrows Nature Reserve" (755437 2nd Line EHS) in Mono from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

As families and individuals walk the trail, they will have the opportunity to learn more about the trail itself while listening to the tunes of some notable bands and musicians, including Twin Fawns, Dean Woods and BonGioVanni, The Fitzees, Sandy Harron and Brenda Carol.

The Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club will also be offering a complimentary barbeque for visitors.

Every year, on the first Sunday of October, the nine clubs under the Bruce Trail Conservancy host a special event in recognition of Bruce Trail Day.

The purpose of Bruce Trail Day is to introduce more residents to the beauty and serenity of the trail and to encourage involvement with the local club as members, volunteers, sponsors and hikers.

The Bruce Trail is a roughly 900-kilometre trail, with around 450 kilometres of side trails, that runs the length of the Niagara Escarpment. The trail features many different landscapes such as cobble beaches, open meadows, waterfalls, rocky crevices, and old-growth forests.

The Dufferin Hi-Land Section of the Bruce Trail runs from Mono Centre in the south to Lavender in the north, for a total distance of 56.3 kilometres. The local portion of the Bruce Trail passes through areas of natural beauty such as the Mono Cliffs Provincial Park, the Boyne Valley Provincial Park and the Pine River Fishing Area.

"It's a beautiful site with cliffs, fantastic views, caves, and rock cut outs; it's a very intriguing spot," said Stewart.

For more information about the local Bruce Trail Day event or to learn more about the Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club, visit [www.dufferinbruceclub.org](http://www.dufferinbruceclub.org).

## County of Simcoe to launch new medical dispatch triage system

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The County of Simcoe is improving emergency medical response to communities across the region.

With support from the Ontario government, the County of Simcoe Paramedic Services will join services throughout the province in implementing the Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS).

MPDS is an internationally recognized medical call triage and decision support tool that improves the dispatching of paramedics to patients in life-threatening situations such as cardiac arrest, unconsciousness or choking.

When dialling 9-1-1 to request emergency medical assistance, callers should expect to be asked more detailed questions than in the past. These questions will help dispatchers gather vital information regarding a patient's condition so that they can assess the situation, determine the nature and urgency of the emergency, and assign the priority level and type of response required.

Patients with non-life-threatening needs may



**NEW RESPONSE** – County of Simcoe Paramedic Services is implementing the Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS), which will improve the dispatching of paramedics to patients in life-threatening situations. These situations can include cardiac arrest, unconsciousness or choking.

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receive a delayed response from paramedics as a result. However, dispatchers will remain in contact with callers, ensuring they remain stable and can safely wait until paramedics can respond.

The new system will become active in November of this year.

Full details on the MPDS system and what it means for callers at 9-1-1 can be found at [simcoe.ca/mpds](http://simcoe.ca/mpds).

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Russell DeCarle packs the house

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

It was somewhat of a homecoming for Russell DeCarle when he performed to a packed house at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Beeton on Friday, Sept. 27.

When promoter George Scott asked the crowd how many people in the audience remembered the King City Slickers – DeCarle's first band – many of the people in the audience raised their hands.

In his younger days, Russell played at many well-known venues in the region.

"I started playing in Tottenham Hotel with the King City Slickers," Russell recalled. "We played in the basement there, around 1970-71. We also played at the Loretto Tavern and the Windsor House in Alliston, as well as the Muddy Water, which was then called the Beetonia – we played in the Beehive Lounge. I am excited to be coming back to Beeton. I always

enjoyed playing for audiences in the area and hope to see some familiar faces in the crowd."

Many people remember Russell from his days as lead singer with the popular band, Prairie Oyster. Prairie Oyster hasn't performed as a band since 2011, however, Russell never stopped performing.

Friday's concert featured various tunes, many coming from Russell's most recent album, *Alone in this Crowd*.

For this performance, Russell was joined on stage by Russ Boswell on bass, and Steve Briggs on guitar.

Briggs is a gifted guitarist who really filled in the songs during the performance.

While he played many of his own songs, Russell also threw in a few obscure cover tunes.

