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Protecting Wildlife

Procyon Wildlife director Debra Spilar shares a few words at Procyon's second annual fundraising gala at Caesar's Centre in Bolton on Nov. 23. Procyon Wildlife, based out of Beeton, generated funds at the gala in support of its efforts rehabilitating wild animals in need of care. The gala featured a four-course sit-down dinner, silent and live auctions, dancing, live music and a guest speaker from Animal Alliance. Read more on Page 8.

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Toonies for Tecumseth donates proceeds of fundraising to food bank

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Tottenham resident, Eva Bradley, started her latest fundraising effort – Toonies for Tecumseth – back in February and after nearly a year of hard work, she presented the Our Town Food Bank in Tottenham with a cheque for \$8,753.80, to help them fill their shelves heading into the busy Christmas season.

Eva has been fundraising for over 40 years for various causes and this is her latest one.

Over the year, Toonies for Tecumseth had a bake sale at the Tottenham Legion, participated in the Beeton Honey Festival, and the Tottenham Street Festival, and held a successful garage sale at Rex's Playhouse in Tottenham.

Eva had a lot of help with her fundraising, especially from her friend Chrystal Robertson.

Her fundraising efforts “come from the heart,” Eva explained.

She wants to give back to the country that gave her so much since arriving alone as a

teenager and fleeing the Hungarian Revolution.

“I always had this dream, that I needed to give something back to Canada, to repay the good things that Canada has done for me, and the people that I've met,” Eva said. “I really enjoy helping people. This is a way I can give back.”

The fundraising initiative wrapped up at the Cedar Kitchen Restaurant in Tottenham on Nov. 17, with help from restaurant owners Sherri Bailey and Danielle Leslie. For every cup of coffee sold on that day, the proceeds were donated to Toonies for Tecumseth and helped Eva reach her goal of \$10,000. There was also a bake sale at the restaurant on the same day which proved to be very popular.

The fundraising initiative also received help from Christine Longo, owner of Pink Hair Design in Schomberg. Christine took all the crocheted blankets that had yet to be sold and sold every single one of them out of her hair salon.

In addition to the donation to the Food Bank, Eva will also be giving a portion of the funds raised to S.H.I.F.T. in Alliston.



GIVING BACK – Eva Bradley presents Our Town Food Bank President Susan Iacoucci, with a cheque for \$8,753.80 on Monday, Dec. 2. Eva's initiative, Toonies for Tecumseth raised the funds through several projects over the course of a year. The final event was held at the Cedar Kitchen Restaurant in Tottenham when the proceeds from coffee sales and a bake sale topped up the amount raised. Eva had plenty of help during the year from friends Rachel, Chrystal, Evelyn and Carolyn and Jesse (not in photo), as well as Sherri Bailey and Danielle Leslie from the Cedar Kitchen. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**

A Home for the Holidays online auction gives the gift of community spirit to those in need

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
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The Town of New Tecumseth has anCONTACT Community Services has announced its third annual online auction will take place from Dec. 12 to Dec. 19, 2024.

A Home for the Holidays auction will raise funds for CONTACT's Community Hope Chest Initiative.

“Nothing captures the true spirit of the

holidays more than when your purchases help support those in need within your community,” said CONTACT's Board Chair, Jennifer Lloyd. “In the past two years, this event has successfully raised over \$22,000 to support this initiative, and this year we aim to gather \$10,000 to assist families in need within our community. Given the increasing cost of living, this fundraiser is essential in aiding those who are facing challenges in making ends meet.”

The online auction will feature a variety of unique and desirable items, exceptional experiences, and services donated by individuals, businesses, and local artisans.

From once-in-a-lifetime adventures to handcrafted pieces and culinary experiences, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Interim executive director Brenda Pufek emphasized the importance of technology in creating an inclusive event where everyone can support the cause.

“We are thrilled to present this special holiday opportunity, allowing you to shop and support from the comfort of your home,” Ms. Pufek said. “This online auction would not be possible without the generous contributions of our donors, supporters, and participants who have united to create a meaningful impact in the lives of our neighbours.”

The Community Hope Chest plays a crucial role in providing assistance to those in

crisis and making a significant impact on their lives. This fundraising initiative is an integral component of service delivery, allowing CONTACT to step up when other funding is not available and in times of crisis.

The impact this has on the lives of recipients is game-changing when people come into hard times.

“I was late on bills, specifically phone and cable, one of which is essential for communication,” said one Community Hope Chest recipient. “Any leftover funds I used for food. It was an easy process and much needed support. It allowed me to get caught up on bills and get back on track.”

CONTACT is committed to dignity-driven support, where people can access the Hope Chest discreetly when the need arises.

Visit CONTACT's website at: www.contactcommunityservices.ca for detailed bidding instructions and item descriptions.

Fraud suspect sought by Nottawasaga OPP

Officers from the Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are currently investigating a fraud and are requesting the public's assistance to identify one individual.

On Nov. 29, at approximately 4:30 p.m. Nottawasaga OPP responded to a fraud incident at Walmart located at 30 Dunham Drive, New Tecumseth. The complainant reported their wallet was lost shortly after leaving the store that day at 4:21 p.m. and was then receiving unknown transactions.

Upon further investigation, it was determined that the complainant's card was used several times at ATM machines, Dollarama, and Shoppers Drug Mart for a total loss of \$2,811.

FRAUD SUSPECT – This individual is wanted by Nottawasaga OPP in relation to a fraud investigation. Anyone with information is asked to call 1-888-310-1122



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Officers are looking to identify the individual in the above photograph from video surveillance. If you know this individual, please call 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS).

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Council receives report on Automated Speed Enforcement cameras

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
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Town of New Tecumseth Council has received a report with recommendations regarding the policy of upcoming use of automated speed enforcement (ASE) cameras.

The use of cameras is part of the Town's plan to enhance road safety through the use of technology and promote compliance with speed limits.

Community Safety Zones are designated through a by-law passed by a municipal council to identify a section of roadway where public safety is of special concern.

The ASE must only be operated using devices that fully comply with the requirements of the ASE regulation made under the Highway Traffic Act.

It is recommended that the speed enforcement cameras be rotated and moved to different locations every three to six months. The rotation schedule may be adjusted in subsequent years as necessary.

