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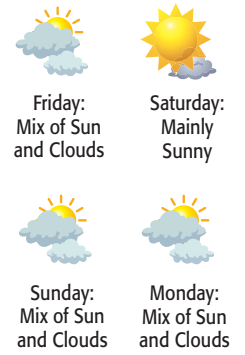
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## Lest We Forget

Remembrance Day ceremonies took place in Tottenham on Sunday, Nov. 10. A parade with members of the Legion, Armed Forces, and other groups marched from the Legion to the cenotaph at Keogh Park. A light drizzle sprinkled the ceremony but that did not put a damper on the proceedings. Wreaths were laid as fallen Canadian soldiers were honoured and remembered. See more photos from the ceremony on page 8.

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# TD Tree Days plant 800 native trees and shrubs throughout watershed

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Nottawasaga River Watershed has an additional 800 native trees and shrubs thanks to the TD Tree Days and the 130 volunteers who planted them at three community planting events held in the fall.

On Sept. 7, 45 volunteers planted 150 trees and shrubs near Little Lake Park in Barrie.

On Sept. 21, the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority hosted another TD Tree Days event at the Whittail Refuge Nature Reserve in Mono Centre. At that event, 50 volunteers turned out to help put 400 trees and shrubs in the ground.

Another 40 volunteers came together on Oct. 19 to plant 275 trees along the Ganaraska Trail in Creemore.

“This much needed restoration was made possible with the help of the volunteers and the support of TD Tree Days,” said Sarah Campbell of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA), who organized the planting events. “These events are a great way of engaging our local community in the restoration of natural habitats in our watershed.”

Campbell added, “We were excited to continue working with TD Tree Days this year and look forward to working with them in 2025.”



**ENVIRONMENTAL EFFORT** – TD Tree Day volunteers planted 150 trees near Little Lake Park in Barrie on Sept. 7. The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority has more tree planting days scheduled and is always looking for volunteers to come out and help at one of their projects. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

The newly planted 800 trees and shrubs will create wildlife habitat, provide shade which will help to cool water temperatures, and naturalize the landscape. The trees act as a buffer to filter excess nutrients and pollutants before rain or snowmelt reaches the rivers, streams, and wetlands.

TD Tree Days provides TD employees

an opportunity to demonstrate environmental leadership in their local communities. Since TD Tree Days launched in 2010, over 520,000 trees have been planted nationwide.

This year, volunteers will help plan 30,000 more trees and shrubs at various events hosted across the country and around

the world.

The NVCA is now booking for 2025 tree planting and stewardship projects.

Landowners who are interested in planting trees and shrubs along streams or wetlands on their property can contact NVCA at 705-424-1479 to arrange a site visit and learn about available funding.

# New medical priority dispatch system will prioritize emergency calls in Simcoe County

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

County of Simcoe Paramedic Services will join with other services across the province in implementing the new Medical Priority Dis-

patch System.

The new system will start on Nov. 14.

The purpose of the new system is to ensure the County’s paramedics are more readily available to be dispatched to urgent, life-threatening calls, faster.

The new system is being rolled out in November 2024 in Simcoe County, York Region, Beausoleil First Nation, and Rama First Nations.

The Ontario Government has previously launched this program in the City of Toronto, Peel Region, City of Ottawa, and other municipalities, and will continue to roll it out across the province.

“The previous system operated to an extent as first come first serve, which didn’t allow dispatchers and paramedics to prioritize the urgency of calls,” said Simcoe County Warden Basil Clarke. “This new system empowers dispatchers to gather more information, helping

them assess the urgency of a call and prioritize the response more effectively. We know it’s been a success in other jurisdictions, and we look forward to seeing further benefits in Simcoe County.”

Patients with non-life-threatening needs may receive a delayed response from paramedics as a result. However, dispatchers will remain in contact with callers, ensuring they remain stable and are able to safely wait until paramedics can respond to their needs.

The end goal is to ensure that Paramedic resources are getting to urgent or life-threatening calls as quickly as possible.



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# County expands warming centre options for unhoused individuals

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Local filmmakers Greg Johnston and With the colder weather approaching, the County of Simcoe is partnering with the Salvation Army Bayside Mission and the Elizabeth Fry Society Simcoe Muskoka to enhance winter warming opportunities for those who are living unhoused in the region.

Additional warming centre services in the City of Barrie create more opportunities for individuals living unhoused to

come indoors when they are most at risk. While at the warming centres, individuals can access support to find shelter, housing, healthcare, and other services or support.

This is part of the County’s 10-point homelessness prevention strategy.

The strategy makes affordable housing even more attainable by increasing supply, creating “deep rent subsidies,” increasing eviction prevention services and improving available shelter.

The County enacted its alternate space strategy and this announcement furthers

support for unhoused individuals in the Barrie area.

This system response increases available warming and shelter spaces as the region approaches the coldest nights of the year. To maximize options for access to warm indoor locations, All County of Simcoe Social and Community Services offices, located in Alliston, Barrie, Collingwood, Orillia, and Midland, are open from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., for individuals to come in from the cold.

These warming centres are part of the regional system approach to homelessness

prevention with support from community partners.

The warming services are funded by the County of Simcoe in partnership with the City of Barrie and the City of Orillia, which are above and beyond the regular municipal service contributions.

The County of Simcoe’s 10-point Homelessness Prevention Strategy provides a strong, data-driven plan to help vulnerable residents and our communities. The strategy includes a considerable added investment toward the goal of preventing and ending chronic homelessness.

# Community facilities receive provincial funding for building upgrades, repairs

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
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The Ontario government is investing \$85,400 in two local social service agencies for necessary building upgrades and repairs.

