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Ready For Redevelopment

Site preparations have started at Stevenson Memorial Hospital as the project to redevelop the hospital gets underway. Simcoe-Grey MPP Brian Saunderson joins Stevenson Memorial Hospital and Foundation leadership, New Tecumseth Mayor Richard Norcross, Deputy Mayor Stephanie MacLellan, Simcoe County Warden Basil Clarke, and deputy mayors and councillors from local municipalities (Essa, Bradford West-Gwillimbury and Innisfil), to celebrate the start of the work. See story on Page 2.

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Site preparations underway for Hospital redevelopment project

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Stevenson Memorial Hospital has announced that site preparations are underway toward building a new state-of-the-art facility at the hospital property.

To ensure that the property is ready for the start of construction later this year, a number of projects will be taking place over the next 10 months, including property grading, building retaining walls, a new parking lot and the construction of a new elevated helipad.

Melrose Paving Co. Ltd., has been awarded the contract to complete the site preparations which is scheduled to be completed by Nov. 30, 2025.

The province is investing almost \$14.5 million in this preliminary site preparation phase towards the hospital's redevelopment.

"For generations, Stevenson Memorial Hospital has provided healthcare support for families in Alliston," said MPP Saunderson. "New Tecumseth is rapidly growing, and so is SMH. This capital grant is another important step towards the end goal of enhancing healthcare in the region."

Interim President and CEO of SMH Barbara Steed noted her excitement about the redevelopment project officially getting underway.

"To see the construction equipment on site and the changes that are already start-

ing to happen really brings this project and our much-needed new facility to life," said Steed. "This community is going to have a new, modernized health care facility that they can rely on for quality health care services for years to come, and we're very excited that progress is taking place."

The new facility will wrap around the current hospital building and will triple the size of the hospital.

A number of clinical areas will be expanded and enhanced.

These include the emergency department, laboratory, medical / surgical unit, diagnostic imaging, surgical suite, obstetrics, pharmacy, medical device reprocessing, environmental services, and materials management.

The design features significant use of natural light, modern design and new and refreshed gardens and green spaces. Once complete, the new facility will ensure patients and families in New Tecumseth and surrounding areas can continue to connect to the high-quality care they need in their growing community for generations.

Patients and visitors can expect an increased volume of trucks and construction equipment on the hospital property throughout 2025. Hospital programs and services will continue to operate as normal. Parking may be impacted at certain stages throughout the process.

The hospital advises that patients with mobility limitations be dropped off at the main entrance before proceeding to park.

Carnegie libraries throughout Ontario still play a vital role in our communities

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Not all very wealthy people light cigars with \$20 bills and bathe in gold-plated bathtubs.

Sometimes that's the perception of the public when individuals have achieved great success and along with that, a lot of money.

Many local libraries across the country, and especially in Ontario, were built due to the generosity of a single man.

Andrew Carnegie was born in Scotland in relatively modest surroundings.

After moving to the U.S. in 1848, Carnegie took on several rather menial jobs.

A local man in Pennsylvania opened his library every Saturday night to local working boys so they could self-educate.

Carnegie took full advantage of the opportunity and used the library to learn as much as he could. He realized how important books were, and resolved that 'If ever wealth came to me, that other poor boys might receive opportunities similar to those for which we were indebted to that nobleman.'

A self-made man, Carnegie had a keen natural business sense. He slowly started building his wealth through wise investments.

As he became wealthier, Carnegie was still a young man when he decided that he would only accept a salary and use the extra money for benevolent purposes.

Between 1875 and 1900, Carnegie made a vast fortune in the steel industry.

In 1901, Carnegie was 65 years old and one of the richest men in the U.S. He had already made sizable donations to several institutions.

Beginning in 1901, Carnegie turned his attention to philanthropic activities.

One of his most notable contributions was the establishment of public libraries – thus fulfilling his early promise.

He created 3,000 public libraries in the U.S., Canada, Britain, Australia, New Zealand, and other English-speaking countries.

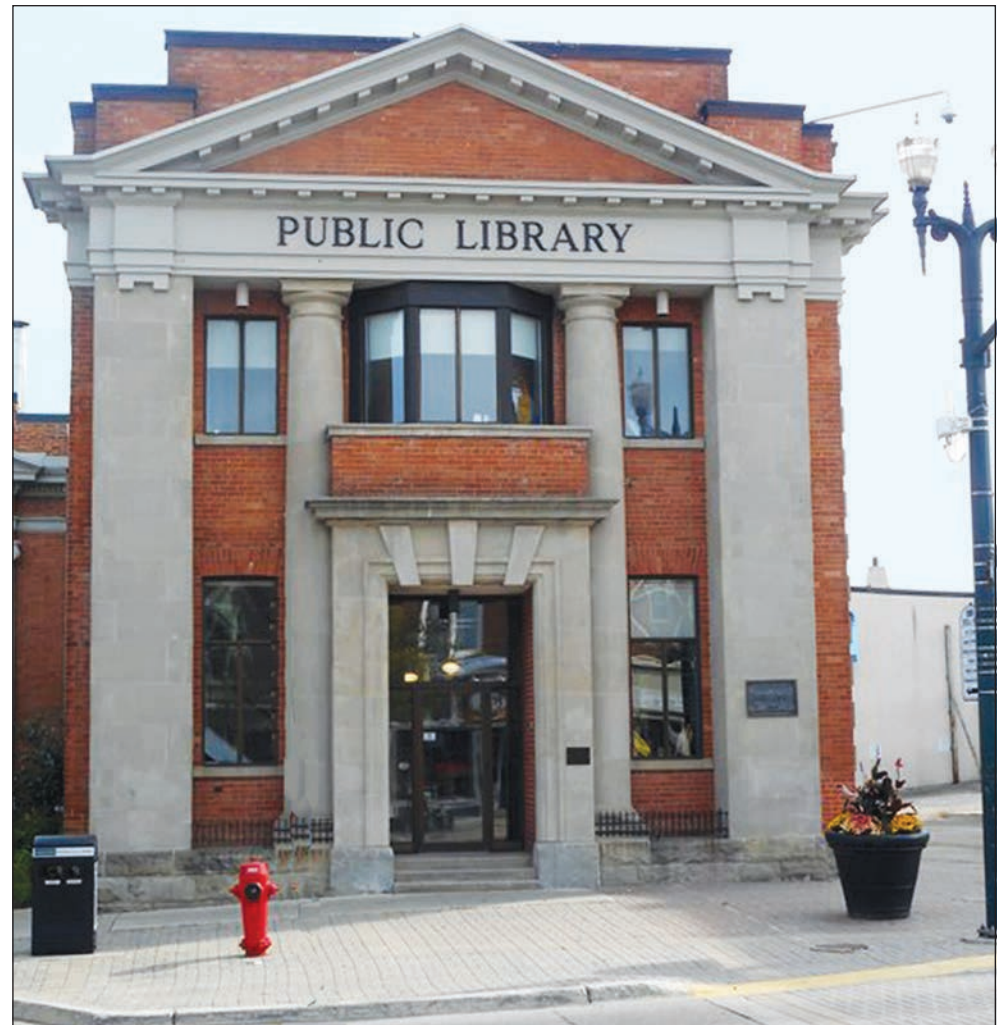
The libraries weren't just given to different towns. Each town had to have a vested interest in providing the land and ensuring the buildings would be maintained and follow codes of conduct.