ASE must only be operated in community safety and school zones with speed limits

under 80 km/h that are designated by law and signed as required.

All camera sites must have signage indicating the posted speed limit. Warning signs indicating that drivers are approaching an ASE site must be posted. A 90-day warning period sign must be posted in advance of each ASE camera deployment to educate the public and raise awareness of the upcoming placement.

The speed limit for the site must be posted. The default speed limit cannot be used. ASE cameras should not be deployed within six months of a speed limit change.

ASE must not be used in school zones where the lower speed limit is signalled or communicated through the use of flashing beacons.

The cameras must not be used to detect motor vehicles travelling above the posted speed limit in transition zones. A transition zone is the area immediately adjacent to a maximum speed limit sign indicating a speed change from a higher speed to a lower speed, or vice versa.

All units must have a clear line of sight to the lanes they are monitoring and not be



SLOW DOWN – The Town of New Tecumseth Council reviewed a report that recommends the usage of automated speed enforcement. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

obstructed by objects such as on-street parking.

During the first year of the ASE program, units will be installed at various elementary schools in New Tecumseth in consideration of the high volumes of vulnerable road users

including pedestrians and cyclists.

Site prioritization will be calculated based on the latest recommendations and guidance from the Ontario Traffic Council. This includes traffic volume, travel speed, pedestrian volume, and zone environment.

Town reminds residents that postal strike is not an excuse for receiving late payments

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
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The Town of New Tecumseth is reminding residents that the current postal strike is not an excuse for not paying property tax and utility bills.

As the strike continues, residents will not be receiving their bills through the mail. Just because you don't receive your bill through the mail does not mean you are not obligated

to pay on time.

The Town of New Tecumseth Finance department is responsible for the billing and collection of property taxes for the municipality and on behalf of Simcoe County and the local school boards.

To avoid being in arrears, the Finance Department is encouraging property owners to sign up for paperless billing.

This is a convenient and eco-friendly option that allows you to more efficiently

receive and retain issued notices and billings.

Pre-authorized payment plans for both taxation and utility accounts are available to property owners.

You can access detailed account information for your property taxes and water bills through the Virtual Town Hall service portals.

The Town offers several options for paying our tax bill. Property taxes are levied through two billings per year.

The Interim Tax Bill is issued in February

with installments due in February and April.

The Final Tax Bills for residential properties are issued in June with installments due in June and September.

For properties with commercial, industrial and multi-residential assessments, the Final Tax Bills are issued in July, with installments due in August and October.

You can learn how to sign up for paperless billing by visiting the Town website at: www.newtecumseth.ca.



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~ Stanislaw Jerzy Lec

How smart are you?

I think people in general consider themselves to be intelligent.

It's very rare to hear someone say, “I am really dumb” and actually believe it.

Most people don't really like to admit they know nothing about a subject if brought up in conversation.

It depends on which circles you hang around which will provide conversations of interest over a game of cards.

I attended a New Year's Eve dinner a couple of years ago. I knew no one at this party other than the woman I went with. They were all in her social circle, and I was just a curiosity from out of town who arrived at the party.

I knew that everyone there had vastly different career backgrounds. One person was a retired doctor, and one was a retired firefighter. Other people came from all different backgrounds.

What I did notice, was the conversation never steered towards one person or their perceived importance in the community.

Never once, did the doctor mention her former occupation or bring up something to do with medicine. I was impressed by this group. It was like there was a general agreement they were all on an equal footing in life.

You may be a doctor, but you don't call the hospital to report your house is on fire.

I recently read a report on a woman who apparently has the highest IQ of anyone on the planet. I'm not sure how you really test someone's IQ and assign a number.

A series of tests designed to test a person's IQ and assign a number was originally created over 100 years ago. There have been numerous other tests created over the years to offer a similar way of testing how smart people are.

But how can you assign a number to intelligence? Most of the tests created have been skewed in certain ways to satisfy the person creating the test.

Even a person creating an IQ test can't think of all the ways a person may be above average in things other than math.

Several years ago, a friend of mine had an eight-year-old son who was fascinated by the weather for some reason. He bought books, magazines, calendars – anything with a picture of a tornado, hurricane, or lightning storm would be in his collection.

He studied the books every night to learn about weather patterns.

During a parent/teacher conference, my friend was told by the teacher, that her son can't concentrate, and does not seem to care about any subjects in school. The teacher said his knowledge of any subject was very limited.

My friend's response to her son's teacher, was something like, “he can't concentrate? I see him get his books and maps and magazines out, and study them for hours. If we called him in here and questioned him, I guarantee he would know more about weather patterns in North America, than you do.”

The teacher declined the challenge of facing off with an 8-year-old on the subject of weather.

Intelligence testing is done in schools in Ontario, in some ways. I recall taking a ‘fill in the circle’ test in elementary school while some very serious and angry people observed us from around the room.

I don't know how these tests are currently conducted, but I do know, the results of those tests would go on some record and every teacher after that would consider you to be an idiot if you didn't do well.

Assigning a number to intelligence just isn't practical.

It's also a great way to make a kid feel uncomfortable.

“You only got a 110? I got a 115. I'm a lot smarter than you.”

And that comment is based on a number from a single test that doesn't run the full range of things that could determine how smart a person really is.

I went to college with a girl who had to

be the best. She would constantly remind us that her father doesn't work, because he just sits around all day waiting for cheques to arrive from the tenants in apartment buildings he had inherited, implying the family was wealthy.

Except, she would slip up sometimes and we realized her father was some type of slum-lord.

This girl had previously graduated from Queens University – a prestigious school – and she brought it up at every opportunity.

One day, she said, “I have an IQ of 146.”

I said, “Wow, I didn't know you went to school in the U.S.”

She gave me a quiz cal look, and said “I didn't.”

I explained that Ontario does not do, or assign numbers from standard IQ tests. She gave me the dumbest stare ever.

“Where did you get your IQ tested?” I asked her.

She started mumbling some ridiculous story before making up some excuse and exiting quickly.

Some of the most intelligent people you probably know, are the ones that quietly go through life, but never try to explain why they are so good at what they do.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Being nimble with our giving

I don't necessarily remember the first time I picked up a ballpoint pen to set it to paper, but I do recall the first pen I had to call my own was one of those blue and white numbers that had three colours of ink to choose from – four, if you were lucky.

