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# Winter fun

The recent snowfall meant shovelling the driveway for many local residents, but for others, it provided an opportunity to have some winter fun. Madden and Campbell launched their sleds atop the hill at Riverdale Park in Alliston on Saturday, Jan. 11. The park was filled with sledders revelling in the midwinter tradition.

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# Teen charged with first-degree murder involving newborn

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police has arrested and charged an individual in connection with a suspicious death investigation in New Tecumseth.

The death has been ruled a homicide. At approximately 1:30 p.m., on Nov. 21, 2024, police discovered the body of a deceased newborn in a residence in Alliston.

As a result of an investigation, a 16-year-old from New Tecumseth was arrested on Jan. 15. They were charged with First

Degree Murder and Indignity to a Dead Body.

The accused remains in custody and was scheduled to virtually appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Barrie on Jan. 16 to answer to the charges.

As the accused is a minor, no names have been released.

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

# County council approves motion cutting number of councillors in half

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
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Simcoe County Council revisited a previous decision regarding the size and composition of County Council on Monday, Jan. 14.

A motion was approved to support the process of reducing the size of County Council

from 32 members to 17, inclusive of a full-time appointed Warden.

The move to reduce council means elected mayors of the County's 16 member municipalities would serve as the default County representatives starting at the next term of County Council.

Currently and historically, local deputy mayors also sit on County Council.

As proposed previously, the full-time appointed Warden will be chosen by the incoming Council among eligible electors who choose to put their name forward for Warden.

To take effect, these decisions must be approved through a triple majority process. If approved, these decisions would take effect for the 2026 – 2030 term.

The current structure of Council will continue for the remainder of the current term.

“Our long-standing structure, with our mayors and deputy mayors both serving on County Council, has served our communities well,” said Warden Basil Clarke. “However, we recognize that our Council is large in size, and that it’s prudent to make this change going forward. With advancements in technology, we have more ways to connect as a Council, with staff and residents, making this potential change more possible than it was years ago. If approved, I’m confident that we will continue to see efficient, effective and fair representation and decision making at County Council. I’m also pleased Council maintained our decision to pursue a full-time, appointed Warden starting next term. The position of Warden requires full-time attention to Simcoe County residents and business.”

A triple majority approval is required to complete this process. Approval by County Council to proceed with these changes is the first step in the legislative process.

The next step is a requirement to hold a public meeting to consider a draft by-law that would change the composition of County Council. If the by-law is ultimately passed by County Council, it would then be sent to the 16 lower-tier member municipalities where a majority of their Councils must consent to the by-law.

It is important to note that County Council may address further guidelines for the role of deputy warden at future meetings and review more information regarding committee structure and the process for Council alternates.

Representatives from the County's two separated cities will continue to sit on the Human Services Business Section of the Committee of the Whole.



**WE CAN** – Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation (SMHF) has announced a \$25,000 donation from Trillium Ford. This is the local dealership's second installment towards fulfilling a \$125,000 pledge to the Foundation's 'Because of You, We Can' campaign. Employees of Trillium Ford make a cheque presentation to Kara Harris, communications coordinator of SMHF, at the dealership on Thursday, Jan. 9. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

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# SMDHU Medical Officer of Health, CEO announces retirement

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Nottawasaga Detachment of the OThe Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Board of Health has announced that Dr. Charles Gardner, Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer will be retiring on Sept. 30, 2025.

This will conclude a remarkable career in public health that spans more than two decades.

Dr. Gardner has served as Medical Officer of Health for Simcoe Muskoka since 2005. This follows a seven-year tenure in the same

role with the Leeds, Grenville, and Lanark District Health Unit.

Dr. Gardner's career began with general medical practice in Newfoundland, New Brunswick, and Zimbabwe.

Throughout his distinguished career, Dr. Gardner has been a dedicated advocate for public health and has played a pivotal role in numerous provincial and national initiatives.

He served as president (then past chair) of the Association of Local Public Health Agencies and as chair for the Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health.

Among his many achievements, Dr.

Gardner's leadership during large-scale health crises has been a defining aspect of his career. From pandemic influenza planning in 2006 to managing the H1N1 outbreak in 2009, and most recently guiding the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Gardner has consistently provided calm and strategic leadership.

His dedication during these challenging times has been instrumental in protecting the health of communities.

In reflecting on Dr. Gardner's forthcoming retirement, Ann-Marie Kungl, chair of the Board of Health, said, "Dr. Gardner's dedication and leadership have left an indelible

mark on public health in Simcoe Muskoka and beyond.

She added, "His tireless commitment to promoting health and well-being in our communities will be remembered for years to come. While his absence will be felt deeply, we are immensely grateful for his contributions and wish him all the best in this next chapter."

As Dr. Gardner approaches retirement in September 2025, the Board of Health will begin the process of recruiting a successor and planning a celebration of his outstanding contributions to public health.

# Tottenham resident returns the generosity she received as a young refugee

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Eva Bradley is sure she has a guardian angel on her shoulder.

The Tottenham resident was invited to tell her story at a meeting of the United Church Women at St. John's United Church in Alliston on Friday, Jan. 17.

Eva has been a tireless fundraiser over the past 44 years, raising money for different local causes. Her most recent venture was her Toonies for Tecumseth campaign which raised over \$10,000 in support of the Tottenham Food Bank and S.H.I.F.T in Alliston.

Eva began fundraising in 1980 when she was inspired by Terry Fox and his cross-country run in support of cancer research.

Since then, she has raised thousands of dollars for various causes.

For Eva, raising funds for a good cause is a way for her to give back to the country which she said 'has been so good to her.'

Born in Budapest, Hungary, in 1941, Eva lived in a rural area in relative poverty, whereas a child there were times when there wasn't enough to eat and shoes were a luxury.

At the age of 11, her mother abandoned her and took her to live with another family. She never saw her family again.

In 1956, the Hungarian Revolution began and Eva recalled hearing the rumble of Russian tanks near her home.

Eva's mother and brother were killed during the revolution.

Late one night she was roused from her

bed and was told they were fleeing the area because of the danger. Along the way, she witnesses some of the atrocities of war.

The group made their way to Liverpool, then onto a ship bound for Canada. At the time, Eva had no idea what her destination was.

After arriving in New Brunswick, the refugees were taken to Ottawa. It happened to be during the Christmas season.

"I [was] so mesmerized because of the Christmas season," Eva recalled. "All I could see were these beautiful decorations and lights. I had never seen anything like it."