The libraries were also designed and built to be a showcase building in the town. Carnegie libraries are all well-designed and impressive buildings and easily recognizable.

Carnegie built a total of 125 libraries in Canada. Fifty-three of those libraries are still in use, including the libraries in Shelburne and Orangeville.

The other libraries have been reused and are still standing and some have received special 'heritage designations' due to their impressive designs.

Over 125 years after his death, Carnegie's legacy lives on whenever someone enters a Carnegie library to read or borrow a book.



LIBRARY LEGACY – Industrialist Andrew Carnegie spent a considerable amount of his fortune building libraries in several countries including 125 in Canada. They were all well designed and built to be a showcase buildings in the town. The Orangeville Public Library building is still in use and is an example of the type of architecture that created these impressive buildings.

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Local dairy processing businesses benefit from modernization initiative

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
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The federal and provincial governments are supporting 70 dairy processing businesses across Ontario through the Dairy Processing Modernization Initiative.

This is providing cost-shared funding to help businesses improve efficiency, capacity, and food safety through their acquisition of modern ways of processing milk products.

Two local dairy processors are benefitting from this funding.

Alliston Creamery in Alliston will receive up to \$113,112.87 to upgrade two butter churns with new mixer arms, gears, rebuilt drives, and support rollers to increase processing efficiency and improve food safety.

Additionally, funding will allow for the purchase and installation of two compressor units to increase processing capacity.

Sheldon Creek Dairy in Loretto will

receive up to \$53,946.88 to purchase and install batch scales, thermal printers, temperature-regulated boxes, glycol chiller, pH meter, shadow boards for eligible equipment, and a turntable to increase processing efficiencies and improve food safety.

“The agriculture sector is a pillar in our riding of Simcoe-Grey and has been for generations,” said Simcoe-Grey MPP Brian Saunderson. “It’s encouraging and exciting to see these long-standing businesses leverage the skills that come with experience with the latest technology available on the market.”

The Dairy Processing Modernization Initiative is still accepting applications from cow, goat, sheep, and water buffalo milk processors until the program is fully subscribed.

The initiative provides up to \$200,000 in cost-shared funding to each successful applicant to help dairy processing businesses increase production efficiency and

“It’s encouraging and exciting to see these long-standing businesses leverage the skills that come with experience with the latest technology available on the market.”

Brian Saunderson, Simcoe-Grey MPP

food safety in their facilities.

“We are incredibly grateful for the Ontario government’s support in helping Sheldon Creek Dairy streamline our systems and maximize manufacturing efficiencies,” said Marianne Edward, of Sheldon Creek Dairy. “This investment allows us to enhance our operations while maintaining our commitment to high-quality dairy prod-

ucts. With these upgrades, we can further improve food safety, traceability, and efficiency—ensuring that we continue to meet the growing demand for food processing in Ontario. This funding strengthens our ability to innovate and support other businesses in the industry through co-packing.”

The governments of Ontario and Canada are investing up to \$8 million in the initiative through the Sustainable Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP).

The Sustainable CAP is a five-year, \$3.5-billion investment by federal, provincial and territorial governments to strengthen competitiveness, innovation, and resiliency of Canada’s agriculture, agri-food and agri-based products sector. This includes \$1 billion in federal programs and activities and a \$2.5-billion commitment cost-shared 60 per cent federally and 40 per cent provincially/territorially for programs designed and delivered by provinces and territories.

Simcoe County accepting applications for Social and Community Investment Fund

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
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The Simcoe County Social and Community Investment Fund is a program designed to support individuals and families living in poverty.

The fund invests in eligible organizations working to address poverty in the community and is intended to bridge funding gaps for these organizations not covered by other funding sources.

Local organizations are invited to apply for funding through a ‘Call for Applications’ process that was posted today (Jan. 30). The Call for Applications is posted on the County of Simcoe website along with the application form, eligibility requirements, and frequently asked questions.

Community organizations can visit the website for more information and to submit an application.

Applications must be submitted prior to Feb. 6, 2025.

Project submissions will be reviewed, evaluated, and scored in accordance with an established framework. Recommendations for project funding will be presented

to Simcoe County Council for consideration and approval.

Priority areas for 2025 align with the pillars of the National Poverty Reduction Strategy.

These include:

- Dignity – Lifting Canadians out of poverty by ensuring basic needs are being met.
- Opportunity and inclusion – Helping Canadians join the middle class by promoting full participation in society and the equality of opportunity.
- Resilience and Security – Supporting the middle class by protecting Canadians from falling into poverty and by supporting income security and resilience.

Social and Community Investment Fund funding is provided in addition to several other poverty-reduction initiatives including the County’s 10-point Homelessness Prevention Strategy.

Since launching its 10-point Homelessness Prevention Strategy in 2023, the County has been making significant investments and enhancements to social services programs and supports in the cities of Barrie and Orillia and in our

member municipalities across Simcoe County.

