



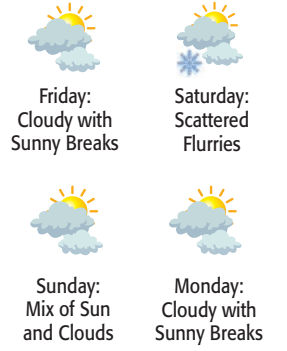
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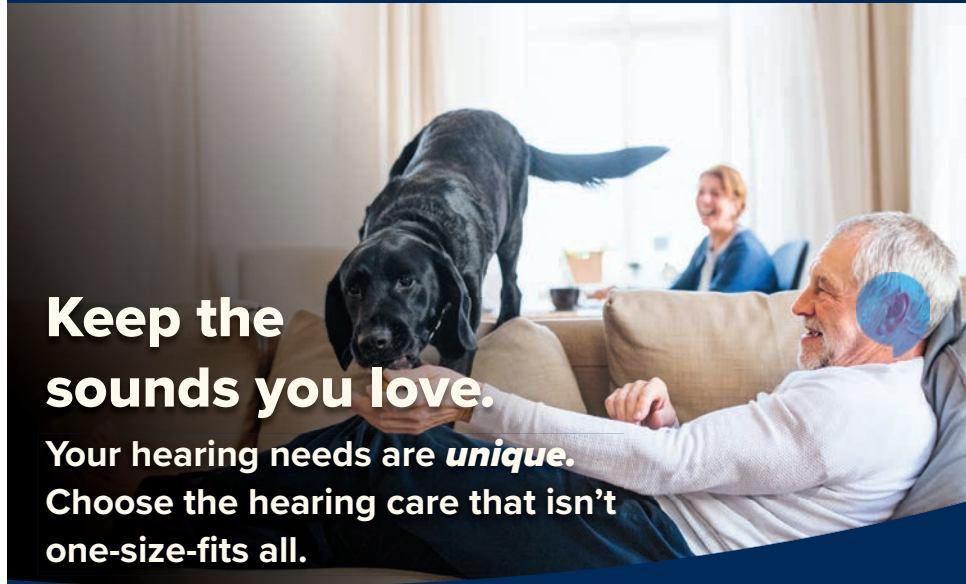
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Dedicated leader leaves lasting impact on Abilities in Motion

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

After more than a decade of dedicated service, Andy Owens is bidding farewell to their current role at Abilities in Motion (AIM).

Andy was the site coordinator and leaves behind a legacy of commitment, passion, and community engagement.

Abilities in Motion promotes inclusive paddling and provides people with physical disabilities and mental challenges the opportunity to get out on the water and enjoy paddling.

Since joining AIM in 2009, Andy has played an instrumental role in expanding the organization's reach at the Earl Rowe Provincial Park location.

His leadership and tireless efforts helped AIM grow its presence within the local community, ensuring that families in need have the opportunity to enjoy paddling in a safe and fun environment.

Andy's work extended beyond the walls of AIM facilities – he actively connected with organizations throughout the region to spread awareness about the AIM mission.

Andy was a cornerstone of AIM's volunteer program. He not only recruited individuals passionate about helping others, but also took the time to train and mentor them, thus ensuring that AIM's values of kindness and service were upheld at every level.

His dedication did not go unnoticed as colleagues, volunteers, and community members alike have expressed their deep appreciation for his contributions.

As Andy moves on to new endeavours, the AIM community extends its heartfelt gratitude for his years of service.



DEDICATION – Long-time volunteer Andy Owens is leaving his position as Site Coordinator at Abilities in Motion. The organization promotes inclusive paddling for people with physical disabilities and mental challenges at its Earle Rowe Provincial Park location. Andy volunteered with the organization since 2009. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

Even though he is leaving his current position, Andy will still be available from time to time to continue to provide on-the-water instruction.

Abilities in Motion is seeking a volunteer to assist in the day-to-day operation at the Earle Rowe Provincial Park location. This should be someone who lives in the area, is available from May to September and has the time and commitment to provide leadership at the Alliston location.

If you or someone you know is interested in this rewarding opportunity, you can reach out to AIM by email at info@abilitiesinmotion.ca, or visit the website at www.abilitiesinmotion.ca to learn more.

