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First Baby

Stevenson Memorial Hospital has announced the arrival of the first baby born at the hospital in the new year. Alice Offen entered the world at 3:21 p.m. on Jan. 2, weighing in at a healthy 6 lbs. 14 ounces. Proud parents are Sara Wright and Corey Offen. As a tribute to the first baby of 2025, Stevenson Memorial Hospital provided a welcome gift filled with some essential baby items and gifts to support the young family as they embark on this new journey.

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Serving Your Community Since 1986

Paramedic Services food and toy drive wraps up successful season

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Residents, schools, and businesses from across Simcoe County showed their holiday spirit by donating 7,781 toys, 22,771 lbs of food, and \$21,265.65 in cash and gift cards to the 22nd Annual County of Simcoe Paramedic Services Food and Toy Drive.

All donations will continue to be distributed to local children and families in need by charitable organizations working in partnership with the County of Simcoe Paramedic Services.

“On behalf of our entire region I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to each

of you who contributed to supporting those in need this holiday season,” said Simcoe County Warden Basil Clark. “Your generosity has made a lasting impact, providing hope and joy to countless families in need across Simcoe County. It’s been said that no act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted and I truly believe that it’s through your support we continue building up the bonds of our community, creating a brighter future for all.”

Some of the charities supported by the County of Simcoe Paramedic Services Food and Toy Drive include the Salvation Army, Simcoe Muskoka Family Connections, Barrie Christmas Cheer, Kinette

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Simcoe County Warden Basil Clark

Club of Wasaga Beach, Georgian Bay Food Network, Christmas in a Box, Innisfil Christmas for Kids. Food banks in several communities also benefitted, including Alliston, Angus, Bradford, Clearview, Coldwater, Elmvalle, Tottenham, Orillia

and Wasaga Beach.

“It’s my honour to acknowledge the efforts of all the dedicated paramedics and volunteers who gave their time and energy to make the 22nd Annual County of Simcoe Paramedic Services Food and Toy Drive such a tremendous success,” said Sarah Mills, director and chief of the County of Simcoe Paramedic Services.

“Their selflessness and hard work have made an incredible difference in the lives of those in need. We also want to express our sincere gratitude to the entire community for continuing to show up for your neighbours, helping to bring joy and hope to those who need it most.”

Christmas tree and overflow waste collection available through January in Simcoe County

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

As residents deal with waste from the holiday season, the County of Simcoe is reminding the public of how to manage overflow waste and Christmas tree collection.

Overflow waste collection

- Recycling – If your recycling cart is full, simply place the overflow in clear bags or blue boxes – no tags required. Flatten and bundle any extra cardboard.
- Garbage – If your garbage cart is full, attach a garbage tag to each extra garbage bag (limit of five).
- Placement - Keep all additional bags and materials at least two feet from your

garbage cart for easy pick-up.

- Reminder – Overflow is considered as anything that doesn’t fit into your garbage cart with the lid closed.

Residents can also visit one of the County’s waste drop-off locations to dispose of their garbage and recycling, subject to fees.

Christmas tree collection

- Schedule – Bi-weekly Christmas tree collection will take place throughout January, giving residents multiple opportunities to easily dispose of trees.
- Instructions – Place your tree curbside by 7 a.m. on the Monday of your garbage collection week. Collection may not occur on your regular garbage day, so it is vital to place it out on Monday morning to



ensure it’s collected.

- Preparation – Remove all decorations, lights, and plastic before placing your tree

out. Place the tree in a cleared area at the end of your driveway, not in a snowbank, and ensure it is free from snow and ice.

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We wish you all the very best for a Very Happy New Year.

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

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New Year's resolutions

Put that cigarette out, go for a two-mile jog, come home and read a book, call your best friend and visit with family, then spend the evening working on your new hobby.

That should take care of most of your New Year's resolutions if you've made commitments for 2025.

Add to that your itinerary for a trip to Iceland or the Galapagos Islands and your dream to 'swim with the dolphins.'

New Year's resolutions – what are they good for? Absolutely nothing.

I'm not sure where the idea of changing your lifestyle because the calendar says it's a new year comes from, but a year is just an arbitrary point in time. Jan. 1, really signifies nothing other than a point in space and time.

The ancients could have decided the new year started in July and we would be watching the ball drop on July 1.

This year, as always, there is a list that comes out and states the most popular New Year's resolutions. I'm not sure how it's actually created, because no one asked me. However, the list does seem reasonable.

Saving more money tops the list this year. This is understandable. With the inflation over the past couple of years,

everyone has less money in their pocket.

You can try saving more, but you're definitely going to pay in other ways. Whether it's giving up going out for dinner once a week or resigning your position as the bowling team captain to save the cost of lane fees, you may save money, but at the cost of entertainment or enjoying life.

Exercising more is number two on the list.

This is always a good one, but the easiest one to fail. Workout gyms love this resolution.

They make a ton of money from people signing up for the gym in January, then watch as that three times a week visit to the gym becomes twice a week, then once, then – wow, I haven't been to the gym in months.

Losing weight is always a popular resolution. But why do you need to wait until New Year's?

If you are overweight, you can start working on eating less and shedding pounds any time during the year.

Quitting smoking is always high on the list. When was the last time you saw someone smoking? It has become a hidden addiction, no doubt about it.

You shouldn't smoke, but the tobacco

companies are still taking in millions from people's bad habits.

This year, spending less time on social media made the list.

This is one EVERYONE needs to participate in. Some people used to refer to television as the 'idiot box' because you sit there just watching a screen.

The difference is that all television programs have an ending. Social media never stops.

We have become a society that is losing the natural ability to speak directly to people. It's too easy to stare at a screen and make comments, rather than sit down and have a conversation with a real person.

To do more for the environment has made the list this year. Good luck with that.

Everyone talks a good game, however, from the number of beer cans and coffee cups, sacks of garbage and household items dumped in the ditches in rural concessions, a lot of people simply don't care.

