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# Feeding The Community

The Justin Alexander Keogh (J.A.K.) fund continues its valuable work in the community. Funds made from the annual JAK Fund Washer Toss Tournament were used to provide Thanksgiving meals for people who are helped by the Our Town Food Bank in Tottenham. Rochelle Keogh, Paul Keogh, Margaret Ann Smith and Natasha Keogh, representing the J.A.K. Fund, delivered around 200 bags of food to Susan Iacoucci and John Battaglia at the local food bank on Tuesday, Oct. 8.

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# Simcoe Manor benefits from fundraising for new buses

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

It is a big part of the Alliston Potato Festival. The County of Simcoe has announced a milestone in its fundraising effort towards the purchase of four new accessible buses for its long-term care and seniors services homes.

The effort has surpassed the goal of raising \$600,000.

The Give-A-Lift fundraising campaign was launched in early 2019 to support each of the County's four long-term care homes – Simcoe Manor and Village in Beeton, Georgian Manor and Village in Penetanguishene, Sunset Manor and Village in Collingwood, and Trillium Manor in Orillia.

The buses connect residents and clients to their communities, support programming and enable residents, including those with mobility issues, to participate in events, activities and outings.

Throughout the Give-A-Lift campaign,

the County held several fundraising events and activities, including the Warden's Ski Day, Warden's Golf Tournaments, plant sales, cookbook sales, classic car shows, cookoffs and holiday markets.

"We are truly grateful to the many individuals, businesses and organizations who have stepped forward to help the County achieve this goal," said Simcoe County Warden Basil Clarke. "We are so thankful to have these buses now in service, providing our residents with a way to once again safely explore their communities."

The buses allow long-term care and seniors centres the ability to take residents to various activities in a safe way and allow those with mobility issues the opportunity to enjoy events outside of their current residence.

"These buses aren't just a means of transportation, we build them into our programming as they support the health, well-being and quality of life of our residents, many of whom have complex mobility issues," said Jane Sinclair, Simcoe County's general

manager of health and emergency services. "I echo the Warden in thanking our tremendous community for helping us raise these much-needed funds. And I want to send a

huge thank you to our amazing staff in each home and corporately who went above and beyond to support and drive this fundraising campaign."



**LIFTING SUCCESS** – Simcoe County councillors, long-term care staff and employees for seniors services gather to celebrate the completion of the Give-A-Lift bus fundraising campaign. Over \$600,000 was raised to provide new buses for the County's long-term care and seniors services homes. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

## Simcoe Muskoka Health Unit aims to 'close gap' in breastfeeding support

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter



National Breastfeeding Week in Canada was observed from Oct. 1 to 7, to raise awareness of the vital role breastfeeding plays in the healthy growth and development of infants and young children.

This year's theme, Closing the gap: Breastfeeding support for all, highlights the importance of accessible support.

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit encourages families to explore the breastfeeding support available in their communities.

Breastfeeding provides all the nutrients a baby needs for the first six months of their life and is recommended for two years and beyond by Health Canada, the Public Health Agency of Canada, and the Canadian Paediatric Society.

Although breastfeeding is the body's natural way of feeding a baby, it is also common for parents to need some help getting breastfeeding well established.

Support in the community, such as prenatal education, help at the hospital and ongoing support after leaving the hospital can make a big difference in whether families

keep breastfeeding after the first few days at home. The Health Unit works with families and community organizations to support breastfeeding families in Simcoe Muskoka by providing free in-person and online prenatal education, information and care over the phone and in group settings throughout Simcoe Muskoka.

Parents who are providing breastmilk are invited to attend the Health Unit's free Breastfeeding Support Groups that are offered in-person and online.

These groups are led by public health nurses who offer support and answer questions about feeding your baby, baby care, infant sleep, developmental stages, and parenting.

They are also a place to share experiences and get support from other new parents.

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# Local fitness trainer attempts 160 km walk for charity

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Many people enjoy a brisk walk every day for exercise.

Matthew Azevedo, co-owner of Anytime Fitness in Tottenham, decided to take an extreme walk and raise money for a good cause at the same time.

Last year, Matthew completed a challenge where he ran four miles every four hours for 48 hours to raise money for the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) and bring awareness to mental health and addiction support. He managed to raise \$1,500.

This year, Matthew decided to try a walk from Alliston to St. Catharines. That's a distance of 160 km or 100 miles.

He set out on his epic trek on Friday, Sept. 27, determined to complete the walk and again raise money for CAMH.

While Matthew didn't complete the full walk – his body and legs just gave out on him – he managed to complete 112 km and raised \$3,000 in support of CAMH.

Matthew aims to re-attempt the walk next year with a group of local members of the Anytime Fitness gyms in Tottenham and Angus.



**GOING THE DISTANCE** – Matthew Azevedo, co-owner of Anytime Fitness in Tottenham, attempted a 160 km walk on Friday, Sept. 27, to raise funds for the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH). Matthew couldn't complete the full distance but managed to hike 112 km before his body and legs gave out. He will attempt the walk again next year. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

# Local Legion to unveil new Veterans Walkway

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Many people enjoy a brisk walk every day. The Royal Canadian Legion and the Town of New Tecumseth will be cutting the ribbon to officially open the new Veterans Walkway in Alliston.

The walkway is located at the Town's Administration Centre and leads to the Veterans Memorial Cenotaph behind Alliston Memorial Arena.

This walkway will represent Canada's veterans as defined by the Legion. A veteran is any person who is serving or who has honourably served in the Canadian Armed Forces, the Commonwealth, or its wartime allies. Regular Members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or Peace Officers in a Special Duty Area or on a Special Duty Operation, or who have served in the Merchant Navy or Ferry Command during wartime are considered veterans as well.

Veterans from the area, including Base Borden, will be invited to this event along with local dignitaries from municipal, federal, and provincial governments.

Town staff who have worked on this project will also be present.

The unveiling of the new walkway will take place at the Town of New Tecumseth Administration office at 24 Tupper St. West, Alliston on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Form-up will start at 11:45 a.m., with the unveiling at noon.

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# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

“The window to the world can be covered by a newspaper.”

~ Stanislaw Jerzy Lec

## Death to who?

“Death to America!”

The first time I heard this catchy slogan was probably during the days before and after the Iranian Revolution.

I’m not sure what this is really supposed to mean. In a region where killing is a national pastime, calling for the death of an entire nation is rather meaningless.

I guess it means they don’t like the U.S. for being a successful country.

After all, the Iranian revolution achieved its goal – they had a revolution and turned a modern, advanced country, into a backward nation full of fear and oppression, and a way of thinking that should have ended in the Middle Ages.

So, I guess ‘death to America’ means they don’t like success, freedom, an elected government, and the ability to determine one’s own future.