Camphill Communities Ontario Inc. and CLASS Community Living Association for South Simcoe will receive provincial funds through the Partner Facility Renewal program which is provided to agencies such as shelters for women and children, homes that provide daily support for people with developmental disabilities, facilities for survivors of human trafficking, and facilities for children and youth with special needs.

The funding is part of the government’s \$21.6 million investment to ensure that agencies across the province continue to connect people to support in safe, accessible facilities.

“Our local children and social services organizations are at the heart of our community and our government is proud to invest in Simcoe-Grey,” said local MPP Brian Saunderson.

“By funding these repairs and upgrades, we are helping ensure that vulnerable Ontarians can access high-quality services and supports in safe and accessible spaces.”

This year, 642 projects across the province are being funded to address essential maintenance and infrastructure repairs such as upgrading accessibility ramps



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and lifts, installing security systems and retrofitting kitchen and washroom spaces.

“Community agencies make our province stronger and more vibrant by connecting people to the services they need, where they need it,” said Minister of Children, Community and Social Services Michael Parsa.

“Our government is investing in hundreds of local community agencies so that they can spend more time helping people and less time worrying about building repairs.”

“CLASS acknowledges and thanks MPP

Saunderson and MCCSS for their continued support through the Partner Renewal Grant Program. This program ensures that CLASS will continue to provide exceptional services and support to adults with developmental disabilities in the South Simcoe area,” said Barbara Barta, CLASS communications manager.

Over the past five years, Ontario’s emergency women’s shelters served an average of 14,300 women and their dependents each year.

The Partner Facility Renewal Program will provide a total of \$21.68 million for 642 projects at 181 community agencies across the province.



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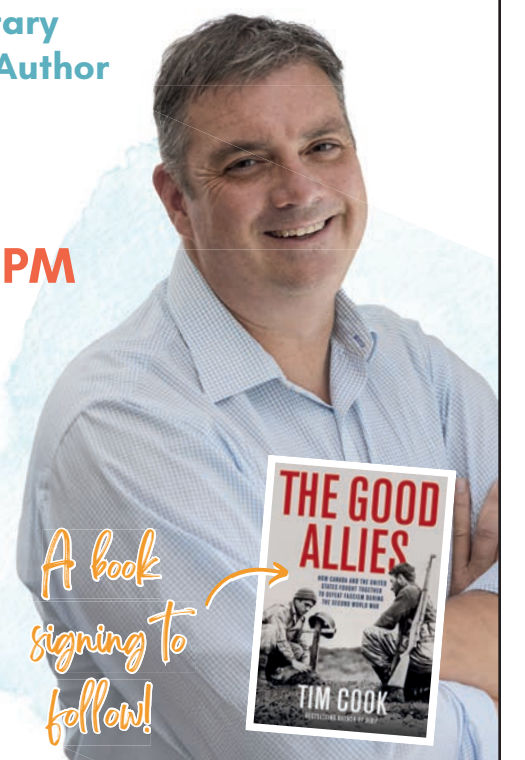
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## Prime Minister who?

So, Donald Trump was again elected EL PRESIDENTÉ of the U.S. of A.

If anything, there is no doubt that this is one of the biggest political comebacks in history.

Some people love him, some people hate him. There doesn't seem to be much room for those that are decidedly indifferent.

A question came up on a forum I am part of, on how Mr. Trump will be remembered in history.

One American fellow came up with an answer I found very interesting.

He said that Trump will be remembered as a great man and a great president. He said he didn't necessarily agree with that, however, in American schools, they are taught all about the 46 men who have been president, and in school, those men are all placed on a pedestal as being great men.

They are taught that all presidents achieved greatness by being president of the greatest country on earth. They are given information about the great things they accomplished while downplaying the failures.

They aren't taught that John F. Kennedy was in very poor health and consorted with prostitutes while he was married. They aren't taught that Harry S. Truman was so bad with money, that

he and his wife had to go live with his mother-in-law when he left office. They steer away from the fact that George Washington owned slaves.

Everyone has skeletons in the closet – even presidents.

In Canada, we tend to have the opposite memory of former leaders – once you're out of office, you're yesterday's news.

When was the last time you heard anything about Stephen Harper, Paul Martin, Jean Crétien, or Kim Campbell?

The schools teach Canadian history, but I recall learning very little about former Prime Ministers other than John A. MacDonald. I don't know what the current history curriculum is.

Some are well-known. The average Canadian should know about Lester B. Pearson and Wilfrid Laurier.

Pearson had an airport named after him and Laurier's name has become a university.

The name Diefenbaker is still well known even though he left office 61 years ago.

Does anyone know much about Alexander Mackenzie, the nation's second Prime Minister? He held the office for five years. In addition to being a rather tough guy, he was apparently unpretentious, down-to-earth and sought no recognition or personal enrichment.

John Abbot assumed the office of Prime Minister in 1891 upon the death of John A. MacDonald. He was a reluctant P.M., who assumed the job at the request of the Conservative Party.

He considered himself to be a 'caretaker' Prime Minister, holding the office until someone suitable could take over. He was in office for only 17 months.

Sir John Thompson served as Prime Minister from 1892 to 1894. As Minister of Justice, he was largely responsible for Louis Riel being hung after the North-West Rebellion.

Thompson was never elected to the office of P.M., rather, he was appointed after John Abbot retired. A former Premier of Nova Scotia, Thompson was in office for only two years before dying suddenly at age 49, while visiting England.

He was given an elaborate funeral by Queen Victoria before his body was shipped home.