The plan takes a collaborative approach to building up communities, service providers, the business community, and resi-

dents.

Through this strategy, the County continues to work collaboratively with partners and municipalities to continue to prevent and end chronic homelessness.



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Consumer debt

If you have been looking for a new car or truck lately, you will have noticed that new vehicles are getting quite pricey.

For that reason, the used car business has been very good over the past few years.

The average age of a car on North American streets and highways is now 9 years. Many people can't afford to buy something new and hang on to their current ride as long as they can.

Many new cars sell for more than the average annual income of a typical Canadian.

If you are working in a minimum wage job, and many people are, the price of a new car may seem out of reach.

Many, if not most, new car buyers finance the purchase, meaning in the end, you are paying a lot more for that car. The automotive dealers love it because, over time, they make a lot more money.

The thing is, most people need a car or truck to survive.

The Honda plant in Alliston produces some of the most popular vehicles in the country.

It is a huge plant on a huge property. The costs of running a plant that size must be enormous.

The electricity bill alone, to light a place that big and run a lot of machines, must be astronomical. The property taxes owed on a building that size are huge.

There will be a lot of costs involved in designing a car in the first place.

Obtaining raw materials is a big task that supports other industries.

The manufacturing process means a lot of other companies are involved in producing parts. There are always full-size transport trucks going in and out of the Honda plant. Millions must be spent on transportation.

On top of all that, the plant employs more than 4,000 people, and they are all paid a good wage.

When you figure all that in, it is actually surprising that Honda can sell cars for the listed price.

When Henry Ford started making cars, he revolutionized not only the automotive industry but the entire manufacturing industry.

Ford said he wanted to make cars for a price that everyone could afford. History makes him sound like a nice guy, however, the truth is, it was just good business sense.

An affordable car that everyone could own meant more sales and Ford's for-

ture grew.

By 1925, through his assembly line process, he got the price down to \$260. That's equivalent to around \$4,500 in today's money.

If you had to pay that kind of money for a car, wouldn't you buy a brand new one?

Of course, you have to take into account that modern cars come with a lot more bells and whistles and outstanding technology so the cost will be higher.

Recent statistics about consumer debt have come out for the new year.

In Canada, household debt in the country is bigger than ever.

There seems to be no absolute data on household debt as different agencies report different numbers.

However, the low figure is just over \$45,000, and the high figure is closer to \$70,000 that the average Canadian household owes on non-mortgage related debt, as reported by financial institutions and media.

That's a huge number to be hanging over your head and may be causing many people to lose sleep.

And it's not like Canadians are reckless spenders.

When you need a new fridge and

stove, you buy them, and that often means placing the purchase on a credit card because most people don't have that kind of disposable money lying around.

Now you have credit card debt, but since you don't have the money to pay it off, you start making minimum payments. Now you're in the trap.

Then your car starts making a squealing noise and you need new brakes. There's another draw on the credit card – and your monthly payments just went up. On top of that, you have to make huge monthly mortgage payments so your family has a place to live.

Our economy must revert back to a situation where rising costs and inflation don't force people to take on debt they can't afford.

It has created a dangerous situation. Some day, a mere blip on the radar could mean someone calling in a loan, which could create a domino effect and cripple the entire economy.

There's just too much money involved for this not to be a realistic concern.

Owning a car shouldn't mean eight years of payments on a depreciating asset.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Un-muddled mandates

Our language is a funny thing.

While English has done the trick for us for many centuries, it's something of a living document as we don't have officially-appointed individuals to monitor its usage and whether a new word or phrase becomes part of our collective lexicon.

We do, however, have multiple arbiters of such things – the Oxford English Dictionary (OED) and Merriam-Webster being but two bodies who end the year by adding a new word or two to their respective tomes.

New to the latest volume produced by the OED for the year ahead was “brain rot,” a noun which has been defined as “supposed deterioration of a person's mental or intellectual state, especially viewed as a result of overconsumption of material (now particularly online content) considered to be trivial or unchallenging. Also: something characterized as likely to lead such deterioration.”

Whether or not you suffer from “brain

rot” I'll leave for you to self-diagnose. The choice offered by Merriam-Webster, however, is something we can all relate to: “Polarization.”

Merriam-Webster defines the word as “division into two sharply distinct opposites; especially, a state in which the opinions, beliefs, or interests of a group or society no longer range along a continuum but become concentrated at opposing extremes.”

We don't have to look very far to find examples of polarization in our day to day lives, particularly in our public discourse when it comes to the “big stuff,” we're seeing it more and more with the “small stuff,” which so many have forgotten not to sweat.

The US is experiencing heaps of both at the moment while the people, many of whom voted with their pocketbook in the supposed hope that a vote for the ultimate victor in the race would somehow lower grocery prices with the wave of some sort of magic pen, are feeling

the impacts. At President Trump rolls back many human rights that were hard-fought by Americans, stoking no small amount of fear amongst large swaths of the populace, there are the distraction issues which nobody voted for – such as a unilateral re-naming of the Gulf of Mexico, despite the fact that three nations share its shore. Nonsense.

There have been calls to coalesce around these changes – and the person at the centre of power – all in the name of national unity, but it often feels like the ones who are ripping up long-held playbooks, attacking long-serving and well-run institutions, and taking direct aim at significant segments of the population, are always the ones wailing for unity after sowing the seeds of division themselves.

Here at home, we're going through our own time of transition.

The Federal Parliament is currently prorogued while the governing Liberals find themselves a new leader. Some may have wanted a snap election rather

than a leadership race, content to put themselves forward as an alternative to a Prime Minister who chose to ignore the writing on the wall and stay at the helm long after it was clear that he wouldn't be continuing in the role for very much longer – whether at the will of his caucus or of the people.

Not many options were left to Trudeau following the pre-Christmas resignation of Chrystia Freeland, but given recent events south of the border, going down the leadership path was, in my view, probably the best option of the unenviable list that remained; it gives us a chance of some stability on the world stage, keeping some individuals with relevant experience at the table as we navigate the choppy waters of Trump Tariffs and threats to our independence.