No one will ever admit they are the person who threw that coffee cup out of the window of the car, but they probably talk about saving the environment when at work or at their community service club

meeting.

Cutting down on alcohol consumption made the list, but it makes the list every year.

Considering the amount of beer sales in the province, I don't think too many people actually carry through with cutting back on alcohol.

Also, remember during the pandemic, the provincial government ordered many non-essential businesses to cease operation, however, the liquor store was exempt. That, says a lot.

There are plenty of other resolutions people hope to try in the new year.

Go ahead, give it a try – why not? Even if you fail, it was at least a goal for a while. Better to try, and fail, than not try at all.

My resolution this year will be to cut down my time on the golf course and spend that time doing something more meaningful.

Other than taking up the sport at a local 9-hole course for one summer when I was 14, when it was affordable to play a round funded by paper route money, I've never played a real game of golf in my life, so this should easily be accomplished.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Tall orders in power vacuums

As the dawn of a new year approaches, a particular tradition in my family is to pause during the Christmas hubbub and tune into the King's Christmas Message as both a time for calm and a source of inspiration for the year ahead.

These messages are one of the rare instances where the Monarch speaks from their heart in a speech that is not drafted by any of the 14 governments that share the same King, giving us a unique insight as to what makes them tick, and what's inspired them over the previous 12 months, through a non-partisan lens.

Given this lack of politics, there are usually pearls of wisdom that set the tone for – and remind us of where we might want to be – in the year ahead.

This year was no exception. The King spoke of his pride in being with Commonwealth veterans this past spring to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day.

"Their example of service and selflessness continues to inspire, across the generations," said the King. "During previous commemorations, we were able to console ourselves with the thought that

these tragic events seldom happen in the modern era. But, on this Christmas Day, we cannot help but think of those for whom the devastating effects of conflict – in the Middle East, in Central Europe, in Africa, and elsewhere – pose a daily threat to so many people's lives and livelihoods. We also think of the humanitarian organizations working tirelessly to bring vital relief.

"All of us go through some form of suffering at some stage in our life, be it mental or physical. The degree to which we help one another – and draw support from each other, be we people of faith or of none – is a measure of our civilization as Nations. That is what continually impresses me, as my family and I meet with, and listen to, those who dedicate their lives to helping others..."

"On our recent visit to the South Pacific to attend the Commonwealth Summit, I was reminded constantly of the strength which institutions, as well as individuals, can draw from one another. And how diversity of culture, ethnicity, and Faith provides strength, not weakness. Across the Commonwealth, we are held

together by a willingness to listen to each other, to learn from one another, and to find just how much we have in common. Because, through listening, we learn to respect our differences, to defeat prejudice, and to open up new possibilities."

We are lucky to come from communities where the tireless work of so many to improve the lives of their neighbours and to better their streets, neighbourhoods, and the towns they call home better places to live, work and play, are routinely underscored, recognized, and celebrated. The best part is that these people rarely do any of their good deeds for the kudos, but they are bestowed nonetheless.

Yet, at the same time, when we look beyond our local communities to the province and the country, the principles of learning from one another, finding our commonalities, and listening to what others have to say – so long as there is no harm intended or done – to gain perspective are often left by the wayside due to partisan games. And there is certainly little effort to build something special from a foundational common

ground.

This Monday's announcement by Justin Trudeau of his intention to resign as Prime Minister and leader of the Liberal Party as soon as his successor is chosen by the party faithful was timely in underscoring this as well.

Given the pre-Christmas resignation of Finance Minister and Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland, Monday's announcement really comes as no surprise as pressure mounted on Trudeau from all parts of this country to step aside and make way for either a leadership contest, a Federal election, or an unwieldy combination of both.

The timing, however, had something of the surprise element as the writing has been on the wall for Trudeau ever since the party lost the June 24 by-election in the riding of Toronto-St. Paul's, a win which should have been a slam-dunk for the governing Liberals in almost any other circumstance.

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Iran: End of the line?

GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY



Six months ago, at the end of Iran's presidential election, I finished an article by speculating that the long-lived theocratic dictatorship in Iran may be a lot closer to its end than its beginning: "If you can plausibly say 'This cannot go on forever,' you are also saying 'Someday this will come to an end.'"

That observation was triggered by the fact that the 'reformist' presidential candidate, Masoud Pezeshkian, unexpectedly won the July election. The previous president had been killed in a helicopter crash, and the regime had fumbled in setting up a snap election to replace him.

Pezeshkian was the only token 'moderate' in a field of four candidates, but he managed to make it into the last two for the second round – and then, in the run-off vote, something remarkable happened.

Fewer than half the voters had bothered to show up for the first round of voting, because they assumed that the fix was in. Suddenly, however, the moderate candidate

had a chance of winning – and seven million extra voters showed up for the second round and carried the 'reformist' to victory.

It was only a small victory, because Pezeshkian is very timid (otherwise he wouldn't have been allowed even to run), but more importantly because the Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, has been the real and absolute ruler of Iran ever since Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini died in 1989. It just showed that the public would prefer somebody else.

That doesn't count for much in a theocracy. It just allowed for a bit of speculation about the long-term future of the country. But a lot has happened in the Middle East since last July, and none of it has been good news for the Iranian regime.

First, the vaunted 'axis of resistance' that Iran had created to keep Israel on the defensive and boost its own power has been largely dismantled in the past six months.

Hamas in the Gaza Strip has been mostly destroyed, the Hezbollah organization that dominated Lebanon is disabled, and the recent overthrow of the Assad regime in Syria has eliminated Iran's strongest supporter in the region.

Iran's aged Supreme Leader (85) has blamed all these disasters on the United States and Israel – "There should be no doubt that what happened in Syria was the result of a joint American-Zionist plot," he said – but neither of those countries had anything to do with the key change in Syria.

That was a homegrown revolt by Sunni Islamists backed by Turkey, and it's part of a broader decline of Shia power in the region's politics. Shia Iran no longer has any allies in the Arab countries that border on Israel, and there is little chance that it can

win them back.