Mackenzie Bowell was the third Prime Minister to be appointed rather than elected.

As senior cabinet minister, he assumed the job after Thompson's sudden death.

Bowell was forced to resign after two years in office after a crisis and revolt in his own cabinet in 1896.

Charles Tupper was another appointed P.M. who served in office for only two months in 1896. He had previously held the position of Nova Scotia Premier and was a Founding Father of Confederation.

Tupper had several high-ranking posts in the federal government.

He served as an interim P.M. for only 68 days.

Arthur Meighen served as Prime Minister twice – both times he was appointed.

He became Prime Minister for the first time in 1920 when Robert Borden resigned due to health reasons. Meighen was in office for a year and a half during his first term.

He was again appointed to the office after a scandal in 1926 and served for three months until an election placed William Lyon Mackenzie King in office.

In Canada, we don't build great monuments to honour former leaders. There are some statues around Parliament Hill, but you will never see something like the Lincoln Memorial built to honour a politician.

However, the careers of these men are fascinating and they all made great contributions to the country.

**BRIAN LOCKHART**  
FROM THE SECOND ROW



## First time ever seeing colour TV

It was November 1967. I was seven years old and in town at a little girl's birthday party one day after school.

The birthday party was rolling along in the basement recreation room with music, cake, punch and assorted kids' games like pin-the-tail on the donkey. A good time was being had by all.

When suddenly, I had to go to the bathroom.

Their bathroom was upstairs on the ground floor. So I went upstairs and found and used their bathroom. When I was finished in the bathroom, I had to go past their living room to get back downstairs.

But something I saw in their living room caught my attention and stopped me dead in my tracks:

**THEIR FAMILY HAD A COLOUR TV!**

I had never seen colour TV before in my entire young life! At that time, colour TV was still a new-fangled technology and was still in the introductory stages to the consuming public. And in relation

to the average wage back then, new and emerging technologies like colour TV were incredibly expensive and still out of the range of affordability for most people of the time. We certainly couldn't afford one. All we had at our house at the time was an old black and white TV that we bought second-hand from my Dad's brother. And on top of that, us living out in the country so far, we only got one lonely channel (CBC) on that blurry old black and white TV.

Their colour TV was the most amazing thing I had ever seen in my young life! I was enthralled by the bright and vibrant colours displayed on the screen.

And on top of that, what was actually being shown on the TV screen at that particular moment was both puzzling and absolutely mesmerizing to me.

I watched in utter fascination as a couple of guys, one wearing a yellow shirt and the other with funny eyebrows and pointed ears and wearing a blue shirt, were using a little metal tube to

talk to a giant blob of multi-coloured sparkling light.

Open-mouthed, I was riveted to the spot. What I saw on their TV that day in glorious colour was so amazing I couldn't look away.

Eventually, I was called back downstairs to the birthday party. I practically had to tear myself away from what I was seeing on their TV to go back downstairs.

The party for that little girl was a nice time and we all had fun. Eventually, my Dad came and picked me up from the party and took me home.

But what I had seen on their colour TV that day had made such a profound impression on me that I never forgot it.

Fast forward to 1974. After much pleading (mostly from me), that year we could finally afford to buy our very own colour TV! And in 1975 we got a TV tower with an aerial rotor that used a dial controller wired up inside the house to mechanically rotate the aerial

so we could actually get three or four TV channels on a clear day! TV-wise, our family was finally coming into the 20th century.

One day as I was happily exploring our little handful of new TV channels, I discovered that one of our new channels, CTV, was carrying a syndicated science fiction TV show at that time that I had never seen or even heard of before. It was on every weekday at 5 p.m. and the name of this new show was 'Star Trek'.

Once I started watching that show on our new colour TV, I was absolutely hooked! The sophisticated storylines, interesting characters, and outstanding special effects for the time were absolutely mesmerizing. I instantly became a 'Trekkie' for life.

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# Learning from the past to protect our futures

It's a very fine balancing act between looking forward and looking backward — particularly when one can invariably lead to another.

On Monday, most of us took a moment on the eleventh hour to pause and reflect on the lives of those who answered the call to protect our freedoms.

While that two minutes of silence every November 11 is intended to remember the men and women who paid the ultimate price for King, Queen and country, and that is undoubtedly at the core of our reflection, there are often shades to one's own simple act of Remembrance depending on your life's journey, that of your forebears, and even your own unique areas of interest and expertise.

Standing at the Cenotaph in years past, I've thought

of my grandfather, a pilot in the Second World War, who was shot down over Norway in 1941 and served as a Prisoner of War until Victory in Europe was won.

I've thought of his parents, my great-grandparents, who both served in the First World War, as a doctor and nurse respectively, and how they somehow found love in that very brutal situation, lighting a spark that eventually burned its fuse in my general direction.

I've thought of her brother, a young man who signed up for the army just days before his sister did likewise, who paid his ultimate sacrifice in the Battle of the Somme, lying in an unmarked grave somewhere in the vicinity, represented only by the Unknown Soldiers in Ottawa and Westminster Abbey, and by a small addendum to his parents' gravestone in out-of-the-way cemetery northeast of Uxbridge.

This year, I couldn't help but think specifically of the many men, and some women, veterans all from the Second World War, very few of whom are still with us today, who entrusted me to share their stories with the community. Despite their individual roles in the war effort, whether they served at home and abroad, their similarities struck me almost as much

as their differences.

While I was initially trepidatious about the very first of these interviews more than a decade ago, knowing that many veterans wear that moniker with a bit of unease, reluctant to open up old wounds, I needn't have worried. All were very eager to share their stories and welcomed me into their own spaces with warmth.