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Slide back towards war: Kagame & Trump

We seem to be drifting back into the world of 'Might Makes Right'. That would be a bad place to be.

Last June the president of Rwanda, Paul Kagame, said that he was ready to go to war with the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRCongo) if necessary. He still hasn't formally declared war, but 3,000-4,000 Rwandan troops are already across the DRCongo border and many more are just behind them.

When Donald Trump first broached the notion of acquiring Greenland in 2019, he called it "essentially a large real estate deal." Now he says that he won't rule out using military force to gain control of the vast territory, which is part of Denmark but free to leave if its people (mostly indigenous Inuit) wish to.

I know, you're saying to yourself that this is a ridiculous comparison. The two potential victims are completely different: the DRCongo is a poor tropical country with more than 100 million people, while Greenland is a prosperous Arctic country with only 52,000 citizens and Denmark is a member of NATO and the European Union.

There's an equally huge disparity between the two potential aggressors. Rwanda is a heavily armed and militaristic country of 14 million people, sort of a big Sparta, while the United States is...well, it's a heavily armed and rather militaristic country of 341 million people. So kind of a gigantic Sparta, but with a more relaxed moral tone.

Nevertheless, it is fair to judge them by the same rules, for they are all sovereign states and have all signed the UN Charter. Article Two states clearly: "All Members shall settle their international disputes by peaceful means in such a manner that international peace and security, and justice, are not endangered."

That means they have promised not to settle their disputes by war – and the African pair, Rwanda and the DRC, also signed the Charter of the African Union, which requires the member states to respect the borders "existing on achievement of independence."

In other words, they agreed never to change or challenge the old colonial borders, however irrational they may seem in ethnic or historical terms. Otherwise, African countries would face generations of interstate wars as various countries tried to achieve more 'convenient' borders.

And amazingly, it worked, more or less. These rules have for the most part been obeyed for more than two generations. There have been many internal wars but few cross-border wars, and even those rarely result in border changes. Moreover, in the few cases where borders are changed by force, other countries do not recognize the changes as legitimate.

This remarkable turn towards peace and justice, which has seen deaths in the world's wars fall from a million a month in 1942-1945 to tens of thousands a year by 2020, was driven

mostly by the fear of nuclear war.

The great powers did not dare fight each other directly because they would be destroyed by nuclear weapons. They also tried to damp down other, lesser wars because they worried about escalation, and most other countries were glad to have an excuse to stop. The period between 1950 and 2020 was probably the most peaceful in the history of civilization.

The new rules made sense in the circumstances, so people behaved accordingly. Indeed, after the Cold War I could go into the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Moscow and get approximately the same lecture about the need to obey the rules that I would receive in the State Department in Washington.

The worry is that the generations turn over and gradually the old lessons are forgotten. Vladimir Putin probably knew the rules once, but he doesn't think they matter any more. Donald Trump has probably never heard of them. They both think you can just grab some territory and get away with it, like you could in the 1600s or the 1800s.

They are wrong. Actions have consequences, and in the current era everything connects. Putin thought he could conquer Ukraine in a week, and next month will mark three years of war. Trump really could seize Greenland in a week, but the blowback from everywhere else would be hugely damaging and long-lasting.

As for Paul Kagame, he really should know better. This is the third time in the past 30 years that he has sent his troops (or Tutsi militants like the current M23 militia) into DRCongo to seize the north-east region's rich mineral resources. Twice the African Union has come up with enough forces to push him out, and it might yet manage it again.

So it's not over yet. The erosion of the post-1945 international rules is real and alarming, but so far, enough people still remember why we made them in the first place.

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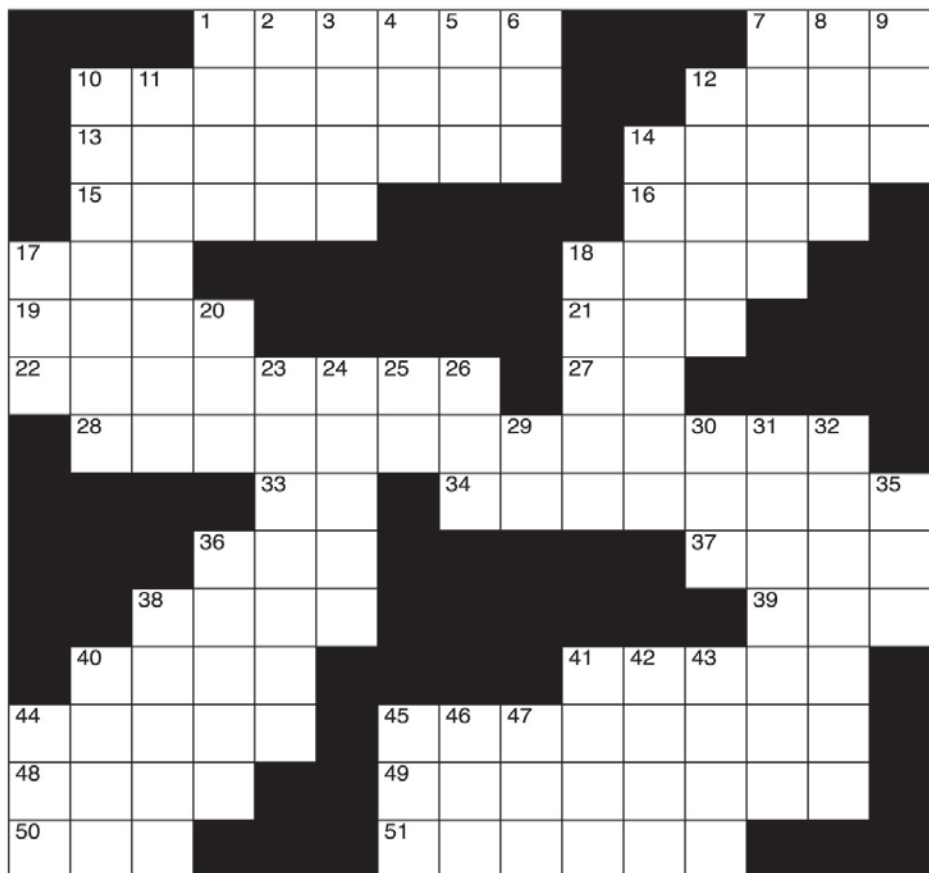
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- Ageless
- River in SE Europe
- Able to be repaired
- Type of wrap
- Atomic #54
- Type of tent
- U.S. Treasury position
- Opposed to
- Protective covering
- Bridge building degree
- Clouding of the lens
- Priestess of Hera loved by Zeus
- Unacceptable
- Mr. T's "The A-Team" character
- American national