Worse yet for Tehran, the tit-for-tat missile strikes between Iran and Israel over the past few months showed that Iran's missiles for the most part cannot get through, while the Israeli air force could and did destroy most of Iran's air defenses. The country is virtually naked militarily.

Even more dangerous for the regime is the accelerating decline of the economy. It was undermined by decades of overspending abroad to spread its radical religious message, but equally by under-investment at home since Iran's attempts to sponsor revolutions elsewhere led to stringent international sanctions against it.

The damage has been extreme. Iran's per capita gross domestic product in 1976, a couple of years before the Islamist takeover, was \$7,600. Now it is only \$5,700, despite all the oil and gas.

Per capita GDP in next-door Turkey, similar in size, resources and population but with little gas or oil, was only \$1,270 in 1976. It is now \$13,000. Which one would you prefer?

Most Iranians don't know those exact numbers, but they do know roughly what happened and why – and the result, now unfolding for all to see, is a ruined economy.

Iran has the world's second-largest natural gas reserves and third-largest oil reserves, but the rot has gone so deep that it cannot even keep the lights and the heat on.

There were frequent brief power outages last summer, but this winter the electricity is going off for days at a time. Factories, steel plants, and the like are shutting down; schools and universities are teaching remotely. A lot of people are unhappy or downright angry, and they know who to blame.

There have been three episodes of prolonged mass protests against the regime (2009, 2019 and 2022), and despite the cold winter weather another one could be on the way now. Or not; these things are unpredictable.

But we can probably now say with some confidence: "Someday SOON this will come to an end."



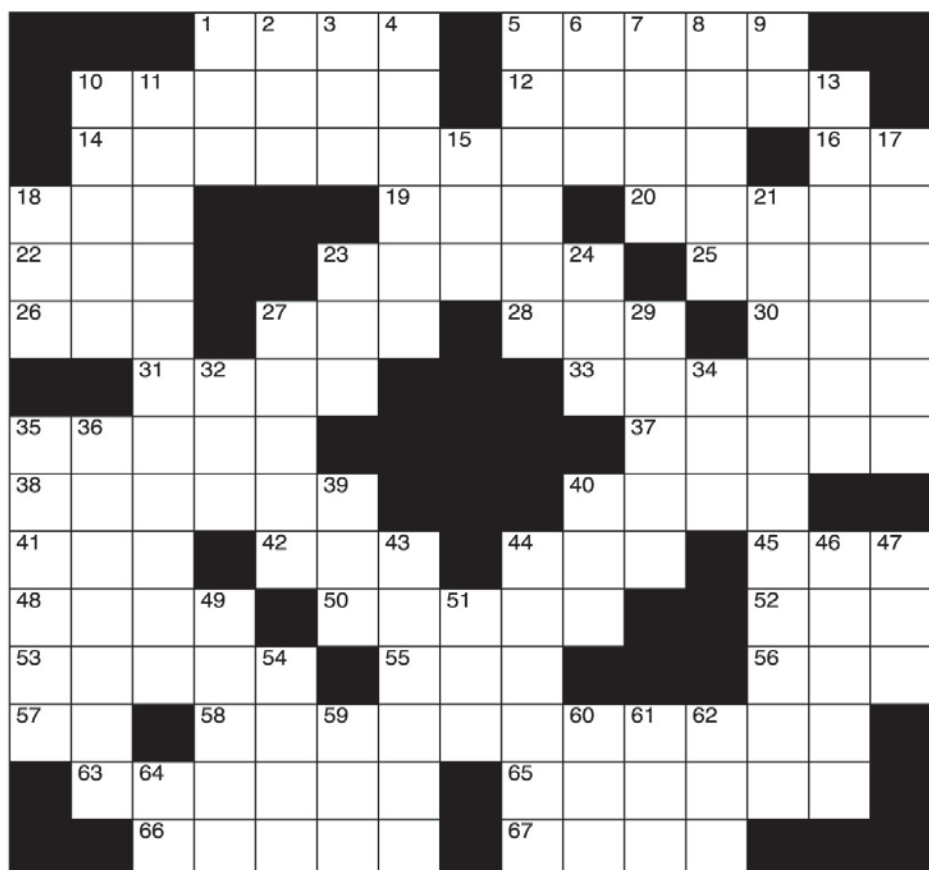
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- Scandinavian surname
- Follows sigma
- Doctor of Education
- Spanish be
- One that feeds on bugs
- Tooth issue
- Get into
- Lumps of clay
- Overly studious student
- Variety of Chinese
- Boxing's GOAT
- Japanese classical

- theater
- Prayer
- Inspire with love
- Ballplayers' accessory
- Retailer payment system
- More raw
- Atomic #81
- Fencing sword
- Hostilities
- Sea dweller
- Resinlike substance secreted by certain insects
- Businessmen
- Rest here please (abbr.)
- Loud devices
- Make a soft murmuring sound
- One point west of due south
- Trout
- Type of grass
- South American

- plant
- Letter of the Greek alphabet
- Not secure
- Traveler
- Sweet potato
- Period after sunrise and before sunset
- Some are choppy
- Asian country
- Genus of mosquitoes
- Cool!
- Shrill, wailing sound
- A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- Within
- Unhappy
- Decorate a cake with frosting
- Videocassette recorder
- Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- It cools a home

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

New Stevenson Memorial Hospital facility to include MRI suite

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Stevenson Memorial Hospital (SMH) has announced that an MRI suite will be part of its redevelopment project.

Housed in the Diagnostic Imaging Department, the new MRI suite will allow patients to receive the care they need closer to home, eliminating the need to travel outside their catchment area for advanced diagnostic imaging services.

Magnetic Resonance Imaging is a non-invasive medical imaging technique that uses radio waves and a strong magnetic field to create detailed images of inside the body. MRI scans can show detailed images of organs, bones, muscles, blood vessels, and other soft tissues, which can help diagnose and monitor disease and injury. They also support the creation of patient treatment plans.