Again, while their individual stories of service varied widely, they almost spoke as one on two things: the importance of sharing their often-raw experiences with their communities. They often paid particular attention to youngsters in the hopes they would carry the torch to prevent the circumstances leading up to their respective conflict from ever happening again. As the decade from that initial interview wore on, I noticed a slight shift in the messages they wanted to share. There was concern, even alarm and fear, that these very circumstances that led to their service were rearing their ugly heads once again.

One such veteran, now nearing his centenary, has presented an unvarnished view of war, and what the Second World War was all about, to countless students over the years. He never glorified the realities of war; he's been very real about not only of his personal experience but how he's seen rhetoric shift in recent years.

Just over four years ago, the last time Americans went to the polls to elect a person to their top job, I was at a local retirement home to chat with two remarkable veterans whose love endured in times of conflict. We sat down quite literally moments before Joe Biden was finally declared the winner after days of counts and recounts, and both were on tenterhooks for the news they wanted, as was their daughter.

They made clear that what the other party represented flew in the face of what they stood for, drawing a particular line under the candidate's own professed views of the fallen. As I had been up for days to hear the results in real-time, with a few catnaps as necessary, I asked my mother to accompany me to the residence so she could blow her car horn from the parking lot when news broke — two honks for the Republican candidate and three for the Democrat.

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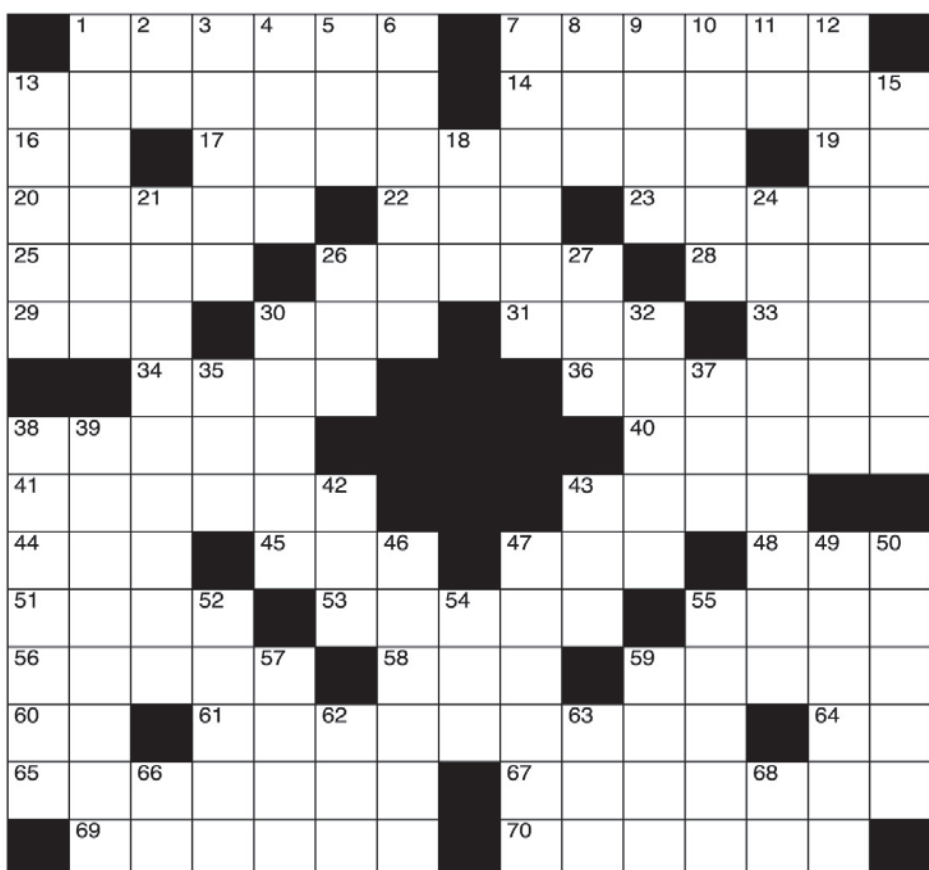
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# Time to check your household CO detectors as colder weather approaches

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

With the colder weather approaching, everyone will once again be using different sources or appliances to heat their homes.

Along with that comes the danger of carbon monoxide (chemical formula CO) in your home.

CO is a poisonous gas that is colourless, odourless, tasteless, and slightly denser than air. The most common source of CO is the partial combustion of carbon-contain-

ing compounds.

CO may be emitted from tobacco smoke and generated from malfunctioning fuel-burning stoves including wood, kerosene, natural gas, and propane. It can also be released from gas-burning units like small engines in lawnmowers and generators.

CO poisoning is the most common type of fatal air poisoning in many countries. It can kill without warning.

CO poisoning occurs when carbon monoxide builds up in the blood. When too much carbon monoxide is in the air, the

body replaces the oxygen in the red blood cells with CO. This can lead to serious tissue damage or death.

Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include headache, dizziness, weakness, upset stomach, chest pain vomiting, and confusion. It can also create flu-like symptoms if there is a low but constant source of CO in the air.

In extreme cases, death can result. This may occur before anyone even realizes something is wrong.

If you suspect someone has been poisoned by CO, you should call 911 to emergency services respond.

In Ontario, it is required by law to install carbon monoxide alarms outside of sleeping areas. Ideally, you should have a CO detector on every floor of your home.

You should check CO detectors on a regular basis and replace them based on the manufacturer's recommendation.

You can prevent the risk of CO poisoning by following safety protocol when it comes to heat sources.



Have your home's heating system, water heater, and other gas, oil, or wood and coal-burning appliances serviced and checked every year.