County receiving funding for emergency shelters

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Province of Ontario has begun to provide funding of up to \$75.5 million to municipalities in the province to help them wind down encampments in public spaces by creating more emergency shelter spaces and affordable housing units.

The County of Simcoe will be receiving up to \$3,039,900.

The plan is to create accommodations that will provide vulnerable people with appropriate short and long-term housing alternatives to encampments and help restore safety and order to Ontario's parks and other public spaces.

"Homelessness is a serious, complex and growing issue in our Province and Simcoe County that requires coordinated action from every level of government," said Brian Saunderson, MPP for Simcoe-Grey. "This increased investment is part of our Government's ongoing commitment to working collaboratively with the County of Simcoe to expand and enhance the important work the County is doing through programs like the Simcoe County Alliance to End Homelessness (SCATEH) and the Canada Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB), to provide safe and secure housing for all our residents."

The funding that is being flowed to municipalities includes:

- \$50 million for ready-to-build affordable housing projects, allocated based on how close a project is to completion and its value for money, to help projects near

completion that require additional targeted funding open their doors faster.

- \$20 million to expand shelter capacity and create additional temporary accommodation spaces.

- \$5.5 million to top up the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB) to immediately free up emergency shelter spaces for people living in encampments by helping people living in shelters move into longer-term housing. This funding builds on the nearly \$400 million invested in COHB between 2023 and 2024.

As part of the government's commitment to ensuring Ontarians can safely use shared public spaces, the province is working with local service managers to direct funding into communities where it is needed most.

By helping municipalities and other project partners create more emergency shelter and affordable housing spaces, the province is helping vulnerable people move out of crisis situations and into stable accommodations.

"The County of Simcoe appreciates the commitment shown by our local MPPs and the provincial government to invest in stable solutions for those living unhoused across our region," said Simcoe County Warden, Basil Clarke. "We know that homelessness remains a challenge in communities across the country. We believe that this funding will help increase our efforts to move residents who have been living 'rough' or in encampments to stable permanent housing and allow us to continue building up access to housing for Simcoe County residents."

Two local organizations recognized with Age Friendly Awards

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The County of Simcoe hosted its second annual Age-Friendly Recognition Awards Ceremony celebrating the achievements of those who have taken significant steps to create inclusive, age-friendly communities.

The ceremony took place on Tuesday, Jan. 28 and two Alliston-based organizations were selected – the 54 Plus Seniors Centre and Royal Canadian Legion Branch 171.

Honorees were chosen by a selection committee in two categories – business and individuals.

Businesses were acknowledged for their efforts in enhancing services and accessibility, while individuals were celebrated for their dedication to fostering age-friendly communities and improving the quality of life for older adults across the region.

The public nomination process took place throughout the second half of 2024.

“We are grateful to the individuals and businesses who are leading the way in helping to create age-friendly communities across Simcoe County,” said County of Simcoe Warden Basil Clarke. “Their dedication to improving the lives of our older adults is inspiring and essential as we continue building an even more inclusive and supportive environment for all.”

The Individual Age-Friendly Recognition Award recipients are Frieda Baldwin (Mid-



AGE-FRIENDLY AWARDS – The County of Simcoe hosted its second annual Age-Friendly Awards Ceremony on Jan. 28. Businesses and individuals were recognized for their efforts in enhancing services and, accessibility for seniors and improving life for older adults across the region. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

land), Betty Hancey (Collingwood), Sharon McLean (Barrie), Tamara Nowak-Lennard (Barrie), Sylvia Naughton (Barrie), Keara Sweet (Orillia), Joe and Jim Sorian (Barrie), Catherine Ecker (Barrie), Joe Fecht (Orillia), Kelly Ritchie (Barrie), Gertrude King (Wasaga Beach), Melanie Hopkinson (Collingwood), and Deb Bobechko (Barrie).

The Age-Friendly Business Recognition Award recipients are Information Orillia (Orillia), Saunders Book Company (Collingwood), Windlee Farms Maple

Syrup (Tiny), RTO District 17 – Unit 1 of the Retired Teachers Organization (Springwater), 54 Plus Seniors Centre (Alliston), The Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy (Barrie), Topline Feed and Farm (Tay), Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery (Springwater), Habitat for Humanity Huronia ReStores (Barrie), The Transformation Station (Barrie) and Alliston Legion – Branch 171.