Those pens seemed like the height of sophistication, but, then again, that might not mean much. Around the same time, our generation placed similar esteem in Viennetta Ice Cream and exotic-sounding International Coffees!

Maybe I wielded that first pen to sign my name on a birthday or Christmas card bound for a loved one. Maybe it was a letter to Santa, sent to the furthest reaches of the north by Canada Post. But it would take until I was about seven-years-old until a specific letter-writing experience was committed to memory.

In Grade 2, we were tasked with writing a notable public figure on a potential shared interest in the hopes we might get some kind of response back. Perhaps

unsurprisingly for regular readers of this column, my chosen recipient was the late Queen Elizabeth II.

The fire that devastated Windsor Castle in November of 1992 was brought under control just a few days before we received our letter-writing assignments, so this seemed like a great opening, even if under the most unfortunate of circumstances.

While I remember writing the letter, what's indelibly imprinted, however, was the day my dad came home from checking the mailbox a few weeks later with a crisply neat envelope in hand.

The first thing I noticed was a purple rubber stamp mark in the bottom left corner of the envelope bearing the cypher of “E II R” surmounted by a crown. If that wasn't excitement enough, the embossed red Coat of Arms on the reverse was just about the tipping point.

Then, there was the letter itself, which is still a treasured possession.

There was no hesitation about taking the reply, even if it was from one of the

Queen's Ladies in Waiting, into school the next day and my teacher, if not my peers, were suitably impressed. I'm not sure if marks were given out for this assignment, but if there were, I can't imagine it was anything but aced.

As we get older, the trip to the mailbox is not always as exciting. We get bills, we get government notices, sometimes little communiques that get our dander up, the one bright spot now is how rarely we now receive hard copies of chain letters nowadays!

At least, that's how it is for eleven out of twelve months of the year.

Then, no matter how old we are, a little bit of that mailbox magic invariably returns.

Maybe it's a matter of anticipation waiting for a seasonal greeting from a loved one you don't hear from very often, perhaps only at this time of year.

Maybe it's a matter of receiving a bit of support from unexpected sources, if you're in need. Maybe it's even a mat-

ter of waiting for that mildly irritating family Christmas Letter from long-since-dispersed neighbours telling everyone on their mailing list what a stellar year they've had, one that the rest of us can only aspire to, while deftly sidestepping any of the bumps along the road that might crack their official facades. (And maybe I speak from experience on this one!)

Granted, there is still a generous amount of time between our press time this week and the peak of the holiday season, the lack of movement in the ongoing Canada Post strike at the time of this writing makes the chances of a magical Christmas-By-Mail experience slimmer with each passing hour.

And this, while leaving the very real labour concerns at the heart of the dispute on the table, is unfortunate for the average Canadian.

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Syria Gets Another Chance

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Take a moment, first, to celebrate the fall of a regime of surpassing evil even by the demanding standards of the Middle East. Father and son, the Assad regime oppressed and abused the Syrian people for 53 years, and now it is gone in a week. Even the American-backed puppet regime in Afghanistan did not fall that fast.

The Russians, the Iranians and Hezbollah in Lebanon supported Bashar al-Assad through the last thirteen years of hot and cold civil war in Syria, but in the end they let him go. Hezbollah has been gutted by the Israelis, Moscow is too distracted by its war in Ukraine, and Iran is frightened of a joint attack by Israel and a Trump-led United States.

The big winners at this point, therefore, seem to be Israel's Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu on the one hand, and the rebranded jihadis who have now taken control of Damascus and most of Syria's other big cities on the other.

But it was Netanyahu's triumph over Hezbollah that indirectly helped the jihadis into power in Syria, and he may regret it.

The current name for the Islamist group that has just gained control of most of Syria's population is Hayat Tahriral Sham (HTS). That means 'Organisation for the Liberation of the Levant', a neutral name for what now claims to be a broad nationalist front – but HTS's roots lie in al-Qaeda and the murderous head-choppers of Islamic State.

'Once a jihadi, always a jihadi,' some would say, and HTS remains classed as a terrorist organisation by the United Nations, the United States, Turkey and Russia. US officials have even called HTS "a vehicle to advance [al-Qaeda's] position in the Syrian uprising."

However, it is possible that the leopard really has changed its spots. So far, in its victory march across Syria, HTS has

they will be strongly tempted to cut their own territory free from the ruins of the Syrian state.

They might actually achieve that if they move fast enough, particularly if they can get tacit Russian support for their separation from the rest. Their home territory includes almost all of Syria's Mediterranean coast and is home to Russia's air and naval bases in the region – and so far, HTS's march south has not impinged on the core Alawite territory.

Further fragmentation of Syria is possible if the Kurds in the east and the Druze in the south (near the Israeli border) try to go their own way, but the Turks, erstwhile sponsors of HTS, will strive to prevent that. Which way the United States will jump (under new management) remains to be seen.

And the biggest change, which Western observers seem constrained from mentioning by some misplaced cultural sensitivity, is the collapse of Shia power and influence in the region. Iran is 95% Shia and Iraq at least 70% Shia, but Lebanon and Syria had also become

As for the question of the leopard's spots, it really is too soon to tell. Even if Abu Muhammad al-Jolani, the leader of HTS, is secretly the extremist that his early associations suggest, it would make good tactical sense for him to pretend to moderation until his relatively small group has established a secure position at the heart of Syrian politics.

That moment may never even come. The Syrian political stage is suddenly crowded with many other players with their own agendas, and the largely peaceful and non-violent nature of the Assad regime's collapse has created no conquering hero whose charisma overshadows all potential rivals.

We could imagine a different future for Syria in which the half of the population who have become internal or external refugees return safely to their homes, all but the worst of the criminals who served the Assad regime are pardoned and rehabilitated, and the country begins to rebuild a future worth having.

That may be a fantasy, but don't write the country off before it has a chance.