Never use portable, flameless chemical heaters indoors. Have your chimney checked a cleaned every year.

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## Town draft budget presented at two recent working sessions

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of New Tecumseth's draft budget for 2025 was presented at its Committee of the Whole working session on Wednesday, Nov. 6 and 13.

The blended tax increase for the Town, including the current estimates for the County of Simcoe and the School Boards is 6.32 per cent. This represents a property tax increase of around \$302 per household.

The Town's base budget has proposed a modest increase to account for inflation while maintaining existing service levels. This equates to an increase of 3.99 per cent.

Service partner's budgets have contributed to a 3.45 per cent rise in the Town's tax levy with 2.88 per cent of this increase attributed to the OPP budget.

The 2025 net general levy for the town is \$47.7 million.

The Town's 2025 capital budget includes several new and continuing capital projects with a total 2025 budget request of \$45.2 million.

Capital projects are not directly funded by property taxes and utility rates. Capital projects are funded by a combination of grants, reserves, reserve funds, and debentures.

In addition to the two working sessions, a public input session was held on Wed. Nov. 13.

That was the public's opportunity to provide input into the topics that have been brought forward in the budget and in the working sessions.

Following these sessions, the draft budget and accompanying staff report will be brought to the Dec. 2, Committee of the Whole meeting which is tentatively scheduled for passage at Council on Dec. 16.

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# Tec-We-Gwill Women's Institute supporting Breast Cancer Awareness Month

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Tec-We-Gwill bra collection initiative is going strong as they collected bras through Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October.

Participating in the initiative is a way of supporting local hospitals and women in the community.

Not only does this effort raise funds for important programs at Stevenson Memorial Hospital and Southlake Regional Health Centre, but it also provides valuable resources to those in need through the Clothes Line Thrift Store in Alliston (operated by CONTACT Community Services) and women's shelters.

The uplifting nature of Tec We Gwill's campaign is both heartwarming and impactful.

The New Tecumseth IceCats U18 AA girls' hockey joined the Women's Institute

at a recent meeting and are very supportive of the initiative.

Members of Tec-We-Gwill said they were happy to meet the next generation of young women who are working toward a future of true genre equality.

The Women's Institute is dedicated to spotlighting and driving change on issues impacting women of all ages and backgrounds — locally, provincially, nationally and globally.

It's inspiring to see the shared commitment across generations for a better, more equal world for women and girls everywhere.

**APPLAUSE FOR BRAS** – The members of the Tec-We-Gwill Women's Institute are continuing their bra collection, which kicked off during Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October. Bras are donated, then donations are made in the amount to local good causes.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



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## Brock's Banter: Learning from the past to protect our futures

I let my interview subjects in on the signal, just in case I seemed antsy, and about 20 minutes into our interview we heard one blare. Then another. After the second, I locked eyes with the D-Day veteran, eyes slightly cloudy with age but with another degree of clarity that can only come from what they witnessed, and saw the relief that passed behind them when the third horn was heard. This flash of relief was punctuated by a slight sag of the shoulders as if a huge weight had been lifted.

As rhetoric continued unabated over the subsequent four years, I was at

another retirement home to interview another D-Day vet, his wife, and, once again, their daughter. As it was already clear by that time that the genie of inflammatory language was not about to get back in its bottle any time soon, the elders couldn't even bear to utter a certain name, although they had no shortage of alternatives to choose from!

"We have to learn from one another, and we have to care about each other, and we've got to set an example for kids in doing so — whether we're 90, 97, or whatever age," one Mr. Williams, a veteran of the Korean War, told me in 2021.

"You need to set an example for your children and your cohorts."

Many of them might be gone by now, but they have left behind legacies we can all learn from — if only we'd sit up and listen. In some ways, it now feels like society has failed their American counterparts and the very principles they fought for.

In the United States, we've all had our fill of "Make America Great Again" and this sentiment has trickled over our side of the border in recent years and "Make Canada Great Again" merch is getting easier and easier to come by. But, if we have to have an ideal to strive for, why

must it be regressive?

While many of the veterans we honoured on Monday were lauded for what they achieved in the past, to hear them tell it, they took up arms to ensure a better future for their families back home, their future children and grandchildren, and looking backward was the last thing on their minds. And it remained so with decades of hindsight.

It was a matter of protecting what they had and making sure they had the ability to build upon it and move forward — and building on their legacies is the best way we can pay tribute.



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**REMEMBERING THOSE WHO SERVED** – A Remembrance Day service was held at the cenotaph in Alliston on Monday, Nov. 11, to honour and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in war. Hosted by the Royal Canadian Legion Alliston Branch 171, Legion members, dignitaries, Canadian Armed Forces personnel and members of the public were at the largely attended ceremony. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTOS**



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# SPORTS

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**RALLY WIN** – The Tottenham Railers host the Niagara Predators in the arena at the Tottenham Community Centre on Sat. Nov. 9. The Railers won the game 8-3 and are now in third place in the South Division of the Great Metro Hockey League.

PHOTO BY BRIAN LOCKHART

## Alliston Hornets continue first-place winning streak

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Tec-We-Gwill bra collection initiativeThe Alliston Hornets show no sign of slowing down as they storm their way through the season and are now undefeated after 15 games.

The Hornets hosted the Midland Flyers for a mid-week game at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre on Wednesday, Nov. 6. It was the third time in two weeks the two teams met on the ice.

It didn't take long for the Allison squad to set the tone of Wednesday's game. At

the end of the first period, the Hornets were leading 4-1 on goals from Jax Bellwood, Will Hopcraft, John Beusart and Cam Lamont.