“It is an honour to recognize the outstanding contributions of those who have gone above and beyond to support our older adults,” said Jane Sinclair, general manager

of health and emergency services. “From businesses advancing services to individuals advocating for inclusivity, their efforts are integral to shaping a future where all ages can thrive. These exceptional individuals and organizations are showing how important it is to prioritize the well-being and dignity of all.”

The Age-Friendly Community Program was established in 2016 to increase awareness of the County’s aging population and help businesses and organizations evaluate their environment and service delivery.

Nominations open for Town of New Tecumseth Senior of the Year Award

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Do you know a senior who has contributed service or had a significant impact in the Town of New Tecumseth?

Nominations are now open for the Senior of the Year Award.

The Town will honour a senior, who after age 65, has contributed through the arts, literature, community service, voluntarism, education, fitness and sport, or humanitarian activities, and has enriched the social, cultural, or civic life of the community.

Persons nominated must be at least 65 years of age.

You can nominate someone by completing the Senior of the Year nomination form online or by picking up a copy at the town administration centre.

Submissions can be entered either online or in person at the administration centre.

After you submit a nomination, the clerk’s office will forward the nomination to Town Council. Council will select the inductees.

Council will contact both the inductee and the submission’s author with the next steps for the awards celebration.

Awards are presented at a future council meeting or at an event determined by council.

The deadline for this year’s submissions is 4:30 p.m., on Friday, March 7.

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The Venetian-born merchant travelled the Silk Road into the heart of China between the years 1271 and 1295.

At the time, most of the Eastern world was unknown to Europeans.

Polo travelled to what was then known as ‘Cathay’, in northern China.

He made a good impression and was welcomed to the royal court of Kublai Khan.

Polo made a lot of good, to him, discoveries during his travels.

Later in his life, a book titled, “The Travels of Marco Polo,” detailed his experiences in the Far East giving Europeans their first comprehensive look into China, Persia, India, Japan and other Asian societies.

During his travels, Polo returned to Europe with a lot of new ideas as well as new products he had found. It gave Europeans new ideas and opened the concept of trade with a faraway place.

Trade between neighbours, businesses, towns, regions and nations has always been part of society.

You have something your neighbour needs, and he has something you require. You trade back and forth to produce a supply for a demand.

It’s a very simple economic way of

doing things.

“I’ll take some of those coconuts you have because we can’t grow them here, and I’ll send you some wheat you need to make bread and keep your people fed.”

Tariffs are not new. Many nations impose tariffs from time to time.

The usual reason is to reduce the importation of goods and services by increasing their prices and for the protection of domestic producers.

There can be a lot of good in that – if you’re the producer and foreign products are flooding the market and out-selling your market.

Tariffs are also used to raise revenue and exert political leverage over another country.

U.S. President Donald Trump has now imposed tariffs against Canada, China, and Mexico – its biggest trading partners.

What will it do for the U.S.? Probably nothing except raise the cost of goods they need.

Trump seems to have some kind of bone to pick with Canada. I’m not sure why.

We have always been good neighbours and for the most part, have supported them in international efforts.

Of course, Canada will respond with tariffs of its own. That will of course hurt

U.S. manufacturers who sell plenty of products here.

“You see these empty, old, beautiful steel mills and factories that are empty and falling down,” Trump said in October 2024, when on the campaign trail. “We’re going to bring the companies back. We’re going to lower taxes for companies that are going to make their products in the USA. And we’re going to protect those companies with strong tariffs.”

Trump is dreaming on this one. The manufacturing base in the U.S. dried up years ago, and new companies emerged in different industries.

Investors aren’t going to start pouring billions and billions of dollars to once again start building widget factories.

Whether they like it, most manufactured products and electronics in the U.S. now come from China.

Consumers are going to get angry very quickly when they need to purchase a new refrigerator only to find the cost of an already expensive item just went up 25 per cent because of imposed tariffs.

There used to be a gas station in western New York that advertised on radio all the time.

“We don’t sell gas from the Middle East,” the ad always said. “We get our gas from Canada, our friends to the north.”

That meant something to the average American.

I was in a local liquor store this afternoon when a discussion broke out at the cash register. One man buying a product was reading the label to make sure it was Canadian-manufactured.