CLUES DOWN

- Supreme god of ancient Egyptians
- Nevada city
- Energy, style and enthusiasm
- Bird's beak
- Language
- Midway between south and southeast
- Punjab village
- Small biting flies
- Sportscaster Patrick
- A way to get around
- Repeat
- A way to cook with fat (Scottish)
- Temporary loss of consciousness
- Reciprocal of a sine
- Fir tree genus
- "Transformers" director Michael
- Criminals who steal
- Genus of leaf-footed bug
- Music product
- "Talk to you"
- Santa says it three times
- Doctors' group
- African nation
- Ageless
- When you hope to get somewhere
- Worn
- Deprives of vigor
- Used to have
- Where you live
- Muslim ruler title
- Basics
- Type of drug (abbr.)
- Spanish soldier
- It precedes two
- Illuminated

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

Conservation authorities are a pillar in our communities

This month, I had the honour of being elected chair of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA). As I step into this new role, I've been reflecting on why conservation authorities matter so deeply to our communities, our province and our country.

What could be more Canadian than protecting our lakes, rivers, forests and wetlands? Conservation authorities like NVCA are responsible for stewarding these natural resources and preserving them for future generations. But this work isn't just about environmental responsibility—it's also about safeguarding our local economy.

In regions like ours, where agriculture and tourism thrive, conservation is as much about protecting livelihoods as it is about protecting nature. Our farmers depend on healthy ecosystems to sustain some of the best agricultural land in Ontario. Likewise, the beauty of our lakes and forests draws tourists, hunters and anglers from far and wide, fueling local businesses. Without clean water,

thriving fish stocks or healthy wetlands, these economic drivers would suffer.

The work of conservation authorities is vital, but it's not always visible. Behind the scenes, our teams are planting trees, restoring creeks and riverbeds, and implementing nature-based solutions to tackle the impacts of climate change. These solutions—such as wetland restoration to reduce flooding or reforestation to capture carbon emissions—are among the most effective tools we have to address the environmental challenges of our time.

I've been passionate about the environment since high school, working on policy at both the provincial and federal levels and supporting environmental NGOs in my professional life. As a Councillor in Bradford West Gwillimbury, I've chaired our award-winning Green Initiatives Advisory Committee, where we've tackled everything from water conservation to energy retrofitting older buildings, expanding recycling programs, and advocating for the right to repair

electronics and agricultural equipment. These initiatives are rooted in a simple principle: protecting the environment is both the right thing to do and the smart thing to do.

But conservation authorities aren't just about policy and projects—they're also about people. At NVCA, I've seen the dedication of our staff firsthand. Their work to plant thousands of trees, protect water quality and restore natural habitats is extraordinary. At the same time, we know that serving the public is at the heart of our mission. Residents, farmers and businesses deserve clear, efficient and fair processes when it comes to planning and permitting. Time is money, and we have to strike a balance between thorough reviews and expeditious customer service.

That's why, as chair, I'm committed to fostering a culture of continuous improvement at NVCA. This means responding quickly to enquiries, streamlining development approvals and ensuring consistent application of standards. It also

means celebrating and communicating our successes. Conservation authorities do incredible work, and we need to share those stories to build trust and confidence in our role.

Conservation authorities like NVCA represent a uniquely Canadian way of protecting what matters: the natural beauty and resources that define our communities. This work isn't just about today—it's about ensuring a sustainable future for generations to come.

As I begin this new chapter, I'm optimistic about what lies ahead. With the support of our dedicated staff, board, municipal partners and the wider community, I'm confident we can continue making a difference—protecting our environment, strengthening our economy and serving the people who call this region home.

Jonathan Scott is Chair of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority and a Councillor in Bradford West Gwillimbury



JONATHAN SCOTT
PROTECTING OUR WATERWAYS

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Brock's Banter: Un-muddled mandates

An election, of course, is an inevitability once the new Liberal leader and, therefore, Prime Minister, is chosen by party faithful – but, it offers some degree of stability in the middle of what is otherwise a power vacuum at the worst possible time.

Then, there is Doug Ford who is no stranger to polarizing politics.

In the midst of long-term controversies on myriad subjects, including the developments of Highway 413, the Bradford

Bypass, and all the scores of issues associated with both projects, to even his Government's controversial decision to forge ahead with the removal of cycling infrastructure from some Toronto streets, he recently – and finally – found a groove that crossed party lines: taking a strong stand against Trump and his seemingly bottomless and fatiguing font of threats.

Since those tariffs were first mooted, along with the "idea" of Canada becoming

the fifty-first state of the union, Ford, in my view, stepped up to the plate to provide a strong voice not just for the province, but the nation – gee, it's almost as if he took notes from the last time we collectively weathered a Trump Tornado.

Yet, instead of staying on the file in the absence of permanent leadership elsewhere, he's made the decision to do away with that goodwill and leave yet another power vacuum, calling a snap election to give him a mandate to...continue leading as the people hired him to do for a second time two-and-a-half years ago.

With an unassailable majority of 20-ish seats.

And a strong mandate that would be the envy of many a politician.

Despite this healthy majority and inspiring rare unity amongst opposition parties who generally supported the approach Ford and his government have and intended to take to protect Ontario's cross-border trade and economy, an early election was called at his behest on Tuesday to ostensibly seek a somehow stronger mandate to keep calm and carry on.

Ford rides into this election with healthy poll numbers, which bodes well for he and his slate of candidates. The odds are in his favour and, following Election Day

on February 27, we might not see significant change at Queen's Park. So, what's it all for?

