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## Alliston Hornets Give Back

The Alliston Hornets held a ceremonial puck drop prior to their home game against the Muskoka Bears on Friday, Jan. 10. The Hornets made a \$2,000 donation to Ronald McDonald House. Kristina and Lincoln drop the puck with Thomas McKinnon representing the local McDonalds. Alliston Hornets captain Cole Turcotte and Muskoka Bears captain, Aiden MacDonald, take the ceremonial face-off.

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# Stevenson Memorial Hospital introduces Community Advisory Council

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Stevenson Memorial Hospital (SMH) has announced it is introducing a new Community Advisory Council (CAC).

This will be a group of 12 community members who will work closely with SMH's ministry-appointed supervisor, Eric Hanna.

Following recommendations contained in the recently completed investigation of the hospital, Hanna will collaborate with the new council to ensure a shared vision for the future that both supports the hospital and the needs of the community.

The council will cover topics such as strengthening governance to support collaboration, community engagement and communications plan, and insight into the

strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats facing the hospital. The council will provide advice to the supervisor surrounding the implementation of new collaboration efforts.

"The strength of the Council is derived from its diverse group of individuals who have volunteered to provide advice charting the future direction of SMH," noted Hanna. "The Council has representation from the service area of SMH and is comprised of patients, healthcare professionals, new residents to the community and long-time residents all with a differing perspective, which helps to explore opportunities in an unbiased manner."

Council members will support the supervisor by keeping community perspectives at the forefront along with key healthcare initiatives.

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Sylvia Biffis, CAC member

"As a lifelong resident, I felt it was imperative to join the CAC to ensure that the growing needs of our community are aligned with the future healthcare and redevelopment of SMH," said Sylvia Biffis, CAC member. "Quality care and access to

services is what our community deserves, and each consideration of improvement or change is paramount to the future success of SMH."

John Nzioka, a CAC member said, "The New Tecumseth community is at a turning point in terms of population growth and business opportunities. I joined the CAC to lend my voice and experience in helping to transform SMH because I believe it's important that the health services in our community can grow to meet current and future demands as well as reflect our changing population needs."

Community Advisory Council members include: John Nzioka, Kirsten Buligan, Margaret Bachle, Richard Norcross, Sylvia Biffis, Kaitlyn Cosgrove, David Sadleir, John Pappain, Jeffrey Verheyen, Brian Snell, Jocelyn Cox and Bill Blendick.

# Suspension possible for elementary students without proper vaccination records

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
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As residents deal with waste from the holidayThe Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is urging parents of children in Grades 4, 5 and 6 to provide up-to-date immunization records or submit a medical exemption form or affidavit to the Health Unit before Feb. 4, 2025 to avoid suspension from school.

Under the Immunization of School Pupils Act, public health units are required to maintain vaccination records for every student attending school and enforce suspension for incomplete vaccine information.

Currently, there are 5,000 outstanding immunization records for students in Grades 4, 5 and 6 across Simcoe Muskoka.

Having up-to-date records allows the health unit to respond more effectively to prevent and control disease outbreaks.

Since January 2024, the Health Unit has been working with families to update student vaccinations and offer 'catch-up' opportunities. Immunization clinics have been held at health unit offices across the region and in schools.

Families with children whose vaccination records are not up to date received an initial letter from the health unit between January and February 2024, followed by a second letter in June. In addition, several catch-up clinics were organized over the summer to support families.

"There are serious health risks associated with infection from vaccine-preventable dis-

eases, both to students and members of the community," said Dr. Colin Lee, associate medical officer of health at SMDHU. "We recommend that students, and their parents and guardians who haven't done so, take immediate action to update their vaccination records with the health unit before the Feb. 4 deadline. Having up-to-date immunizations provide students with the best protection and will avoid potential school suspension."

Families who do not have a healthcare provider can book an immunization appointment at one of the health unit offices in Bar-

rie, Collingwood, Cookstown, Gravenhurst, Huntsville, Midland or Orillia.

If students have received vaccines through their healthcare provider, they need to report this information to the health unit.

Children and youth enrolled in school in Ontario must have proof of immunization against tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, varicella (for those born in 2010 and after), and meningococcal disease unless there is a valid exemption.

Hepatitis B and HPV vaccines are strongly recommended but not required.

# Woman wins \$1 million in LOTTO MAX draw

Rejeanne Carrier of Bradford won a \$1 million MAXMILLIONS prize in the November 22, 2024 LOTTO MAX draw.

Rejeanne, a retiree, has been playing the lottery with OLG for 20 years. She likes to play LOTTO MAX and LOTTO 6/49, choosing her own numbers and always saying 'yes' to ENCORE. Rejeanne is thrilled to share the news of her first big win and the excitement of becoming a millionaire.

"I went out to get groceries and decided to use the ticket checker to see how I did on my LOTTO MAX ticket. I saw the 'Big Winner' message and thought I'd won \$1,000. I checked my ticket a few more times and was happy with my prize," Rejeanne recalled, while visiting the OLG Prize Centre in Toronto to claim her windfall.

"The store clerk took notice and came over. When I told her I'd won \$1,000, she pointed out all the zeros I had missed and said, 'You won \$1 million!' My legs felt weak as I shook with excitement. It was

unbelievable!"

Rejeanne was quick to call her family to share the incredible news.

"I was crying tears of joy," she said. "After their initial reactions of disbelief, everyone was so happy for me and reassured me that everything would be okay."

"This win feels real now that I'm here at the OLG Prize Centre," she smiled. "I feel relaxed, thrilled, and so grateful for this prize."

"I'll share this win with my children, whom I love so much! The rest of it is for me," Rejeanne laughed. "I plan to celebrate with my husband by taking a trip and enjoying a fun adventure together."

LOTTO MAX players in Ontario have won over \$8.9 billion since 2009, including 111 jackpot wins and 937 MAXMILLIONS prizes, right across the province.

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# 2025 Tourism, Culture, and Sport Enhancement fund accepting applications

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
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The County of Simcoe is now accepting applications for its 2025 Tourism, Culture, and Sport Enhancement Fund.

County Council has allocated \$400,000 to help fund projects or experiences that will benefit regional tourism, culture and sport.

The funds will support and enhance these areas by investing in initiatives that promote awareness, access, participation, and appreciation of the diverse tourism, culture, and sports offerings in the County.

It will also encourage industry collaboration and partnerships, enhance the visitor experience by supporting innovative and accessible programming, and contribute to the County of Simcoe's overall economic health and sense of place.