Another customer was carefully reading the label because she said she would not purchase a product if it had any ingredients that weren’t grown in Canada.

If Trump wants to play his ridiculous game, it’s going to backfire and he’s going to shoot himself in the foot. A protectionist attitude never works when it comes to the economy.

That attitude only closes foreign markets and stops a company from expanding into a larger market.

I’m not sure what the average American thinks of all this, but from the man-on-the-street interviews I’ve seen, they seem to have no idea what tariffs on their three largest trading partners will accomplish.

In the meantime, buy Canadian and support our businesses.

Sooner or later, someone in the States will fiercely lobby the federal government demanding reasonable access to Canadian lumber exports.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Hoping for the best, preparing for the worst

Are you someone who likes to be surprised?

Do you thrive on the unexpected, throwing away any plans you may have had for your day, opening yourself up to whatever opportunities come your way or to ride out whatever “fate” might have in store for you? Or do you like to sketch out a general plan for your day – either rigidly down to the minute, or with a bit of flexibility built in if an unexpected hurdle appears on your horizon?

Admittedly, I’m not sure where I fall on any of these questions.

While I thrive on some sort of a routine just for my own mental health, one of the joys of this job is that no two days are exactly alike and the news unfolds in real-time. But, in the same breath, something unexpected and significant happening can often result in the best-laid plans being cast aside.

Some people work best when they’re on some variation of a strict nine-to-five

workday, but that’s not necessarily for me; I’d get bored before too long and might long for a bit of unpredictability.

Alas, there aren’t many things that we can accurately predict these days.

Heck, even some of our more high-profile weather-predicting rodents couldn’t come up with a consensus on when spring weather might roll in when they went to work on February 2; perhaps a predictable result when we come to bank on a groundhog cosplaying a sundial to predict the weather rather than meteorological trends.

Still, when it comes to guarantees, the old adage of death and taxes always apply. We also know that when an opinion of any kind is expressed online in this day and age, there is always going to be a contrarian in the crowd who is going to argue that the sky is actually green, that our planet is flat, and that claiming water is wet rather than a substance that makes other things wet is an affront to all

water-based, water-drinking, and water-composed animal life forms.

But not much else had a predictability factor these days – until this week.

On Monday afternoon, Canadians breathed a collective sigh of relief when the looming threat of crippling and nonsensical tariffs from our American neighbours were postponed by a few weeks following two eleventh-hour phone calls between the Prime Minister and the US President.

It had, of course, been a nerve-racking weekend for most Canadians after Trump confirmed he apparently fully intended to proceed with the tariffs this week, but there were some shining moments amid the mayhem and uncertainty.

Some of these highlights included a quick response from our Federal, Provincial and Municipal leaders to take comprehensive retaliatory action, earmarking items coming in from the United

States; the Premier’s decision to remove all US-produced beer, wine and spirits from LCBO shelves; the quick response from Canadians across the country to make a sincere effort to Buy Canadian, pooling knowledge to make the transition as easy as possible, and differentiating between the sometimes-confusing “Made in Canada” labels; from a political perspective, the outgoing Prime Minister giving what history might well remember as possibly the best speech of his career; and a growing realization that having a Federal election at this time of extreme uncertainty... might not be the best idea floating around these days.

Apparently “all” it took was a flurry of calls and Federal bucks to enhance already-announced border security measures.

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GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY



The Strait of Malacca is strategically important. It's the shortest shipping route between the Far East and the Indian Ocean, the Middle East, Europe and Africa. It handles a quarter of all internationally traded goods, and if anybody tried to block it there would be a war.

The Fulda Gap used to be strategically important during the Cold War, because it was a flat lowland route from Soviet-occupied East Germany into the heart of West Germany. If the thousands of Russian tanks had ever rolled west, that's where they would have had to break through.

Greenland is NOT strategically important. Not even a little bit. It is on the shortest route between Europe and North America, as you have doubtless heard, but this doesn't make it important because that route is only used by airliners, and they are flying across Greenland at 35,000 ft.

No road goes across Greenland, the trans-Atlantic flights don't land there, and no commercial vessels or warships sail past it (although a few tourist boats call in from time to time). There is no military presence except

a United States Space Force base in the far north of the island that operates a space tracking station and a large phased-array warning radar.