With the event being a sell-out, promoter George Scott said he is hoping to turn the Beeton concert into an annual event.



**ROCKING THE STAGE** – Russell DeCarle performs at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Beeton on Friday, Sept. 27. The former lead singer of the band Prairie Oyster is a solo act now. He performed with bass player Russ Boswell, and guitarist, Steve Briggs.

BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

## Historic Fort Willow Conservation Area comes to life with history festival

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

You can take a journey back in time during the history festival at Fort Willow on Saturday, October 5.

Visitors can make candles, watch a blacksmith work metal, and witness a military firing line.

You can also chat with Voyageus, and experience how sailors worked on ships and

line up to march in the King's army.

The festival is held at the Fort Willow Conservation Area, which was used for centuries by Indigenous People during the fur trade, as well as by French explorers.

The fort was a part of a major transportation route known as the Nine Mile Portage.

It was also a strategically located supply depot during the War of 1812.

"At Festival at Fort Willow, reenactors will be dressed in period clothing and will demonstrate life as it was in the early 1800s in our area," said Kyra Howes, Director of Conservation Services at the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority.

"This is a great opportunity for people to not only learn about what our area was like 200 years ago, but to really experience it as well."

The Festival will take place on Saturday, October 5, at the Fort Willow Conservation Area located at 2714 Grenfell Road, Utopia.

The Festival runs from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tickets for the event are \$10.00 per person or \$35.00 for a family of four. Children under the age of two are free.

Tickets can be purchased at [www.fortwillow.nvca.on.ca](http://www.fortwillow.nvca.on.ca).



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# SPORTS

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**COMEBACK** – The St. Thomas Aquinas Stingers junior girl's basketball team hosted the squad from Holy Trinity in the gym at STA on Thursday, Sept. 26. The Stingers led through the first quarter but gave up some points in the second quarter to trail by two points. They made a comeback in the second half to win the game 37-34. The STA team was back on their home court on Oct. 1 to host Our Lady of the Bay. Results were not available as of press time.  
**BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**



**DRIZZLY DEFEAT** – The St. Thomas Aquinas Stingers senior boy's soccer team hosts St. Joseph's Catholic High School from Barrie on the pitch at STA on Tuesday, Sept. 24. The game was played under cloudy skies and a light drizzle. The Stingers had to settle for a 3-1 loss in this game.  
**BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**

## Hornets win by one goal over Siskins

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

A third-period goal made all the difference in Friday (Sept. 17) night's game when the Alliston Hornets hosted the Stayner Siskins at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre.

The Siskins were leading 2-0 early in the second period, but the Hornets tied the game with two goals just 34 seconds apart.

The first Allison goal for the night came from Duncan Grube at 12:19 in the period. That was followed by a goal from Tristen Pitt.

Alliston took the lead in the third when Cam Lamont hit the back of the Stayner net at 2:48 into the final frame.

Cole Turcotte netted another goal just

under two minutes later to give the Hornets a 4-2 lead.

Stayner scored at 6:01 to close the gap, but the Hornets scored nine seconds later on a goal from Ben Smith to lead 5-3 with 14 minutes on the clock.

The Siskins scored midway in the period, but the Hornets held on for a 5-4 win in their fourth game of the season.

That gives the Hornets a 4-0 record and they are now in second place in the North Carruthers Division of the PJHL.

Orillia is currently in first place in the division. Stayner is in third place followed by the Innisfil Spartans.

The Hornets will return to home ice at the NTRC on Friday, Oct. 4, to host the Orillia Terriers.

Game time is 7:30 p.m.

## Ontario raises minimum wage to \$17.20 per hour for nearly one million workers

BY SAM ODROWSKI

Ontarians with minimum wage jobs will see a few more dollars go into their bank account when they are paid next.

The Government of Ontario increased minimum wage from \$16.55 to \$17.20 on Tuesday, Oct. 1, impacting nearly one million minimum wage workers in the province.

"Ontario's minimum wage is one of the highest in the country," said Ontario's Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development David Piccini.