The Flyers scored their only goal of the game at the 14:15 mark in the first frame.

Two more goals from Noah Cochrane and Bellwood in the second period gave the Hornets a 6-1 lead with one period left to play.

In the final frame, the Hornets hit the back of the Midland net four times with goals from Cole Turcotte, Aiden Landers and two from Tristen Pitt to win the game 10-1.

The Hornets now have 30 points – four

ahead of the second-place Stayner Siskins and haven't lost a single game all season.

The Orillia Terriers are in the number three spot in the standings with a 12-2-1 record and 25 points.

The Penetang Kings are in fourth place followed by the Innisfil Spartans and the Huntsville Otters.

In seventh place, the Midland Flyers have eight points. The Muskoka Bears are

in eighth place with only two wins this season.

The Hornets will be on the road this weekend when they travel to Penetang to take on the Kings.

They will return to home ice at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre on Friday, Nov. 29, when they will host the Orillia Terriers.

Game time is 7:30 p.m.

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**ON ITS WAY** – The work on the tennis courts at Keogh Park in Tottenham is well underway. The courts are getting a full facelift. Crews have removed the old fencing and started putting up new ones. The base is being redone and a new playing surface will be completed.

BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO



**TOONIES FOR NEW TEC** – Eva Bradley, centre, joins Cedar Kitchen owners, Sherri Bailey and Danielle Leslie, for a cup of coffee at the Tottenham Restaurant. On Sunday, Nov. 17, the proceeds from every coffee sold will go to Toonies for Tecumseth. Ms. Bradley has been raising funds for close to a year in support of the Tottenham Food Bank and S.H.I.F.T in Alliston.

**BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**

## Buy a coffee at Cedar Kitchen this Sunday to support two local charities

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

When Tottenham resident Eva Bradley began her quest to raise money for two local good causes back in February, she decided it would be her last fundraising effort.

After over four decades of raising thousands of dollars for good causes, Eva decided to have one final effort called Toonies for Tecumseth in a bid to raise money in support of the Tottenham Food Bank and S.H.I.F.T in Alliston.

After 10 months, she is close to her goal of raising \$10,000.

Over the course of the year, she has hosted a bake sale at the Tottenham Legion and has been at several local festivals selling baked goods and crafts. She was helped by several friends and supporters along the way.

She has also raised funds by placing donation jars in several local businesses that agreed to help her out.

This Sunday, Nov. 17, will be her 83rd birthday, and the final day of the initiative.

In one final effort to raise funds, she has partnered with the Cedar Kitchen restaurant in Tottenham.

On Sunday, the proceeds from every coffee

sold on that day will go to Toonies for Tecumseth.

“All the coffee sales on Sunday, 100 per cent, will be going to Eva’s cause,” said Cedar Kitchen owner Sherri Bailey.

Ms. Bradley is close to her goal but just needs a little more help to finish off the campaign. You can drop into the Cedar Kitchen to have something to eat and enjoy a coffee while you’re there, or just get a coffee to go.

“This is our hurrah after a year,” Ms. Bradley said. “We’re coming to the end of Toonies for Tecumseth, and Sherri is doing a wonderful thing to help us try to reach our goal. I’m also baking right now so we’re also going to bake sale at the restaurant. I want to remind everyone they still have time to come out and support Sherri and support Toonies for Tecumseth. We hope we are going to reach our goal.”

Ms. Bradley had a lot of support from people in other provinces who once lived in New Tecumseth but moved away to Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and even Saskatchewan.

Through social media, they heard about Toonies for Tecumseth and made a donation to support their former town.

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## Remembreing When: First time ever seeing colour TV

And when I was watching ‘Star Trek’ in 1975, the episode I was watching on one particular day suddenly seemed very familiar to me.

There, on the screen, were a couple of guys, one wearing a yellow shirt and the other with funny eyebrows and pointed ears and wearing a blue shirt. They were using a little metal tube to talk to a giant blob of multi-coloured sparkling light.

And then it suddenly hit me: This was what I had seen on the colour TV at that little girl’s birthday party back in 1967!

Unbeknownst to me at that time, I had been witness to a small part of television history at that little girl’s birthday party in 1967: I had seen part of the first run of the ninth episode “Metamorphosis” of the second season of a bold new science fiction television series back then called ‘Star Trek’.

(This was the episode where Kirk and Spock were trying to persuade a giant blob of light, female in nature and named ‘The Companion’, that she couldn’t love a human man named Zefram Cochrane who had been stranded on her little asteroid. I know how it sounds, but this was

actually a classic ‘Star Trek’ love story!)

And as that Star Trek episode was being shown in our living room that day in 1975, in my mind I was carried back to that little girl’s birthday party in 1967, absolutely fascinated by the dazzling colours and special effects unfolding on their TV screen and unable to tear myself away.

Over the many years since then, I have seen that one particular Star Trek episode numerous times and ‘the bloom is now off the rose’, so to speak.

With a multitude of networks, hundreds of specialty channels and incredible CGI effects commonplace in almost every new video release nowadays, today’s kids couldn’t possibly understand just how amazing and ground-breaking the rudimentary special effects in the original ‘Star Trek’ series were on the emerging technology of colour TV back in the day.

But people of my generation will understand. And it was a joy to grow up in a simpler time when new and even more wondrous things than colour TV always seemed to be coming just around the corner.

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## Nottawasaga OPP looking for stolen E-bike

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Members of the Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police are asking for the public's assistance regarding the stolen E-bike.

On Oct. 26, officers responded to a theft on an E-bike. The E-bike was stolen from

219 King St. in Alliston. The E-bike was last seen locked up behind the apartment building at that address and was reported missing the next morning. The lock had been cut off.