So why does Donald Trump want to take over Greenland? If the United States wants scarce minerals from Greenland, the cheap way is just to pay for them, like it does with Chile or Canada. There are no military threats to Greenland, and if there were they would be dealt with by NATO. (Denmark, which manages Greenland's foreign affairs, is a NATO member.)

Yet Trump persists in his bizarre quest: "I do believe we'll get Greenland because it really has to do with the freedom of the world. It has nothing to do with the United States, other than we're the one that can provide the freedom. They can't." But this is an ignorant man speaking in hackneyed clichés. Why should we pay attention?

When Trump began rambling on about seizing Greenland on January 7, most non-Americans saw it as a typical Trump stratagem to unsettle potential adversaries. He threatened to re-invade Panama and annex Canada at the same chaotic press conference, and the grown-ups elsewhere assumed that none of it needed to be taken seriously.

A little while later he said that he would use military force to take Greenland if necessary (but not Canada, which would only suffer economic pressure). Even then most people treated it as a passing fantasy – until Trump had a 45-minute telephone conversation with Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen of Denmark on Saturday, January 25.

She was shaken by his manner. One senior European official said the call had been "horrendous" and another said: "Before, it was hard to take seriously, but I do think it is serious

and potentially very dangerous."

So there we are. There is a genuine possibility that the US armed forces (assuming they obey a clearly illegal order) will invade and seize the territory of another NATO member on Trump's command (unless his people can talk him out of it).

I still find this highly implausible, but the man keeps going on about it so we should consider the likely consequences. If he is determined to invade, there are three possible outcomes.

One is that there is a palace coup in the White House which stops the invasion of Greenland – but possibly at the cost of an American civil war.

Another is that NATO, realizing that its biggest member is a shameless aggressor, expels the United States and reconfigures itself as a defensive alliance that opposes both Russian and American aggression. Canada would remain in that new alliance if it dared, and Mexico would join if it were allowed. Slovakia and Hungary would probably be excluded.

The third and likeliest possibility is that all the other NATO countries privately deplore America's actions but publicly pretend that it has all been an unfortunate misunderstanding. In that case, the alliance's demise would be gradual, but still inevitable.

I will not consider a scenario in which Russia, the main beneficiary of NATO's decline or demise, somehow had a hand in the proceedings. I especially avoid any suggestion that Mr. Putin has (God forbid!) some hold over Mr. Trump that compels his obedience. That sort of stuff is pure conspiracy theory.

Let us reject these grim scenarios. I prefer to believe that Trump is a 78-year-old man who has always used lies and empty threats to get his way and now shows some signs of cognitive decline, but who still retains a healthy sense of self-preservation that pulls him back from the brink of terminal folly. I hope.



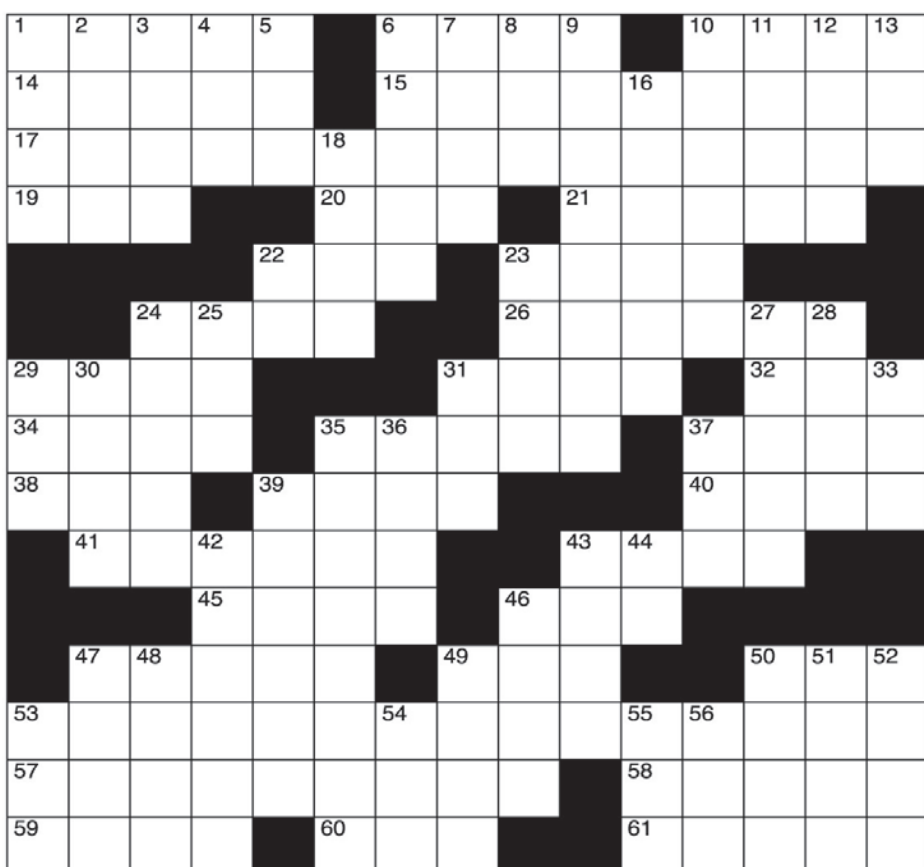
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58. Early English council
59. Square measures
60. 2,000 lbs.
61. Siskel and ___, critics