I have a neighbour who arrived in Canada several years ago with his wife, from a South American country. The country he comes from is one that has never achieved much economic success. Corruption is everywhere.

He has fully embraced Canadian life. He works hard, appreciates the freedom, and appreciates the fact that he doesn’t have to bribe the police after being pulled over for a non-existent infraction. He’s

very proud to be living here and offering his family better opportunities.

He told me that one thing he can’t stand is the fact that some of his fellow ex-patriots have arrived in Canada, and for some reason, want to bring their same style of living here.

Why, he asks, would you come here, and try to bring the same corrupt practices you left your country for in the first place? It makes no sense.

But this happens all the time.

There was a rally in Vancouver recently, where the leader yelled cries of ‘death to Canada, death to the United States, and death to Israel.’

This bunch of creeps were dressed in the garb of a terrorist organization – an organization that uses murder, intimidation and sexual assault to terrorize the public.

This bunch also burned a Canadian flag. What a disrespectful thing to do – to burn the symbol of the nation you live in that has offered you a good life and security.

What bunch of creeps would do this?

Police are ‘investigating’ the incident, which means they are doing nothing to stop this type of behaviour.

People have been arrested on ‘hate

speech’ charges, for using racial slurs, or telling a joke, but calling for the murder of Canadians requires an ‘investigation.’

If the people leading this rally were actual Canadians, they should be ashamed of themselves. They should be charged with making threats and hate crimes.

If they are not Canadian citizens, they should be arrested and deported to the backwards country they came from where they can enjoy their daily dose of murder and terror.

This type of behaviour doesn’t make people take note of your cause – it makes people think you’re a danger to society, their neighbourhoods, and their families.

In the past several weeks, a father and son duo have been arrested on terror charges for planning an attack on the public with an axe and a machete. One of those idiots was actually a Canadian citizen.

Just this past week, it was revealed that two men, who are brothers, who had been convicted in the U.S. of illegally helping Iran evade sanctions, moved to Ontario and legally changed their names.

This was done for the purpose of creating a false identity and living here. This was also done while they were still serving out

part of their sentences. This alone needs more explaining, and the names were changed while the government was trying to deport one of the men.

The federal government is unwilling or unable to protect our country from threats by people who come here with bad intentions.

If a person is yelling “death to Canada,” at a rally, do you want to see them come home – to the house next door to you? Probably not.

The federal government has to tighten the process by which people are allowed to be here. It also needs to re-examine the path to citizenship for people who arrive on our shores.

Once again, they are thinking about another airlift of Canadian citizens in Lebanon – of which there are thousands.

If they are Canadian citizens, why are they living in Lebanon? It doesn’t take much thought to figure that out.

Sooner or later there will be another terrorist attack on Canadian soil, and it will be called a ‘tragedy.’

The real tragedy is it could have been prevented – the federal government is sleeping.

**BRIAN LOCKHART**  
FROM THE SECOND ROW



## Invention, Innovation, and Back to the Starting Line

It’s often said that necessity is the mother of invention.

There is a lot of truth in that statement. However, maybe “invention” just has a better public relations team behind it to push this idea.

It’s more accurately the case, in my observation, that necessity doesn’t always give birth to invention, but rather innovation.

We don’t have to look very hard to find a few examples of weird and wonderful – and, indeed, not-so-wonderful – brainstorms that have given way to equally weird and wonderful ideas reinventing the proverbial wheel. More often than not, though, the most useful “inventions” are innovations on something that already exists in a bid to make whatever it is sturdier, easier to use, streamlined, more user-friendly for people of various abilities, more automated than its predecessors, or even more equipped to pick up your household or workplace wifi signal – although, at this moment, I’m unconvinced on why one would

ever need a standing mixer that is wifi equipped, but maybe those who spend more time in the kitchen than I do can shed light on that particular conundrum.

This week I had the pleasure of interviewing a gentleman with a particularly practical innovation.

Having embarked on a cancer journey at a very young age, the resident, who thankfully now has a clean bill of health, used his lived experience and his academic know-how to take an already-existing product, the humble boxer-brief, in an entirely new and helpful direction – specially engineered underwear to provide additional, near-tailored support for individuals who are living with or recovering from pelvic injuries ranging from orchiectomies to hernia procedures.

His is not a product created from whole cloth, if you pardon the pun. Instead, it’s a clear improvement on a garment that has supported its wearers in one way or another since the early 1990s. Still, the new spin opens up the door to new users, customers, and the

opportunity for partnership with companies that make cooling packs and other support products.

Yet not all innovations are created equal.

When I got to the office on Tuesday morning and washed my hands before settling into a full day of writing, somehow the soap in the bathroom, the label for which trumpeted the viscous liquid inside as “2x Ultra” without going into further details on just what exactly had been multiplied, ultra-fied, or turbo-ized didn’t exactly impart the idea that the soap, cleanser and detergent market had been upended by apparently “new and improved” super-sudzer.

As a kid, when staying up way past one’s prescribed bedtime seemed like an exciting and daring prospect, it was game over once I got a small TV of my very own around my eighth or ninth Christmas. Once it was installed in my bedroom – well, it seemed like the world was my oyster when I wanted to be particularly rebellious and stay awake until

1 or 2 in the morning just on principle.

Maybe I was weird, but try as I might, I’d often get sucked into infomercials while whiling away those hours – again, on principle.

As much as all those “set it and forget it” appliances introduced by Ron Popeil found their way onto my wish list for my ninth or tenth Christmas, I questioned other innovations and inventions that were also peppered in.

I didn’t, for instance, see the practical use in those odd little gizmos that would pierce one end of your egg and beat the whites and the yolks before you even needed to crack open the shell – after all, cracking an egg and beating it with a fork isn’t exactly labour intensive and has done the trick ever since the Renaissance made forks a go-to eating and cooking utensil.

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# Remigration

'Remigration': the word had a harmless origin, as a term academics used to describe the phenomenon of migrants who failed to thrive in their new home and decided to go back to their birth country.

Then, about 10 years ago, French nationalists and racists started using it to mean forcible repatriation of legal immigrants. However, it didn't catch on beyond the narrow circle of conspiracy theorists who subscribed to the 'great replacement' myth (the paranoid belief that there is a systematic plot to replace white people with non-white immigrants).

This year the term achieved lift-off, especially in the German-speaking parts of Europe. First the far-right 'Alternative for Germany' party (AfD) openly debated the policy of 'remigration' at a conference in Potsdam last winter. And last month the Freedom Party, which bluntly calls for the expulsion of immigrants, won the Austrian election.

The AfD ranks second in popularity in German opinion polls, but if there were an election today none of the many other

parties in the fragmented German political scene would make a coalition with it.

Moreover, its support comes mainly from former east Germans who effectively lived under Russian rule for 45 years after the Second World War and have no tradition of living with immigrants. Before that they voted for Adolf Hitler in the fateful 1933 election – but western Germany has more than three times as many people, and very few of them vote AfD.