“We’re thrilled that Stevenson will have a

full complement of diagnostic imaging services that will include MRI once the new facility opens,” said Barbara Steed, Interim President and CEO of SMH. “I know this is a service that this community will benefit from and will be another way that Stevenson provides quality health care services close to home.”

The new hospital facility will be three times the size of the current building and will revitalize SMH’s clinical areas. Inpatient bed capacity will increase by 20 per cent.

The Emergency Department will triple in size and have its own separate entrance with enclosed Ambulance Bays. Laboratory space will be enhanced, surgical suites, inpatient rooms, diagnostic imaging, birthing suites and more.

The design features significant use of natural light, modern features and new, refreshed gardens and green space.

A new, elevated helipad will also be a part of the project.



REDEVELOPMENT PLANS – This concept drawing for the redevelopment of Stevenson Memorial Hospital shows how it would reshape the exterior of the healthcare facility.

BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority issues winter waterway safety warning

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The recent snowfall and thawing from mild weather have created an increased hazard near local waterways.

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation

Authority (NVCA) has issued a warning to exercise caution near all waterways.

The NVCA is urging residents and visitors to exercise caution and keep family and pets away from the edges of all waterways and water bodies. Streams, rivers, ponds, and lakes are extremely dangerous

at this time of year as streambanks are slippery and unstable, and the water is cold.

As the region is experiencing periodic freeze-thaw cycles, this is causing recurrent melting of accumulated snow and ice cover. The melted ice and snow cause higher water levels and faster-flowing water in waterways, potentially creating very hazardous conditions.

To keep safe, keep family and pets away from all bodies of water and avoid all recreational activities in or around water.

Only use trails at your local parks and conservation areas for winter outdoor activities, and only when they are maintained.

Follow staff instructions and signage throughout NVCA conservation areas.

Wishing everyone in Simcoe-Grey, a healthy & **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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What does sustainable living mean?

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Our New Year's resolutions pledge a fresh start.

Narrative Research shows that while 46 per cent of Canadians made resolutions in 2023, statistically, most resolutions fail over the year.

Since our health and the health of the planet are inextricably linked, it is time to resolve to live more sustainably instead. But what does this mean?

By consuming more resources than the planet can regenerate we live at the expense of the environment. The way we buy, what we buy, and how we travel, work or spend our free time determines our ecological footprint.

Sustainable living encourages us to minimize our use of Earth's resources and reduce damage from human and environmental interactions.

Here are some tips to help you do

this.

Think twice before shopping – before you buy, ask yourself if you really need it. If you do, consider buying second-hand, and look for products made from lower-impact materials and with minimal packaging and shipping.

Ditch plastic and switch to reusable products – plastic never goes away. We eat, drink, and breathe plastic every day. Switch from single-use to reusable products and buy at refillery shops every chance you get. Every piece of plastic avoided is a win for your body and the planet.

Reduce fast fashion – fast fashion is responsible for as much as 10 per cent of global carbon emissions. Slow down your fashion by caring for your clothes and, when you need new clothes, shop second-hand. If you must buy new, buy

clothing made of sustainable materials like organic cotton or from brands that are made to last.

Reduce food waste – food loss/waste accounts for up to 10 per cent of greenhouse gas emissions. Food rotting in landfills creates methane gas, 80 times more harmful than carbon dioxide. Plan meals, learn to love leftovers, and learn how to store food properly in the fridge.

Use less water - every time we turn on the water, energy is used. By reducing water usage even slightly, we reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Take three-minute showers, turn off the faucet when brushing your teeth, only run full dishwashers, and washing machines (with cold water).

Unplug your devices – how often do you unplug your device from charging, but leave the charger in the out-

let? Most electronics still use energy, even when not being "used". While it may seem harmless, this actually wastes energy and can ruin your device's battery from charging. Consider installing smart outlets and/or smart plugs that regulate the time and amount of energy used by a given outlet.

We have the power to make more informed choices and to make sustainable living the default option. By switching our endless cycle of "buy, use, dispose" to a "rethink, reuse and repair" cycle we contribute to the circular economy. Making small changes in your lifestyle is a simple, yet effective, way to live a more sustainable life in the new year.

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Brock's Banter: Tall orders in power vacuums

Many pundits described the race, not inaccurately, as a review of Trudeau's leadership as much as it was a bout between the Liberals' Leslie Church, the NDP's Amrit Parhar, and ultimate Conservative victor Don Stewart.

The results being what they were, and polls being what they were and continue to be, it was confounding that Trudeau chose to stay in place for a further six months and counting until the resignation of his long-time Deputy and one of his most staunch defenders called it a day on her cabinet points, sending a pointed message to the leader while doing so, shaking the party to its core.

Now, with Monday's decision to pro- rogue parliament, kick off a Liberal leadership contest, and resign, we're left with a power vacuum as the first pages of an extremely challenging chapter of our political history start to be written.

Having a leadership vacuum as a new U.S. administration takes place is best avoided under the best of circumstances, but these circumstances are nothing to write home about – and could have been avoided had common sense – in the broadest of terms, not how any one party defines it – prevailed.

Now, here we are – not only facing tariff threats that will be nothing short of crip-

pling for Canada should they transpire as proposed but also facing increasingly audacious, unthinkable and downright ridiculous suggestions and taunts from the incoming President that our nation becomes the 51st state of the union. Statements from the new Finance Minister Dominic LeBlanc, who was present with Trudeau at the Mar-a-Lago event where the suggestion was first made, stating that it was merely a joke from the once-and-future leader certainly don't inspire confidence and suggest he's learned nothing about how this man operates from his first go-round.

So, where does that leave us?

Well, one inevitability that seems to be coming out of this mess is there will need to be a lot of soul-searching in Canada this year on what constitutes the kind of country we are, the kind of country we want to be, and, essentially, who we are as people in order to make that happen.

As the King suggested, a "willingness to listen to each other, to learn from one another, and to find out just how much we have in common...[to] learn to respect our differences, to defeat prejudice, and to open up new possibilities" is a good start.

It might be a tall order, it might be the very basic blueprint, but taking the advice of our Head of State certainly couldn't hurt!