The complainant has stated that the E-bike is missing the mudflaps, has a distinct green paint transfer on the frame and is in overall good condition.

This investigation is ongoing.

If you or anyone you know is aware of where the E-bike is or have any further information about this incident, please contact the Nottawasaga Detachment at 705-434-1939 or the non-emergency line at 1-888-310-1122.

The reference occurrence number is E241434634.



## Motor vehicle collision between two vehicles leads to impaired driving arrest

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police has charged a driver involved in a collision with impaired

operation in the Township of Essa.

On Thursday, Nov. 7, just before 4 p.m., Nottawasaga OPP responded to a motor vehicle collision involving two vehicles in the area of County Road 21/56 Roundabout in the Township of Essa.

No injuries were reported.

As a result of the investigation, Peter Neville, 55, of Essa, was charged with Operation While Impaired.

In addition to the charges, the driver was issued a 90-day license suspension and the

vehicle was impounded for seven days.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice located in Bradford on Dec. 19, to answer to the charge.

The charge against Neville hasn't been proven in court.

## Traffic complaint in Essa results in impaired driving charges for Barrie man

The Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a driver for driving while impaired in Essa.

On Nov. 9, just before 2:30 a.m., Nottawasaga OPP responded to a report of motor vehicle in the middle of a live lane, with the driver asleep behind the wheel. This incident occurred in the area of County Road 27 in the Township of Essa.

No injuries were reported.

As a result of the investigation, Roman Tribushni, 42, of Barrie, was charged with:

- Adult Operation while Impaired- alcohol and drugs
- Adult Operation while Impaired- blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Adult Driving motor vehicle with liquor readily available

In addition to the charges, the driver was

issued a 90-day license suspension, and the vehicle was impounded for seven days.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice located in Bradford on Nov. 28, to answer to the charges.

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

Anyone who observes a suspected impaired driver is asked to dial 911 or

contact the Ontario Provincial Police at 1-888-310-1122.

Information can also be provided anonymously by contacting Crime Stoppers at 1-800-822-8477 (TIPS) or www.crimestoppersdm.com.

"When you contact Crime Stoppers you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify," said Nottawasaga OPP in a press release.

## Shelburne youth charged in stolen vehicle investigation, faces several charges after police cruiser hit

Officers from the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have recovered a stolen vehicle from an alert by the police vehicle's Automated Licence Plate Recognition (ALPR) system.

On Nov. 9, shortly before 3 p.m., an officer was conducting enforcement on Highway 10, in the area of First Street in the Town of Orangeville.

At that time, an alert was received by the

ALPR system advising the officer of a stolen vehicle. Officers attempted to stop the vehicle and in attempt to flee, the driver reversed into one of the marked cruisers. Thankfully there were no injuries, and the driver was subsequently arrested.

As a result, a 15-year-old male, from Shelburne was charged with:

- Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5000

- Drive motor vehicle - no licence - H.T.A
- Fail to stop for police - H.T.A
- Careless driving - H.T.A

The accused shall not be named due to the provisions under the Youth Criminal Justice

Act (YCJA). The accused will appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville at a future date.

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

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## 708 OBITUARIES

### Bernice (Bernie/Bea) Anne Roe (née Marshall)

April 11, 1930 - November 6, 2024

Bernie was the 4th of four children born to William Hudson Marshall and Beatrice Irene Ingram. She always said that she and her siblings, Stanley, Walter and Irene had a wonderful childhood growing up in Toronto. The family holidayed every year, for a month in the summer on the Toronto Islands where they rented a cottage, and their dad would come over on weekends, closing the family hardware store to enjoy family time. Bernie and her sister, Irene, had an especially close relationship. In their teens, they would make it their mission to learn new songs together from recordings, as soon as they were available, playing them over and over again, much to their brother Walter's dismay. He tried valiantly to study for his engineering classes at U of T, deciding to go to bed early and get up through the night to avoid his sisters' music. The family moved a lot but always within the same area of Toronto. Bernie attended Regal Road Public School and then graduated from Oakwood Collegiate. She went on to become a legal secretary. She used to say she was born too soon, as the 10 carbon legal document was replaced by word processing.

In November 1953, Bernie married Robert Graham Roe CA (d. 2004) and lived in Mississauga before it was Mississauga - starting in Port Credit, then to Cooksville, and then to Clarkson, and then to the Erin Mills area. The family was complete with the birth of Kimberley (Jack Campbell) and Stephen (d. 2022) (Liz Blaya).

Auntie 'Bea' was loved by her nieces and nephews through her brother, Stan; Bill Marshall (d. 2023), Karen McKenzie, Kathy Budway (d.), Keri-Lyn Hiscock (d.2020) and her favourite (only) godson, Glen Marshall (d. 2003). And through her brother, Walt; John Marshall, Nancy Valyear, Caroline DeVries and Brien Marshall. And through her sister, Irene; Susan Stroeder, David Peebles, and Tim Peebles. And through her brother -in-law & sister-in-law, Jim & Anne Roe; Charles Roe.

Bernie's grandchildren brought great joy and pride to her; Galen Campbell (Rosalyn), Lucas Campbell (Jennie), Hilary Campbell and Jennifer Roe (Marco). And great grandchildren brought even more joy! Dietrich Campbell, Alaina Campbell and Liam Santavenere.

She went into care at Simcoe Manor in Beeton in 2022, and was she ever annoyed about that! But she learned to love it and couldn't say enough about the fabulous PSWs and nurses that worked there, tending to her needs. Our family thanks all of you in the Essa wing, for your caring and consideration especially through her last days.