Austria has only a tenth of Germany's population, but it was Hitler's birthplace and what eventually became the Freedom Party was founded in 1956 by ex-Nazis including former SS officers. It is Austria's biggest party after this election, but with only 29 per cent of the seats in Parliament it needs to find coalition partners.

That may not be easy, especially if the Freedom Party insists that its leader, Herbert Kickl, becomes the prime minister. (Party members call him 'Volkskanzler,' Hitler's old title.)

Under Kickl, the Freedom Party wants to add a clause to the constitution saying

that Austria must protect itself against the European Union, the World Health Organization and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

Freedom's key offer is to withdraw citizenship from refugees who fail to integrate and simply to abolish the right to asylum. This may be extreme enough to force the other parties into a clumsy anti-Kickl coalition, but even if he becomes prime minister the heavens will not fall.

The Freedom Party has already served in two previous coalition governments, and no drastic changes ensued. Most Austrians still think EU membership is too valuable to give up, and EU rules forbid the anti-democratic measures Kickl seeks. For the moment, at least, Austria remains a law-abiding country.

Indeed, this equation still restrains all the hard-right parties in the EU. Even Viktor Orbán's explicitly anti-EU regime in post-democratic Hungary does not quit the EU, although it regularly condemns it. The notion of enforced 'remigration' has become common currency in right-wing discourse in Europe, but it is still just talk.

The real threat to this status quo is global warming. The far right may not believe in climate change, but it may deliver them to power nevertheless. As the floods, landslides, heatwaves and droughts get more extreme in Africa and the Middle East, a human wave of climate refugees will start

moving towards the EU's southern and eastern borders.

At least one billion people live within reach of those borders by road or by sea. That's twice as many as live within the EU, and almost all of them will be experiencing more brutal weather than the relatively fortunate Europeans. If only one in a 100 of those people decide to seek refuge in the European Union, that's 10 million people banging on the door.

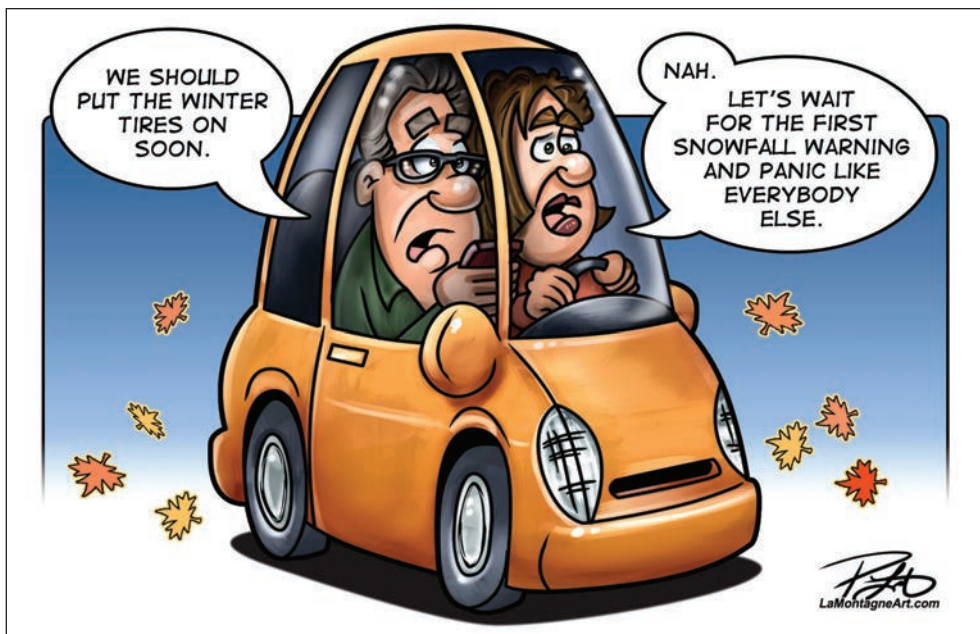
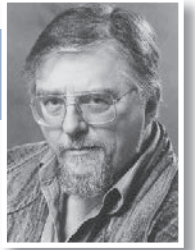
But it's not a door. Even now, long tracts of the EU's external borders are fenced and guarded, while the sea frontiers are patrolled by ships whose unwritten task is to stop would-be migrants in boats even if some of them die as a result.

It is not widely understood that Europe's borders with North Africa and Western Asia are already policed much more ruthlessly than the southern borders of the United States or the even the northern sea frontiers of Australia. This will only get more severe as the climate gets more extreme.

'Remigration' is just a symptom. One day, probably within a decade or so, Herbert Kickl's loose talk about 'Festung Europa' (Fortress Europe) will become a reality.

The only way to avert that is by huge and rapid cuts in emissions plus geoengineering measures to hold the heat down. And how likely is that?

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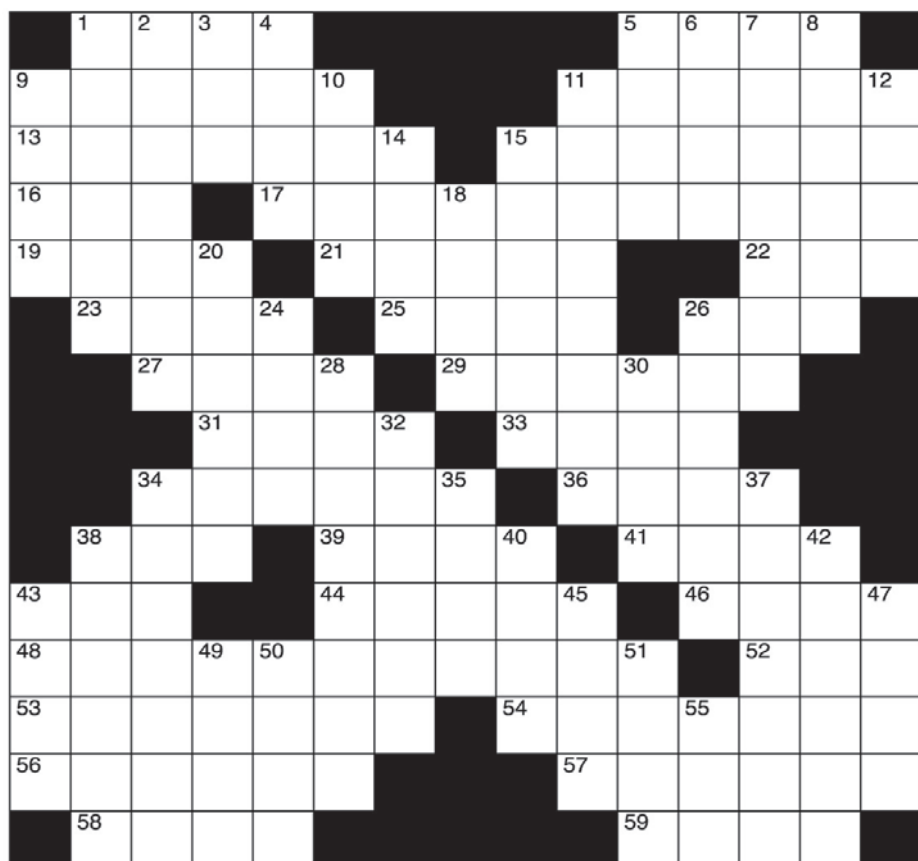
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- Absence of bacteria
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Men's fashion accessories
- "Honey" actress Jessica
- Round red root vegetable
- Latin term for "charity"
- Doesn't smell good
- Mental health issue
- Millisecond
- Hairstyle
- Edible starch
- Middle Eastern military title
- Protein-rich liquids
- Indian musical pattern
- Cancer and Capricorn
- Country along the
- Arabian peninsula
- A bend
- Fishes of the herring family
- Antelopes
- Chaos
- Popular music app
- Cooking material
- Musical instrument
- San Diego ballplayers
- Small amounts
- Poured
- Fabric
- Food option
- Finger millet
- The U. of Miami mascot is one
- Alberta, Canada river
- Canadian flyers
- Dry white wine drink