"This 3.9 per cent increase is tied to the Consumer Price Index, meaning that a worker making the general minimum wage over a 40-hour work week will have up to \$1,355 more in their pockets every year. Our

fair and balanced approach makes things predictable for both workers and businesses."

Piccini added that minimum wage jobs should be a starting point for Ontario's workers, not an endpoint.

"That's why we have programs helping people get into good jobs offering higher pay and more benefits. Most recently, we passed the Working for Workers Four Act, 2024,

which puts workers first, fills the labour shortage, incentivizes employers to create more local jobs and helps more workers land better opportunities with bigger paycheques," he said.

"We are going to continue to deliver real, positive change so Ontario can continue to be the best place to live, work and raise a family."

# Equipment Ontario opens its doors to serve local farming community

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

A second person in Simcoe County has Bf you need farm equipment or just a snow thrower for around the house, Equipment Ontario has opened a huge new dealership just south of Alliston that has pretty much everything you need.

From small units for home use to massive machines designed for large farming operations, they have the equipment for every job.

A large turnout of local residents arrived at the store for the grand opening on Saturday, Sept. 28.

There was a lot of interest from local farmers who appreciated having a store with farm equipment so close to where they lived.

Equipment Ontario is the result of two different businesses joining together to better serve farmers and homeowners in the province. This is the sixth store that Equipment Ontario has opened.

“This is a new location for us, and this is our grand opening,” explained Carson Brown, one of the store’s owners. “We have everything from walk-behind snow blowers to large satellite-guided combines. We have everything for the basic homeowner right up to 15,000 plus acre farms.”

In addition to sales, they have full maintenance services.

“We have service technicians and parts people,” Carson said. “We have mobile service. We’re a full-fledged service dealer, we service what we sell. We have the parts that people may need for the equipment we sell.”

A new farm equipment dealership is a big deal for a rural agricultural area and many farmers turned out for the grand opening.

“There’s a lot of local farmers here at the grand opening and a lot of customers that we’ve dealt with in the past, and a lot of new faces,” Carson said. “If farmers need some parts, they can get them right here instead of driving for a long distance. We [are] based on [a] business model on customer service. We have been offering local residents customer service remotely over the past three years, now this raised the bar so we can serve our customers better. This is a great agricultural area and has a strong agriculture area. It is all precision-guided agriculture now. Everything is GPS-guided.”

The new Equipment Ontario store is a welcome addition to the town.

Equipment Ontario is located at 4503 Simcoe County Rd. 50, Loretto, just south of Alliston.



**NEW BEGINNINGS** – Equipment Ontario staff cut the ribbon for the business’s grand opening of a new location just south of Alliston on Saturday, Sept. 28. The business has all the equipment and machinery a local farmer or homeowner might need for their property.

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# Nottawasaga Conservation Authority looking for input on strategy

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority is looking for input on a new Conservation Areas strategy.

Anyone interested in the future of NVCA conservation lands can have their voices heard by completing an on-line survey.

NVCA manages 5,240 hectares of mostly environmentally sensitive areas within the

watershed.

On those lands, NVCA operates 11 active conservation areas that provide recreational opportunities and environmental education programming while also balancing protection of environmentally significant features.

NVCA's conservation lands portfolio also includes properties that are undeveloped natural areas and properties that are managed for flood control. NVCA works with

community partners, volunteers, municipalities and public agencies to maintain these conservation lands.

The Conservation Areas Strategy will outline current uses on NVCA conservation lands and develop a framework for long-term decision-making process to support the management of NVCA's conservation areas.

You can have your say on how you think things should operate.

Visit on-line at: [nvca.on.ca/public-consultations](http://nvca.on.ca/public-consultations) to review the draft objectives and complete the survey.

Feedback must be submitted by Tuesday, October 8, 2024.

The Conservation Authorities Act and Ontario Regulation 686/21 requires all conservation authorities to complete a Conservation Areas Strategy by December 31, 2024.