CLUES DOWN

1. Mouths
2. Buffalo
3. You plug it in
4. Each
5. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
6. King of Thebes
7. English name meaning "mythical hunter"
8. Indicates near
9. More herbaceous
10. Gas-powered cars need one
11. Dishonest individual
12. Systems, doctrines, theories
13. The woman
16. The whole of one's holdings
18. Witnesses
22. Doctor
23. Paul ___, Swiss painter
24. Kids look for him on December 24
25. Single
27. Competitions
28. Predict the future
29. Cage for trained hawks
30. Musician Clapton
31. Frozen water
33. Semiformal men's evening attire
35. Most worn

36. Common soap ingredient
37. Former EU monetary unit
39. Provisions
42. Book parts
43. Republic of Ireland
44. Partner to "Pa"
46. Sammy ___, songwriter
47. Dutch colonist
48. Clare Booth ___, American writer
49. Solar disk in Egyptian mythology
50. Minute arachnid
51. From a distance
52. Monthly apartment cost
53. Young women's association
54. Tourist destination
55. "Woman" in Ojibwe language
56. Pointed end of a pen

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

New Community Safety Zone coming to Alliston later this year

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of New Tecumseth will be replacing gateway signage and posted speed limit signs in Alliston to create a new Community Safety Zone.

The boundary for the new zone will be in Ward 2, at King Street to the east, Industrial Parkway to the south and west, and the north end of Young Street.

The new signs will be in place once the

ground thaws and will bring the posted speed limit to 40 km/h from the current 50 km/h.

The announcement was made by Town of New Tecumseth Ward 2 councillor Wendy Gabrek.

Endorsed by the Traffic Safety Committee (TAC) and passed by New Tecumseth Council, the speed limit reduction will be enforced by the Nottawasaga OPP, under the direction of Sgt. Chris McConnell, who sits as a board member on TAC.

“I put forward the idea for the Community Safety Zone in response to receiving a number of comments from concerned residents in relation to road safety and speeding,” Ms. Gabrek said. “Prior to the installation of the new gateway and speed limit signage, the OPP will be frequenting our area to gather insight into motorist’s behaviour and track infractions.”

The OPP is requesting that Ward 2 residents in the Community Safety Zone area report traffic and speeding violations using

the non-emergency number for the Nottawasaga Detachment – 1-888-310-1122, or by calling the bylaw department at 705-435-3900.

This will help to plan where and when OPP officers are stationed for patrol.

Data collected from the new Community Safety Zone pilot project will be used by TAC members to make informed decisions when suggesting revisions to the Speed Limit Policy, 2002, later this fall for Council’s consideration.

Beeton catholic school to expand creating space for 184 new students

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Monsignor J.E. Roman Catholic School will expand with a new addition to create space for 184 students.

The announcement was made by Brian Saunderson, MPP for Simcoe-Grey on Jan. 28.

The province has allocated \$3.9 million for the project.

This project is part of \$1.3 billion in provincial funding to build new schools and expansions, including childcare spaces.

The funding comes through the Ministry of Education’s Capital Priorities Program.