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- Disorders
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- Midway between south and southeast
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- Corn comes on it
- Ship's deck
- A way to bake
- Improvised
- Butterfly genus
- Baseball fields have them
- Designated space
- Discharge
- Two of something
- Once more
- Part of your face
- Tax collector
- Cassia tree

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- One-time Aaron Rodgers target
- Wings
- Overly studious person
- They protect your
- valuable
- The Volunteer State
- Non-hydraulic cement
- Horse mackerel
- Jackson and Diddley are two
- Splendid displays
- Mountain in NE Greece
- A daughter or your brother or sister
- German surname
- Having more than one husband at a time
- Romanian city
- Energy
- Makes less hot
- Gas diffusion electrode
- Former CIA
- Set an example for others
- Support of a particular person
- One from the Big Apple
- Mountain range
- Violate the sanctity

- of something
- Supervises flying
- Talks
- Persian male given name
- Born of
- Forcibly take one's possessions
- Discounts
- Knockouts
- Posh Colorado destination
- Form of therapy
- British rock band
- Type of virus (abbr.)
- The U. of Miami mascot is one
- Volcanic crater
- Middle Eastern nation
- Sinn ___, Irish organization
- Ethiopian lake
- Bits per inch (abbr.)
- Equally

No one has more self-confidence than the person who does a crossword puzzle with a pen.

Cold weather bringing outdoor rinks to New Tecumseth soon

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The weather is getting colder, but not yet cold enough to start working on the Town of New Tecumseth's outdoor rink.

Outdoor rinks can be difficult to maintain as they are totally dependent on the weather, and how Town crews maintain them the best they can during the winter months.

Many people enjoy spending time on the ice.

Once it gets cold enough, and is predicted to remain cold, crews will start flooding the surface to create an ice area.

Two of the local rinks depend on the weather while one has the advantage of being connected to an ice plant to keep the surface cold.

To find out when the rinks will be ready for skating, keep an eye on the Town's social media where it will announce that the rinks will be open.

The Town's social media channels will

also announce when rinks are closed to due warmer weather and when rinks are restricted in order to help maintain the ice surface.

An outdoor rink will be located in Alliston at the Donor Diamond in Riverdale Park.

A second outdoor rink will be created in Beeton at Beeton Community Park.

In Tottenham, the ice pad is adjacent to the community centre. Note that access to the rink is on a first-come, first-serve basis, with a maximum of 50 skaters allowed on the ice at any given time.

ON THE ICE – Local residents enjoy skating on the outdoor ice pad at the Tottenham Community Centre. The Town of New Tecumseth plans to make three outdoor rinks this year. Along with Tottenham, there will be an outdoor rink in Beeton at Beeton Community Park, and at the Donor Diamond in Riverdale Park in Alliston.

FILE PHOTO



Stevenson Memorial Hospital hosting Community Forum series to engage residents

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Stevenson Memorial Hospital in Alliston will be hosting a Community Forum series to discuss the latest updates on the hospital's progress and future plans.

The hospital's leadership team including Interim President and CEO Barbara Steed, and hospital supervisor, Eric Hanna, will be present to engage the community.

This is an opportunity for residents to

share their thoughts and ask questions about the hospital.

If you need further information, you can reach out to Rachael Ogorek at rogorek@smhosp.on.ca or Micaela Tesi at mtesi@smhosp.on.ca.

The first meeting took place at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre on Dec. 9, with information not available at press time.

The next meeting occurred in Essa at the Essa Township Administration Centre (5786 Simcoe County Rd. 21), Utopia, at

6:30 p.m. on Dec. 11.

A virtual town hall meeting will take place today, Dec. 12, at 6:30 p.m.

To register, visit online at Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams.

For more information, you can visit the hospital's website at stevensonhospital.ca.

ENGAGEMENT – Stevenson Memorial Hospital will be hosting a virtual town hall meeting on Dec. 12.

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Beeton Santa Clause parade takes place this upcoming weekend

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Dress warmly and bring a thermos full of hot chocolate so you can enjoy the annual Beeton Santa Claus Parade sponsored by the Beeton Agricultural Society this weekend.

The annual event will feature floats, bands, dancers, and an assortment of parade revellers who will make this a fun day.

Neighbours and friends will gather on the sidewalks to wave to the parade participants, while those in the parade shout out holiday greetings to the crowds lining the streets.

This year's parade will take place on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 11 a.m.

The parade will start at Jackson Plaza and make its way down Main Street to the Beeton Arena.

Come out and enjoy some small-town revelry and fun.

SANTA'S ON HIS WAY – The Beeton Santa Claus Parade, sponsored by the Beeton Agricultural Society, will make its way down Main Street in Beeton on Saturday, Dec. 14. There will be dancers, floats, bands, and of course Santa Claus himself will make an appearance. **FILE PHOTO**



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Brock's Banter: Being nimble with our giving

That said, however, I have been impressed by how deftly the community has been able to sidestep a number of challenges that have come along with this labour disruption.

On Monday, for instance, I was thrilled to learn that not only was the campaign led by Aurora residents Dianne and Brian Harrison to collect Christmas and Holiday Greetings for men and women in the Canadian Armed Forces successful, but it shattered all previous records set by the couple – and the communities who support them – over their last 19 years of hard work.

Congratulations to both the Harrisons and to everyone who contributed to make this season brighter for nearly 12,000 individuals.

And, as someone who has a passion for the written word, it's always nice to see

when rumours of the death of letters, cards and other traditional forms of correspondence, are proved greatly exaggerated!

While this initiative was able to continue uninterrupted despite the interruption most of the rest of the country is currently experiencing, other individuals, organizations and initiatives haven't been faring so well.

As many of the non-profits in our community rely on the postal service to keep donations and other forms of support rolling in at a time when it is most needed, it's time to find workarounds for their sake and ours.

"Holiday giving, over the months of November and December, represents a significant percentage of our annual donations," said Leslie Ring, Chief Development Officer of the Southlake Health Foundation, in a recent statement. "Southlake

Health serves a large catchment area and, as a result, our donor pool is also geographically diverse. Many donors choose to mail in their gifts from across our communities at this time of year. This disruption in postal services is extremely challenging for those donors who may not be familiar with or have the access to, online ways to give. It's concerning as those donations are urgently needed to help fund equipment, technology, and space upgrades for patients and providers at Southlake."

Similar outreach was offered by Headwaters Healthcare Foundation in a statement last month, which said the strike has brought "chaos" to their end-of-year fundraising campaigns, as without mail service, their annual appeal would be going to thousands less in 2024.