"The County of Simcoe remains committed to strengthening our local community and economy by investing in businesses and organizations that highlight the wide array of tourism, cultural, and sports

opportunities available throughout our region," said Warden Basil Clarke. "Simcoe County has a deep-rooted connection with our tourism industry, and through Tourism Simcoe County, we are proud to continue supporting the growth and success of this sector."

Funding is available for marketing, trails, cycling infrastructure, public art and beautification, sports tourism, workforce development, and research and signage. Each category is eligible for up to \$20,000 in funding.

Interested parties are asked to submit their application by Friday, Feb. 14, 2025.

All applications will be reviewed by the County of Simcoe's Grant Task Force, consisting of appointed County Councilors, with support from County staff.

The funding will be divided among successful applicants based on program requirements, objectives, and overall benefit to the entire region.

Details and application guidelines can be found online at: [experience.simcoe.ca/partner-resources](http://experience.simcoe.ca/partner-resources).



**STIMULATING TOURISM** – The Tottenham Bluegrass Festival is one of many signature events in Simcoe County that helps promote tourism. The event takes place each summer at the Tottenham Conservation Area (6787 4th Line, Tottenham). **FILE PHOTO**

# Third annual volunteer Fair provides opportunities to be part of the community

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

If you ever wondered how you can help make New Tecumseth a better place to live by volunteering your services and skills, the

Rotary Club of Alliston will be hosting its third annual Volunteer Fair to connect individuals with local community organizations.

All the charities and community organizations serving New Tecumseth do wonderful work meeting the needs of families, the

disabled, the homeless, the hungry, and the unemployed. There is a not-for-profit organization ready to support pretty much anyone in the community who needs help.

However, these organizations can't do their valuable work without volunteers.

If you would like to make a difference in the community, you can attend the Volunteer Fair and learn how you can play a vital role in making New Tecumseth a great place to live.

Many of the leading charities and community organizations in New Tecumseth will be

at the fair and will share their story, as well as explain the ways you can help one or more of them. You can see which organization would be right for you.

You can find the perfect match for the skills, interests, and commitment you can bring to the table.

The Volunteer Fair will take place on Saturday, Feb. 8 in the upstairs meeting room of the Alliston Memorial Arena on Nelson Street in Alliston.

The event is free to attend and will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



**MAKE A DIFFERENCE** – The Rotary Club of Alliston will be hosting its Third Annual Volunteer Fair at Alliston Memorial Arena on Feb. 8. This is an opportunity for local residents to learn about volunteer opportunities in the community and find an organization that will be a good fit for them. Many of the leading charity and community organizations will be at the event and explain how residents can volunteer and make a difference in their community. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

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# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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~ Stanislaw Jerzy Lec

## Get the needle

As part of my work, I do a lot of research.

Some of that research is about local history. As such, I have spent considerable time at the sites of ghost towns, pioneer cemeteries, and abandoned or former churches in the region.

There is a small pioneer cemetery in Mono that hasn't been used in years, however, it is well-maintained and preserves the memory of those interred there.

There is one monument in particular that is rather sad. Five children in one family all died within a month of each other. They range in age from a toddler to a 14-year-old.

The obvious answer as to why five children in the same family would die in a short period is an epidemic of some kind.

The year was 1889, so there are several diseases that could have gone through the area. It could have been scarlet fever, cholera, the flu, typhus, diphtheria, or yellow fever.

At the time, little could be done to cure those afflicted by such diseases.

The idea of preventing illness by deliberately exposing a person to the disease in a small way has been around for centuries.

It wasn't until the late 1700's, that Dr. Edward Jenner created the world's

first vaccine. He realized that milkmaids who developed cowpox sores, were immune to smallpox.

Dr. Jenner reasoned that by contracting cowpox, a much milder form of the disease, their bodies created an immunity to smallpox.

He tested his theory by doing what any mad scientist would do, and convinced an 8 year-old neighbour boy, and presumably the boy's parents, to become his test subject.

It worked. Dr. Jenner had created the world's first usable and workable vaccine.

In 1980, the World Health Organization certified that smallpox had been eradicated globally.

Vaccination works - there is scientific proof.

At one time in North America, polio was a fairly common disease. Some people recovered, some developed life-long disabilities, and some died.

However, due to vaccinations, the Americas were declared polio-free in 1994.

Vaccination uses a simple but effective technique to protect you from contracting a disease.

By introducing dead or weakened forms of infections, your body will naturally react by creating antibodies to fight the invasive virus or bacteria.

If you do get the real virus or bacteria later, your body will remember the invader and know how to fight it, thus saving you from getting sick.

Have you ever been in a situation where a person with a raging cold shows up at work or some other event? Everyone around them will become uncomfortable knowing there is a risk they could catch that cold and experience their own week of sniffing, coughing, fever, misery.

While there is no vaccine for the common cold, a cold is not fatal.

Some people avoid vaccines for diseases that could be fatal. It makes no sense to avoid a person with a cold, but not have the foresight to receive a vaccination that could possibly save your life.

Disease in congregate settings has resulted in the deaths of millions of people as the disease can spread quickly through a town.

Schools are hotbeds of germs. There are several hundred, or possibly several thousand germy students showing up every day. A disease outbreak in a school can be a disaster.

That's why every jurisdiction in North America takes the advice of local health units and insists students be vaccinated for several common diseases.

The COVID pandemic delayed many

students from getting their regular immunizations and health units are trying to get everyone back on track.

A student who is not immunized may face a suspension from school.

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit has reported that there are currently 5,000 students in Grades 4, 5 and 6 who do not have complete immunization records in that region.

While this means that records have not been updated, it doesn't necessarily mean most of those kids haven't been vaccinated.

However, it indicates that many of them are missing the required vaccinations and are now posing health risks to themselves and other students.

It is a risk for children who are not vaccinated and run the risk of contracting a disease.

Some people insist there is a danger in having kids vaccinated.

However, the science does not agree with this.

What would you consider more dangerous – getting vaccinated or contracting the plague?

Those vaccinations, if available, would have likely saved five pioneer children from early deaths.

**BRIAN LOCKHART**  
FROM THE SECOND ROW



## A culture of excellence

Our last CAO, Doug Hevenor, retired in December, and I am honoured that the NVCA Board of Directors appointed me as interim CAO until a new leader comes on board.

I want to take this time to share how I intend to approach this new role.

The Nottawasaga Watershed is growing at an unprecedented pace. We must continue to work with our municipalities, funders, landowners, volunteers and community groups to keep our watershed safe, healthy and beautiful.

In 2024, our team restored rivers

and grasslands, created wetlands, and planted forests. Their dedication made our conservation areas safer and more enjoyable. They started new initiatives, such as assessing whether our development and wetland policies are working, as well as establishing a climate change monitoring strategy for the watershed. Our team connected students with nature and helped them understand water quality issues and Indigenous communities.