The family she arrived with abandoned her as 15-year-old, in a new country, who didn't speak the language.

She recalled how Canadian citizens were so good to her by welcoming her and trying to help her.

"We were there for Christmas, and there were people who invited us to their home for Christmas dinner, that touched my heart so much," Eva said. "I didn't understand a word they were saying, but I understood the kindness."

A family realized that Eva was alone, and took her under her wing and took her to their home in Elliot Lake where she found a job.

A while later, social services insisted she go to school and was placed in a foster home.

From her previous experience, Eva was very distrustful of anyone in a uniform.

"I was afraid of everything and anybody who was in a uniform," She explained. "If I saw a mailman, or a soldier, I would cross the street. It took about eight years of being in Canada before I could get over that."

She was living in Sault Ste. Marie when she first visited a cinema with a friend. The first movie she saw was 'Jailhouse Rock' starring Elvis Presley.

"It was my favourite," she said. "I had such a crush on him."

One of the people at the theatre realized she couldn't speak English, and offered her a chance to come to the theatre at any time and watch the movies. She credits those movies with helping her learn to speak English.

Eva eventually found her way to Halifax where another woman she met offered her job working as a nanny.

Several times in her early years she found herself at a crossroads. Every time, a stranger appeared and helped her out.

Eva met her future husband while she was there, and they married in 1961.

Eva said she is sure she has an angel who provided and guided her by having people help her during those early years.

She decided that she would begin fundraising as a way of paying back all the generosity she had received since landing on Canada's shores.

The thousands of dollars she has raised over the years have contributed to local good causes and has, in turn, helped others in need.



**PAYING IT FORWARD** – Tottenham resident Eva Bradley speaks at a United Church Women's meeting at St. John's United Church on Friday, Jan. 17. Eva has been fundraising for different charities since 1980 when she was inspired by the Terry Fox Run. Eva told her story of arriving in Canada as a young refugee and was determined to pay back the kindness and generosity she received as an immigrant.

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## Bring in the new recruit

Every few years I'm required to renew my firearms license.

It's not a big deal. You fill out a form and submit it with payment and a new photo. If you're a firearms owner in good standing, you'll receive your new license in a few weeks.

There are several questions you must answer when requesting your license renewal.

You are asked if you are drug or alcohol-dependent – and that's a legitimate question for someone who wants to own a gun.

The last thing anyone needs is Zeke, the crazy neighbour, getting drunk and firing off a few rounds from the front porch.

There is also a question asking if you have had a recent marital break-up or the break-up of a significant relationship.

Apparently, having a break-up of some sort could significantly affect your ability to make sound and rational decisions. At least that's what the authorities who decide who gets a gun license must think.

There's probably a good reason behind that question.

For most of the law-abiding gun-owning population, having your girlfriend split for the coast won't cause you to start shooting up the street.

The last time I had to fill out a license

renewal form, it just happened that at the same time, the Prime Minister had announced that he and his wife were calling it quits and heading for a divorce.

I kind of chuckled as I wrote my answer on the form.

If having a marital break-up was considered a possibly serious problem for someone who had a firearm locked up in the basement, what impact would the same negative experience have on someone who is running the country?

Although, I don't think a divorce would really cause a collapse of an existing government.

Mr. Trudeau has now announced his resignation and his intent to step down while a new leader for the Liberal Party is chosen.

This isn't really a big surprise.

Most two-term prime ministers in Canada end up leaving with a lot of people angry at them. You can be a popular leader in this country for about five years – after that, it's downhill. The difference in this case is Trudeau's own party turned against him.

There are plenty of citizens who have never liked that P.M. That's obvious from the many protests, some still ongoing, against his policies.

I think he did some good. He was a

high-profile prime minister internationally, even if his high profile came from his youthful looks and already well-known surname.

He certainly kept the Canadian profile large on an international level. He's one of the few, maybe the only world leader, who met Queen Elizabeth in a personal setting when he was a child, and again when was the leader of the country.

Overall, I think many of his policies have flopped.

His carbon tax system managed to raise the cost of gas considerably, and that was the intent. The result was higher transportation costs which translated directly to higher prices for everyday necessities like food. This sparked a new round of inflation as every other business in the country piled on to increase their prices, whether justified or not.

All this inflation while wages stagnate has made for a very difficult situation for millions of Canadians.

Trudeau's policy on immigration has become a total disaster. That's not all his fault. The Liberal think tanks in Ottawa, which influence government policy, have all determined for some reason, that the county needs to dramatically increase its population to be successful.

The geniuses in the think tanks appar-

ently have not done much research. Many of the most successful countries on the planet have small and steady populations.

Nordic countries in particular have small populations, yet enjoy a good life and a good standard of living.

The mass immigration we have experienced over the past several years has backfired, and born-and-bred Canadians are paying the price.

With so many people arriving on our shores, the demand for housing has gone through the roof – especially in Ontario – and so has the demand for a price when selling.

I know plenty of younger people who cannot afford to buy a house in their own hometown – and that is an absolute shame.

We definitely need some new federal policies to get the current situation under control.

Any new federal government must start thinking of the welfare of Canadians first, and last, and create new policies that benefit the citizens of this country.

They must listen to the voice of the country's citizens, not some Ottawa think tank with a misguided agenda.

**BRIAN LOCKHART**  
FROM THE SECOND ROW



## Back to... the future?

In this job, there are certain questions one can pose that reveal a lot about a person.

One example I have previously written about in this space is the deceptively simple question of, “Hepburns: Katharine or Audrey?”

Both remarkable in their own right, the women followed similar career paths, produced decades of award-winning performances, and both earned their rightful and respectful places in the pantheon of entertainment icons, but both also made significant strides to better our world, whether it was the furthering of democratic and civic causes, as was the case with Katharine, or the tireless humanitarian work that dominated the latter half of Audrey's life.

There are no wrong answers on the informal Hepburns questionnaire, but which one resonates with you, and why, can say a lot.

A similar telling question is also, “If you could pick any superpower, what would it be?”

Sometimes the answers can be flip-pant – choosing x-ray vision for some nefarious purpose, for example – but answers can often be insightful on what makes an individual tick.

Recently we had our near-annual viewing of a silly little movie from 1988 called “Vibes” with the unlikely cast of Jeff Goldblum, Cyndi Lauper and Peter Falk. It's not a “good” movie by any stretch of the imagination, but, as much of a nonsense as it is, it's got that elusive “It” factor that never fails to make me chuckle.