That will be up to voters to decide, but I fear this decision to call an early election will erode our parliamentary system and pave the way for something of an ad-hoc style of government where governments are elected and dissolved to address Trump's threat du jour, or whatever winds blow our way.

In this environment, stability is the key, and going down that route for the next four years – and, perhaps, beyond – will leave us both exhausted and without a reliable rudder to navigate these unfavourable waters. I wonder if the OED will one day have a concise word for that.

We already know we're going to have a long four years ahead of us, no matter which leader and party wins here at home next month, or on the national level whenever that election comes to pass. We need our stability where we can find it.

Yet, what's done is done, and I thank all candidates who have stepped up to be a part of the democratic process and wish them all the best in presenting their visions for the Province to electors.

Now, it's on us to listen, think critically on all sides, and cast a vote that is most aligned with our own visions for the future.



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2025 INTERIM TAX DUE DATE FOR PROPERTY TAXES

The Town of New Tecumseth issued the 2025 Interim tax bills on January 15, 2025. The Interim tax bill represents 50% of the previous year's tax bill.

The due dates for regular tax payments are as follows:

- **1st instalment will be due February 28th, 2025**
- **2nd instalment will be due April 30th, 2025**

We do not send interim bills to residents on the Monthly Pre-authorized payment plans. If you are on the monthly plan, we have issued you notice of your new monthly payment.

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Province supporting economic growth in rural communities

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A new rural economic development program is part of a new strategy to boost economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas.

Brian Saunderson, MPP for Simcoe-Grey, announced that the provincially funded Rural Economic Development Strategy will provide \$10 million in annual funding for the next two years to support economic growth, workforce capacity, and business development in rural communities.

“The Rural Economic Development Strat-

egy is our plan to help rural and Indigenous communities realize their potential and support the economic prosperity of communities across Ontario,” said Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs. “It’s based on our government’s belief that a strong and dynamic rural Ontario is essential for the success of the province’s economy.”

The strategy focuses on three key areas. They include creating safe and strong rural communities, improving local economic development capacity and championing local leadership, supporting the rehabilitation of municipal and community infrastructure, and helping communities

develop plans for housing and transportation.

The strategy supports business development and attraction, by helping rural communities and other economic development partners in strengthening and growing rural businesses.

Growing the rural workforce is part of the strategy by helping grow local talent, raising awareness of job opportunities available in rural Ontario, and supporting workers in obtaining the skills needed to succeed while attracting and retaining workers so that rural communities and small towns thrive.

As part of this strategy, the government

has revamped the previous Rural Economic Development Program, now called the Rural Ontario Development Program, and is doubling its funding to \$20 million over the next two years. More details on the enhanced program will be available in the coming weeks.

“Rural communities and businesses are the backbone of our riding,” said Simcoe-Grey MPP Brian Saunderson. “For generations, families have worked their farms and their businesses as a critical part of our local economy. This investment will enhance and strengthen that proud legacy in Simcoe-Grey.”



COMMUNITY CHEER – Every year, the Alliston Lions Club works hard to support local families who may need some help through the holiday season. The Lions were helped by local residents, neighbours, friends, fellow volunteer service organizations, schools, churches, and local businesses. This year, their Christmas program brought a little cheer to 143 families and 319 children.

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Arts & Local Events

Put on your toques and bundle up for Coldest Night of the Year

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Coldest Night of the Year walk has a special meaning.

It reminds people of what it is like to be homeless when the cold weather starts and you are living on the street without proper shelter.

S.H.I.F.T. in Alliston is calling on everyone to bundle up, brave the cold, and walk in support of those experiencing or at risk of homelessness or struggling with a low income in the community.

The Coldest Night of the Year is a community walk to raise funds and awareness for S.H.I.F.T. They need your help to make this year's walk the most successful one yet.

Every contribution counts when you sign up to walk, volunteer, or donate in support of a friend's efforts.

The cold is guaranteed, but there will be hot beverages, cozy vibes, and the power of community to keep you moving forward on the walk.

The Coldest Night of the Year walk takes place on Saturday, Feb. 22, starting at the Alliston Memorial Arena (49 Nelson St. W., Alliston).

To register or donate to Coldest Night of the Year, in support of S.H.I.F.T., visit www.cnoy.org/alliston.



BUNDLING UP FOR A GOOD CAUSE – The community will be coming together to support S.H.I.F.T. in Alliston during the annual Coldest Night of the Year fundraiser on Feb. 22. The community walk helps generate funds and give participants a small glimpse into what it would be like to live on the street in cold weather, without a proper shelter. S.H.I.F.T. provides shelter services to homeless people. Last year's walk had 278 participants and raised \$145,516 for S.H.I.F.T.

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SPORTS

NEW TECUMSETH TIMES

Hornets take one-goal win over Innisfil Spartans Friday night

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Alliston Hornets won their home game over the Innisfil Spartans on Friday (Jan. 24) night at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre, but it was a little closer than they probably wanted it to be.

The Hornets opened the game with a strong first period scoring just 37 seconds in the first frame and following with a second goal just over a minute later.

They were ahead 3-0 by the time the period ended.

Hornets goals came from Duncan Grube, Aiden Landers, and Mark Coish.

It was a 4-0 game when Grube notched his second of the night at the midway mark in the second period.

The Spartans got on the scoreboard with two minutes remaining in the period.

The Hornets seemed to let up later in the game and the Spartans scored twice in the third period to come within a goal of tying it.

Innisfil blew any chance of tying it up when one of their players took an unnecessary roughing penalty late in the period and the Spartans had to play the rest of the game short-handed.

The final was a 4-3 win for the Hornets.

“We let them get a little momentum and they got back into it,” said Hornets forward Jaeden French after the game, about the third-period Innisfil comeback. “I thought we responded pretty good though, and we were able to fend them off. It wasn’t our best game. We’ve got to start gaining a little bit of momentum going into the playoffs. It was a bottom three team – that shouldn’t happen to us. We’re looking to gain some momentum going into the next three games and get back on track.”