But it needn't be this way – and the

needs faced by our local hospitals are similar to those of countless charities and non-profits throughout our communities, regardless of who they serve and for whom they provide.

Just because an appeal hasn't landed in your mailbox, doesn't mean these funds are not needed.

As the clock ticks down to the start of a New Year, consider making online gifts through each organizations' preferred method (and don't forget to check with them on said method ahead of time); stop by a group in person with what you would ordinarily donate; or simply give them a call to see what's needed beyond the coin.

Over the last few years, we've become no strangers to pivoting – and, at this time of year, we should be nimble enough to do the same with our giving.



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Arts & Local Events

Procyon Wildlife hosts successful second annual fundraising gala

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Procyon Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Centre, based out of Beeton, hosted its second annual fundraising gala at Caesar's Centre in Bolton on Nov. 23.

Despite the current economy compared to last year, people still supported the event and opened their hearts and wallets.

The gale raised \$35,000 to help Procyon continue their valuable work. The funds will be allocated toward much-needed improvements to the centre and toward the continued care of the injured and orphaned wildlife that arrive at the centre 365 days a year.

The centre is located at 6441 7th Line, Beeton.

The fundraising gala featured a dinner, silent and live auctions, and entertainment from Mars Giammarco's band, Echo.

Debra Spilar spoke to the crowd and dis-

cussed the centre's mission to rescue, rehabilitate, and safely release orphaned and injured wildlife and detailed the improvements that have been made to the centre since its inception in 2009.

The evening's keynote speaker was Barry McKay from Animal Alliance. Mr. McKay spoke about his experiences as a wildlife rehabber and advocate for wildlife and emphasized the importance of supporting Ontario wildlife rehabilitation centres such as Procyon since the centre does not receive government funding.

The live auction was especially exciting this year with live bidding.

Students from Banting Memorial High School volunteered as greeters, and not only helped with the evening's activities but earned valuable community hours by helping out.

You can learn more about Procyon Wildlife by visiting the website at: www.procyon-wildlife.com.



GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE – Procyon Wildlife hosted its second annual fundraising gala at Caesar's Centre in Bolton on Saturday, Nov. 23. The evening featured dinner, live entertainment and silent and live auctions. The event raises funds to help with the Wildlife Centre's valuable work. A volunteer shows one of the items up for auction at the event.

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Isla with teacher Sarah



Harris with teacher John

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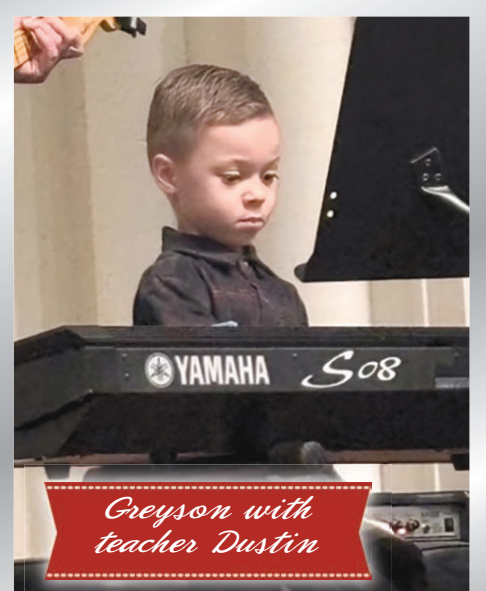
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How to get an accessible parking permit in Ontario if eligible

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

If you have a medical condition that makes it difficult to get around, you may be eligible to get an Ontario-accessible parking permit that allows you to park in reversed spots in parking lots.

A permit can be issued to an individual whose mobility is limited because of a permanent or temporary disability, or an Ontario corporation or non-profit organization for use in vehicles they own or lease for the purpose of transporting people with disabilities.

There is no cost to obtain, renew, or replace an accessible parking permit. The permit must be clearly displayed with the permit number and expiry date visible on your vehicle's sun visor or dashboard to park in an accessible parking space.

If a person uses someone else's permit fraudulently, they could be fined up to \$5,000 and the permit may be seized.

In Ontario, each municipality determines the rules and privileges associated with holding a permit.

To apply for an accessible parking permit, your regulated healthcare practitioner must certify that you have one or more of the following health conditions:

- Not being able to walk without a brace, cane, crutch, lower limb prosthetic device or requires the assistance of a wheelchair or the assistance of another individual.
- Suffers from lung disease to such an extent that his or her forced expiratory volume in one second is less than one litre. Portable oxygen is a medical necessity.
- Suffers from cardiovascular disease to such an extent that the individual's functional capacity is classified as Class III or

Class IV.

- Severely limited in the ability to walk due to an arthritic, neurological, musculo-skeletal, or orthopedic condition.

- Visual acuity is 20/200 or poorer in the better eye with corrective lenses.

- Mobility is severely limited by one or more conditions of functional impairments.

When you apply for a permit, your condition must be certified by a chiroprapist, chiropractor, nurse practitioner, occupational therapist, physician, physiotherapist, and podiatrist.

There are five types of permits you may be eligible for:

- A Permanent Permit is for someone with a permanent disability and is valid for five years.

- A Subject to Change Permit is valid for five years. This is for someone who has

a disability that is subject to change over time.

- A Temporary Permit is for someone with a temporary disability and is valid for up to 12 months.

- A Traveller's Permit is for someone travelling outside of Ontario and will allow you to park your car where you depart – for example, an airport or train station.

- If you are a company or organization you can get a Company Permit for every vehicle owned or leased by the company that is used primarily to transport people with disabilities. It is valid for five years.

To apply for an accessible parking permit, you should read the eligible health conditions and get an application by visiting any ServiceOntario centre.

You can also apply online through the Province of Ontario website.

Tiffin Centre invites the public to participate in bird count

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority is inviting residents to come out to the Tiffin Centre and be part of a bird count.

The event will contribute to scientific bird count data.

If you would like to be a part of this event, you should be prepared by dressing for the weather, and bring binoculars and a field guide with you, if you have one.

Additional binoculars and guides will be

available for use at the event.

Nature Barrie, a group of local nature enthusiasts will be on hand and explain how to watch birds and make notes of what you see.

Nature Barrie will give a presentation indoors before everyone heads out onto the trails on a guided hike to find and practice identifying the birds at Tiffin.