The watershed is safer because of our team. They implemented new provincial regulations (including permitting timelines and plan review changes) to protect against natural hazards such as flooding and erosion. Our drinking water is clean and safe thanks to their hard work.

Though my tenure as interim CAO will only be a few months, I intend to lead the team to embrace our culture of excellence and continuous improvement by striving

for better customer service and continuing to reduce our plan-review timelines. In the coming months, we must build a foundation of trust and collaboration with our municipalities and partners and be an organization that they can trust and rely upon.

As we approach our Annual General Meeting later this month, I know 2025 will be a transformative year for NVCA, and I am pleased to start it off with the support of the Board of Directors and a fantastic and dedicated team. As the new CAO comes on board, I am committed to a seamless transition to continue this transformation.

During this time, I look forward to working with our partners to find solutions, improve customer service and explore new ways to exceed expectations.

**SHERYL FLANNAGAN**  
WATCHING OVER THE WATERSHED



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# Wisdom – and perspective – that comes with age

They were – and are – called The Greatest Generation.

Not all that long ago, they were members of our family, maybe a neighbour, a family friend, a fellow community member. Some might still be, but time is not always kind.

I suspect the mantle of “Greatest Generation” is probably something they wore with a bit of reluctance, but it’s not unwarranted. The Greatest Generation, of course, is a term that has been used to describe the demographic that was not only able to weather the storm of the Great Depression but also take up arms for King & Country to preserve our way of life.

While the term was first used in the dying days of the Korean War, it was popularized as the millennium approached when US journalist Tom Brokaw, like so many, was assessing the century that was as we looked ahead to a new one.

While the term may have been worn reluctantly by some of our elder veterans – perhaps in a similar way that veterans of more recent conflicts often bristle at suggestions they are “veterans” as it’s so often a term associated with our forebears – it’s not without merit.

In recent years, I’ve often teased a pundit friend of mine over their political prognostications. Of a similar age as me, they grew up in a particularly colourful era of Canadian politics, as far as characters are con-

cerned, and they left a lasting impression. These early impressions sometimes give seasoned and returning politicians a bit of a leg up in their own personal predictions, for better or worse.

As so-called “elder millennials,” we grew up in what was, in our estimation, a Golden Age when it came to Canadian political satire. Look at what such national institutions as “This Hour Has 22 Minutes” and “The Royal Canadian Air Farce” had to work with. We had a positive pantheon of political leaders who either had interesting and varied accents, unique speech rhythms, and homespun sayings that gave humourists plenty to work with.

Still more public figures branded themselves in individual sartorial choices – from stiletto boots to “granny” sweaters – and ways of getting around, like a tandem bicycle... Stockwell Day’s jet ski notwithstanding.

And, in these cases, they were more than happy to send up their image because they knew what they stood for, what they represented, and why they were there.

Whether they were effective in their jobs – well, that was a decision for voters, but whether you agreed with them or not, they were generally accepted as well-meaning stand-up characters who put themselves forward to make a difference. And therein lies the key: character.

Character of this particular generation –

give or take a few years – were brought into sharp focus for me last week by two very different men for two very different reasons: when world leaders came together to pay tribute to the legacy of US President Jimmy Carter, who died earlier this month at the age of 100, and the bold return of Jean Chretien (admittedly a man who is two to four years younger than the Greatest Generation, according to whoever is the arbiter of such things) to our public discourse.

In the case of President Carter, it was a reminder of what a life well lived can truly accomplish. In the case of the former Prime Minister, it was a matter of using the time still allotted to him to give us a kick in the proverbial pants to stay vigilant, engaged, and be the people our country needs in this challenging time, whether or not we’re in positions to lead.

In a show of the elder generation’s ability to lay down political differences and instead bond over commonalities, I was struck by the eulogy for Carter penned by his predecessor Gerald Ford, which was read posthumously by his son at his state funeral.

“According to a map, it’s a long way between Grand Rapids, Michigan and Plains, Georgia. But distances have a way of vanishing when measured in values rather than miles, and it was because of our shared values that Jimmy and I respected each other as adversaries even before we cherished one another as dear friends,” wrote Ford. “Now this is not to say that Jimmy never got under my skin, but has there ever been a group of politicians that didn’t do that to one another during our 1976 contest. Jimmy knew my political vulnerabilities, and he successfully pointed them out. Now I didn’t like it, but little could I know that the outcome of that 1976 election would bring about one of my deepest and most enduring friendships.”

A few days later, the idea of finding common ground with your political foe, was underscored once again by Chretien, whose open letter to The Globe and Mail, among other outlets, was, he said, a gift to himself

for his 91st birthday in response to the US President-Elect’s continued rhetoric of making Canada the latest state of the Union.

“I can tell you that Canadians value their independence. We love our country. We have built something here that is the envy of the world—in compassion, in understanding, in tolerance, in finding a way for people of different backgrounds and beliefs to live together in harmony.

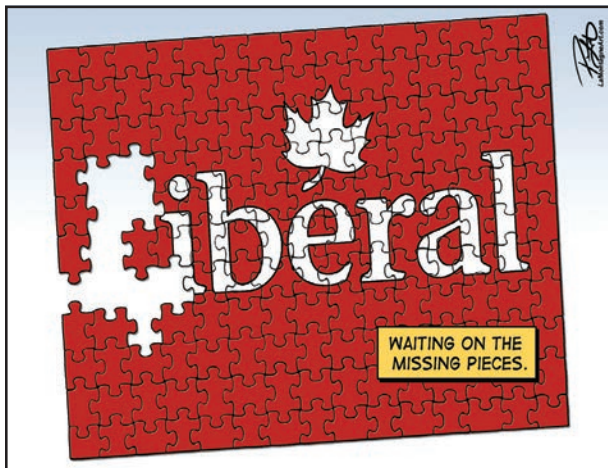
We have also built a strong social safety net – including public health care – of which we are very proud. It is not perfect, but it is based on the principle that the most vulnerable among us must be protected. This may not be the ‘American way’ or the ‘Trump way.’ But it is the reality I have witnessed and experienced throughout my long life.

“The challenge is not to wait in fear for Donald Trump’s next move, but to build a country and an international community capable of resisting him. Canadians know me. They know that I am optimistic. That I am practical. And that I always speak my mind. I have made my share of mistakes over the course of my long career, but I have never for a moment doubted the decency of my fellow Canadians—or my political opponents. The current – and future – generation of political leaders should remember that they are not each other’s enemies, but adversaries. No one has ever enjoyed the harshness of the political arena as much as I have. But I have always understood that each of us is trying to make a positive contribution to making our community and our country a better place. This spirit is more important than ever as we take on this new challenge. They should keep this in mind.”