“This funding for an addition to Monsi-

gnor Ronan in Beeton is great news for our community,” said Brian Saunderson, MPP for Simcoe-Grey. “This investment will ensure families and students have access to a quality learning environment in the years ahead.”

The ongoing investments in education and childcare projects will result in over 25,000 new student spaces and more than 1,600 licensed childcare spaces at school sites across Ontario.

“Our government is investing in new schools and improved infrastructure across the province to support the needs of Ontario’s students, families, and growing communities,” said Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure. “These are part of our his-

toric investment of more than \$190 billion over the next 10 years to build and deliver the critical infrastructure Ontarians deserve today, and for future generations to come.”

For the 2024-25 school year, the ministry has allocated renewal funding of approximately \$1.4 billion to school boards to renew and improve schools.

In December 2023, the Ministry of Education announced Ontario’s plan to help build schools faster through a transparent, accountable and more efficient process.

School boards were encouraged to standardize the design of new school construction, identify opportunities to work together on joint-use school projects and bring forward shovel-ready proposals.



EXPANSION PLANNED – Monsignor J.E. Roman Catholic School in Beeton is going to expand with the creation of space for 184 additional students. The province has allocated \$3.9 million for the project, with funding coming from the Ministry of Education’s Capital Priorities Program.

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Provincial funding to help secure affordable housing in Simcoe County

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The province will provide an additional \$81,869 to Simcoe County through the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB) to help individuals and families secure affordable housing.

This brings the total COHB funding for the County of Simcoe to \$1,116,969.00 in 2024-25.

This funding is part of the previously announced \$75.5 million in top-up funding to free up shelter space where it is needed most and help people in encampments move quickly from crisis into safer accommodation

and ultimately stable, long-term housing.

“Homelessness is a serious, complex and growing problem in communities across our Province and in Simcoe-Grey,” said Brian Saunderson, MPP for Simcoe-Grey. “Our Government is committed to supporting and collaborating with Simcoe County and our municipal partners to provide critical funding that goes directly to those in need and that is flexible and portable.”

COHB is a portable benefit that goes directly to people in need so they can have more choices for affordable rental housing. The funding also supports municipalities by reducing pressures on emergency shelter systems so they can help more people in need.

“When the County created its 10-point Homelessness Prevention Plan, we knew it had to be a data-informed plan that was ambitious while respecting taxpayers’ dollars,” said Simcoe County Warden Basil Clarke. “We know that homelessness remains an ongoing challenge across the region and in communities across Ontario, but it is a challenge that, through this announcement and ongoing support provided by the Province, is one that can be mitigated. We thank the Province of Ontario for reaffirming its commitment to the COHB program to support unsheltered people living in encampments and shelters and helping us create successful transitions to safe and stable housing. The

announcement of the top-up to the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit will further increase the positive flow of individuals toward permanent housing. The County intends to use additional resources to get people housed quickly and create more space in the system.”

COHB provides funding directly to households that are on, or eligible to be on, a social housing waiting list and to households in financial need living in community housing.

This benefit helps individuals and families who may be at risk of homelessness to secure and stay in a rental home that meets their needs.

Town accepting nominations for Virtual Wall of Honour to celebrate outstanding contributions

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The New Tecumseth Virtual Wall of Honour was established in 2016 to celebrate individuals for outstanding contributions to the Town.

An annual honour, inductees into the Virtual Wall of Honour will be celebrated at a council meeting or an event to be determined by council.

To be nominated, a candidate must be a resident of the Town of New Tecumseth or an individual who volunteers or has significantly contributed to the life of the Town, making a positive impact on the lives of its citizens. Nominees can be submitted posthumously, with the consent of the nominee’s family.

No activities or achievements related to political appointments are eligible, and no Town staff member in connection with

their employment position or sitting politician is eligible.

Previous recipients of the honour are not eligible and individuals may not nominate themselves or family members.

To nominate someone, you must use the Virtual Wall of Honour Nomination form, which is available online or by pickup at the Town’s administration centre.

Nomination submissions will be considered up to March 31 of each year.

All nominations, whether from an individual or an organization, must include the name and address of the person submitting a nomination. No anonymous nominations will be accepted.