A catalyst in the story is an organization that wants to harness the various “superpowers” of everyday people for anything but the greater good. Lauper's character specializes in astral projection and out-of-body experiences, while Goldblum's character has the ability to see the complete history of any object he touches.

As someone who grew up in a house that had a near-endless parade of antique furniture come and go over the

years, this always seemed like a pretty neat power to have; after all, if you had a haunted dresser or sideboard, you should know about it! But, I suppose this goes hand-in-hand with the always imagination-capturing power of time travel.

Who wouldn't want the ability – or even a time machine to make it all possible – to observe one's forebears in their natural habitat or eavesdrop unnoticed on a particularly impactful episode in human history to get the real scoop? Well, some of you who watched Back to the Future in your formative years might be hesitant, but, come on, take that as a cautionary tale and forge ahead. What's the worst that could happen? This is all pie-in-the-sky fantasy.

To a point.

As much as the history buff in me loves the idea of hopping through time with a Samantha Stephens nose twitch, or with the aid of some type of vehicle, I'd be all too willing these days to consign said idea to the scrap heap because the

“Be Kind Rewind” era we're now living through is underscoring that turning back the hands of time is not all it's cracked up to be.

On Monday, Donald Trump returned to the White House in an expectedly-dramatic fashion.

Never one to take things humbly, the ushering in of this not-so-new and, in my view, not-so-kind era, was as garish as many expected. But it wasn't all the typical razzle-dazzle. He was quick to get down to business fulfilling campaign promises, even those that some of his more enthusiastic supporters insisted were mere rhetoric rather than policy that would come to pass.

Touting a familiar mantra of restoring “common sense” to public life, he said a “Golden Age of America begins right now.”

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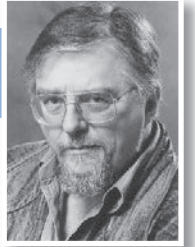
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# The Middle East: Where next?

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In the 80 hours between Wednesday, Jan. 15, when the Gaza ceasefire agreement was announced, and Sunday, Jan. 19, when it went into effect, Israeli air strikes on the Gaza Strip killed 123 Palestinians including dozens of women and children. The Israel Defence Force (IDF) said it had tried to avoid civilian casualties, but it had to kill the ‘terrorists’ of Hamas wherever they were.

Now, of course, it has to stop killing them, at least for a while. 33 Israelis will be freed by Hamas over the next few weeks in return for 1,890 Palestinian prisoners. However, much of the IDF and even members of Prime Minister Binyamin ‘Bibi’ Netanyahu’s own cabinet expect to go back to war after the first phase of the hostage exchange.

The second phase will be much harder for Netanyahu’s supporters and allies to swallow. It requires complete withdrawal of the IDF from the Gaza Strip and the use of Hamas members as a sort of police force (mostly unarmed) to facilitate the return of more than a

million Palestinians, already many times displaced, to their wrecked homes in the northern part of the territory.

That’s the stage when the cease-fire is likely to break down, because hard-line Israelis will see it as a defeat. In fact, two far-right cabinet ministers voted against the cease-fire and said that they will quit and bring Netanyahu’s coalition government down unless the war resumes after the first phase ends.

The cynics are therefore convinced that Netanyahu will first take credit for the hostage exchange to reduce the domestic political pressure on him, then use a real or faked violation of the cease-fire by Hamas as an excuse to restart the war. After all, he needs a war if he is to stay out of jail.

Just staying in power and out of jail was a persuasive explanation for his behaviour until quite recently. Only the war spared Netanyahu from a devastating inquiry into his failure to foresee and prevent the Hamas attack in October 2023, and it also stalled his ongoing corruption trial.

to grasp that new opportunities are opening up for him as the Middle Eastern constellation of powers shifts.

Netanyahu will probably never talk the United States into attacking Iran for him, but he did get Trump to cancel the no-nukes accord with Iran and clamp strict sanctions on the country in 2019. He is not without influence at the new White House.

Could Netanyahu get the United States to apply even stronger sanctions against Iran now that Trump is back on top? Probably yes, and in that case the road would be open for the two of them to pursue their pipe-dream from last time: the ‘Abraham Accords.’

That ‘peace treaty’, establishing diplomatic relations between Israel and some Arab countries that had never actually fought against it (United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Morocco and Sudan) was touted as the defining diplomatic achievement of the first Trump presidency. In fact, it never amounted to much, because Saudi Arabia, the greatest power of the eastern Arab world, never joined.

Now, perhaps, with Iran so crippled, Crown Prince Muhammad bin Salman of Saudi Arabia might be persuaded to make peace with Israel and set up some sort of joint hegemony over the Middle East. Or such at least may be the visions now dancing before the eyes of Trump and Netanyahu. Even ‘MbS’ (as he is known) might be tempted.

More pipe-dreams, and even if they should come to pass, they wouldn’t last long.

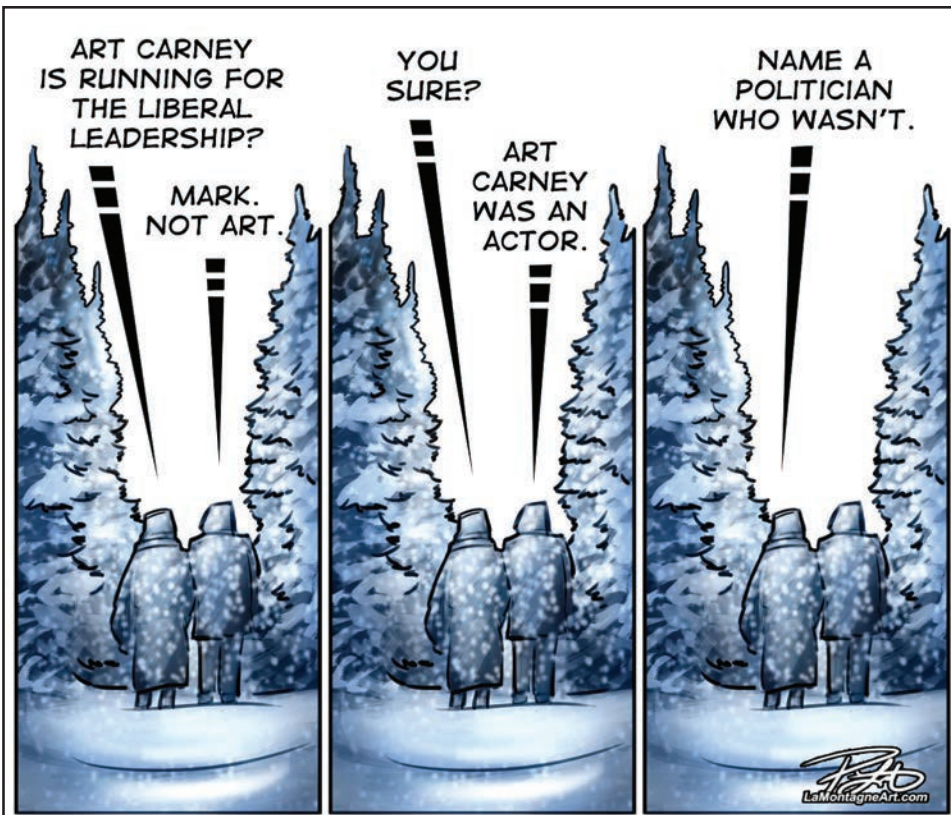
Netanyahu has been trying to write the Palestinians out of the story for his whole political life, and Trump may go along for the ride. But MbS doesn’t dare let Israel expunge the Palestinians, neither does General Sisi in Egypt, and Iranians wouldn’t hear of it even if the regime changes.