Indeed, they should. They’ve walked the walk, they’ve played the game, and they’ve led by example – informed by their long, long-life experiences.

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**CLUES ACROSS**

- This regulates cortisol production (abbr.)
- People of northern Vietnam
- Employee stock ownership plan
- Regions
- The center of a city
- Hindu serpentine deity
- Roared
- Sun up in New York
- “Sir” in Malaysian
- Shrimp dish
- Muckraker Tarbell
- Apex
- Harmonic effects
- One of Babe Ruth’s nicknames
- Groups in organic chemistry
- More pleasant-tasting

- Spring forward
- Noted writer
- Building occupied by monks
- “The world’s most famous arena”
- Colorless liquid hydrocarbon
- Long or fast speech
- Things you can eat
- Substance in which magnetic moments are not aligned
- Actor Idris
- I (German)
- Taxes
- Indonesian island
- Nuisance (slang)
- Shawl
- Digits
- Moved on foot quickly
- “For goodness \_\_”
- Facial body part
- Russian river
- Urinates

**CLUES DOWN**

- Partner to “oohs”
- Scaly water dweller
- Pueblo people of New Mexico
- Music producer Teo
- Greek mythological goddess
- Got together to discuss
- Acquires
- Involve
- Some are tomato-based
- Old Irish alphabets
- A sheet of glass in a window or door
- Blood poisoning
- A moon of Saturn
- Neither
- Sums
- They follow “A”
- Satisfaction
- People of southeastern Burma
- Small amount

- Guy (slang)
- Sound unit
- Midway between northeast and east
- Affirmative
- Almost at the top
- Extremely slow
- Pearl Jam’s debut album
- Influential mid-century playwright
- Martens
- Approval
- Dallas-adjacent Texas city
- African nation
- Dark brown or black
- A place to get caught
- Large-headed, elongated fish
- Type of sword
- Scottish tax or levy

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

# Provincial program offers rebates for energy efficient home renovations

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Ontario government is launching new energy efficiency programs, including the Home Renovation Savings Program, that may help families and businesses in Simcoe-Grey save money.

The programs are part of a new \$10.9 billion, 12-year investment in energy efficiency.

“These new Energy Efficiency Programs that all residents in our riding have access to will lower energy bills, put more megawatts into Ontario’s energy grid, and ultimately put more money back into your pockets,” said Brian Saunderson, Member of Provincial Parliament for Simcoe-Grey. “While the previous Liberal government skyrocketed energy prices, our government is taking a different approach that puts affordability at the forefront.”

The new Home Renovation Savings Program will launch on Jan. 28 and offer rebates of up to 30 per cent for home energy efficiency renovations and improvements, including new windows, doors, insulation, air sealing, smart thermostats, and heat pumps, as well as rooftop solar panels and battery storage systems for people who want to generate and store energy at home.

Later in 2025, the program will expand to include rebates for energy-efficient appliances, including refrigerators and freezers.

“As the demand for electricity continues to rise, we’re giving families and small

businesses more ways to save money and energy as we launch the largest energy efficiency program in Canadian history,” said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Electrification.

“Ontario’s new Home Renovation Savings Program will put more money back into the residents of Simcoe-Grey covering up to 30 per cent of the costs on energy efficiency products. We will expand this program again in 2025, including rebates for energy efficient appliances, to further reduce energy bills and demand on the grid.”

The government’s Affordable Energy Act, which came into force on Dec. 4, 2024, ensures the new Home Renovation Savings Program, and other program offerings, will be expanded to homeowners who heat their homes with propane and oil, instead of being restricted to those who heat with electricity, as it was under previous governments.

The province is also expanding the popular Peak Perks program with a new program specifically targeted to small businesses, including convenience stores and restaurants. Businesses will receive a financial incentive of \$75 upon initial enrollment in the program and \$20 per year for each eligible smart thermostat connected to a central air conditioning system or heat pump unit.

In addition to the two new energy efficiency programs, the province will continue to support 12 Save on Energy pro-



**REBATE RENOVATIONS** – The provincial government has announced up to 30 per cent for home efficiency renovations and improvements. **FILE PHOTO**

grams, including the highly popular Retro Fit Program for business, as well as other programs geared to low-income households, businesses, municipalities, institutions, the agricultural sector, industry and on-reserve First Nation communities.



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**FIVE YEARS STRONG** – Anytime Fitness in Tottenham celebrated its fifth anniversary on Saturday, Jan. 11, as a premium fitness gym in town. The gym opened in Jan. 2020, just before the COVID pandemic, which made the first couple of years a real challenge. However, they persevered through difficult times and are now a thriving local enterprise. Gym owners Phil Meneses and Matt Azevedo are congratulated by New Tecumseth Mayor Richard Norcross, Deputy Mayor Stephanie MacLellan, Ward 8 Councillor Andrea Jacks and Susan Iacoucci, coordinator of the Beeton-Tottenham BIA, during a special anniversary celebration. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**

## Have Your Say: Ward Boundary Review is Underway

The Town of New Tecumseth is embarking on an important journey to ensure fair and effective representation for all its residents. As our community grows, it’s crucial that our ward boundaries reflect these changes. That’s why we’re conducting a ward boundary review to assess and, if necessary, adjust the current boundaries and number of wards. A ward boundary review is a process that evaluates the existing boundaries and the number of wards to ensure they are appropriate. If changes are needed, new boundaries will be proposed to Council for consideration to better represent our community. Changes to ward boundaries could mean re-drawing the lines that divide neighbourhoods, which might affect where you vote and who represents you on Council. It could also alter the population distribution within each ward, ensuring a more balanced representation. Council will also review the role of Deputy Mayor to determine if the position should be elected at large or appointed by Council.

**Get Involved!**  
We want to hear from you! The first phase of engagement, led by an external consultant, is now underway. You can watch an informative video about the project on our website to get a better understanding of the ward boundary review.

Here’s how you can participate:

**Public Meetings**  
Attend one of our public open houses to share your thoughts and ask questions.

- Tuesday, January 28, 1 – 3PM** Tottenham Community & Fitness Centre (Multi-purpose room #1) 139 Queen Street North, Tottenham
- Tuesday, January 28, 6 – 8 PM** Beeton Memorial Arena (Upstairs Hall) 22 Second Street, Beeton
- Wednesday, January 29, 6 – 8 PM** Town Hall (Council Chambers) 24 Tupper Street West, Alliston

**Online Survey**  
Provide your input from the comfort of your home! Your feedback is invaluable and will contribute to a summary report presented to Council. Council will then decide whether to adjust, divide, or maintain the current ward boundaries before the 2026 Municipal Election.