# Local families Homeward Campaign a success for Southlake hospital birthing unit

BY BROCK WEIR

Southlake Regional Health Centre has reached the conclusion of its \$2 million Homeward Campaign, which aimed to collect much-needed funds for much-needed equipment for the hospital's birthing unit – and the campaign went over the top with more than \$2.5 million reached to date.

Helping to lead the Homeward Campaign at the community level were Aurora residents Chris and Wendy Neal who know all too well the importance of having top-notch maternal and child care close to home.

“We are so incredibly proud to have led this important campaign for our community,” said Wendy Neal. “Southlake has a special place in our hearts, having cared for our twin girls in the NICU over 20 years ago when they needed it most. However, we know that more advanced equipment has become available since then. When we think of our children potentially having kids in the future, it is impossible not to be affected by the idea that without the community's support, they might rely on the same equipment that their parents used.”

Added Chris: “Families in our commu-

nity should have access to the very best, so to be able to give back, honouring that advanced and compassionate care we received means the world. We're so grateful to all the donors who stepped up to lend their support.”

As the Neals prepared to welcome their twin girls more than 20 years ago, they went to Southlake to learn more about what to expect. One of their most vivid memories of this visit was walking through a small room and being told “not to worry about it.”

The room in question is where high-risk births took place in case they needed to be flown to Toronto's SickKids for help.

Less than 36 hours after welcoming Sarah and Zoe, that room they weren't supposed to worry about was at the forefronts of their minds.

“Wendy's water broke around 11 p.m. on a Sunday and we tore up to the hospital not having slept yet and we barely slept that night because she was high-risk with the twins,” Chris told The Auroran at the start of the Homeward Campaign in 2022. “We were on monitors and nurses were coming in every 20 minutes. Wendy gave birth to Sarah at 12 noon the next day and late that

night, Wendy called and woke me up and said, ‘We have a bit of a problem. You need to be here.’”

It's a call no parent wants to get – or make – but that was the reality of the situation. Chris and Wendy were separated, their girls were separated, but they got the help they needed.

It was 22 years before they were in that room again – but this time it was for a good cause: to make sure parents, and their children, wouldn't have to go through the same thing.

Fundraising for the Homeward Campaign has enabled Southlake's Maternal Child Care Program to replace integral equipment and tech in its Birthing Unit and NICU.

“As a Level 2C NICU with ability to care for infants born as early as 30 weeks, equipment for these areas is highly specialized and purpose-built for Southlake's tiniest patients,” says Southlake. “Since the inception of the campaign, generous donors have enabled Southlake to purchase new infant warmers that use radiant heating to keep babies warm, state-of-the-art incubator care stations that provide continuous warmth to newborns while promoting the growth

and stability of babies, and NICU care stations designed to address premature babies' changing and complex care demands. In addition, the hospital has replaced fetal monitors that watch mom and baby's vitals during the birthing process, has expanded the hospital's obstetric ultrasound capacity, and will soon leverage centralized monitoring in the Birthing Unit so that clinical staff can view all patient vitals.

“Having access to this level of advanced equipment is truly a game changer for our hospital,” said Puneet Sandhu, Director of Surgical, Maternal Child and Pediatric Programs. “This equipment empowers us to respond swiftly and efficiently to critical situations, ensuring newborns receive the care they need during those vital first moments of life. These critical upgrades give our talented clinical team the ability to handle emergencies with even more confidence, as they provide increased precision and continuous monitoring of the little ones in our care. We're so grateful to our community for supporting these important improvements, and are thrilled to bring this level of care to new moms, dads, and their babies who depend us.”

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## Nottawasaga OPP arrest man for impaired driving following traffic stop

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police has laid charges relating to an impaired driving investigation.

Shortly after 11:25 p.m., on Sunday, Sept. 22, an officer from the Nottawasaga Detachment was conducting traffic enforcement on

Brentwood Road in Essa.

The subject vehicle was observed travelling at a low rate of speed with no rear lights on. The vehicle was then stopped by the OPP.