The team is still smarting from a shoot-



CLOSE GAME – The Alliston Hornets host the Innisfil Spartans on the ice at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre on Friday, Jan. 24. The Hornets took an early 3-0 lead, but the Spartans made a good comeback to challenge. The Alliston team left the ice with a 4-3 win and remains in first place in the North Carruthers Division of the Provincial Junior Hockey League. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**

out loss on Jan. 10 to the last-place Muskoka Bears, but French shrugged it off.

“We weren’t too disappointed, French said. “We put up 70 shots to their 16. Sometimes you face a hot goalie. We got by a goalie, not a team. It was a good lesson and we came back harder in the next four.”

The Hornets maintain their first-place position in the North Carruthers Division of the Provincial Junior Hockey League with a 32-1 record including the one shoot-out loss.

The Orillia Terriers are in second place with a 25-4 record, followed by the Stayner Siskins who have a 25-9 record.

The Hornets will have a road game this weekend when they travel to Orillia on Feb. 1, to take on the Terriers.

They will return to home ice at the NTRC on Wednesday, Feb. 5, when they will host the Penetang Kings.

Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Lace up for a skate at outdoor rinks, now open throughout New Tecumseth

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Not everyone likes the cold weather, but good things do arrive with the frostier temperatures.

If you like outdoor skating, there are now two locations open for the public to enjoy.

In Alliston, a rink has been created at the Donor Diamond at Riverdale Park. Parking is available.

A rink is now also ready at the fairgrounds in Beeton. This location also has ample parking.

If you prefer an evening skate, the lights at both parks will be on from 4:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. every night.

When visiting the outdoor rinks, there are some rules you should be aware of.

Public skating is free at outdoor rinks in New Tecumseth, and access will be granted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

A maximum of 50 skaters will be permitted on the ice at any given time. Outdoor rinks will be monitored to ensure participant numbers are not exceeded.

Hockey sticks and pucks are not permitted during public skate times.

Outdoor rinks may be closed without notice due to unsafe or poor weather conditions.

The Tottenham outdoor ice pad is also open.

The ice pad is located at the Tottenham Community Centre.

LACING UP – The outdoor public skating rinks are open in New Tecumseth as the colder weather allows for flooding and maintenance. Skaters enjoy an afternoon on the ice at the Donor Diamond at Riverdale Park in Alliston on Saturday, Jan. 24. There is also an outdoor rink at the Beeton Fairgrounds.

BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO



Push-Up Challenge is new way to get moving for mental health

BY BROCK WEIR

Are you looking for some motivation to keep at some of your New Year's fitness resolutions while helping the community at the same time? Well, some simple moves to strengthen your core can make a big difference in "core" mental health programs in York Region and South Simcoe.

The Canadian Mental Health Association of York Region and South Simcoe (CMHA-YRSS) is set to participate in The Push-Up Challenge, Canada's largest mental health and fitness event, which runs from Feb. 11 to 28.

Through the Challenge, participants will be tasked to complete 2,000 push-ups, representing the approximately 2,000 lives lost to suicide each day around the world.

Pledges collected by the participants will stay local, supporting critical care mental health services and programs in the community, with a particular focus on youth mental health.

"The Push-Up Challenge is a national fundraising event... and we're joining Canadians all across the country in an

extraordinarily difficult [task]. Sometimes we need to challenge ourselves to do something that is really hard for something that is meaningful – to raise money for local services," says Rebecca Shields, CEO of CMHA-YRSS. "Sometimes we do the hard things because it reminds us how important it is."

This Challenge was first initiated in Australia by people who lost someone they loved to suicide, Shields notes, and has since spread around the world.

The CMHA-YRSS' participation in the Push-Up Challenge replaces what has previously been one of their flagship fundraisers for their programs and services, Mental Health in Motion, which they are looking back on as a success story spanning more than a decade.

"I think all events have a good life span and we really wanted to try something different," says Shields. "The incredible supporters, donors, and volunteers have been so great over the years, but we really felt it was time to refresh our event strategy. We wanted to be part of this national event and we felt we really couldn't do both, so this

"Sometimes we need to challenge ourselves to do something that is really hard for something that is meaningful – to raise money for local services... Sometimes we do the hard things because it reminds us how important it is."

Rebecca Shields, CEO of CMHA-YRSS

was a really exciting opportunity for us to work with all of our branches across Canada and do something that is really important together for mental health.

"For us, we always support where the funds are needed the most," says Shields, noting their mobile mental health unit for youth, MOBYSS, will benefit from these funds. Other youth programs, and recreation opportunities for people of all ages

"living with really serious, persistent mental illness, to have a chance to do something they otherwise wouldn't be able to do" will be supported.

If push-ups aren't right for you, however, you can still be involved. In addition to sponsoring a participant or group, people can register for sit-ups, squats, or other alternative exercises – and you can also aim for 50 per cent of the push-up target if 1,000 sounds more inviting than 2,000.

What's important, notes Shields is keeping eyes on the goal.

"I love a good goal – and I'm going to be joining our Board's team and we'll do it together to raise money for CMHA," she says. "As last year was the last year with Mental Health in Motion, this allows me to ask friends who supported me in that physical activity to support me in this physical activity, so we can continue to support the really important programs – and that's motivation enough."

For more on The Push-Up Challenge, visit www.thepushupchallenge.ca/home?lightbox=/register-select&utm_term=cmha-62.

Chair and vice-chair acclaimed at Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Jonathan Scott, councillor for the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, and Gail Little, deputy mayor for the Township of Amaranth, were acclaimed to lead the 2025 Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority board of directors as Chair and Vice Chair on Jan. 25, 2025.

Deputy Mayor Little and Councillor Scott served as chair and vice chair, respectively, over the past two years.

"I want to thank Deputy Mayor Little for leading the organization," said councillor Scott. "I've learned a lot from her, and I hope to carry those lessons forward in this new role."

As chair, Councillor Scott looks forward to leading the organization toward continuous improvement.

"Our job as a conservation authority is to serve the public," he continued. "Over the coming months, I'm eager to support



ACCLAIMED – The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority has announced that Jonathan Scott and Gail Little were acclaimed to lead the 2025 NVCA board as chair and vice-chair going into the new year.

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staff efforts to make our processes more efficient and meet the high expectations of residents, businesses and municipal

partners alike."