For more details, and to take the survey, visit:  
[newtecumseth.ca/wardboundaryreview](http://newtecumseth.ca/wardboundaryreview)

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# Topple the Tofffee Tower results in \$5,000 donation to SMHF

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation (SMHF) has announced a \$5,000 donation from the Alliston Canadian Tire.

The donation, provided by Brian and Kathy Gibson, will be doubled through the ‘Building Your Stevenson for Tomorrow, Together’ matching gift campaign.

As part of their annual holiday tradition, Canadian Tire Alliston has once again leveraged the success of their festive Tofffee sales.

The ‘Topple the Tofffee Tower’ initiative resulted in the sale of 2,300 boxes of Tofffee over the holiday season.

“We are deeply thankful for the continued support of Canadian Tire Alliston,” said Frank Cerisano, CEO of SMHF. “Their unwavering commitment to our hospital and the community we serve is truly extraordinary. This \$5,000 donation will be a vital role in advancing our efforts to enhance healthcare services for residents across the region.”

Canadian Tire Alliston’s steadfast dedication to making a meaningful difference exemplifies its strong connection to the community.

The Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation thanks Canadian Tire and its loyal customers for their generosity and enduring support.

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE** – Canadian Tire Alliston made a \$5,000 donation to the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation (SMHF) as a result of their successful ‘Topple the Tofffee Tower’ initiative over the holiday season. The donation will be doubled through the ‘Building Your Stevenson for Tomorrow, Together’ matching gift campaign. Presenting a cheque for \$5,000 to SMHF CEO Frank Cerisano (centre) are, from left, Adriano Dalle Rive (general manager of Canadian Tire), Nancy O’Neil of Canadian Tire, Brad O’Neil (associate dealer at Canadian Tire), and representing SMHF is Melody Craggs (director of development and campaign manager) and Dayna Dunn (community and corporate giving officer).

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# Work begins on Mental Health Community Hub for South Simcoe, York Region

BY BROCK WEIR

The zoning is in place, the funds are coming in, and now it’s nose to the grindstone for the Canadian Mental Health Association of York Region and South Simcoe (CMHA-YRSS) in bringing York Region’s first Mental Health Community Hub to fruition.

Set to be located on Yonge Street, directly across the street from York Regional Headquarters in Newmarket, the CMHA-YRSS has begun doing site work on what promises to be a facility that will change the face of local mental healthcare.

“Our goal is to ensure somebody’s first mental health crisis is their last,” says Rebecca Shields, CEO of CMHA-YRSS, of the Hub, which will serve residents ages 12 and up. “This is all about us rolling up our sleeves and thinking of, how do we support people who need to be de-escalated and how do we connect them to the right level of care? That involves two things. It

“This is about profound change. The space itself and the deep consultations and the work that we are doing today, and will continue to do, is to understand, even from different age ranges...”

Rebecca Shields, CEO of CMHA-YRSS

involves designing the space so that it is welcoming to everyone in the Region and we want them to feel safe if they are coming in with their 13-year-old daughter, or they are bringing in their spouse or parents. This is a space for everyone who may be needing some immediate mental health or substance use support, and that space design is on now.”

This work will continue as the organization works with capital planners at Ontar-

io’s Ministry of Health to ensure everything they are working to deliver “meets rigorous standards” of the capital planning process.

“Every dollar counts when it is our taxpayer dollars, so we go through a rigorous process with them around the planning, the costing, and everything we need to do, so that our hope is this spring, when we go to tender and get bids with contractors that it is a competitive bid process, and we can

then start the work this spring and summer and do the renovations.”

Support for the Mental Health Community Hub is not only coming from the Provincial government; Shields says she is grateful for support from the Region, local Police and Paramedic forces, and even area school boards for their input on how this hub can best serve the community.

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# Arts & Local Events

## Upcoming event provides holistic wellness retreat for Valentine's Day

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

An event taking place north of Alliston will give women what they really want for Valentine's Day.

The VenusMood 2025 Women's Day Retreat will provide a day of holistic wellness and connection.

Women age 18 and up, are invited to attend this retreat at the Tiffin Centre for Conservation in Utopia.

Held in a beautiful forest setting, that day is dedicated to sensory immersion, relaxation, and empowerment.

The retreat is named after the Roman goddess of love – Venus – who embodied all things sensory, art, and indulgence. The VenusMood retreat will guide participants through a venusian day of connection, healing, and empowerment.

"The last thing women want for Valentine's Day is a breakfast in bed that they have to clean up," said Dawn Rebel Skinner, retreat organizer and founder of Mood Honey Aromatics. "What most of us want is a guilt-free break, where we can relax, turn inward, and enjoy some serenity and sisterhood. Even women in relationships want

a Galentine's Day, where women support, uplift, laugh with, and enjoy life with one another."

This day retreat features a day of sensory-based wellness activities including sound healing, a Cacao Ceremony, aromatherapy, meditation, art, yoga, chakra dance, a swag bag, and a vegan/allergen-free lunch.

The retreat will be led by a team of inspiring leaders and providers, including keynote speaker Candance Sampson and Allison Rietta who will guide participants through Yoga Nidra and sound healing. Laurin Wolf is hosting the opening cacao ceremony, and Dawn Rebel Skinner is bringing the power of natural scents.

The Sine Baking Co. will provide a gluten-free, vegan, and nut-free lunch and snacks.

The VenusMood 2025 Woman's Day Retreat will take place on Sunday, Feb. 16, at the Tiffin Centre for Conservation in the Grand Room in Utopia, Ont. from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, contact Dawn Skinner by phone at 647-888-8941 or email at moodhoneyltd@gmail.com. Those interested in attending the event can also visit moodhoney.ca for ticket information.



**WOMEN'S RETREAT** – The VenusMood 2025 Women's Day Retreat will provide a day of holistic wellness and connection for women looking to enjoy sensory-based wellness activities.

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## Museum on the Boyne offers fun on PA Day

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

School PA days mean children will be looking for something to do on a day when they don't have to attend school.

If you are looking for something to keep the kids busy and entertained while still learning, Museum on the Boyne in Alliston is offering special PA Day activities on Jan. 24.

Recommended for kids age five and up, this is a way for kids to explore the past in a fun and interactive way.

There will be crafts and games to keep them busy, as well as challenging scavenger hunts. There will also be historical demonstrations where kids can learn how things were done in a long-gone era.