There is no viable plan, and peace is not nigh.

“We changed the face of the Middle East,” Netanyahu said last week. He’s right, and it may give him a new lease on power.

Hamas is leaderless and has lost its Iranian patron. The IDF has devastated Hezbollah in Lebanon and killed its leader. Iran’s formerly dominant position in Syria was swept away together with the Assad regime. Even Iran itself has been revealed as a paper tiger in terms of its missiles and its air defences, and there are serious questions about its internal stability.

And now Netanyahu has Donald Trump on his side. Not under his thumb – Trump’s people put huge pressure on Netanyahu to get his final assent to the cease-fire – but the Israeli leader will have been quick



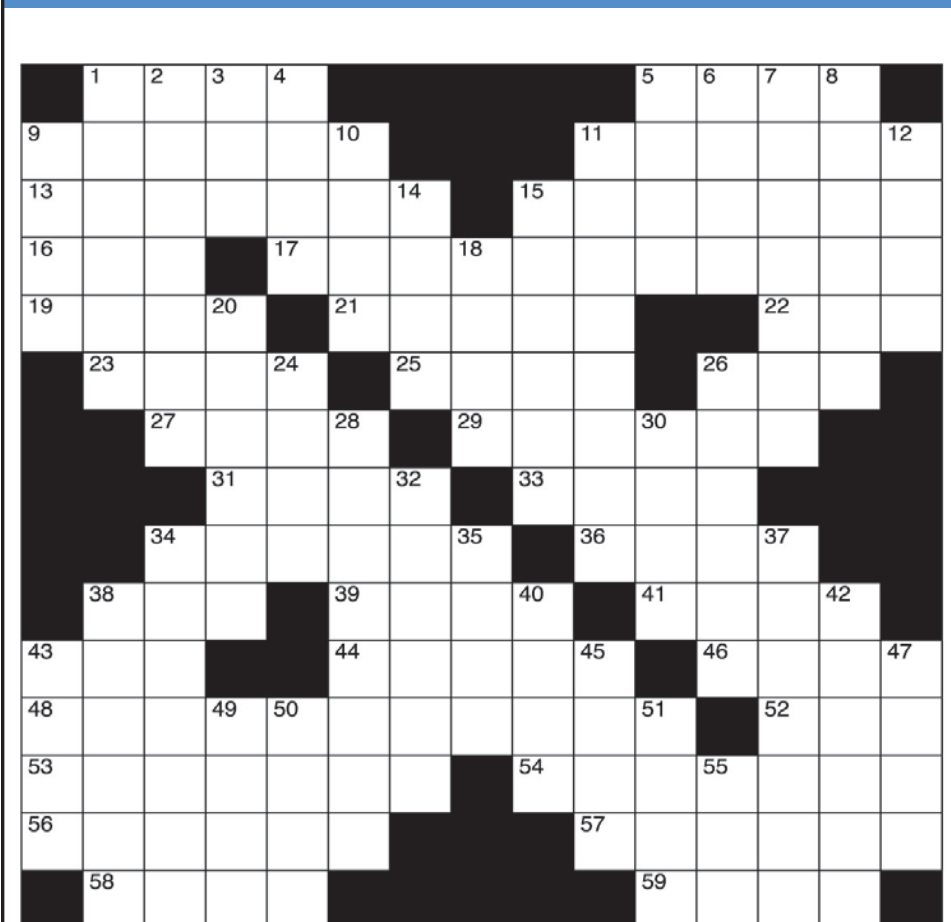
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| 19. Meat from a pig (French) | 48. Strong belief              | 11. 2-point plays in football                            |
| 21. Related (slang)          | 52. One’s physique             | 42. Some are “Rolling”                                   |
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| 23. Surprise completely      | 54. Soup cracker               | 45. Thrust a knife into                                  |
| 25. Loon                     | 56. Teaches                    | 12. Breezed through 47. German river                     |
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| 27. Large, deep-bodied fish  | 58. Actor Sean                 | 15. Felt for 50. Make a grotesque face                   |
| 29. Takes forcefully         | 59. Changes                    | 18. Codified rules 51. Primordial matter of the universe |
| 31. Oil cartel               | <b>CLUES DOWN</b>              | 20. Small dome 55. Chinese philosophical principle       |
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*No one has more self-confidence than the person who does a crossword puzzle with a pen.*

# Aging population and climate crisis create opportunity

In a recent article in the *Globe and Mail*, James Chappel, Associate Professor of History at Duke University, offered an intriguing perspective on two significant realities of our time: an aging population and a warming planet. While seemingly distinct, these phenomena intersect in ways that present both challenges and opportunities for progress.

Global warming is a dire reality that demands urgent action, while population aging, a result of improved public health and women's reproductive autonomy, is an indicator of social advancement. Historically, the lifestyle choices of older demographics, particularly in developed countries, have unknowingly contributed to the climate crisis. Post-war consumerism redefined old age as a time of independence and high

consumption, with suburban homes, extensive driving, and leisure travel becoming symbols of success. While these choices brought comfort and opportunity, they also fueled carbon emissions and environmental degradation.