This is Deputy Mayor Little's second time as Vice Chair. During her years of service, she has led NVCA through the changes to the Conservation Authorities Act and ensured that the organization worked toward protecting and enhancing the Nottawasaga Watershed so that communities, economies, and wildlife can

thrive.

"I'm proud to have served as chair of NVCA over the last two years," said Little. "In this role, I've witnessed the fantastic work that staff has done. I look forward to working with chair Scott to guide NVCA to serve our communities in even more efficient, more innovative ways."

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Man known to frequent Alliston wanted on Canada Wide Warrant

BY SAM ODROWSKI

A federal offender who is known to frequent Beeton, Alliston and Barrie, is wanted by authorities.

The Repeat Offender Parole Enforcement (R.O.P.E.) Squad is requesting the public's assistance in locating a federal offender wanted on a Canada Wide Warrant as a result of a breach of his Statutory Release.

Thomas Andrew Hackett is described as a White Male, 50 years of age, 5' 7" (170 cm), 170 lbs. (77 kgs) with a fair complexion, brown hair and blue eyes. Hackett has surgical scars on his right upper arm, right ankle, left ankle and abdomen. He also has

several tattoos;

- 'HACKETT' - upper back
- 'TOM' - left upper arm
- A lion - left upper arm,
- 'JESS' - right upper arm
- 'THE GOOD DIE YOUNG' - right forearm
- Coat of arms - right forearm
- Leaves - right forearm

Thomas Andrew HACKETT is serving a two-year sentence for:

- operation of motor vehicle while impaired
- operation of motor vehicle while prohibited
- failure / refuse to comply with demand
- assault - intentional use of force

- fail to comply with probation order

Anyone having contact with this offender or information in regard to their whereabouts is asked to contact the Provincial R.O.P.E. Squad at 416-808-5900 or toll free at 1-866-870-7673 (ROPE) or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or call 9-1-1.

WANTED – Thomas Andrew Hackett is wanted on a Canada Wide Warrant as a result of a breach of his Statutory Release. Hackett is described as a 50-year-old white male, who stands 5' 7" tall. He has a fair complexion with brown hair and blue eyes.

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Man passed out at McDonalds Drive Thru window charged with impaired driving

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

On Jan. 27, shortly after 12:30 a.m., Nottawasaga OPP received a call for a male driver asleep in his vehicle at a drive through

window in Alliston.

The officer located the vehicle shortly after, the vehicle was observed to be running with the windows up in front of the pay window. The driver was unresponsive, taking several attempts to wake him.

As of a result of the investigation the

driver: Randeep Mann 47 years-old, of Otterville Ontario, was charge with:

- Adult Operation while Impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)

In addition to the charges, the driver was

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

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice located in Bradford on Feb. 20, 2025, to answer to the charges.

None of the charges have been proven in court.

Impaired driving charges laid against Alliston resident, narrowly avoids collision

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

On Jan. 25, just before 12:30 a.m., Nottawasaga OPP received a call for a traffic complaint for a possible impaired driver travelling Westbound on Highway 89 from Highway 400. The complainant described a

black pickup truck to be driving all over the road, almost causing a head on collision by driving into the Eastbound Lane.

The OPP officer located the vehicle shortly after traveling Westbound, passing 10th Sideroad in New Tecumseth. The officer conducted a traffic stop at which time the complainant also provided dash cam footage showing the driver swerving

erratically into the opposite lane, narrowly avoiding an oncoming vehicle.

As of a result of the investigation, the driver: Nurettin Nargul, 39, of Alliston, was charged with:

- Adult Operation while Impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)

- Dangerous operation

In addition to the charges, the driver was issued a 90-day license suspension, and the vehicle was impounded for seven days.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice located in Bradford on Feb. 20, 2025, to answer to the charges.

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.



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Alliston woman charged with fraud and theft after ongoing incidents at local FreshCo

The Nottawasaga Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a female in relation to an ongoing theft and fraud investigation.

On Dec. 23, at approximately 7:30 p.m. Nottawasaga OPP responded to a report of a theft at FreshCo, located at 161 Young Street, Alliston.

A Caucasian female described as a frequent shopper, about 5'5", approximately 30-40 years old, wearing a black coat with hood, black backpack with red design entered the store and placed several items in her backpack, then proceeded to purchase the remaining items in the shopping cart with a store employee debit card and left on foot

On Dec. 21, Nottawasaga OPP requested the public's assistance to identify a female involved in a theft and fraud investigation.

On Jan. 21, 2025, officers have charged Michelle Miller, a 46-year-old female of Alliston, with the following:

- Fraud Under \$5,000 - Two Counts
- Theft Under \$5,000 - Shoplifting
- Theft Under \$5,000

The accused has been released on an undertaking and is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice located in Bradford on February 20, 2025, to answer to the charges.

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

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612 AUCTIONS/FLEA MARKETS

Helen Lucas original for sale - "The Holy Spirit"



For sale is a unique original painting by renowned floral artist, the late Helen Lucas. "Holy Spirit," is an original acrylic on wood frame piece that captures spirituality in a simple way, through a dove. Created in 2017. The small set of originals was meant to be printed as art cards for a church fundraiser. Only 5-6 of these doves exist (in different poses) so they are truly rare. This is the only one of its kind. Measures 19.5" by 23.5." Lucas originals are quite valuable and sought after. This is unlike anything else in her collection. "... the Holy Spirit descended in a bodily form, as a dove, upon him, and a voice came out of heaven, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased." Asking \$500. Email mpavilons@rogers.com for more.

Original Arathoon canvas for sale



For sale is "Pine on the Ridge" (Small Study) by Canadian artist David Arathoon. It was created in the 1990s and sold at a Caledon-based charity auction. Frame measures 20" by 17.25" and canvas is 11.5" by 8.5". Valued at \$450. David Arathoon has achieved national success with numerous solo and group exhibitions in many private and public galleries, such as the Hummingbird Center for the Performing Arts, Toronto. Arathoon has been instrumental in successful fundraising efforts with his original art and limited edition prints. His prints have raised over \$100,000 for various charities. Asking \$300 obo. Email mpavilons@rogers.com

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