The special PA day will occur on Friday, Jan. 24, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Admission is by donation.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.



**FAMILY FUN** – Museum on the Boyne in Alliston is offering special PA Day activities for kids on Jan. 24.

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# Province assists students ages 15 to 29 starting a summer company

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

As students in Ontario head into the next semester, many are thinking about what to do during the summer break.

While most students work during the summer months to save money for tuition and other education expenses, some have an entrepreneurial spirit and want to open a business of their own.

The Province of Ontario assists students who are opening a summer business.

Through a program called Summer Company, eligible students can receive start-up

money to kick off a new summer business as well as get advice and mentorship from local business leaders, helping to get their business up and running.

Learning how to run a student business provides the opportunity to be your own boss while learning what it takes to manage a business.

You could be eligible for assistance if you go to high school, college, or university, live in Ontario, are a Canadian citizen or permanent resident, and are between the ages of 15 and 29.

If under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must sign the agreement for the appli-

cant.

You must not be working at another job or going to school for more than 12 hours a week during the program.

The maximum award amount is \$3,000. Successful Summer Company applicants get up to \$1,500 up front to help with start-up costs, and up to \$1,500 when the program requirements are completed.

Start dates for companies are usually from May to July and end on Labour Day (Sept. 1). However, you can choose to keep running your summer business while in school.

During the summer program period,

applicants must be prepared to commit a minimum of 280 hours for high school students and a minimum of 420 hours for post-secondary students.

A student can choose to start almost any type of business as long as it is a sole proprietorship or corporation, an independent business venture, (not part of an existing or family business), qualifies as 'self-employed' for income tax purposes, operates in Ontario on a full-time basis, and follows government rules for operating a business.

Students can apply through the province's Small Business Enterprise Centre.

## NVCA warns of possible dangerous conditions

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority has issued a provincial watershed conditions statement about safety in the region.

A recent cold front moving across the province is bringing cold, sub-zero temperatures and sustained winds to southern Ontario with temperatures expected to remain anywhere from -5°C to -15°C.

Frazil ice is currently forming in some areas of Ontario. Frazil ice is a collection of loose, randomly oriented ice crystals that form during the winter in rivers, lakes, and reservoirs where the water is in a turbulent state.

Stream levels and flows are still elevated in areas that experienced warmer temperatures and snow melt and rain. However, the cold snap and forecast cold weather conditions are ideal for the formation of

frazil ice on open water approaching zero degrees.

Lack of ice cover and exposure of the water surface to cold temperatures or wind chills below -18°C can trigger the formation of frazil ice. Frazil ice can accumulate quickly on bridge abutments, piers, and riverbanks.

As a result, water levels can rise quickly upstream of areas susceptible to frazil or anchor ice constrictions and may lead to localized high-water conditions or flooding in vulnerable areas.

The NVCA is urging residents to exercise caution around all bodies of water and are advised to stay away from all watercourses, bridges, culverts, and dams. Alert any children under your care of these dangers and supervise their activities.

The NVCA continues to monitor river and stream conditions and will issue additional messages as conditions warrant.

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## Leading the Way campaign to bring profound change

"When we have engagements from people with diverse ethno-cultural communities, when we have conversations with Police, what does that all look like when we walk through the door? What is the experience? We want to use language like, 'What brought you here?' not triage. We want to understand the nature of the crisis and how do we help, ensuring that we're providing the most evidence-based mental health and substance use support that is truly a client-led experience – what do you need to help resolve the underlying issue of your crisis?" says Shields

"This is about profound change. The space itself and the deep consultations and the work that we are doing today, and will continue to do, is to understand, even from different age ranges, from people that are coming in with our teenagers and adolescents, to people who are older and understand how the space is welcoming to you, because this is a mental health healing space. Recovery happens at the door. This is a

space where we will have the highest standards of safety and care, but it is also patient-led and a space where people feel integrated and part of the community."

And community will be integral to the Hub's success.

As plans have progressed, the team has done neighbourhood walks in the community closest to the property, their Good Neighbour Collective, to make sure they are involved and engaged in the building and construction processes, and also address concerns when they arise.

Shields invites the community to visit their website at [cmha-yr.on.ca/about-us/centre-project](http://cmha-yr.on.ca/about-us/centre-project) to learn more about their Leading the Way campaign as well as how to get involved with their Operational Planning Committees.

"It is for people who are interested in providing their advice, guidance and experience," says Shields. "We can do so much more when we do it together."



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# SPORTS

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## Alliston takes first loss of the season to Muskoka by shoot-out

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Every team is beatable.

The Alliston Hornets' 28-game winning streak came to an end on Friday night (Jan. 10) at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre when they came up short against the Muskoka Bears in a game that was decided with a shoot-out after an overtime period failed to produce a winner.

While it was the first loss for the Hornets, it was a huge victory for the Bears who came to the arena as a last place team who have won only two games all season before Friday night.

Alliston's Cam Lamont started the scoring with the only goal of the first period.

It was the second period that cost the Hornets big time when Muskoka scored three unanswered goals to take a 3-1 lead.

The Bears were ahead 4-1 when they scored at 2:30 into the final period.

The Hornets responded by scoring three times in the third period to tie the game at four but they couldn't get the winning goal.

Hornets' goals came from Jax Bellwood, Cole Turcotte, and Jaeden French.

The teams returned for an overtime period but that failed to produce a winner when neither team could score.

The game went to a shoot-out to decide the winner.

The Bears outscored the Hornets 2-0 in the shoot-out to take the win.

The Hornets remain in first place in the North Carruthers Division with 57 points – 10 points ahead of the second place Orillia Terriers.

Alliston forward Jaeden French continues to chalk-up points this season averaging one goal per game. French is now in second



**STUNG BY MUSKOKA** – The Alliston Hornets take on the Muskoka Bears on the ice at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre on Friday, Jan. 10. The Hornets gave up their first loss of the season when the game ended in a 4-4 tie and an overtime period failed to produce a winner. The game was decided with a shoot-out and the Bears came out on top 2-0 on shoot-out goals. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**

place in the player stats with 28 goals and 43 assists for the season – good for 71 points.

The Hornets were in Huntsville on Jan. 14, to take on the Otters. Results were not avail-

able at press time.

They do not have a home game this weekend.

The Hornets will return to home ice at the

New Tecumseth Recreation Centre on Friday, Jan. 22, when they will host the Midland Flyers.

Game time is 7:30 p.m.