Older people often bear the brunt of climate disasters. In hurricanes, heat waves, and wildfires, they face higher mortality rates due to physical vulnerabilities, social isolation, and slower responses. Solutions like cooling centers, accessible transportation, and public awareness campaigns can mitigate these risks.

While these measures address immediate vulnerabilities, Chappel suggests the need for a fresh perspective, necessitating older generations to recognize an opportunity to play an active role in combating

climate change by adopting sustainable lifestyles and reducing their carbon emissions.

Seniors can take on a sense of purpose, which will benefit our planet. By making positive lifestyle changes, advocating for renewable energy policies, supporting local conservation efforts and reducing waste, they can help swing the pendulum toward a more sustainable future.

Groups like "Seniors for Climate Action Now" and "Greys For Green," which fosters environmental stewardship among seniors, demonstrate how experience and influence can be channelled into impactful climate activism and redefine old age as a time for contribution rather than consumption.

Positive lifestyle changes don't

have to feel like sacrifices. They can often be less expensive, practical, and deeply rewarding.

Being mindful of our energy consumption, choosing holistic and eco-friendly products and services, and connecting with like-minded individuals can collectively make a significant impact. The principle of "think global, act local" is vital: small, intentional changes at the individual level ripple outward to create meaningful societal shifts.

As our population ages and our planet warms, let's seize this moment to redefine aging as a time of environmental stewardship and resilience. Together, we can ensure a thriving planet for generations to come.



**JOHN WILSON**  
GREYS FOR GREEN

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## Brock's Banter: Back to... the future?

But what does this "Golden Age" really mean? For those who cast their vote in the hopes he would somehow lower grocery prices with the stroke of a pen, there was precious little of that in his speech. Much time was

devoted to settling scores, claiming American sovereignty would be "reclaimed" and the nation would be "liberated" and remain a "free, sovereign and independent nation" and all of his greatest hits. But, in fairness,

I think George Washington handily settled most of that some centuries ago.

"We have a public health system that does not deliver in times of disaster, yet more money is spent on it than any country anywhere in the world," he said. "And we have an education system that teaches our children to be ashamed of themselves, in many cases to hate our country despite the love that we try so desperately to provide to them. All of this will change starting today and will change very quickly..."

"This week, I will also end the government policy of trying to socially engineer race and gender into every aspect of public and private life. We will forge a society that is colorblind and merit based. As of today, it will henceforth be the official policy of the United States government that there are only two genders, male and female. This week I will reinstate any service members who were unjustly expelled from the military for objecting to the COVID vaccine mandate with full back pay. And I will sign an order to stop our warriors from being subjected to radical political theories and social experiments while on duty. It's going to end immediately."

And quickly it came.

By the end of the day, the President had pulled the United States once again out of the World Health Organization and the Paris Climate Accord, a deal designed to mitigate some of the biggest impacts of climate change.

His Executive Orders reversed

nearly 80 of President Biden's Executive Orders, including those related to racial equity and pushing back against discrimination faced by the 2SLG-BTQ+ community.

It feels like we've collectively regressed back to the 90s, at the very least, and it's not as pleasant as nostalgia would have one believe.

"Canada and the United States have the world's most successful economic partnership," said the Prime Minister on Monday's Inauguration Day. "We are each other's largest trade partners, with a relationship that creates millions of jobs, attracts billions of investment into the continent, and keeps our people safe..."

"We are strongest when we work together, and I look forward to working with President Trump, his administration, members of the United States Congress, and officials at the state and local levels to deliver prosperity for our peoples – while protecting and defending the interests of Canadians."

As Monday ended with confirmation that tariffs will be coming our way, as promised, whoever succeeds Justin Trudeau as Prime Minister will have a long road ahead of them.

As important as it is to work together – and that includes all provinces and territories – it's also important that we don't follow their lead in turning back the hands of time – and the hands of progress.

And it will be incumbent on us to all do our part – even if my dream time machine is left to moulder and rust away in that metaphorical scrap heap.



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### 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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# County skate trail now open to the public for 2025 season

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

If you would like to try skating in a place other than a hockey arena, doing laps, the County of Simcoe has officially opened its skate trail for the 2025 season.

The skate trail goes through an area of over one kilometre through the grounds of the Simcoe County Museum and the surrounding forested area.

Skaters can access the skate trail through the group entrance of the museum.

The remainder of the museum is currently closed for renovations and inaccessible to the public.

Tickets will be available at the door and online, for same-day use only.

Online ticket sales will be open by 9 a.m. on weekends and 4 p.m. on weeknights.

The skate trail will be open as weather and trail conditions permit.

The skate trail will be open on the following days, weather permitting:

- Tuesdays: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Thursdays: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Fridays: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Saturdays: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 4 p.m.
- Sundays: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 4 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased online at [museum.simcoe.ca](http://museum.simcoe.ca) on the same day as the reservation.

Booking in advance is not available to ensure trail conditions remain optimal throughout the season.

Skaters will be required to follow a one-way direction when on the trail and will have access to indoor warming stations and changing areas.

Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$8 for youth.



**LACED UP** – An over one-kilometre skating trail that runs through the grounds of the Simcoe County Museum and the surrounding forested area recently opened for the winter season. **SIMCOE COUNTY MUSEUM PHOTO**

## RULES AND TIPS FOR SKATING ON THE TRAIL:

- It is recommended that all skaters wear CSA approved helmets.
- Skaters must obey staff at all times.
- The following is NOT permitted on the ice:
  - Hockey pucks and sticks
  - Dogs
  - Toboggans or sleds (anything pulled behind a skater)

- Food or drink
- Smoking
- No one is permitted on the ice without skates.
- Skate aids are permitted, if required.
- Carrying children in arms while skating is not permitted.
- Sturdy strollers, sleds and wheelchairs are permitted on the ice skating trail.
- Please check wheels for sand or grit

- before moving onto the ice surface.
- All skaters must travel clockwise on the trail, following the trail signs.
  - Inappropriate behaviour is not permitted: No games such as tag, crack the whip, or racing, no pushing, tripping, checking, and no profanity.
  - No headsets, cellphones or handheld devices are to be used while skating.
  - Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.



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# Arts & Local Events

## Local artists' 'Poems in Pastel' exhibition opening soon

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

After a successful showing of her work at the Adjala-Tosorontio Municipal Centre, artist Susan Hunter Guise, will be exhibiting her work at the Barrie Art Club.