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# Arts & Entertainment

## 'From Field to Canvas' exhibit coming to Municipal Centre this fall

Contemporary impressionist artist, Susan Hunter Guise, is thrilled to announce the opening of her solo exhibition, "From Field to Canvas," at the Adjala-Tosorontio Municipal Centre.

The exhibition will run from Oct. 24 to January 24, 2025.

Hunter Guise's latest collection showcases a stunning array of works inspired by her plein air painting experiences. Known for her vibrant colours and expressive brushwork, Hunter Guise has created some of her most captivating pieces to date for this exhibition.

"I'm incredibly excited to share this col-

lection with the community," said Hunter Guise. "Plein air painting has been a transformative experience for me, allowing me to capture the beauty and essence of the natural world in a truly authentic way."

Her artistic journey began in 2011 when she started working with oils under the guidance of local plein air artists. In 2018, Hunter Guise sought further training and attended numerous intensive online art conferences, which have significantly contributed to her artistic development.

Her work has been featured in exhibitions at Double Door Gallery and Studio in Anten Mills, the Simcoe County Museum, Barrie

Art Club, and the rotunda and small gallery at Barrie's City Hall. Additionally, Hunter Guise's pieces are currently on display at FortyOne: Local Art Market in Alliston.

When not immersed in her artistic pursuits, Hunter Guise can often be found plein air painting with colleagues around Kempenfelt Bay. She has also shared her knowledge and expertise by giving talks on plein air gear and developing pastel workshops for the Barrie Art Club.

The Adjala-Tosorontio Municipal Centre, where Hunter Guise's work will be displayed, is located at 7855 30 Sideroad Adjala, Alliston.



**NATURAL EXPRESSIONS** – Susan Hunter Guise upcoming exhibition of work is inspired by her plein air painting. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

## St. John's United Church donates funds from potato pancake breakfast to community

**BY BRIAN LOCKHART**

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

It is a big part of the Alliston Potato Festival that many local residents look forward to every year.

The St. John's United Church potato pancake breakfast is a staple of the annual festival, and this was the church's 49th year hosting the breakfast.

The weather turned out to be perfect for the event. Although the line-up got pretty long at times, over 1,000 people turned out to enjoy pancakes. This is a huge social event for many people.

As always, a portion of the proceeds from the breakfast is given to community groups.

This year, the church donated to the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation, the Canadian Mental Health Association, The Krasman Centre, and St. John's Benevolent Fund.

The donation occurred on Oct. 8.

Organizing, preparing, and hosting the event takes a lot of volunteer hours, with many people giving their time and energy to ensure it is a success.

Organizers of the event would like to thank all the volunteers, including 4-H Community Involvement, local area high school students, other local volunteers and church members who helped make this year's potato pancake breakfast a big success.



**POTATO PROCEEDS** – St. John's United Church in Alliston hosted its 49th potato pancake breakfast during the Alliston Potato Festival in August. Organizers gather to present a portion of the proceeds raised at the event to several local groups who will benefit from the volunteer effort on Oct. 8. **LOUISE JONES PHOTO**



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# County of Simcoe celebrates one millionth rider on Linx Transit

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The County of Simcoe’s LINX Transit service is celebrating the achievement of carrying its one millionth rider since the service started in 2018.

“LINX Transit is an incredibly important part of our region, and witnessing its growth since it launched in 2018 has been great to see,” said Simcoe County Warden Basil Clarke. “LINX Transit helps connect our communities, offering our residents affordable, reliable and environmentally friendly transportation options that connect them to some of the major hubs of our region.” The ridership shows the growth that LINX Transit has experienced, as the service celebrated its 500,000th rider just under two years ago in 2022.

“This achievement highlights our success and promises even better things to come for transit users,” said Dennis Childs, Transit Manager at the County of Simcoe. “It indicates that we’re on the right path toward further growth and improvement in the County



**CONNECTING COMMUNITIES** – LINX Transit recently celebrated transporting its one millionth rider on the bus service, since starting in 2018. The transit service is operated by the County of Simcoe and has six routes, connecting riders between several communities, such as New Tecumseth, Bradford West Gwillimbury, Barrie, Orillia and Wasaga Beach. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

of Simcoe. We’re continuing to explore and research new routes and expansions that can be added to make LINX Transit even more accessible across our region.”

LINX Transit began operations in 2018,

linking residents to major urban hubs through the County of Simcoe.

Six routes currently run across the county including Route 1 from Penetanguishene/Midland to Barrie, Route 2 from Wasaga

Beach to Barrie, Route 3 from Orillia to Barrie, Route 4 from Collingwood to Wasaga Beach, Route 5 from New Tecumseth to Bradford West Gwillimbury and Route 6 from Midland to Orillia.

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# New partnership aims to restore water quality and habitat in Willow Creek

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA), Napoleon and Midhurst Landowners Group (MLG) have announced a partnership to restore Willow Creek in the Township of Oro-Medonte.

The partnership aims to improve water quality in Willow Creek and Little Lake while enhancing habitat for fish, amphibians, reptiles, mammals and birds.

The goals will be achieved by stabilizing eroding stream banks to reduce sediment and phosphorus inputs by creating floodplain wetlands. The new floodplains will also play a role in reducing local flooding.

“Historical land use practices eliminated forest cover and removed the roots of trees and shrubs that held soil together and stabilized stream banks,” said Fred Dobbs, manager of Stewardship Services at NVCA. “As a result, the soil on the stream banks eroded, depositing large quantities of sediment and nutrients into local streams, impacting both water quality and fish habitat. This stream

bank stabilization project showcases how NVCA, businesses and developers can work together to improve water quality in our local streams.”