Hot chocolate is included with your ticket and will be served at the end of the hike. To reduce waste, please bring your own reusable mug.

The Bird Count will take place on Thurs-

day, Jan. 2. The cost is \$6 per person, and includes parking and hot chocolate. Children under three are free.

Registration is required.

You can register online by visiting the NVCA website at: www.nvca.on.ca.



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FEATHERED FRIENDS – The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority is inviting residents to come out to the Tiffin Centre on Jan. 2 to participate in a bird count.

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NVCA invites public to join Conservation Areas Engagement Working Group

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) is inviting community members with a passion for nature to join its new Conservation Areas Engagement Working Group. This exciting opportunity is perfect for those who want to roll up their sleeves, share creative ideas, and help shape the future of the region's most beloved natural spaces.

NVCA's 11 Conservation Areas offer many opportunities for visitors to connect with nature. Visitors can enjoy self-guided activities such as hiking, snowshoeing, canoeing and fishing. Special events and education programs offer a more interactive way to explore nature. These spaces are worth celebrating and protecting.

"This isn't your typical committee," said Elise Barr-Klouman, community engagement facilitator at NVCA. "We are looking for volunteers who are passionate about

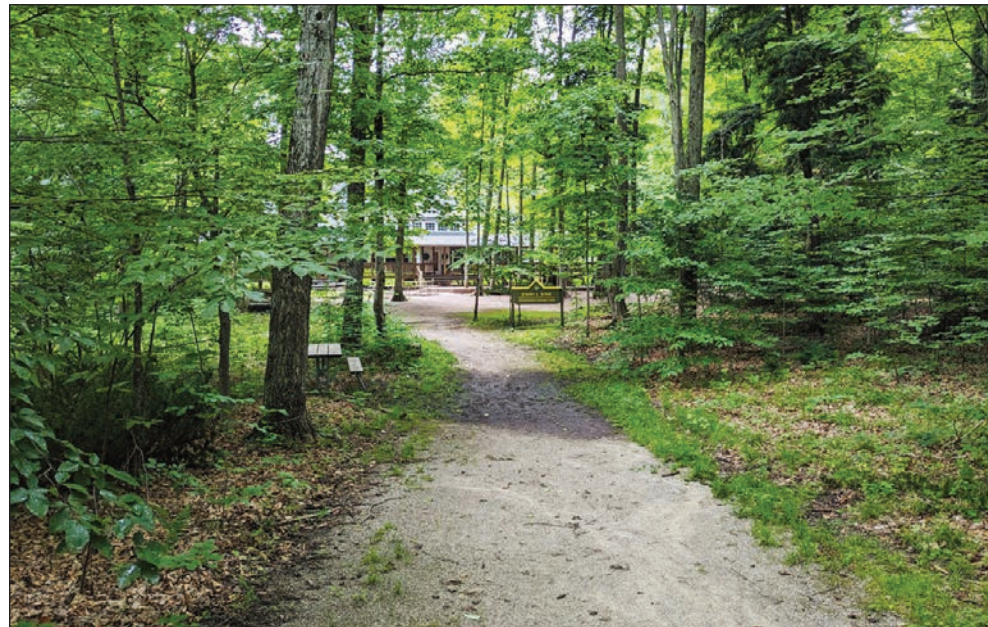
protecting nature, connecting with others, and creating lasting change to join us. The group will play a key role in supporting NVCA's fundraising efforts and increasing public awareness about the importance of natural spaces."

The new working group will focus on increasing the profile of these Conservation Areas, starting with Fort Willow Conservation Area and Tiffin Centre for Conservation, and potentially extending to other locations like Edenvale, Minesing Wetlands, Nottawasaga Bluffs, and Petun Conservation Areas.

With a special focus on shaping future events at Fort Willow Conservation Area, members will explore innovative programming ideas, work with heritage and community partners, pursue sponsorship opportunities and support funding initiatives to expand the event's reach and impact.



PRESERVING NATURAL SPACES – The Nottawasaga Conservation Authority is seeking applications from members of the public for its Conservation Areas Engagement Working Group. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**



Members will meet quarterly or more often during key planning periods. This volunteer opportunity offers plenty of flexibility for members to lead individual projects or assist at events. Don't miss out on the chance to leave a legacy in the natural spaces that make our region special.

Are you ready to make a difference? Applications are open until Jan. 3, 2025, and selected candidates may be invited for an interview.

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SPORTS

NEW TECUMSETH TIMES

Hornets win two over weekend, remain undefeated after 21 games

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Alliston Hornets continue to steam-
roThe Alliston Hornets picked up four more points after winning both home games at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre on Friday, Dec. 6, and Saturday, Dec. 7.

Friday's game against the Huntsville Otters was pretty much over after the first period when the Hornets scored six unanswered goals to start the game.

Hornets' first-period goals came from Tristen Pitt, Noah Cochrane, Jacob Holmes, and a hattrick by Jaeden French who scored two goals 33 seconds apart, then followed up with a third goal just over three minutes later.

Huntsville scored early in the second period.

The response was three more Alliston goals from Tristen Pitt, Jacob Holmes and David Harvey.

Nick Lamont and Duncan Grube picked up the final two Alliston goals in the third period to give the Hornets an 11-3 win.

"I think it was a statement from us to come out with six in the first period," said Hornets forward Jaeden French after Friday's game. "We had our game plan and we followed through with it, and it worked out for us."

The Hornets out-shot the Otters 66-22 for the game.

"We're a defensive team first, so we make sure we take care of our own end and that translates to offence in their end," French said. "Confidence level on the team has never been so high. We're feeling good. We smacked Orillia the other night, then came here and smacked Huntsville tonight. It was nice to do that and get the four points. We're going to keep doing



WINNING STREAK – The Alliston Hornets host the Huntsville Otters on home ice at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre on Friday, Dec. 6. The Hornets went on to win this game 11-3. They were back at it the following night when they hosted the Penetang Kings and left with a 5-2 win. The Hornets are in first place and undefeated after 21 games.

BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

what we do. We treat every game like it's a playoff game every time we show up at the rink, and every practice too. We're a hard working team and we're going to continue to do our thing."

The Hornets were back on the ice the following day to host the Penetang Kings.