As a last detail, Bernie loved the therapy dogs that visited Simcoe Manor by way of St. John's Ambulance and their volunteers, and often spoke of their visits with a big smile.

If you care to donate in Bernie's memory, St. John's Ambulance Therapy Dogs, The Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides or War Amps would be good choices.

A celebration of Bernie's life will be held at Schomberg United Church, worshipping in the lower level of St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church at 116 Church Street, Schomberg, at 5PM on Wednesday, November 20th. Please wear brightly coloured clothing if you plan to attend. That would have been Bernie's wish!

Meal to follow.

Arrangements entrusted to Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham. Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com](http://www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com).



## 708 OBITUARIES

### Boyd: Doris "Mom"

With broken hearts we are sad to announce the passing of Doris Boyd (nee Clark), passed away with family by her side on November 6, 2024. While we grieve her loss we have comfort in the memories of the 5 generations she impacted and the future generations who will hear of her adventurous nature and never say no attitude.

While never moving far from home, mom experienced life and adventure to the fullest. Travelling across the US and up to Alaska. In Canada to the west coast, east coast and a summer trek in Baffin Island. Throughout Europe, Ireland, Croatia, France, Portugal, England and most of the islands in the Caribbean and at her other home in Ocala Florida. I'm sure we've forgotten some. Mom gave us all the bug for travel and we'll always be thankful for that.

Born to Ina and Bill Clark in 1942 and Married Johnny Boyd in 1959.

Always a hard worker, mom helped our 'full of ideas' dad with the family farm. But also with the many gas stations, car and trailer repair shops, water truck businesses and more. Not one to laze around, mom also started the family tradition of working as a waitress. She loved the interaction with customers and while hard work she always made it sound fun. As we grew more independent mom sought out an office job. She started working at Modern Age Plastics near the airport. As the company was small she was able to grow as they did, retiring as office manager after more than 25 years. Mom retired as dad's health deteriorated and he became her focus for many years to care for until his death after 52 years of marriage.

One of our favourite family memories was made from mom's annual Christmas gift to her large generational family. Having way too many to buy presents for, she started a tradition of a family summer cottage rental. Family came and went throughout a week at a cottage, babies and adults alike spending time with mom while being told what to do of course - always the hard worker she couldn't stop, lol.

Mom was also so lucky in life to find love again. Introduced to Harold Hulse at a euchre game they hit it off and for over 10 years rarely spent a day apart. Convincing Harold to get his first passport, they travelled together; enjoying life and retirement they were privileged to have many healthy years together.

Mom also maintained so many lifelong friendships and we especially thank all the girls in her life! The euchre friends, exercise friends, 54 plus club friends, nieces, coffee friends, garage sale friends, and of course childhood friends. All of you meant the world to mom and we are so thankful to you for your visits and spending time with her during her last months.

In 2020 mom was diagnosed with lymphoma and had to begin treatment. While initially the treatment seemed to have little effect on her adventures eventually she started to get tired. Frustrated by not being able to do as much as she used to, she resisted.

In 2024 with many complex issues, mom moved to the Elden in Bradford for assisted care and then to Matthews House Hospice for the final days.

To Harold, we know you miss her as much as we do. Thanks for sharing your life and last years with our mom. We are so thankful for all the memories with you and your extended family.

We'll miss you mom more than ever and are so thankful as well for the strong loving family you and dad raised. Next time we're on a trip we'll put another pin on the map and fondly remember you, knowing you were of course there before us

Our mom leaves us with so much. We do not mourn, we reflect. We do not lament, we celebrate what she gave us, what she left us, what she meant to us. How lucky are we to have the memories. Forever in our hearts.

Daughters: Janet Meloche (Robert), Michele (the late Howard) Ballantyne and Jacquie (Kevin) Backman. Survived by brothers Bruce (Sherry) and Gord. Predeceased by sister Margie. Grandchildren: Holly, Rebecca, Jessica, Terry Jay a.k.a T.J, Derek and Matthew.

Great grandchildren: Larissa, Karlie, Sophie, Ella, Jace, Mason, Easton, Wyatt and many fosters who loved her. Great great grandchildren: Conner & Cowan.

The Family received friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham 905-936-3477 on Tuesday November 12, 2024 from 10am until the time of Memorial Service in the chapel at 12pm. A Reception followed in the funeral home's Cliffside Hall. Interment took place in St. Patrick's Cemetery Schomberg. In lieu of flowers, donation to Matthews House Hospice would be appreciated. Online memories and condolences may be left for the family at [www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com](http://www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com).



### Norma Varcoe

Peacefully at her home in Good Samaritan Seniors Complex Alliston, on November 4, 2024. Norma (née: Cauthers) in her 93rd year, beloved wife of the late Clarence Varcoe. Loving mother of Don Varcoe (Marie-Laure), the late Alvin Varcoe (Mary), and the late Melvyn Varcoe (Cathy). Dear grandmother of Bryan (Stephanie), Bethany (Mike), Ashley (Andrew), Kari-Lyn, Christopher (Christine), Craig, and Mary. Sadly missed by her many great grandchildren. Forever in the hearts of all of her extended family, nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and friends.

The family will receive friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham 905-936-3477, on Saturday, November 16, 2024 from 10am until the time of Funeral Service at 11am. Reception will follow in the Funeral Home's Cliffside Hall. Interment will be held in Alliston Union Cemetery after the reception. In lieu of flowers, donations in Norma's memory to Matthews House Hospice Alliston or Diabetes Canada would be appreciated. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at [www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com](http://www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com).

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