As a result of the OPP's investigation, Johnathan McCann, 49, from Angus, was arrested for impaired driving.

McCann has been charged with operation

while impaired - blood alcohol concentration 80 plus, operation while prohibited under the Criminal Code, and take motor vehicle without consent.

The man was arrested on the strength of outstanding warrants and was later released with a future court date.

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.



## OPP investigating collision between two vehicles last Thursday in Angus

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police is currently investigating a motor vehicle collision that involved two vehicles in Angus.

Two parties were transported to the hospital with minor injuries as a result of the collision.

Nottawasaga OPP and emergency crews responded to a motor vehicle collision on Mill Street and Turnbull Lane in Angus on Sept. 26, shortly after 8:35 a.m.

Both drivers suffered minor injuries and were transported to a local hospital where the injuries were determined to be non-life threatening.

Mill Street and Turnbull Lane were closed for the majority of the day while the OPP con-

tinued its investigation.

The investigation remains ongoing and police are asking anyone who witnessed the collision or has dashcam footage to please contact the Nottawasaga OPP at 705-434-1939 or 1-888-310-1122.

## Fatal collision reported on Highway 9 in Caledon

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a fatal collision on Highway 9, in the Town of Caledon.

On September 24, 2024, shortly before 6:00 p.m., Caledon OPP responded to a three-vehicle collision on Highway 9, near The Gore Road. One driver, a 36-year-old of Amaranth, was pronounced deceased at the scene. No other injuries were reported.

Highway 9 Between Airport Road and Concession Road 3 was closed for several hours while the OPP Technical Collision

Investigators and Reconstructionists assisted with the investigation.

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has dashcam footage is asked to contact Caledon OPP at 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at [www.peelcrimestoppers.ca](http://www.peelcrimestoppers.ca).

If you are affected by this incident or witnessed the collision and wish to speak to victim services, Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services can be reached at 905-951-3838.

## Telephone wire copper theft on the rise in Caledon

Members of the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are reporting a rise in copper thefts in the Town of Caledon.

The Caledon OPP Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) are currently investigating six separate copper thefts that were reported in August.

"Telephone wires are the target, and thefts are occurring in rural areas in the middle of the night," said Caledon OPP in a press release.

"It has been observed that the wires are

cut from poles, dragged to the side of the road, and recovered a day or two later. The attached photograph illustrates a wire before and after it was cut."

The police are asking anyone who witnesses a suspicious vehicle on the shoulder and potentially in the process of cutting and/or taking wires to please report it to police immediately by calling 911.

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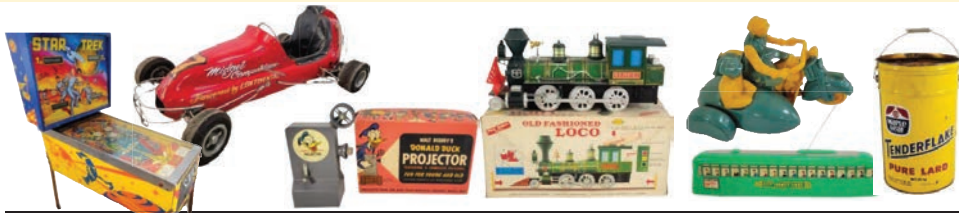
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### HUNT, David Harold

June 9, 1930 – September 20, 2024

Our loving Father slipped away peacefully in his home on the farm on Friday, September 20th, 2024. Dad was surrounded by loving family and precious caregivers as he joined the love of his life, & an Muriel Hunt (Bailey) (d.2003).

David was the dear son of Harold and Eliza Hunt. Raised with brothers Edwin and Barry in Weyburn, Saskatchewan during the time of the depression. He knew the value of hard work and had

an appreciation for lending a helping hand. This would carry on throughout his life as he touched so many with his support and giving. His contributions to the The BAILEY Group of Companies are highlighted by the values he helped instill in the culture of the organization. David was philanthropic to the core. He began The Hunt Family Charitable Foundation in 2009 and directed a legacy of giving to countless charitable organizations.