**STINGING LOSS** – The St. Thomas Aquinas Stingers varsity girls hockey team took on the team from St. Joseph's Catholic High School from Barrie on the ice at the Tottenham Community Centre on Tuesday, Jan. 7. The Stingers had to settle for an 8-0 loss in this game. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**

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## Two-storey home catches fire in New Tecumseth, no injuries sustained

Nottawasaga Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers and New Tecumseth Fire Rescue members responded to a structure fire in Alliston on Jan. 8.

Shortly before 6 p.m., Nottawasaga OPP responded to a report of a two-storey home on fire in the area of Buchanan Drive in Alliston.

Upon arrival, the New Tecumseth Fire Rescue had already made entry into the home to combat the fire.

There was a total of two 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 emergency services arrived.

The cause of the fire is unknown at this time and the investigation into the cause is ongoing.

It is not considered to be suspicious.

Buchanan Drive was temporarily closed until the fire was put out, and re-opened at 8:30 p.m.

The family will be staying with friends and family temporarily due to the damage and flooding into the basement.



**HOUSE FIRE** – A fire broke out at a house on Buchanan Drive in Alliston on Jan. 8, just before 6 p.m. While two people were home at the time of the fire, no injuries were sustained. The cause of the fire is not being considered suspicious by authorities investigating the matter.

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## Police seeking three fraud suspects following incidents at Alliston, Tottenham banks

Nottawasaga Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers are currently investigating a fraud and are requesting the public's assistance to identify three individuals involved.

On Jan. 5, between the hours of 2 and 3 p.m., Nottawasaga OPP responded to two fraud incidents at CIBC banks in Alliston and Tottenham.

The first incident took place at the CIBC located at 35 Young Street, Alliston. The victim of the fraud incident lost \$1,600.

The second incident was at the CIBC bank located at 55 Queen Street South, Tottenham. The victim lost \$3,800.

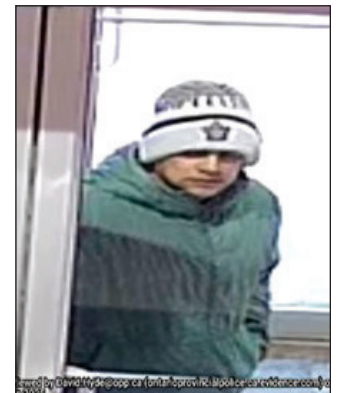
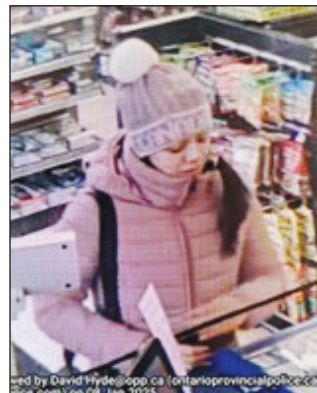
"Video surveillance shows that the victims appear to be completing their transactions at an ATM, going to leave the premises and are then called back by the suspect, at which time, they tell the victim that their transaction hasn't completed and therefore

they can't use the ATM," said Nottawasaga OPP in a press release.

"The suspect will attempt to demonstrate the problem to the victim by putting an unidentified card in the machine that then shows an error. The suspects then physically take the card out of the victim's hand, puts it partially into the ATM, hits cancel and then hands them back what they think is their card but in reality is someone else's, or possibly a fake card."

The genuine card is then used to withdraw funds from the victim's bank account and, in the case of the occurrence in Tottenham, the card was also used to purchase several prepaid credit cards at local retailers.

From surveillance video it also appears that the male subject removes one of the shields intended to help hide a PIN number,



and then observes the PIN entry over the victim's shoulder.

Officers are looking to identify the individuals involved.

If you know these individuals, please call 1-888-310-1122 (reference number E250018227, E250018291).

You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or [www.crimestoppersdm.com](http://www.crimestoppersdm.com).

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## Suspect arrested following several break ins at Angus businesses, residences

As a result of an ongoing police investigation, members of the Nottawasaga Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU), with assistance from the Crime Reduction Unit (CRU) and the Emergency Response Team (ERT) have made an arrest after several break and enters occurred at businesses and residences in Angus.

On Dec. 30, 2024, police received a call for a break and enter at a local business in Angus. Two suspects broke the front door glass, stole items and fled the scene.

In the early morning of Dec. 31, 2024, shortly before 4 a.m., officers were dispatched to a break and enter in progress at the Ultramar gas station and Uplift Cannabis store located at 165 Mill Street, in Essa.

Suspects fled the scene prior to police arrival.

Preliminary investigations revealed that the two suspects also attended several other businesses smashing front doors and

making entry into each establishment.

On Dec. 31, shortly before midnight, officers attended another break at Angus Variety located at 9 Margaret Street, Essa. Suspects fled the scene prior to police arrival. Video footage was obtained from several businesses showing descriptions of two suspects.

On Jan. 6, police responded to several break and enters on Brentwood Road where power tools and other items were stolen from the residence's sheds.

As a result of the police's investigation into these incidents, Keith James, also known as Keith Ledyit, 49, is facing several charges.

He was arrested on Jan. 9, shortly before 1 p.m. and faces the following charges:

- Break, enter a place - commit indictable offence - eight counts
- Obstruct Police
- Breach of Probation - nine counts

The accused has been held for a bail

hearing and is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice located in Bradford on Jan. 10, 2025, to answer to the

charges.

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

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# Suspect arrested and charged after OPP execute search warrant

Nottawasaga Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers recently seized several stolen goods, including a Kubota RTV worth \$21,000.

Members of the Nottawasaga Community Street Crime Unit, Collingwood Community Street Crime Unit, and the OPP's Emergency Response Team recently executed a search warrant on Boyne Street in New Tecumseth. This resulted in the arrest of one person and stolen goods have been recovered.

The Nottawasaga CSCU began an investigation on Jan. 2, after receiving information that a Kubota diesel side-by-side was stolen and a GPS tracker was pinging at an address in Alliston.

On Jan. 7, at approximately 5:25 p.m., officers executed a search warrant at the

address and located the stolen Kubota inside a garage along with items believed to be stolen with a total value of \$65,810.

Items recovered include:

- Kubota RTV - \$21,000
- Enclosed trailer - \$5,000
- Three red Honda dirt bikes - \$8,000,
- One green Kawasaki dirt bike - \$3,500
- One Honda generator - \$4,500
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- Two Stihl quick cut saws - \$3,600
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- One Echo backpack leaf blower - \$400
- One Milwaukee band saw - \$530
- One Milwaukee rotary hammer - \$1,000
- One Wacker Neuson plate tamper - \$2,200
- One Honda snow blower and pressure



**STOLEN** – OPP executed a search warrant in Alliston on Jan. 7. As a result, an individual was arrested and charged. Police seized several stolen items as well as a Kubota RTV valued at \$21,000.