Earlier this year, NVCA received permission from Napoleon to complete a large-scale restoration project at their property on Willow Creek. The project has received financial support from MLG to stabilize the stream banks and control phosphorus. Funding also came from the Government of Ontario for the construction of floodplain wetlands.

“The restoration of the stream directly reflects Napoleon’s commitment to sustainability, stated Chris Schroeter,” Co-CEO of Napoleon. “We look to contribute to our community in ways, such as this, that will have a meaningful impact on the environment and will benefit current and future generations. We are pleased to be a partner with NVCA in this exciting project.”

Restoration work began in early September and will continue until the end of 2024.

Volunteers secured Christmas trees to the bottom of the eroding bank to create a habitat for small fish and stabilize the bank.



**RESTORATION EFFORT** – The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority has entered a partnership to restore Willow Creek in the Township of Oro-Medonte. Volunteers installed Christmas trees along the bank of Willow Creek to help with erosion and create habitats for fish.

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An excavator is currently reducing the height of the eroding bank and will install tree roots to further stabilize the creek bank. Live sod, shrubs, and larger trees will be added

to the stream bank to create instant habitat. The excavator will also create a floodplain wetland along Willow Creek to store excess water and reduce local flooding.

# County launches Age-Friendly Wellness Program for seniors to stay active and engaged

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The County of Simcoe has taken a step forward in creating an age-friendly community with the creation of the Simcoe County Age-Friendly Wellness Program.

The program, which is now underway, is focused on providing opportunities for older adults to stay active and connected in their communities. This includes delivering mind, spirit, and body wellness support to help

older adults stay active and healthy, helping to reduce social isolation, and improving the mental health and overall well-being of those living in the region.

The Simcoe County Age-Friendly Wellness Program was the recipient of more than \$14,500 in funding through the 2024-25 Seniors Community Grant Program from the Province of Ontario.

“With a growing and aging population, it is imperative that we continue to support our older adults, celebrating their diversity,

reducing inequalities, and providing opportunities for them to continue to thrive in the communities that have helped to create,” said Simcoe County Warden Basil Clark. “This investment from the province does just that, investing in health and wellness programs that incorporate a variety of activities including live music, entertainment, and workshops on exercises, healthy eating, fall prevention, ageism, and anti-fraud to name a few.”

Upcoming events can be found on the County’s website.

The Age-Friendly Community Program was established in 2016 to increase awareness of the County’s aging population and help businesses and organizations evaluate their environment and service delivery. The County continues to provide resources and assessment tools to help organizations implement age-friendly goals and strategies and adapt to our aging population.

For more information on our Age-Friendly Community program, visit the website, email agefriendly@simcoe.ca or call 705-726-9300 ext. 3127.

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## Are you ready for winter DRIVING CONDITIONS?

(NC) Many Canadians take joy in the sight of big, fluffy snowflakes during winter. However, driving in winter isn't always so picturesque. Keep safe - and out of the snowbanks and ditches - with these tips from Co-operators:

**GET YOUR VEHICLE WINTER-READY**

- Schedule a pre-winter tune-up to check that your battery, brakes and other essential systems are ready for winter driving.
- Winter tires are well worth the investment. The deep treads and unique composition of winter tires provide up to 50 per cent better traction in cold temperatures. Better traction means better accident prevention - which is why some insurers will even discount insurance premiums when they're installed.
- Ensure you can keep a clear view of the road by replacing old wiper blades that leave streaks. Before you head out, top up the windshield washer fluid (with de-icer in the -40°C range) and stow an extra jug in your vehicle.
- Always carry a sturdy scraper and snow brush in your car. Be sure to clear your vehicle entirely of snow before driving to ensure you can see.

■ Pack emergency supplies to keep you warm and provide traction, as well as a shovel.

■ If you're an ATV-er or snowmobiler, make sure that you are properly insured. It's easy and affordable to secure coverage that makes for happy (and safer) trails.

**KEEP COOL AND IN CONTROL**

- Turn off cruise control when road conditions are wet, icy or snowy. You won't feel your wheels lose traction with your foot off the gas pedal.
- Always adjust your speed to road conditions.
- It takes longer to stop on snow and ice. Maintain space between other vehicles on the road.
- Slow and steady wins the race. Accelerate smoothly, maintain steady pressure on the gas pedal, and brake gently and early to avoid skids.

**THERE'S NO SUBSTITUTE FOR GOOD JUDGEMENT**

- Be choosy where you drive. Major roads are plowed and salted more frequently, which can help you stay safe driving in snowy or icy conditions. And, because passersby are more likely, you'll be able to signal for help safely in the event of an accident.
- Be even choosier when you drive. Avoid driving in freezing rain or snow squalls. Wait for calmer weather and clear, salted roads whenever possible.
- Give yourself more time than usual when travelling, in case weather conditions worsen.

Winter weather can change quickly, so stay tuned to reports and pay attention to what's around you. If the weather takes a turn for the worse, pull over somewhere safe for a cup of coffee or turn back home. Find more tips on how to prepare your vehicle(s) for winter at cooperators.ca.

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# AUTOMAINTENANCE



## 4 signs it's time to replace your tires

**Inflation has been a hot topic for several years, as the cost of everything from groceries to gas to housing has increased considerably since 2019.**

**C**ars are no exception to that phenomenon, and anyone who has purchased a new car over the last half-decade likely experienced some sticker shock when they started their search for a new vehicle. Data from Kelley Blue Book indicates the average cost of a new car was \$37,590 in 2019. By 2023, the average cost had risen to \$47,899. That marks an increase of more than 27 percent in a four-year period.

Cars are indeed a significant investment, which underscores the importance of vehicle maintenance. Maintenance is more than just tending to what's under the hood. Tires also require drivers' attention, as aging, damaged tires pose a safety risk that

also compromises vehicle performance. Tires are easily overlooked, but the following are four signs tires need to be replaced.

**1. WORN TREAD:**

The automotive experts at AutoZone® note that tread depth is the most prevalent indicator that a tire needs to be replaced. AutoZone® notes that tread depth should always be at least 2/32 of an inch throughout the tire. Depth should be measured across the tread and around the circumference. If the tread is at or below 2/32 of an inch, the tire should be replaced.

**2. BULGES, GOUGES OR CRACKS:**

Geico® notes that a deflated tire bulges at the sides, and that can compromise the safety of everyone in the vehicle. AutoZone® says bulges occur when air gets between the inner liner and outer rubber layers, which can happen after hitting a curb or driving over a sizable pothole. A gouge or cut that is deeper than the outer layer of the tire also necessitates replacement.