He was a loving father to Debbie (Domenic), Cathy (Peter), Pamela (Angelo), Stuart (Andrea) and John (d:2012) (Julie). Dad was blessed with 14 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. Family was special to him. David and Jean would regularly host or attend parties in honour of special occasions for us all. Celebrating the birth of their fourteen grandchildren was always a special event. Joseph, Lauren, Evan, Patrick; Caitlin, Bailey; Nicholas, Matthew, Christian; Ryan, Michelle; Cody, David, Mary. Grandpa was proud of you.

David had an appreciation for the simple things in life. Spending time with & an and the family at home or at the cottage, a glass of wine with a home cooked meal, a good game of tennis, tending to the harvest in & an's garden, helping to make homemade chili sauce and jam preserves, chopping endless cords of wood and stoking the fire in the kitchen. David did love to travel, often to England with & an and later with the family; Disney World was a highlight! David enjoyed many wonderful vacations with Edwin and Marian and Barry and Margaret, visiting parts of the world they found fascinating. It didn't take much to make Dad content. Seeing those around him happy was reward enough and he tried hard to ensure that happened regularly.

We are proud of the man he was, what he stood for and what he accomplished and built over his lifetime. His legacy is strong and will live on in the BAILEY business, with his colleagues and associates, in the homes of the extended Hunt family, and in our hearts.

During the last several years, David was genuinely and fondly cared for by a team that we lovingly called, "David's Angels". Linda, & na, Haruhi, 'Ate' & na, Nikki, Zinab, & lia and Samsun. They have a huge void and will miss Mr. Hunt immensely. Our sincere thanks to Nurse Cindy and Dr. Longarini.

It is time to rest and be with those that have gone before you. Until we see you again. Xo

A Celebration of David's Life will take place on Wednesday, October 9th, 2024 from 4 – 7 PM at Old Mill Toronto – Guild Hall (21 Old Mill Road, Toronto, Ontario, M8X 1G5). All are welcome to attend.

If desired, memorial donations may be made in David's name to SickKids Foundation (<https://www.sickkidsfoundation.com/>) or Baycrest Foundation (<https://baycrestfoundation.crowdfunder.ca/28140>)

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### Pendergast, John Leo

Passed away suddenly with family by his side at Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston, on September 24, 2024. John, at the age of 83 years, was the beloved father of Elena (Miguel Ebrahimi), Laura (Sherif Attia), Julie, Thomas, and Mary. Loving grandfather of Nathan, Tyler, Matthew, Zein, Seleem, Bilal, and Magdy. Dear brother of Jim (Anne), Paul, and Margaret Rowland (the late Fred). He will be sadly missed by his nieces and nephew, Kathy, Rob, and Lesley. Forever in the hearts of his extended family and friends.

John ("Pappy") grew up and lived his life on the family farm, a place that grounded him in nature and hard work. He had a deep love for hockey, a sport he followed with passion throughout his life. He also found great spiritual connection at St. James Church, where his faith was nurtured over the years.

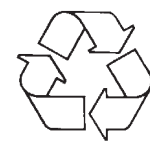
The family received friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham, 905-936-3477, on Monday, September 30, 2024, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. James Church, Colgan, on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at 12 p.m., followed by cremation. A reception was held at the Funeral Home's Cliffside Hall after the Funeral Mass. For those who wish, donations in John's memory to St. James Church, Colgan, would be appreciated. Condolences and memories may be left for the family at [www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com](http://www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com)

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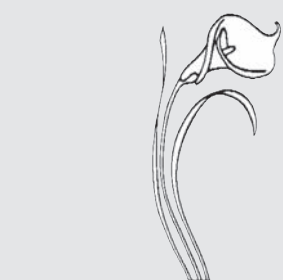
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# Brock's Banter: Opening our eyes to the stories around us

As she came to a stop to get her young hands dirty, I couldn't help but take in the setting as a whole.

This all-important ceremony remembering the victims and honouring the survivors of residential schools was taking place in the shadow of a venerable old school that has served the community for generations in one form or another.