This new exhibit is titled 'Poems in Pastel,' and is a captivating exhibition of pastels.

Vibrant pastel artworks with original haiku poems create a harmonious dialogue between visual and literary art forms.

In this exhibit, Susan pairs each pastel painting with an original haiku, deepening the viewer's engagement with the artwork. Inspired by her studies of shodo (Japanese calligraphy) and haiku, Susan's works blend the bold textures of pastel

with poetic reflections, celebrating the beauty and serenity of the natural world.

"Pastels offer a richness and depth that truly come to life when viewed up close," Susan observed. "This exhibition reflects my love for nature, with each painting and poem inviting viewers to experience a moment of peace, beauty, and quiet contemplation."

Through her impressionistic style, Susan captures the complexity and elegance of landscapes, inviting audiences to reflect on the intersection of art and nature.

The exhibit will be on display from Jan. 27 to Feb. 22, 2025, at the Barrie Art Club, located at 11 King St., Unit 8, Barrie.

An opening reception will take place on Sunday, Feb. 2 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.



**ON DISPLAY** – Artist, Susan Hunter Guise, will be exhibiting her work at the Barrie Art Club from Jan. 27 to Feb. 2. The exhibit, titled 'Poems in Pastel' features vibrant pastel works with original haiku poems. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

## Museum of Dufferin looks back on childhood with new happy exhibit

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
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An upcoming exhibit at the Museum of Dufferin looks back on the carefree days of childhood with a focus on Dufferin County.

The exhibit, titled 'Happy Days!' invites visitors to step back into a world of childhood memories and playful moments.

Featuring a curated collection of artifacts and interactive activities, this exhibit will reignite your inner child and inspire curiosity.

Whether you're two or 102, this is an enjoyable exhibit that will take a look at

early years in the region.

The Happy Days! The exhibit opens on Family Day, Monday, Feb. 17, 2025, at the museum.

Visitors will be welcome from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

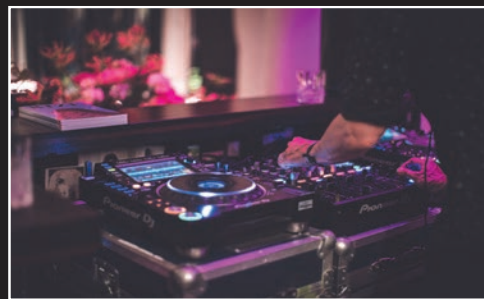
Admission is free.

**FOND MEMORIES** – The Museum of Dufferin will welcome visitors to a one-day special exhibit titled 'Happy Days!' on Family Day, Feb. 17. The exhibit is a look back at childhood memories. This photo of Mary Corbett in East Garafraxa Township was taken in 1916.

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# Health Unit and local hospitals partner for ‘A Breath of Fresh Air’

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
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The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit and seven local hospitals are partnering for the first time to promote smoke and vapour-free hospital grounds throughout the region.

The campaign, “A Breath of Fresh Air for Our Hospital Community,” aims to remind patients, staff and visitors of the important role they play in keeping hospital grounds smoke and vapour-free.

Smoking is the number one cause of preventable disease and death in Ontario.

In Simcoe Muskoka, nearly one in five deaths, one in 10 hospitalizations and one

in 20 emergency department visits are linked to smoking.

Second-hand smoke also poses significant health risks, increasing the chance of developing cardiovascular and respiratory conditions such as COPD and lung cancer among adults and asthma and acute respiratory infections among children.

“Hospitals are places for care and part of that is ensuring an environment that sup-

ports good health”, said Dr. Lisa Simon, associate medical officer of health at the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit. “This campaign reminds the public that hospitals are smoke and vapour-free under the Smoke-Free Ontario Act. It also aims to support people in their efforts to not smoke or vape by promoting fresh air spaces in and around our hospitals, while also reminding the public about the health benefits of smoke and vapour-free spaces.”

The campaign seeks to reinforce and remind patients, staff and visitors about the vital role they play in maintaining smoke and vapour-free hospital grounds. It features a variety of materials, including posters, banners, digital signage and social

media messaging, which will be distributed by hospitals and the health unit to promote shared community responsibility for ensuring A Breath of Fresh Air for Our Hospital Community.

A Breath of Fresh Air for our Hospital Community campaign begins during National Non-Smoking Week from Jan. 19 to 25.

Area hospitals taking part in the campaign include Georgian Bay General Hospital, Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, Orillia Soldiers’ Memorial Hospital, Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre, Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care and Collingwood General & Marine Hospital.

# Concussion safety: Know what to do, signs and symptoms if it happens

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
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The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Everyone is at risk of having a concussion.

Whether through a home accident or other type of injury – a blow to the head or neck area can result in a concussion.

Anyone who plays a sport is at a higher risk of concussion due to the nature of the activity.

A concussion is a brain injury. It can’t be seen on X-rays, CT scans or MRIs. It may affect the way a person thinks, feels, and acts.

Any blow to the head, face, or neck may cause a concussion. A concussion may also be caused by a blow to the body if the force of the blow causes the brain to move around inside the skull.

A concussion is a serious injury. While the effects are typically short-term, a concussion can lead to long-lasting symptoms and even long-term effects.

There are many signs and symptoms of a concussion you should be aware of. These include headache, dizziness, ringing in the ears, memory loss, nausea, light sensitivity, drowsiness, and depression.

If you notice signs of a concussion in

others or experience any of these symptoms yourself, consult with a physician or nurse practitioner.

Athletes have a higher risk of concussion, especially in sports where there is potential for physical contact.

If a person is injured during a game, call 911 if the person is unconscious, has lost consciousness, or had a seizure.

If they are conscious, they should visit an emergency room or primary care provider such as a family doctor or nurse practitioner.

When the person is someone you know or a family member, you should watch for signs of a concussion in the person.

Symptoms may appear immediately or be felt days after an injury, especially in children and the elderly. If symptoms appear or persist, visit a physician or nurse practitioner.

If you suffer a concussion, it is important that you take time to heal.

In some instances, concussion or repeat concussion can result in swelling of the brain, permanent brain damage, or even death.

Sports coaches, trainers, and officials, as well as school boards, have requirements in place on how to deal with suspected concussions.



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# SPORTS

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## Alliston Hornets blank Midland Flyers in weekend game

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
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The Alliston Hornets seem to be back on track after blanking the Midland Flyers in an away game on Friday, Jan. 17.