**3. POOR GRIP:**

Drivers may be able to feel certain tire problems, including poor grip, while driving. In such instances, tires may feel as though they are slipping. The tire experts at Firestone note that low tread can reduce tire traction and cause wheels to slip, which may be more noticeable when accelerating from a stop or driving on wet roads. Drivers who feel their tires are slipping can test the tread and replace tires that are low.

**4. VIBRATION:**

Vibration is another issue drivers may feel rather than see. And identifying the cause requires noting where the vibrations are felt. Geico® notes that a feeling of vibration or thumping that feels like it's coming from under the seats may indicate the tires are not balanced. A suspension issue could be to blame if the steering wheel feels like it's vibrating.

Either feeling should be brought to the attention of a mechanic immediately.

Tire issues affect vehicle performance and compromise the safety of drivers, their passengers and fellow motorists. When vehicles are not performing at peak capacity, drivers should not overlook various tire issues as a potential cause of such troubles.



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## How to prepare your car for winter

Summer and fall can stake their claim as road trip season, and even devoted drivers may admit that winter is generally a less desirable time to take to the open road.

**T**he elements factor heavily into that reputation, as fewer hours of daylight, snow and ice are just some of the variables that can make it less enjoyable, and potentially more dangerous, to drive in winter.

In anticipation of adverse driving conditions, vehicle owners can take various steps to prepare their cars and trucks for winter.

**UPGRADE YOUR WIPER BLADES**  
Perhaps nothing is compromised more than vis-

ibility when driving in winter compared to other times of year. Snow makes it hard to see when driving, but fewer hours of daylight also can affect visibility. In fact, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety reports that approximately half of all fatal crashes occur between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m., even though the number of drivers on the road during those hours is considerably lower than it is during the daytime. The difficulty of driving at night is even more significant when wiper blades are not up to the task of keeping rain and snow off drivers' windshields. Prior to winter, inspect wiper blades and upgrade them, if necessary. Streaks left on a windshield are a telltale sign that blades need to be replaced.

**PURCHASE WINTER TIRES**  
Winter tires may not be necessary in regions with relatively mild winters. However, drivers accustomed to winters marked by heavy snowfall and/or icy roads should consider replacing their existing tires with winter tires. Many newer vehicles are now equipped with all-season tires, which the tire experts at Bridgestone note provide great performance but are not designed to handle extreme winter conditions like snow and ice. Winter tires are specially designed to handle such conditions, making them a worthy investment for drivers who live in regions where it's not unusual to encounter

snow and ice throughout the winter.

**STUDY UP ON YOUR ENGINE OIL**

Some vehicle manufacturers recommend different grades of oil depending on the range of temperatures a car or truck will be driven in. The owner's manual will likely indicate if the manufacturer recommends using a different type of engine oil in especially cold temperatures. Even if the manual does not include such a suggestion, drivers can seek the advice of a local mechanic.

**SCHEDULE A PRE-WINTER TUNEUP**

Even if a vehicle is not due for a tuneup, it can be wise to have it looked over by a local mechanic before the arrival of harsh winter weather. A mechanic can check the radiator, hoses and other components that could be affected by especially cold weather in the months to come. If any issues are found, address them immediately. After all, it's better to be proactive than leave yourself vulnerable to breakdowns or other issues once the mercury drops.

As fall gives way to winter, drivers can take steps to keep their cars running strong and safe in the months ahead



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# AUTOMAINTEANCE



## Issues that may arise at certain vehicle mileage intervals

**M**odern automobiles are technological marvels. As advancements in automotive technology have made cars more reliable than ever, drivers may feel as though vehicle ownership also is more hands-off than ever before. Though it's true built-in di-

agnostic technology is designed to alert drivers when issues arise, it can still benefit motorists to recognize when certain issues may arise.

Cars and the people who drive them are different, so mileage intervals are not always the best

measuring stick for maintenance issues. However, the following rundown can serve as a guidebook for drivers who want to know what to expect at various mileage intervals.

■ **30,000 MILES:**

The experts at Auto Trader note that disposable engine air filters usually last between 15,000 and 30,000 miles. If it's been around 30,000 miles since the engine air filter has been replaced, now is a good time to replace this important part, which prevents components like dirt and debris from getting into the engine. This also might be a good time to replace the fuel filter, which prevents debris from clogging fuel injectors.

■ **50,000 TO 60,000 MILES:**

It's around this time that drivers may need to replace their vehicle batteries. Little-used vehicles may need a new battery much earlier, as lengthy periods of little or no use adversely affect the life expectancy of vehicle batteries. Brakes also may need to be replaced around this time, as the experts at AutoZone® note that most drivers get between two and five years out of a set of brake pads. If that sounds like a significant disparity, it is, and that's because driver behaviour is a significant variable affecting the life of the

pads. Drivers who brake hard will likely need to replace their brake pads with greater frequency than drivers who brake slowly.

■ **50,000 TO 90,000 MILES:**

As noted, there is no uniform guideline governing when vehicle components will need to be replaced. Hoses are a good example of that, as recommendations regarding when to replace hoses range from 50,000 to 90,000 miles. That's a significant gap, but drivers can be on the safe side and start discussing the status of their hoses with their mechanics around the 50,000 mile marker. It's unlikely the hoses will make it all the way to 90,000 miles before they need to be replaced, but drivers can keep that mileage marker in mind and aim to replace the hoses before that point even if no issue has arisen. Timing belts also tend to fail between 80,000 and 100,000 miles, so this is another part to consider replacing as a vehicle reaches this point.

These mileage markers are not set in stone, and should only serve as a guideline for drivers who want to stay ahead of vehicle repairs. Drivers also are urged to discuss any additional changes that might be necessary with their mechanics during routine maintenance appointments.



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# SPORTS

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## Alliston Hornets remain undefeated after win over Innisfil Spartans

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Alliston Hornets are 6-0 after a win over the Innisfil Spartans in an away game on Friday, Oct. 11.

The Hornets took a 3-0 lead in the first period on goals from Jaeden French, Jacob Holmes, and Duncan Grube.

Innisfil scored late in the period with just under two minutes left on the clock.

French got his second of the night at 10:05 into the second period. That was followed

by Holmes scoring his second of the night at the 15:39 mark.

That gave the Hornets a 5-1 lead with one period remaining.

Innisfil scored in the third period to make it a 5-2 game.

Alliston forward David Harvey got a late goal with just over three minutes remaining in the game.

Innisfil scored the final goal of the night at 16:40 into the period.

The final was a 6-3 win for the Alliston squad. After six games, the Hornets are unde-

feated for the season and are in third place.

The Stayner Siskins have moved into first place with 16 points and an 8-1 record. Their only loss this season was to the Hornets on Sept. 27.

The Orillia Terriers are in second place with a 6-1-1 record and 13 points.