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Arts & Local Events

Winterfest provides mid-winter fun in Alliston this February

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Now that the colder weather is here, you can hide indoors, or take advantage of the things that only happen during the winter.

The Town of New Tecumseth is hosting its annual Winterfest at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre (7300 Industrial Pkwy.) to provide a fun day of activities in the outdoors.

This is a free family event that offers plenty to do and see.

The Great Canadian Lumberjack Show features some rough and tough lumberjacks sawing large logs and swinging some big axes.

If you want to see some town equipment, Touch a Truck offers the chance to see the Town's fleet of working vehicles up close.

There will be balloon twisting, Paw Patrol, the Transformers, Elmo, Cookie Monster, and Stitch to entertain children in attendance.

You can head indoors to the arena and enjoy an afternoon of skating.

Winterfest will take place on Saturday, Feb. 1, at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.



WINTER WONDERLAND

– The New Tecumseth Recreation Centre will be hosting the annual Winterfest event on Feb. 1. Last year's winterfest featured lots of activities for families to enjoy, such as train rides, curling demonstrations, an area to practice shooting hockey pucks and marshmallow roasting. This year there will also be plenty to do and see.

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HOT STUFF – Flames roared into the evening during the Annual Twelfth Night Christmas Tree Bonfire held at Riverdale Park in Alliston on Saturday, Jan. 4. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Alliston, the yearly event creates a huge bonfire from discarded Christmas trees. Hundreds of people turned out to watch and enjoy hot chocolate.

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New mobile app allows for easy vaccination reports with health unit

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
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A new mobile app allows parents to conveniently update their child’s immunization records with the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit.

The CANImmunize mobile app is a quick and secure way to report your child’s routine immunizations at any time, right from your phone.

Under Ontario’s Immunization of School Pupils Act, parents are responsible for ensuring their children’s immunization records with public health are up to date. Until now, parents had to go online or call public health each time their child received a vaccine to update this information as most healthcare providers do not report this information to public health.

CANImmunize is a free mobile app

designed to help you safely manage your family’s immunization records in one convenient place.

For families in Simcoe Muskoka, the app allows you to share your records directly with the Health Unit.

When you update your child’s vaccination details in the CANImmunize app, the Health Unit’s records are automatically and securely updated.

The app helps you manage vaccination records for everyone in your family and sends reminders to keep you up to date on routine immunizations and travel vaccines throughout your lifetime.

It also allows access from multiple devices so your records are always available.

First-time users will be prompted to provide consent to share their information with the Health Unit.

County of Simcoe issues statement addressing growth pressure in the region

The following statement was issued by County of Simcoe Warden Basil Clarke:

“The County of Simcoe agrees with certain aspects of the recent Hemson Joint Land Needs Analysis, but some questions and concerns remain about various assumptions and findings in the study. These include some of the study’s conclusions and findings, particularly how they are being interpreted and perceived by some. As many area municipalities are prepared and able to accommodate the growth and employment needs in the region, we remain concerned about the potential impacts on the already planned developments, investments, and designated employment areas across the region, including the provincially recognized employment areas along Highway 400 in proximity to the City of Barrie.

“The study highlights that Barrie’s long-term employment area land supply appears adequate to meet the City’s demand to 2051. In addition, many of the surrounding Townships and Towns have approved employment lands available for investment opportunities. The risk of losing or impacting these existing growth and employment opportunities

which support balanced community growth and vision within the region has the potential for negative consequences. These include the loss of investments and planning already made by area municipalities and their development partners, as well as impacts to area taxpayers.

“Regarding residential land needs, the study does suggest that as a result of the residential development in the city occurring at a lower density than was envisioned in the City’s Official Plan, more land may now be required to accommodate further residential growth than the City of Barrie had previously planned for based on these increased growth projections.

“As we prepare to work together on further considerations and next steps, the County and our partners should continue to evaluate whether accelerated home construction is appropriately achieved by continuing low-density development in our largest urban centre. The best way to achieve ambitious housing targets in larger urban centres is through the development of higher-density, multi-story builds, best suited in our established urban areas. From a planning perspective, all

partners should look objectively at the best locations to grow and consider appropriate built form so our environmental and agricultural resources can best be protected while prudently investing in future needs, and more sustainable infrastructure.

“For many years Simcoe County, its local municipalities, and the separated cities of Barrie and Orillia have worked collaboratively together and succeeded together as a region. In the midst of formal discussion and process with the Province and the Provincial Development Facilitator, we are surprised and frankly disappointed by the last-minute significant request for lands contrary to the findings, as well as the subsequent communications and positioning at this early point in the process without the benefit of collaboration and understanding by the partners and further evaluation by Hemson consulting, the expert retained by all partners to assess such information. It wasn’t that long ago that significant lands in Innisfil, which were provided by the previous Liberal Provincial government without due process or reasonable compensation, were to meet the City’s long-term needs. The County supports all our municipalities and

their plans and abilities to accommodate good growth, including Barrie’s role in the region as a larger urban centre to provide housing. However, history should not repeat itself and good planning and built form must prevail over more urban sprawl.

“Until such time as the outstanding questions and concerns surrounding the Hemson Report’s projections, assumptions and findings, and any individual motivations are further discussed and appropriately resolved through discussion and due process, the County feels it is inappropriate to speculate outcomes based on desire.

“To be clear, we remain committed as always to working with the province and all our municipal partners in the region, including the City of Barrie, to develop good solutions that benefit all our taxpayers while appropriately accommodating growth and infrastructure in the region in a sustainable and prudent manner. We disagree with poor politics or individual agendas driving outcomes. Instead, we look forward to working together towards developing clear and collaborative visions for the future, that benefit all our communities,” the statement concluded.

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SPORTS

NEW TECUMSETH TIMES

Alliston Hornets start the new year with 27th consecutive win

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
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The Alliston Hornets started the new year with their 27th win of the season when they hosted the Innisfil Spartans on the ice at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre on Friday, Jan. 3.