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washer - \$2,500

- One MTD snow blower - \$500
- One Hilti Electrical box - \$1,500
- Assorted brand-new Milwaukee power tools - \$4,000.

As a result of the search warrant, Alliston resident Michael Brito, 29, was arrested and

charged with Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000 – in Canada and Obstruct Peace Officer.

The accused will appear before the Ontario Court of Justice on Feb. 20.

Brito's charges have not been proven in court.

# Police seeking public's help in sudden death investigation that occurred New Year's Eve

Public assistance is being sought in relation to an ongoing sudden death investigation in New Tecumseth

On Dec. 31, at approximately 12:50 p.m., members from the Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)

responded to a sudden death at a residence on Victoria Street, where a 38-year-old was located deceased.

There are no concerns for public safety. Police resources have cleared the scene.

The Nottawasaga OPP Major Crime Unit

is continuing the investigation under the direction of the OPP Criminal Investigation Branch, with assistance from the OPP Forensic Identification Services, in conjunction with the Office of the Chief Coroner and the Ontario Forensic Pathology Service.

Anyone with any information or any video footage, such as doorbell camera, security camera or dashcam, that may assist with the investigation, is urged to contact the Nottawasaga OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

# No injuries reported from trailer fire started by propane heater in Angus

On Jan. 10, shortly before 12 p.m., members of the Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), and Essa Fire Department responded to a structure fire in Angus.

Nottawasaga OPP responded to a report of a trailer on fire in the area of Brentwood Road and Scotch Pine Crescent in Essa.

Upon arrival, the New Tecumseth Fire

Rescue had already made entry into the home to combat the fire. There was a total of two people home at the time, and no injuries were reported.

The fire did not spread to the nearby residences and was put out at 1:12 p.m. The cause of the fire was determined to be a propane heater inside the trailer.

It is not considered to be suspicious.

The roadway near the trailer park remained accessible during this time but experienced significant traffic disruptions. The occupants will be staying with family temporarily due to the irreparable damage.

**SERIOUS DAMAGE** – A trailer in Angus was severely damaged by a fire on Jan. 10. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



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## 708 OBITUARIES

*Beechey: Deborah Leah*

Suddenly at her home in Alliston, on Friday, January 3, 2025. Debbie Beechey (née: Smith) in her 72nd year, cherished mother of Denice McKibbin (Jeremy), Patrice Smith (Jim), and Keith Beechey (Trinda). Predeceased by her loving partner Rick Bergin. Dearly loved grandma of Caitlin, Nicholas (Karlie), Austin, Pryce and Kira, great grandmother of Adeline. Forever in the hearts of her many siblings, extended family, friends, and neighbours. She will be sadly missed by her 'pretty girl' Lelo.

A Memorial Visitation was held at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham 905-936-3477 on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 from 6pm to 8pm. A Celebration of Deborah's life was held on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 from 10:30am until 1:30pm in the funeral home's Cliffside Hall, with Spoken Words of Remembrance at 11:30am. For those who wish, donations in Deborah's memory may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. Online condolences and memories may be left for the family at [www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com](http://www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com).

*Rowley: Raymond*

Peacefully with the love of his family by his side, at Matthews House Hospice Alliston, on December 31, 2024. Ray Rowley at the age of 91 years, beloved husband of Edith Rowley (née: Crawley). Loving father of David, John (Darleen), and the late Marilyn Rose (Robert McGovern). Sadly missed by his 10 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren & 2 great great grandchildren. Dear brother of Jean (the late Bill), the late Elwood (the late Jackie), Norma, Bill (Mildred), Lorna (Hank), the late Donna. Forever in the hearts of his extended family and friends. The Rowley Family would like to thank all of the incredible staff at Matthews House Hospice in Alliston, your caring and support are very much appreciated.

The family received friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham, 905-936-3477 on Thursday, January 2, 2025 from 2-4pm and 6-8pm. Funeral Service was held in the chapel on Friday, January 3, 2025 at 4pm. A Reception followed in the funeral home's Cliffside Hall. Private family interment was held. In memory of Ray, donations to Matthews House Hospice would be appreciated. Condolences and memories may be left for the family at [www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com](http://www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com).

*Shirley Noreen Sheardown*

June 17, 1943 - January 7, 2025

Following a lengthy illness, Shirley Sheardown of Schomberg, Ont. Passed away in her 82nd year.

Dear sister of Helen (late Jim) Connell, Ann (Ron) Bowles, John (Helen), Lorna (late Murray), Jelly and Walter (Grace)

She is predeceased by Olive (late Lorne) Metcalfe, Jim (late Connie), Hugh (Mary) and her parents Hugh and Mable (Clarkson) Sheardown. As well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place. As per Shirley's wishes there will be no funeral service. Arrangements are entrusted to Rod Abrams Funeral Home Tottenham. For those who wish, donations in Shirley's memory to the Kidney Foundation would be appreciated. Memories and condolences may be left for the family at [www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com](http://www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com).

## 708 OBITUARIES

**Skeates, Douglas Alan (Doug)**

Passed away at Matthews House Hospice in Alliston, on January 3, 2025 at the age of 93, beloved husband of Anne Elizabeth Grant (Wilson). Loving father of Diana Elizabeth (Braden), Robin (Lisa), Geoff (Dana), Karen-Anne (Tom), Colin (Yuka), and grandfather to Christopher (Whitney), Sarah (Josh), Scott, Chelsea, Jaysen, Ryan, Kirra, Jay and Ai, great-grandfather to Sofia, Lucas, Jackson and Isabelle. Forever in the hearts of brother Robert (Bob) Skeates and nephew Dwight (Neil), and of his extended family and Church friends and forestry colleagues. Pre-deceased by parents Fred and Marion.

The Skeates Family would like to thank the extraordinary staff of Stevenson Memorial Hospital and of Matthews House Hospice in Alliston for the devoted care and support. Arrangements entrusted to Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham. An Honouring of Life service will be held at Tottenham United Church (26 Mill St E) on Saturday, February 15 at 2pm with a reception of fellowship to follow, also at TUC. If desired, a donation may be made in Douglas Skeates' name to My Sister's Place 'Trees for Shelter' program, at Matthews House Hospice or to the Ontario Conservation Council. Online condolences and memories may be left for the family at [www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com](http://www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com)

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It was my time... I had to leave.

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And when God calls you... you will be  
Right by my side... right here with me,  
Till then I will wait by heaven's door,  
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Beloved daughter to Brad and Meghan Dean,  
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