The Church Street School was completed in 1886, more than 50 years following the establishment of the Mohawk Institute Residential School in 1834, serving as both a high school and an elementary school until 1968, nearly 30 years before Canada's last residential

school was closed.

Class photos taken outside the building are widely shared in Aurora and some of those students' faces appeared in my mind's eye as I surveyed the entire scene.

Were they aware of the reality of what was happening in their fair dominion? Perhaps they were aware of the existence of residential schools, but the actuality of what the schools represented was probably swept under the rug.

Were they fed lies that these facilities were for the greater good? What untruths were they told about our Indigenous peoples?

As such, the sad question is, would they have even cared? What would they have made of the situation happening on the ground from the lofty heights of their second-floor classroom window?

Did anyone in the crowd who ever called Church Street School theirs have similar thoughts?

It's impossible, of course, to answer those questions but they are important to think about.

From where Wheatley stood, the Church Street School was immediately before her. Behind her, the Aurora Public Library – powerful testaments to education and learning both.

While it might be intriguing to speculate on what the students of the past would have thought had their eyes been opened to a troubling truth, it is important to note that these buildings, and those in all of our communities, while their purposes and configurations have evolved somewhat, still provide nearly limitless opportunities to learn and grown.

We can never learn enough about the dark realities of our own history, but we have no excuse not to try – and the best way we can do that is to listen, ask questions, take what we hear to heart, and look for ways to foster a better future for all.

# Simcoe school board seeks participants for Safe Schools Committee

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

In February 2024, the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) of Trustees approved a motion to establish a Safe Schools Committee.

The committee will act in an advisory capacity to recommend strategies, identify available resources, identify funding opportunities, and recommend programs and services to enhance school safety.

According to the SCDSB, the board prioritizes the safety of students and staff and is committed to creating inclusive school and

work environments where everyone feels a sense of belonging.

The board says it believes in working with the community on strategies that keep schools safe, address challenging behaviours, and reduce incidents of violence affecting SCDSB schools.

The board is seeking up to three parents or guardians and up to four individuals representing community organizations and associations to serve as committee members on the new Safe Schools Committee.



tunities and resources. They also must represent one or more of the following: social service agencies, organizations working with students and youth, and agencies supporting Indigenous youth.

The Safe Schools Committee will meet four times during the 2024-25 school year.

Meetings will be held in person at the SCDSB Education Centre, located at 1170 Highway 26, Midhurst.

The first meeting will occur in early November. Committee members are asked to serve an 18-month term.

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**SAVE \$10**  
**INCREDIBLE PRICE**  
**29<sup>99</sup>**

**Boneless, Skinless Chicken Breasts**  
8-12 BREASTS  
1.36 kg/3 lb



**PARTY PACKS**

**Thai Party Pack**  
24 PIECES 430 g

**Indian Party Pack**  
32 PIECES 740 g  
Sauce included

**Asian Party Pack**  
38-46 PIECES 632 g  
**SAVE \$5**  
**INCREDIBLE PRICE**  
**12<sup>99</sup>** each

**Pub Party Pack**  
32 PIECES 576 g  
Also available, Puff Pastry Quartet  
40 PIECES 720 g \$16.99 **SAVE \$5**



**24<sup>99</sup> Turkey Breast** 875 g **SAVE \$4**

**4<sup>99</sup> Muskoka Cranberry Fruit Spread** 185 mL **SAVE \$2**

**4<sup>99</sup> Seasoned Sweet Peas** 300 g **SAVE \$1**

**9<sup>99</sup> Homestyle Mashed Potatoes** 650 g **SAVE \$3**

**13<sup>99</sup> Homestyle Pumpkin Pie** 870 g **SAVE \$4**

**7<sup>99</sup> Turkey Gravy** 300 mL **SAVE \$1**

**7<sup>99</sup> Gourmet Stuffing** 900 g **SAVE \$1.50**

**Meal Bundle for \$74<sup>93</sup>**  
**save \$16<sup>50</sup>** when you buy these 7 products.

WHILE QUANTITIES LAST

INDIVIDUALLY PACKAGED IN OVEN-READY POUCH

These products may be purchased individually.