After eight games, the Penetang Kings and Innisfil Spartans are tied for fourth place.

They are followed by the Huntsville Otters, Muskoka Bears and the Midland Flyers.

The Hornets have a strong team this year

with a lot of returning veteran players.

Coach Jacob Baauchman said that many of the players are eligible for two more years, so he expects the team to remain consistent for the next couple of years.

New players this season include several players who have come from higher-level hockey and are expected to be real contributors to this season.

The Hornets will be back on home ice on Friday, Oct. 18 to host the Penetang Kings at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre.

Game time is 7:30 p.m.



**BIG KICK** – The St. Thomas Aquinas (STA) Stingers senior boy's soccer team played against Our Lady of the Bay Hurricanes on the pitch at STA on Tuesday, Oct. 8. The Stingers won this game 7-2 and are now in third place with a 3-2-1 record.

BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO



**UNDEFEATED TEAM:** The Banting Memorial High School Marauders senior girls flag football team take on Eastview Secondary School from Barrie on the field at Banting on Thursday, Oct. 10. The Marauders won this game 20-0 and now are in first place with a 4-0 record.

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**BARRELLING THROUGH** – The St. Thomas Aquinas Stingers (STA) girl's Varsity flag football team took on the St. Peter's Panthers on the field at STA on Wednesday, Oct. 9. The Stingers played a good game but had to settle for a 27-6 loss.

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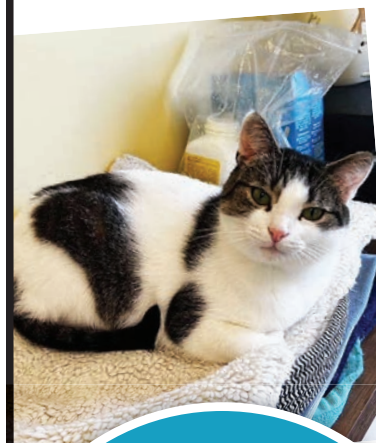
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## Nottawasaga OPP investing suspicious arson in Adjala-Tosorontio

**BY BRIAN LOCKHART**

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Members of the Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police were called to a structure fire at a residence in Adjala-Tosorontio just after 2:36 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 29.

The residence is located on Marigold

Boulevard at a new subdivision in the area of Country Road 14 and Concession Road 8.

Members of the Nottawasaga OPP and crews from the Adjala-Tosorontio Fire Department attended the scene and were able to safely extinguish the fire. The residence appeared to be under construction before the fire took place, and no injuries have

been reported.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

There have been several instances of suspicious fires in this subdivision, with OPP still looking for three suspects who were captured on video in an earlier fire.

The Nottawasaga OPP is actively investi-

gating the incident and is seeking the public's assistance.

If you have any information about this incident, please call the OPP at 1-800-310-1122.

Additionally, drivers in the area around 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. on Sept. 29 who may have dash cam or video footage are encouraged to contact the OPP.

## South Simcoe Police seize fentanyl, cocaine when executing search warrant

South Simcoe Police executed a search warrant at a Bradford address on Oct. 7 that resulted in the arrest of three individuals and the seizure of a large quantity of drugs, cash and tools used for theft.

The South Simcoe Police's investigation began on Sept. 23 following several reports of thefts from vehicles in Bradford West Gwillimbury and obtained a search warrant.

"I want to commend our investigators for their diligent and tireless work in executing this search warrant and on their efforts to eliminating drugs from our communities," said South Simcoe Police Service Chief John Van Dyke.

"Their hard work led to the arrests and the seizure of 39 grams of suspected fentanyl, 106 grams of suspected cocaine, and a quantity of pills."

The three individuals who were arrested, as a result of the search warrant have been charged with several property and drug related offences.

A 36-year-old male from Bradford has been charged with:

- Theft over \$5000
- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime over \$5000
- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime under \$5000 (five counts)
- Possession of proceeds of Crime
- Possession for the purpose of trafficking schedule 1 (three counts)
- Possession of a controlled substance (three counts)
- Fail to comply with probation order

A 34-year-old female from Bradford has been charged with:

- Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5000
- Possession of property obtained by crime under \$5000 (six counts)
- Possession for the purpose of trafficking schedule 1 substance (three counts)
- Possession of a controlled substance (three counts)

A 35-year-old female from Bradford has been charged with the following offences:

- Theft over \$5000 (two counts)
- Possession of property obtained by crime



**SEIZED GOODS** – The South Simcoe Police seized a significant amount of money, drugs and tools used in theft. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

over \$5000 (two counts)

- Possession of property obtained by crime under \$5000
- Fail to comply with probation (two counts)

Anyone with further information regarding this investigation is asked to contact De-

tective Sergeant Clint McLellan at 905-775-3311, Ext.1036 or email [clint.mclellan@southsimcoepolice.ca](mailto:clint.mclellan@southsimcoepolice.ca). Information may also be left anonymously by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), or you can submit information online at [www.crimestoppersdm.com](http://www.crimestoppersdm.com).

## Nearly 300 people dead this year from mostly preventable collisions on OPP patrolled roadways

So far this year, almost 300 people have died on highways and roads patrolled by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).

The vast majority of the road incidents that have tragically ended the lives of drivers, passengers, pedestrians and other road users were preventable and attributed to poor and careless actions or behaviours.

Deaths linked to driver inattention are up 40 per cent over this time last year, with speeding, impaired driving and seatbelt

non-compliance among other factors contributing to the preventable loss of life in 2024.

Cyclists and pedestrians have been particularly at risk this year, with fatalities in these two road user classes up 100 per cent and 82 per cent respectively over this time last year. Motorcyclist deaths are also up significantly, marking a 41 per cent increase.

In its latest efforts to reduce the number

of deaths and injuries on roads, the OPP is joined police services across Canada over the Thanksgiving long weekend for Operation Impact.

During the annual traffic safety campaign, officers collectively targeted motorists who speed, drive distracted, impaired or fatigued, as well as drivers/passengers who are not buckled up or do not have children/toddlers safely restrained in appropriate child car booster seats.

"The motoring public is reminded that keeping roads safe is a shared responsibility and that every citizen has the right to make it to and from their destination safely," said Central Region OPP in a press release.

Operation Impact is led by the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police under the leadership of its Traffic Safety Committee, in support of Canada's Road Safety Strategy 2025.

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708 OBITUARIES

*McGoey, Robert Frances (Bob)*

1930 - 2024

Passed away peacefully at home, with his family by his side on September 30, 2024, in his 95th year.

Beloved husband of Teresa (née Kennedy). Predeceased by the late Gladys (née Walsh).

Loving father of Maureen Smith (Mike), Neil (Lisa Tarullo); stepsons Danny and Gary (Marie) Meagher; grandchildren Adriana (Matt), Steven, Brian, Cassandra, and Matt Meagher, and many nieces and nephews.