Cole Turcotte scored the opening and only first period goal just past the midway in the first.

The Hornets were leading 4-0 in the sec-

ond period when Jax Bellwood, Will Hopcroft, and Tristen Pitt scored.

Penetang lit up the scoreboard late in the second period scoring two goals just a minute and a half apart, to make it a 4-2 game with one period remaining.

Neither team could hit the back of the net in the first half of the third period.

Alliston forward Mark Coish scored at 11:24 with the final goal of the game.

The Hornets left the ice with a 5-2 win.

After 21 games, the Hornets are still undefeated and are in first place in the North Carruthers Division of the PJHL.

The Hornets will have a big game on Thursday, Dec. 12, when they take the trip to Stayner to meet the Siskins with an 8 p.m. start.

They will return to home ice at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre on Friday, Dec. 13, to host the Muskoka Bears.

Game time is 7:30 p.m.



ACTION AT THE NET – The Tottenham Railleurs host the Bradford Rattlers at the Tottenham Community Centre arena on Saturday, Dec. 7. The Railleurs took a 9-1 loss in this game. At mid-season, the Railleurs are looking strong with a third place in the South Division standings of the Greater Metro Hockey League.

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Another year of Christmas magic at the Sisters Touch of Christmas

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
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A sure sign Christmas is approaching is the opening of the Sisters Touch of Christmas store.

Located at 14155 Caledon-King Townline South, Bolton, the seasonal fundraising store is a true winter wonderland. It's run by the nuns of the St. Kosmas Aitolos Greek Orthodox Monastery.

The nuns create many of the items for sale in the store, such as hand-painted and hand-embroidered Christmas ornaments, gingerbread cookies, and tea blends.

Sister Philothei said the store always tries to bring in a variety of unique items at different price points in addition to the items it makes.

"Hand-painted ornaments are what we're known for, and now we do embroidery work, too," she said. "They're very popular and it

takes time to make them."

Sister Philothei said many families purchase an ornament each year and get it customized — the Sisters offer free personalization of ornaments.

"Our ornaments are so popular because they're all one-of-a-kind," she said. "People like to look for something different."

Sister Philothei said the Sisters work on Christmas items year-round to prepare for the annual opening of their store.

"We work as a team, it's really nice," she said.

The store is open now through Dec. 24, and its hours are as follows: Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Fridays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On Monday, Dec. 23, the store will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

On Tuesday, Dec. 24, the store will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



TIS THE SEASON – An example of one of The Sisters' new embroidered ornaments. ZACHARY ROMAN PHOTO

Over 10,000 Christmas cards collected for soldiers serving during the holidays

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They set out to collect 10,000 cards for men and women in the Canadian Armed Forces who will be spending this holiday season serving King & Country at home and abroad — but Dianne and Brian Harrison smashed their goal, setting a new record for their initiative of nearly 20 years.

The Aurora couple were bound for Trenton this week to deliver a whopping 11,785 cards for service personnel. These will subsequently be delivered to Forces Bases and Naval Ships here at home and overseas.

It's a remarkable number by any measure, made all the more so by the fact the couple was able to break all their previous records in the midst of a postal strike.

"We are overwhelmed with support," says Dianne Harrison, noting they received cards from across the Greater Toronto Area, with service groups in each community coming together to do their part.

Among the service groups who harnessed the power of their membership was the Optimist Club of Aurora, which helped complete and collect more than 5,200 individual messages for soldiers. Others who helped make this year's effort possible were Allegra Printing, which provided

printing services to the Harrisons free of charge, and Omar's Shoes, which saved all their empty shoeboxes to aid in the shipments.

"We couldn't have sent the cards without those shoeboxes," says Dianne. "We're over the moon, and the cards were written with love, compassion and sincerity. There were big bags of cards left at our apartment and our mailbox was full. We were always getting calls from people, and we put in more miles this year just travelling around picking up cards. We drove to London, ON, one night to pick up 200 cards that were signed by a bunch of people out there because of the mail strike — if the mail couldn't get them to us, we decided to go and get them.

"People took the time [to complete a card] because they know the military needs to hear we care. The one thing is they can't imagine what our military is going through right now, what they have seen... I don't think the average person could even comprehend it. My heart goes out to them. Sometimes I think they must feel helpless they can't do more, but they can only do so much and the fighting goes on. I think they must wonder when it is ever going to end."

But, as long as there is a need, the Harrisons hope the initiative will go on.

As they approach their 20th anniversary leading this initiative in 2025, they are hoping to keep the momentum going, although Dianne says Brian's proposed goal of 20,000 next year might be a tall order.

"There is no way we can handle that," she says. "We did over 9,000 last year and this year it is 12,000 and it was very taxing."

That being said, they hope to mark next year's milestone by making further inroads into local schools and potentially keeping the collection and distribution of messages going beyond Christmas.

"We think about them year-round, not just at Christmas," says Dianne. "We should be thanking them 12 months of the year."



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Nottawasaga OPP cruiser collides with vehicle in New Tecumseth, no injuries reported

The Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is investigating a two-vehicle collision in the Town of New Tecumseth.

On Dec. 7 at approximately 9:40 a.m., members of the Nottawasaga OPP, New Tecumseth Fire Department and Simcoe County Paramedics responded to a collision involving a

passenger vehicle and an OPP Cruiser at the intersection of Highway 89 and County Rd 10.

The initial investigation revealed that an OPP Cruiser was travelling West Bound on Highway 89 approaching the intersection on route to a call for service with its lights and sirens activated. A passenger vehicle was travelling South Bound on County Rd 10 approach-

ing the intersection at Highway 89 when the vehicles collided within the intersection.

The OPP officer and driver of the passenger vehicle were both transported to hospital by EMS precautionary. In conclusion, both drivers sustained no injuries.

The road was closed at the intersection of Highway 89 and County Rd 10 for several

hours while the OPP Traffic Incident Management Enforcement (TIME) team processed the scene, and was re-opened at 2 p.m.

The investigation is ongoing. Police are asking anyone with information or dashcam footage in the area between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. to contact the Nottawasaga OPP at 1-888-310-1122 Ref (E241615676).

OPP searching for two shoplifting suspects after incident at LCBO

Officers from the Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are currently investigating a shoplift and are requesting the public's assistance to identify two people.