Cole Turcotte and David Harvey scored the opening Alliston goals in the first period.

Jaeden French chipped one into the Innisfil net to make it a 3-0 game with one period remaining.

The Spartans avoided the shut-out when they scored at 41 seconds in the third frame.

With just over a minute remaining in the period, the Spartans scored a second goal to make it a 3-2 game.

They pulled their goaltender and put another attacker on the ice in the bid to tie it up, but they couldn't do it and the Hornets left the ice with a 3-2 win.

While the Hornets played well and took the win, the team didn't seem to be up to their usual highly charged play in this game. They took the lead and seemed satisfied with that.

Alliston head coach Jacob Bauchman said the team didn't play with their usual vigour, likely because they knew they could win the game. Innisfil came to the game as a sixth-place team with a 10-21 record.

"That's a challenge for us this year," Bauchman said. "Whether we play Innisfil or Orillia, we have to make sure we come ready to play the same and not drop down to another team's level."

After a successful first half of the season, Bauchman said the Hornets have to get ready to meet some stronger teams in the playoffs.

"Our biggest focus is making sure we're



STAYING STRONG – The Alliston Hornets host the Innisfil Spartan on the ice at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre on Friday, Jan. 3. The Hornets won the game 3-1 and continue to remain in first place in the North Carruthers division of the Provincial Junior Hockey League. The Hornets are undefeated with a 27-0 record. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**

up and ready for every single game, no matter who we are playing. In the first half of the season, no one has really tested us. Tonight, was the first one goal game we've had all year. The most important thing for the second half of the year is now we ramp

it up for the playoffs and get ready to meet stronger teams. Our division's not that strong. Now we have to get ready for what possibly could be next. We saw a glimpse of it at the All-Star game. We had 13 players go and we played the other side, so we got

a sneak peek of what we're dealing with." The Hornets will be in Stayner on Thursday, Jan. 9. They return to home ice at the NTRC on Friday, Jan. 10, to host the Muskoka Bears. Game time is 7:30 p.m.



LACING THEM UP – The outdoor ice pad at the Tottenham Community Centre is again open after closing for a few days due to warmer weather that brought a temporary thaw to the region. Skaters enjoyed an afternoon on the ice on Friday, Jan. 3. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**



OVERTIME WIN – The Tottenham Railers take on the Niagara Predators on the ice at the Tottenham Community Centre on Saturday, Jan. 4. The Railers left the ice with a 3-2 overtime win. The Tottenham team is in third place in the South Division of the Greater Metro Hockey League with 36 points. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**

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No injuries reported from house fire that ignited with a candle

Members of the Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), New Tecumseth Fire Department and County of Simcoe Paramedic Services responded to a structure fire in Tottenham.

On Jan. 2, shortly before 7:30 p.m.,

Nottawasaga OPP responded to a report of a home on fire in the area of Casserley Crescent in Tottenham.

Upon police officers' arrival, the New Tecumseth Fire Department had already made entry into the home to combat the fire. There was a total of five people home

at the time, and no injuries were reported.

The fire did not spread to the nearby residences and was put out shortly after. The cause of the fire was determined to be a candle that ignited a drape covering a window in the basement. It is not considered to be suspicious.

The roadway near the home was temporarily closed until the fire was put out and re-opened at 9:30 p.m.

The family will be staying with friends in the area temporarily, as there has been severe smoke damage and flooding in the house's basement.

Police seeking suspects following several break and enters on New Year's Eve

Officers from the Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating several incidents of break and enter to businesses in Angus.

On Dec. 31, 2024, shortly before midnight, officers were dispatched to a break and enter in progress at Angus Variety located at 9 Margaret Street in Essa. Suspects fled the scene prior to police arrival.

The preliminary investigation revealed that one unknown suspect believed to be male, approximately 5'10", wearing pale coloured clothes and a dark coloured backpack, approached the store from the Northwest side and smashed the front door with a hammer. The suspect entered the store and stole a cash register with approximately \$500 in it.

The OPP K9 unit was deployed to the area but was unsuccessful in locating the suspect.

Investigations are still ongoing and it is believed that this suspect may be involved in several other break and enters that occurred in the area in the early morning of that same date.

Police are encouraging residents to review their camera footage or dashcam for any suspicious activity that may be helpful in this investigation between 10 p.m. and midnight on Dec. 31, 2024.

Shortly before 4 a.m. on Dec. 31, another break and enter took place.

Officers were dispatched to a break and enter in progress at the Ultramar gas station and Uplift Cannabis store at 165 Mill Street in Essa. Suspects fled the scene prior

to police

The preliminary investigation revealed that two unknown suspects believed to be two males, attended the address and smashed both front doors. The two suspects were then seen by a nearby witness smashing the door of the nail salon "Yes Nails" located at 223 Mill Street. At this time the OPP K9 unit was deployed to the area but was unsuccessful in locating the suspects.

Upon further investigation it was determined that the Napa Autopro, located at 209 Mill Street, had been broken into as well.

Video footage obtained shows descriptions of two suspects:

- Suspect 1 is described as male, wearing a grey hood, black jacket, blue jeans, black Nike shoes, holding a red backpack.

- Suspect 2 is described as a male with a grey hood, olive jacket, holding a backpack.

Investigations are still ongoing and it is unknown at this time if anything was stolen. Police are encouraging residents to review their camera footage or dash cam for any suspicious activity that may be helpful in this investigation between 3 a.m. and 5 a.m., on Dec. 31, 2024.

If you have any information in relation to this incident, please contact the Nottawasaga OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.crimestoppersdm.com.

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Stop means stop: Driver blows stop sign, evades police, faces several charges

The Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged an Alliston resident with several driving related offences and criminal offences.

On Jan. 1, 2025, shortly after 5 p.m., Nottawasaga OPP attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a passenger vehicle that failed to stop at a stop sign in the area of Arnold Crescent in Alliston. The driver then fled on foot into a residence in the area, and was located

upon a knock at the door. The driver was confirmed to be under suspension and arrested as a result for driving while under suspension.