**THE SWEET SPOT**

**25<sup>99</sup> each** **SAVE \$4**  
**Chocolate Cheesecake Variety Pack**  
12 SLICES 1 kg

**17<sup>99</sup> each** **SAVE \$5**  
**Dessert Bars** 850 g  
Chocolate Chunk Cream, Walnut Raisin Tart, Nanaimo

**15<sup>99</sup> each** **SAVE \$2**  
**Double Chocolate Fudge Brownie Cake** 560 g

**17<sup>99</sup> each** **SAVE \$5**  
**Dessert Bar Variety Pack** 675 g

**17<sup>99</sup> each** **SAVE \$5**  
**Chocolate Lovers Variety Pack** 850 g

**15<sup>99</sup> each**  
**Extreme Caramel Cake** 470 g

**17<sup>99</sup> each**  
**Lemonicious™ Lemon Squares** 850 g

WHILE QUANTITIES LAST



**MULTI-SERVE MEALS** **13<sup>99</sup>**  
2 lb ENTRÉES 907 g

**SAVE \$1**  
**SAVE \$3**

White Cheddar Mac & Cheese with Bacon  
Butter Chicken  
Supreme Homestyle Lasagna  
Homestyle Tuna Casserole  
Cabbage Rolls  
Vegetable Lasagna  
Chicken Lasagna  
Chicken Teriyaki  
Creamy Chicken Pasta  
Fettuccine Alfredo  
Three Cheese Pasta Bake  
Lasagna  
Cheese and Spinach Cannelloni  
Chicken Pad Thai  
Spicy Sesame Chicken & Rice  
Chicken & Broccoli Pasta Bake

Also available, Shepherd's Pie \$13.99 **save \$3**



**SAVE \$8**

**17<sup>99</sup> Breaded Chicken Breasts**  
8 PIECES 907 g Choose from 3 varieties.  
Also available, Chicken Breast Grills 8 PIECES 800 g  
**\$17.99 SAVE \$5**

**Try with Nashville Style Hot Sauce** 350 mL **6<sup>99</sup>**

Original



**\* MULTI BUY \* Buy 2 for \$10**

**SALE MIX AND MATCH**

Loaded Potato  
Tomato and Grilled Cheese  
SOUP 255 g - 285 g  
Broccoli Cheddar  
French Onion  
Regular price \$5.99 each



**NEW! PRODUCTS**

**13<sup>99</sup> Pork Schnitzel** 5-7 PIECES 650 g **SAVE \$2 each**

**10<sup>99</sup> Buffalo Chicken Dip** 450 g **SALE**

**4<sup>99</sup> each** **NEW!** **Sesame Japchae Noodles** 300 g

**21<sup>99</sup> TOO TALL® Country Harvest Carrot Cake** 900 g

**7<sup>99</sup> each** **NEW!** **Sweet & Sour Chicken** 370 g

**17<sup>99</sup> Loaded Perogy Bake** 907 g **SAVE \$2 each** **NEW!**

**6<sup>99</sup> SALE** **Tater Bites** 600 g

**15<sup>99</sup> Montreal Smoked Meat** 2 POUCHES x 200 g

THEY'RE BACK!



**STOVETOP KITS** 840 g - 1.05 kg

**16<sup>99</sup> SAVE \$2**  
Sweet and Spicy Shrimp and Scallops  
Lemon Herb Chicken and Pasta  
Creamy Rose Chicken and Pasta

**19<sup>99</sup> SAVE \$3**  
Chicken Stir Fry  
Beef Teriyaki  
Jambalaya

Also available:  
• Beef Stir Fry  
• Beef Stroganoff  
• Pulled Pork Tacos  
• Beef Lo Mein  
• Chicken Fajitas  
**\$19.99 SAVE \$3**

**READY IN UNDER 20 MINUTES**



ALL PRICES IN EFFECT THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3 TO WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2024 UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

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