The Hornets were smarting after last week's game when they lost 5-4 in a shoot-out to the last-place Muskoka Bears.

It was the Hornets' first loss of the year after going on a 28-game winning streak since the start of the season.

In Friday's game against the Flyers, the Hornets took an early first-period lead on goals

from Hunter Martell and Jacob Holmes.

It was a 6-0 game at the end of the second period after the Alliston squad scored four unanswered goals.

Alliston's goals came from David Harvey, Jax Bellwood, and two from Cole Turcotte.

The Hornets finished the night with a single third-period goal from Tristen Pitt to win the game 7-0.

Alliston goalie Owen Butler got the shut-out win.

Butler managed to stop a total of only 14 shots for the night – a testament to the strength of the Hornets' defence.

Hornets forward Jaeden French continues to be the team's leading points earner. French has recorded 28 goals and 44 assists for the season – good for 72 points.

He is second in the league overall.

The Hornets remain in first place in the North Carruthers Division of the Provincial Junior Hockey League.

The Orillia Terriers are in second place with

a 24-4 record and 49 points.

The Stayner Siskins are in the number three spot with 44 points, followed by the Penetang Kings, Huntsville Otters, and the Innisfil Spartans.

The Midland Flyers are in seventh place followed by the Muskoka Bears who are in the basement with only eight points recorded this season.

The Hornets will be back on home ice at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre for a home game on Friday, Jan. 24, when they will host the Innisfil Spartans.

Game time is 7:30 p.m.



**CLOSE GAME** – The Tottenham Railers hosted the West Nipissing Lynx on the ice at the Tottenham Community Centre on Saturday, Jan. 18. The Railers gave up a 5-3 loss in this game. The Railers are in third place in the South Division of the Greater Metro Hockey League with an 18-17 record and 38 points.

BRIAN LOCKHART  
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# Nature's Emporium Run sets \$500,000 goal for Southlake Fundraiser

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
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Southlake Health's biggest annual fundraiser, the Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake, is set for Sunday, April 27, and organizers are hoping to set new records for the local hospital.

On Tuesday (Jan. 21), Southlake began the countdown to the 2025 Run at Nature's Emporium's flagship store in Newmarket.

Last year's Run, which was held in conjunction with Southlake's centennial year, saw a record turnout and organizers are hoping to keep that momentum going this year.

"We had the most people, it was a lot of fun, but one thing that was amazing is we hit the \$450,000 milestone last year," said Southlake Health Foundation CEO Jennifer Ritter at the January 15 launch event. "Today's launch is exciting because we're setting another milestone goal and looking to raise over \$500,000 this year in a steady march to the \$1 million goal."

This will be the thirteenth year Nature's Emporium has lent its name sponsor to the event, which grew out of Aurora as the Hartwell Challenge, named after late councillor and runner Bob Hartwell.

"This holds a special place in our hearts," said Nature's Emporium owner Joe D'Addario, underscoring the value Southlake brings to the community. "Over the years, this event has grown into more than just the Run; it has become a celebration of community, health and hope. It's a testament to what we can achieve when we come together for a cause that matters for all of us, ensuring that Southlake continues to provide world-class healthcare close to home."

"At Nature's Emporium, our mission has



GLENN RODGER PHOTO

always been to inspire and empower individuals [and] this event aligns perfectly with that mission. It's a way to support the health and wellbeing of our community, not just through the nutritious organic food and wellness products we offer, but contributing to the resources that make a real difference in people's lives."

These vital needs at Southlake – and the real difference participants and community members as a whole can make – were driven home by Karyn Popovich Executive Vice-President, Quality, Practice and Patient Experience and Chief Nursing Executive, an avid runner herself.

"[The Run] speaks to many things I am really passionate about: getting outside, staying active, and being part of a movement that supports the communities that Southlake serves and the 6,000 medical staff, volunteers

and learners who care for them every day," she said. "It is truly inspiring. Generous community support is part of the reason Southlake Health has built a century-long legacy of compassionate leading-edge care that transforms lives. Each and every participant who fundraises for Southlake through this event has helped to fund important upgrades and things like critical equipment and advanced technology so that our teams can contribute to providing leading-edge care close to home to some of the fastest-growing and aging communities in Ontario."

Citing recent equipment upgrades like York Region's PET-CT station, surgical scopes, and neo-natal care centres, she said these additions were "game changers for Southlake Health's ability to diagnose and treat cancer right here in our communities."

"These investments are possible because of the generous commitment of our sponsors and supporters here today and thousands of participants who fundraise through Nature Emporium's Run for Southlake each year. When participants fundraise for Southlake, they are literally putting the tools in the hands of our staff and our medical staff so we can continue to save lives and push boundaries and bring leading-edge care closer to home for generations to come."

To continue helping Southlake push boundaries, and maybe even push some of your own in the process, the Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake will take place on Davis Drive, Newmarket, on Sunday, April 27.

For more information, including how to sign up, visit [southlake.ca/foundation/](https://southlake.ca/foundation/) and select the Run from the Events menu.

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# Nottawasaga OPP arrest prohibited driver operating ATV

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
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A Palgrave man learned the hard way that if you are prohibited from driving, you shouldn't be driving.

Just before 1 p.m. on Jan. 13, a Nottawasaga OPP officer was conducting a gen-

eral patrol on County Road 50 in Adjala-Tosorontio when the officer observed a male known to police as a prohibited driver under the Criminal Code operating an all-terrain vehicle.

The officer conducted a traffic stop and attempted to place the man under arrest at which time the individual fled on foot into

a residence.

The accused eventually came back outside and was not cooperative with officers.

As a result of the investigation, Salvatore Giuliano, 42, of Palgrave, was charged with Operation While Prohibited under the Criminal Code, Obstruct Peace Officer, and Failure to Comply With

Release Order – Other Than to Attend Court.

The accused was held for a bail hearing and was scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Bradford on Jan. 14, 2025, to answer the charges.

The charges have not been proven in court.

# Nottawasaga police investigating break-and-enter at a vape store in Alliston

BY BRIAN LOCKHART  
 LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Officers from the Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police are investigating a break-and-enter at a business in Alliston.

On Jan. 13, 2025, shortly before 7 a.m., officers were dispatched to a break-and-enter that occurred in the early morning at

Victoria Mart, located at 202 Victoria Street East.

The suspects fled the scene prior to the arrival of police.