As of a result of the investigation the driver, Kwabena Kobia-Boaten, 25, of Alliston, was charged with:

- Obstruct Peace Officer
- Unlawfully in Dwelling House
- Drive vehicle or boat with cannabis readily available

- Fail to surrender permit for motor vehicle
- Fail to surrender insurance card
- Driving while under suspension
- Disobey stop sign - fail to stop

In addition to the charges, the vehicle was impounded for seven days.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice located in Bradford on Feb. 2, 2025, to answer to the charges.

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

If you have any information regarding a criminal offence please contact the OPP or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or you can submit your information online at ontariocrimestoppers.ca.

Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to call display, and you will remain anonymous.

One vehicle stolen, attempt made on two others

The Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a theft and two attempted thefts of newer model Toyota Tundras on Jan. 5.

At approximately 8: a.m., Nottawasaga OPP officers responded to a report of a stolen White 2023 Toyota Tundra, ON marker "BV26343" from a residence on Sutcliffe Way the Town of New Tecumseth.

The victim reported that video footage from the home shows a dark-coloured sedan was observed passing the residence southbound, and shortly after, it was seen again passing the driveway northbound at a very slow speed. The vehicle then stopped, and two occupants exited the vehicle. The vehicle was taken sometime around 12:30 a.m.

Shortly after, on that same day, officers responded to a residence on Atkinson Crescent and Patterson Street in New Tecumseth where a white 2024 Toyota Tundra and black 2025 Toyota Tundra were damaged during an apparent attempt at theft overnight.

Video footage shows the same dark-coloured sedan from the first theft in front of both residences where the two attempts took place and are looking for the public's assistance.

If you have any information or video surveillance footage in this area in relation to this theft and attempted theft, please call the Nottawasaga OPP Detachment at 1-888-310-1122 (Report RM24000256).



Police searching for Alliston LCBO shoplifting suspect after back-to-back incidents

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 an individual involved.

On Jan. 3, Nottawasaga OPP responded to a shoplift incident at a LCBO located at 22 Dunham Drive in Alliston shortly before 8 p.m. A male was seen entering the store through the front entrance and after roaming around the store for several minutes, went to the back storage area picking up several cases of liquor, exited the back door, loading the boxes into a dark

coloured passenger vehicle. The male was last seen getting into the passenger side and fleeing the store.

The individual is described as a South East Asian male, approximately 5' 10", 200 pounds, heavy build, wearing a black baseball cap, black puffer jacket, blue jeans, white sneakers, and has a full facial beard.

The items taken are as followed:

- One case Hennessy, 375 mL x 12 bottles. Value of \$492.70.
- Laphroaig, 750 mL x 6 bottles. Value of \$599.70.

• Glenfiddich, 750 mL x 6 bottles. Value \$1259.70.

All of the stolen items account for a total loss of \$2351.40.

Shortly after the shoplifting incident, Officers received another call for service at a LCBO located at 36 Young Street in Alliston. The store employees had already been made aware of the incident at the other LCBO location when the male entered the store. The male asked the employee for Casamigos Tequila at which time he was asked to leave the store, during this time the employee contacted the

Nottawasaga OPP immediately and the male was seen leaving in a black dodge charger.

Officers are looking to identify this individual.

If you know this individual, please call 1-888-310-1122 (reference number E250011440). You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or www.crimestoppersdm.com. When you contact Crime Stoppers you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

Essa man faces several drug related charges, cocaine, cash, weapons seized after investigation

As a result of an ongoing police investigation, members of the Nottawasaga Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) from the Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police have made an arrest in relation to several drug-related offences in Essa.

In late 2024 Nottawasaga CSCU initiated a drug trafficking investigation after receiving information regarding a male trafficking drugs Angus.

On Jan. 3, officers observed the accused conduct multiple drug transactions in Essa. As a result, officers conducted a traffic stop

arresting the accused on County Road 10.

Nottawasaga CSCU officers then conducted a subsequent search of the accused and his vehicle, locating and seizing the following items:

A functioning Conducted Energy Weapon (CEW), 12 grams cocaine (Valued at approximately \$1200), \$1550 cash, a baseball bat, three scales, packaging used to package drugs and drug paraphernalia.

Officers have arrested and charged the following male contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada, The Controlled Drug and Sub-

stances Act and The Highway Traffic Act.

Wayne Harris, 62, of Essa, was charged with:

- Possession of a Schedule 1 Substance for the Purpose of Trafficking - Cocaine
- Trafficking in Schedule I substance- Cocaine
- Possession of a Prohibited or Restricted Weapon at Unauthorized Place
- Possession of a Weapon for Dangerous Purpose
- Possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime under \$5000 - in Canada

- Fail to notify change of address
- No clear view of front
- Operate unsafe vehicle
- Operate a motor vehicle without insurance
- Drive motor vehicle, fail to display two plates
- Drive with improper headlights

The accused was held for a bail hearing and appeared before the Ontario Court of Justice on Jan. 6.

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

Impaired driving charges laid against Alliston man while Nottawasaga OPP conducting traffic stop

The Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged an Alliston resident for driving while impaired in the Town of New Tecumseth.

On Dec. 22, just before 4 a.m., a Nottawasaga OPP officer was conducting general patrols on 8th Avenue, when the offi-

cer observed a passenger vehicle with an obstructed plate.

The officer conducted a traffic stop and as of a result of the investigation, Omar Michael, 30, of Alliston, was charge with:

- Adult Operation while Impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Operation while impaired - blood alco-

hol concentration (80 plus)

- Obstruct plate
- Fail to surrender permit for motor vehicle
- Fail to surrender insurance card

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 January 16, 2025, to answer to the charges.

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

OPP searching for Jeep stolen in New Tecumseth

The Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is investigating the theft of a 2023 Jeep Gladiator, ON marker "BW85784."