Predeceased by brothers Joseph, John T., George, and sisters Eileen and Camilla.

Bob retired from MTO after 35 years of loyal service and was well respected in the industry. He was an avid golfer (to say the least), curler, and enjoyed bridge with his bridge friends. Bob was a true friend to many, a great conversationalist, and did not take long to know where you came from, your family, and "what you work at" and other questions. He was a man of faith and lived his life as such. Bob volunteered at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 60 for 'Fish and Chip Night' for 17 years. He enjoyed travel and with Teresa made many wonderful memories in Ireland, Scotland, Portugal, cruising to Alaska and the Caribbean. Bob was a man who could 'soft shoe' across any dance floor.

A visitation will be held Thursday, October 17th from 3-5 and 7-9 pm at Smith's Funeral Home

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Burial will take place Monday, October 21st at 11:00 am at St. James Church, Colgan, Ontario

Reception to follow at Rod Abrams Funeral Home 1666 Tottenham Road, Tottenham Ontario

*Fike (Westover): Dorothy Josephine*

Passed away peacefully on October 13, 2024 at Hillcrest Village Care Centre, Midland. Dorothy (née: Armstrong) in her 90th year, loving mother of the late Ron Westover (Diane), Doug Westover (Wendy), Trevor Westover (Shelley), and Sonya Westover (Don). Beloved grandmother of Jeremy (Stacey), Adam, Heather (Matt), Brett (Barbara), Brock (Kailey), and Natasha (Alex). Cherished great grandmother of Peyton, Callie, Reid, Logan, Aubree, Claire, Olive, Harper, Austin, Lexi, and Harley. Dorothy was predeceased by her sister Doris Volk (George). Forever in the hearts of her extended family and friends.

A Memorial Visitation will be held at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham 905-936-3477 on Saturday, October 19, 2024 from 10am until the time of Memorial Service in the chapel at 12pm. Private interment ceremony will follow in Schomberg Union Cemetery. For those who wish, donations in Dorothy's memory may be made to Parkinson Canada. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at [www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com](http://www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com)

*Oliver: Keith Sydney*

Peacefully passed away at his home in Schomberg, on October 7, 2024. Keith Oliver at the age of 82 years. Beloved husband of Joan Oliver (née: Breedon). Loving father of Wendy Dexter (Norman) and Gregory. Dearly loved grandpa of Kelsey (Ben) and Noah. Sadly missed by his sister Lorraine Weaver (Mike). Forever in the hearts of his nieces and nephews, extended family, and friends. Keith will be greatly missed by his beloved dog, Barley – his Bumpkin.

The family received friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham, 905-936-3477 on Thursday, October 10, 2024 from 5-7pm. Funeral service was held in the chapel on Friday, October 11, 2024 at 11:30am, with reception following in the funeral home's Cliffside Hall. Interment followed in Morningside Cemetery. For those who wish donations in Keith's memory to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or the York Region Ontario SPCA and Humane Society would be appreciated. Condolences and memories may be left for the family at [www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com](http://www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com).

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of

**Agnes MacMillan**

on September 27, 2024 in Moncton, NB. Agnes spent many years living in Colgan, where she was known as Nanna to many of her daycare children. Agnes was a strong, fierce loving woman, wife, Mum, Grandmother and Great Grandmother, and Foster Parent. Agnes is survived by her husband Douglas who she was happily married to for 70 years. She will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved her.



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# Brock's Banter: Invention, Innovation, and Back to the Starting Line

But, then again, the 90s were prime time for unusual products and innovations. Who, for instance, asked for clear colas? Don't get me wrong, for the brief period it was on the market, Crystal Pepsi was my go-to bevvy, but other than being the colour of Sprite or club soda, what else did it really have going for it? The same can be said of the also-clear drink, Orbitz, which, for some reason, had colourful globs of nothingness floating in it, apparently just for kicks – but, unlike clear cola, I guess the argument could be made that Orbitz walked for a brief period of time so Boba could fly and crack the North American market, but that's not always the case!

As much as we innovate, there are also plenty of examples of everything old being new again.

Over the weekend, I couldn't help but chuckle when turned from an evening newscast just before bed, turned the channel, and settled in with a head-clearing game show on a channel dedicated to just that. Almost as soon as I landed on the network, I was greeted with a commercial for a "party line" in which the GTA's apparently "hottest" singles were congregating for a night of yakking. Not having seen a commercial such as that since the days when the Ronco Food Dehydrator was the hottest, driest new appliance on the market.

I was astounded that in the age of dating apps and other venues that these phone lines have been rolling on under the radar.

Then again, you might be reading

this and finding equal astonishment I haven't "cut the cord" on my regular cable service – let's be truthful with ourselves there, too. Another example of everything old being new again.

When streaming services such as Netflix first hit the market, what set them apart from other "corded" services was they were cheaper, accessible from anywhere with an internet connection, and commercial free. Given their tremendous initial success, dozens of similar competitors came up, as did streaming services by big networks to recapture some of their market share.

But, as the market flood slowed, and people had to be more conscious about which subscriptions they could afford and handle, Netflix and its imitators began to limit

where their content could be viewed, raised their prices, and reintroduced humble commercials to their fare – unless you wanted to pay an ever-rising extra fee for the privilege of viewing what you subscribed for in the first place.

The cord grew back – and is more innovative now than ever before!

In this role, it's always a pleasure to see how members of the community are stepping up with their ideas on how to innovate, whether for their community or the wider world. Some ideas might fizzle, some might go the distance, some might draw upon old ideas, or offer a new use for a venerable product – and as much as the end result is important, so too is the journey.

Let's keep 'em coming!

## Stevenson Memorial Hospital seeking Community Advisory Council members

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A new Community Advisory Council at Stevenson Memorial Hospital (SMH) is looking for local residents who would like to contribute to the planning of healthcare services in the community.

Eric Hanna was appointed supervisor of

the hospital in September by the Ministry of Health.

Mr. Hanna is creating this new Advisory Council to provide consultation and feedback during his term at SMH.

The Supervisor will appoint a council of up to 12 community members representing diverse groups and perspectives with knowledge of various areas of the healthcare system.

They should reside in the SMH catchment area.

Potential committee members should have an elevating patient and client experience in healthcare settings, communications and stakeholder engagement, have an interest in improving access to the healthcare system and have experience with hospital programs and services as well as governance processes and structures.

The Advisory Council will support the supervisor and provide advice, consultation, and feedback in connection with the supervisor's term at SMH.

Anybody who would like to be considered for a Community Advisory Council position can send an e-mail of interest before Oct. 18 at 4 p.m. to Sharon Crowe, executive assistant, at [scrowe@smhosp.on.ca](mailto:scrowe@smhosp.on.ca).

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