The preliminary investigation revealed that shortly before 5 a.m., three unknown suspects, believed to be Caucasian males, approached the vape store doors and smashed the door, making entry inside.

The suspects were all wearing all-black

clothing.

Two of the suspects entered the store and stole approximately \$10,000 worth of vape products. The third suspect waited in a getaway vehicle described as a white pickup truck.

The investigation is ongoing.

Police are encouraging residents to review their camera footage or dash cam for any suspicious activity between the hours of

4 a.m. and 5 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 13, that may be helpful in this investigation.

If you have any information regarding this incident, please contact the Nottawasaga OPP at 1-888-310-1122 and reference E250049583.

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

# Police seeking information after pedestrian struck by vehicle, suffers minor injuries

Pedestrian struck by vehicle in Essa  
 Members of the Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) were called to a traffic hazard on County Road 10 in Essa shortly before midnight on Jan. 18.

Officers attended County Road 10 between 25th Sideroad and Willoughby Road for a report of a female laying on the edge of the road.

Police attended the area and were unable to locate anyone.

Shortly after, officers were contacted by a female stating she was walking along County Road 10 in the area of civic number 8085 when she was struck by a vehicle. Officers were able to locate and speak to the female at which time she was trans-

ported to hospital with minor injuries.

The investigation is continuing, police are asking anyone with information or dash cam footage in relation to this incident to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 Reference (E250070382).

# South Simcoe Police lay several charges against Bradford man following robbery

South Simcoe Police responded to a report of a robbery at a business in the area of Holland Street in Bradford West Gwillimbury on Sunday, Jan. 19 at roughly 6 p.m.

Through the investigation, South Simcoe Police officers determined that a male suspect attended the store and produced a

black folding knife.

The male threatened the store employee and made a demand for money. The employee refused and the suspect eventually fled the store with stolen goods

The store employee was not harmed and did not report any injuries.

South Simcoe Police officers along with

canine located the suspect a short distance away.

As a result of the investigation, a 38-year-old-male from Bradford West Gwillimbury was arrested and charged with:

- Robbery
- Fail to Comply with Undertaking
- Possession of a Weapon for a Danger-

ous Purpose

- Carry Concealed Weapon
- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5,000
- Disguise with Intent

The accused was held for bail hearing. The accused's name was not released by South Simcoe Police.



# South Simcoe Police lay impaired driving charges

South Simcoe Police officers responded to a report of a vehicle in the ditch on the 6th Line in the Town of Innisfil on Jan. 19, at approximately 5:20 p.m.

Police arrived on scene and observed a male walking into the ditch towards the vehicle.

As part of the investigation, South Simcoe Police officers spoke with the male and determined he was the driver of the vehicle.

After further investigation, two breath samples were provided, indicating he had more than the legal limit of alcohol in his system.

As a result, a 25-year-old-male from Cambridge was arrested and charged with:

- Operation while impaired
- Operation while impaired – blood alcohol concentration (over 80)

The accused was released with a future court date.

The accused's name was withheld by South Simcoe Police.

"Impaired driving is a crime in progress. The South Simcoe Police Service would like to remind drivers to always drive sober to ensure you arrive alive and protect the lives of other motorists and pedestrians," said the South Simcoe Police in a press release. "Road safety is a shared responsibility, and it depends on the decisions you make. If you spot a suspected impaired driver, call 911 immediately."

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## 708 OBITUARIES

### Broad: Gary Wayne

Gary Wayne Broad, 77, of Wasaga Beach and longtime resident of Nobleton, passed away unexpectedly on January 16, 2025.



Gary was born in Schomberg on March 29, 1947, to Gordon and Harriet Broad (McFadden). The youngest of four brothers, he spent nearly his entire life in Nobleton.

He met his future wife Faye when they were babies with their mothers at church meetings. They attended high school together and married in 1968. They raised their two children, Robbie and Julie, in Nobleton, where Gary curled, played slo-pitch and was active in hockey and baseball.

In his later years, he focused his time putting around his beloved yard, polishing his vehicle and fixing whatever needed to be fixed. He loved seeing what Julie and her husband Keith were up to and doting on his two grandchildren, Gordon (Tait) and Barrett (Beau), and attending their baseball games and school activities.

Gary was predeceased by his parents, Gord and Harriet. He is survived by his wife of 56 years Faye (Neill), his children, Robbie, Julie (Keith Scoles), grandchildren Tait and Beau, brothers David (Carol), Doug and Glen (Nancy) and many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to extend thanks to Simcoe County Paramedic Services, the Wasaga Beach Fire Department, Huronia West OPP and the staff at Collingwood General and Marine Hospital.

In lieu of flowers, friends are encouraged to donate in Gary's memory to the Jumpstart Program ([jumpstart.canadiantire.ca](http://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca)) for kids.

Memorial Reception will be held at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street S (Hwy 50), Bolton (905-857-2213) on **Sunday afternoon, February 2nd** from 1:00 to 3:00 o'clock.

Condolences for the family may be offered at [www.EganFuneralHome.com](http://www.EganFuneralHome.com)

## 708 OBITUARIES

### Evelyn Geraldine Anderson (née Twiss)

October 27th, 1960 - January 10th, 2025

It is with deep sadness that we share the sudden passing of Evelyn Anderson on January 10th, 2025 at the age of 64.

Evelyn often said it was fate she met and married her husband, Leslie Jon Anderson, the love of her life for 45 years. Her world revolved around her beloved children, Crystal and Lorrie (Marc) as well as being a phenomenal Grammy to her two cherished grandchildren Finnley and Ayvah. She is predeceased by her parents: mother Anne, father Keith and step-mother Yvonne. She is survived by her siblings: Phyllis (Ben), Kathy (Bob), Bob, and Sharon. She will be deeply missed by her best friend Beverly. Evelyn will be fondly remembered by her Aunt Patsy, Uncle Ralph, many nieces, nephew, great-nieces, great-nephews, extended family members and friends, all of whom she touched with her warmth and kindness. Evelyn was well known for her big heart and fierce protection of those she loved. In keeping with her wishes, a cremation has taken place.

A gathering to celebrate Evelyn's life will be scheduled at a future date. Please check back to the funeral home's website as dates and times become available. Arrangements entrusted to Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham. The family kindly asks that in lieu of flowers, a donation be made to Lupus Canada. Online condolences and memories may be left for the family at [www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com](http://www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com)

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**Mini White Chocolate Raspberry Cheesecakes** 6 PIECES 300 g

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