At approximately 4 a.m., Nottawasaga OPP officers responded to a report of a stolen vehicle from a residence on Kerr Boulevard in New Tecumseth. The victim reported that video footage from the home shows the vehicle was taken around 1 a.m. The stolen vehicle is a Grey 2023 Jeep

If you have any information or video surveillance footage in relation to this theft, please call the Nottawasaga OPP Detachment at 1-888-310-1122 (Report #E250019953).

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Ruth Ann Allen
(née Rodgers)
Nov. 15, 1940 – Jan. 2, 2025

Passed away peacefully with family members by her side on Thursday, January 2, 2025 at Matthews House Hospice, Alliston.

Beloved wife of 64 years to Jim Allen. Loved mother of Debra Janssen (Mikel) and David Allen (Mary Andrews). Loving nanny of Kim (Mike), Leanna, Nina, Max (Kiara), Joshua (Victoria), Steven (Amy), Jake, Ava (Blake), Chloe (Masaki), Sasha (Ben) and her great grandchildren Wesley, Lincoln, Freyja, Abel, Teo and Lillian. Ruth was predeceased by her parents Kaye and Harry Rodgers and is survived by sisters Beverly, Millie, Donna and predeceased by Bernice, Barbara and Jean. She will be fondly remembered by her nieces, nephews and many friends.

A Celebration of her life will be held at Drury Funeral Centre 519 Victoria St. E., Alliston on Sunday, January 12, 2025 with visiting from 1 p.m. until time of service at 2 p.m. Reception to follow. In lieu of flowers memorial donations to Matthews House Hospice would be appreciated.

A sincere "THANK YOU" to all the Homecare Doctors, Nurses, P.S.W.s and the Matthews House Team for all your help during Ruth's courageous & difficult battle with COPD.

Gwendolyn Elizabeth Gagnon
(née Wray)
1926-2024

Born in Beeton to parents George Brown and Belva Julia (née: Satermo), Gwen was a longtime school teacher with the Toronto Board of Education.

She was known for her love of gardening, music, ballroom dancing and playing bridge.

Predeceased by her brothers RJ, Jimmy, and Paul. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends and the numerous birds, squirrels and chipmunks in her backyard.

Cremation has taken place. The family received friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham 905-936-3477 on Friday, January 3, 2024 from 10:30am until the time of Funeral Service in the chapel at 11am. Reception followed in the funeral home's Cliffside Hall. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Beeton by sending a cheque directly to the church: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Box 164, Beeton, Ont. L0G 1A0 or via e-transfer to standrewsbeeton@outlook.com or to your favourite animal charity.

Online condolences and memories may be left for the family at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com.

Weston: William Lawrence "Bill"

Peacefully at his home in Tottenham with the love of his family by his side on January 3, 2025. Bill Weston at the age of 78 years, beloved husband of Sandra Weston (née: Kenny). Loving father of Richard (Lara Neumann), Ryan (Daniel Bourré), and Allison Heitzner (Darcy). Dear grandfather of Elijah and Joseph. Sadly missed by his sister Lynn Weston (Frank Lucente) and predeceased by his brother John Weston. Forever in the hearts of his extended family and friends. Bill was an avid newspaper reader, crossword puzzler, and beer drinker who didn't say much but was always listening.

Cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Bill's Life will be held at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham 905-936-3477 on Saturday, January 11, 2025 from 1-4pm, with spoken Words of Remembrance at 2:30pm. For those who wish, donations in Bill's memory to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com.

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Pendergast: Paul Joseph

Peacefully at Matthews House Hospice, Alliston, on December 28, 2024, after a brief, but fierce fight with cancer. Paul, aged 79, was the beloved son of the late William "Bill" and Mary Ann "Mae" Pendergast. Loving brother of Jim Pendergast (Anne), the late John Pendergast, and Margaret Rowland (the late Fred). Dear uncle to Kathy, Rob (Tricia), Lesley (Michael Naft), Elena (Miguel Ebrahimi), Laura (Sherif Attia), Julie, Tom, and Mary. Forever in the hearts of his extended family and many friends. Paul was lovingly surrounded by family and friends both in person and in spirit during the last six weeks and delighted in his many visitors.

The family received friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham 905-936-3477 on Monday, January 6, 2025 from 1-4 pm and 6-8 pm. Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. James Church 2118 Adjala-Tecumseth Townline, Colgan, on Tuesday January 7, 2025 at 11:00am. Interment was held in St. James Cemetery Colgan. Reception was held in the funeral home's Cliffside Hall.

Paul requested that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Matthews House Hospice in Alliston or the Canadian Cancer Society. Online condolences and memories may be left for the family at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com.



Gloria Mildred Love

The family of Gloria Mildred Love, née Campbell, is saddened to announce her passing at Bradford Valley Care Community in her 99th year. She died peacefully on January 1st, 2025 after a long struggle with Dementia.

Gloria will be deeply missed by her 8 children, Paul (Angela), Vivian (John), Glenn, Brian (Christine), Leslie (Pauline), Jean (Keith), Janice (Cam), and Heather (Robert), her 17 grandchildren and her 13 great grandchildren. Also missed by her surviving sister Shirley Crossley, and brothers-in-law, Mac and Laverne Love and their families.

Gloria was predeceased by her beloved Raymond, her parents, Earl and Hazel Campbell and her three sisters, Clara McDaniel, Earlene King and Geraldine Bandow.

Gloria had a long full life and lived almost 80 years on Jane Street in King Twp. before moving to Schomberg and then to Bradford. A long-time faithful member of King City United Church where she was Christened as an infant and married in 1949. President, and also Secretary of the UCW and she was on several Church Committees. She has been a Sunday School teacher and a leader of Guides and Brownies.


Gloria will be remembered for her love of tradition and interest in the family history. Later in life, Gloria enjoyed painting and was enthusiastic about her artwork.

Thank you for the wonderful care and support at Bradford Valley Care Community, Country House.

Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to the UCW of King City United Church.

Visitation will be held at MARSHALL FUNERAL HOME, 10366 Yonge Street in Richmond Hill on January 12th, 2025 at noon and service at 1 p.m., followed by interment at King City Cemetery at a later date.

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