On Nov. 27, 2024, Nottawasaga OPP responded to a shoplift incident at a LCBO located at 55 Queen Street South in Tottenham. Shortly before 10:30 a.m. Two individu-

als were seen entering the store and taking \$1,400 worth Johnnie Walker alcohol then exiting the store with no attempt to pay.

Officers are looking to identify the two individuals. If you know these individuals, please call 1-888-310-1122.

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TWO SUSPECTS – The Nottawasaga OPP are searching for two suspects who took \$1,400 worth of Johnnie Walker from a LCBO in Tottenham on Nov. 27.

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Police looking to identify three shoplifting suspects

Officers from the Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are currently investigating a shoplift and are requesting the public's assistance to identify three people.

On Dec. 6, Nottawasaga OPP responded to a shoplifting incident at an LCBO located at 55 Queen Street South in Tottenham. Shortly before 2 p.m., three individuals were seen entering the store picking up three empty LCBO baskets and filling their baskets with alcohol and leaving with no attempt to pay.

The first suspect is described as a brown male with a moustache, 30-40 years old, wearing blue pants, a green jacket and white shoes.

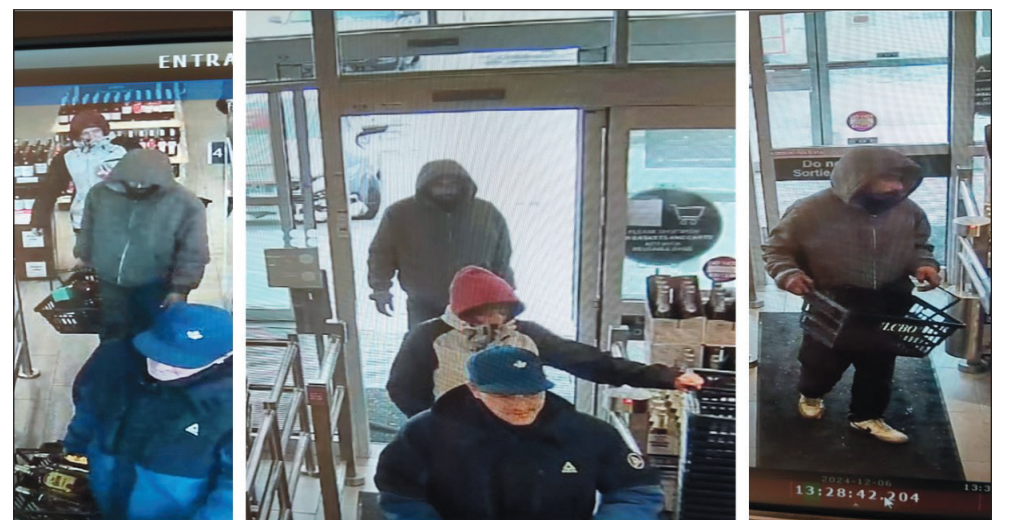
The second suspect is described as a caucasian male with a moustache, 30-40 years old, wearing a blue jacket, blue flat cap, and black shoes.

The third suspect is described as a caucasian female, approximately 30 years old, wearing a red hoodie and black/white jacket.

The items taken include:

- Two bottles of Hennessy vs. Cognac worth \$74.80
- Two bottles of Hennessy vs Hero worth \$74.95
- Two bottles of Tanqueray London Dry Gin worth \$72.05
- One bottle of Jose Cuervo Especial Gold Tequila worth \$56.45
- Three bottles of Casamigos Tequila Blanco worth \$84.95
- Two bottles of Forty Creek Barrel Select Whiskey worth \$69.95
- One bottle of Appleton Estate V/X Signature Blend worth \$71.45

This is a total loss of \$1,043.70 for the Tottenham LCBO.



WANTED – The Nottawasaga OPP is searching for these three suspects in relation to a theft from a LCBO in Tottenham totalling \$1,043.70 on Dec. 6. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

Officers are looking to identify the three individuals.

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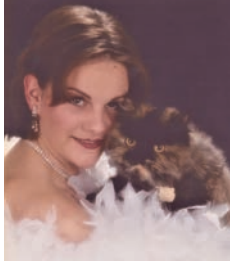
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Jalapeno Wontons
12 PIECES 223 g

save \$2 each

Jamaican-Style Beef Patty Bites
500 g

Mini Franks in Pastry
15 PIECES
279 g

save \$3

Taco Bites
8 PIECES 480 g

save \$3

Street Corn Empanada Bites
16 PIECES 320 g

save \$2

Crabapple Brie Pastry
240 g

PARTY PACKS

NEW!

Korean Appetizer Party Pack
21 PIECES
462 g

save \$3

14.99 each

Thai Party Pack
24 PIECES
430 g

Pub Party Pack
32 PIECES
576 g

save \$3

Indian Party Pack
32 PIECES
740 g

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

MIX AND MATCH

sale

Soup 255 g - 285 g
Excludes Wonton Soup. Regular price 5.99 each

Tomato and Grilled Cheese, French Onion, Loaded Potato, Broccoli Cheddar

GREAT DEALS

9.99 each

NEW!

Mini Mocha Cheesecakes
6 PIECES 330 g

save \$2

Chicken & Cilantro Quesadilla Cones
6 PIECES 300 g

save \$3 each

Fried Battered Mushrooms
300 g

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save \$3

Cheesy Pizza Rolls
8 PIECES 460 g
2 Varieties

Vegetable Egg Rolls
10 PIECES
570 g

save \$3

Chicken Spring Rolls
6 PIECES 432 g

save \$3

Mini Vegetable Spring Rolls
16 PIECES 384 g

MULTI-SERVE MEALS 12.99
2 lb ENTRÉES 907 g

White Cheddar Mac & Cheese with Bacon **save \$2**

Vegetable Lasagna **save \$4**

Cabbage Rolls

Deluxe Meat Lasagna

Butter Chicken

Three Cheese Pasta Bake

Homestyle Shepherd's Pie

Chicken Teriyaki

Fettuccine Alfredo

Spicy Sesame Chicken & Rice

Chicken Pad Thai

Homestyle Tuna Casserole

Chicken & Broccoli Pasta Bake

Creamy Chicken Pasta

Chicken Lasagna

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