A nominee must have a distinguished, well-rounded record of community service demonstrated through participation and leadership in, and for, various community organizations and institutions which has had a positive impact on the lives of the

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cles, no more than two letters of support, supporting photographs, and commentary from peers.

The nomination shall also include a biography of the nominee, including contributions to the Town through participation and leadership of community organizations, and a professional quality, colour or black and white 8” x 10” photograph of the nominee.

All nominations submitted before March 31 will be brought forward by a confidential report to Council. One nominee will be inducted into the Virtual Wall of Honour on an annual basis.

The nominee will be notified by the mayor’s office by letter, advising them that they have been inducted into the Virtual Wall of Honour.

The inductee will be presented their award at a meeting or event determined by council.

Town’s citizens.

A limited number of attachments providing evidence of the nominee’s accomplishments will be accepted.

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Arts & Local Events

‘Happy Days’ exhibit at Museum of Dufferin explores nostalgia of childhood

BY PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Coldest Night of the Year walk has a sThe Museum of Dufferin (MoD) is taking visitors on a nostalgic trip back to their childhood with a new exhibit.

The Museum of Dufferin will be launching its new exhibit titled, “Happy Days,” on Feb. 17 (Family Day) in the main gallery space of the museum. The exhibit explores the nostalgia of childhood through a curated collection of toys, games, and photographs.

“We’ve been planning this exhibit for over a year now and we thought about how we could make an exhibit that talks to a lot of different generations. Everyone, of course, has been a kid at some point so we explore the different stages of childhood, but also the nostalgia and joy that you get from being a kid,” said Jasmine Proteau, manager of the Museum of Dufferin.

Visitors to the “Happy Days” exhibit have the opportunity to walk through and see a variety of different toys through the decades, many of which they may recognize from their own childhoods.

“One of the things that we look at when we’re trying to create an exhibit is what can we show from our collection to tell a story,” explained Proteau. “We have a lot of these really cute toys that I think people either remember playing with as a kid or that have endured until now.”

The collection of toys spans from the 1950s to the current day but also includes a few pieces dating as far back as the 1800s. Some of the pieces that may look familiar to visitors include: Lite Bright, Trolls, Cabbage Patch Kids, Hot Rod Cars, Pac-Man, Tamagotchi, and friendship bracelets.

“There are toys that people might not remember, but will spark deep memories they forgot they had as a kid,” said Proteau.

The exhibit also highlights the history of toy making within the community by sharing photos and interviews from residents who worked at or had family members working at the Fisher-Price factory. The



CLASSIC TOYS – First introduced in the 1950s, Buzzy Bee was the first Fisher-Price toy to incorporate plastic in its design. In 1956, the company gave the bee a crown and it was reintroduced as Queen Buzzy Bee. When pulled, the antennas bounce, the wings twirl, and the bee makes a “buzz-buzz” sound. **MUSEUM OF DUFFERIN PHOTO**

toy manufacturer opened its factory doors in Orangeville in 1964 but closed the doors for good just four years later in 1968.

“Not a lot of people know that there’s a history with the toy manufacturing business in Dufferin County,” said Proteau.

While the exhibit reminisces on the nostalgia of childhood, it also explores larger themes within it such as workers’ rights and women’s rights.

In one particular instance, the exhibit

shares the story of how workers of the Fisher-Price factory in Orangeville, who were primarily women, chose to go on strike to protest their low wages. Instead of negotiating with them or changing their wages, Fisher Price ultimately decided to close the factory and remove themselves from the area.

“There’s fun elements to the exhibition, but there’s also another underlying story that’s deeper,” said Proteau.

With the launch of the new exhibit falling on Family Day, the Museum of Dufferin is incorporating hands-on activities for children including friendship bracelet making and a scavenger hunt. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and has free admission.

To learn more about the “Happy Days” exhibit or to register for the Family Day activities at the Museum of Dufferin, visit www.dufferinmuseum.com.

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SPORTS

NEW TECUMSETH TIMES

Hornets hammer second-place Terriers in weekend game

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Alliston Hornets went to Orillia on Saturday, Feb. 1, to deliver a message to the Terriers and that message was received when the Alliston team left the ice with a 7-1 win.

The Terriers are the second-place team in the North Carruthers Division of the Provincial Junior Hockey League with a 28-5 record, but the Hornets wanted to remind them why the Alliston team is still in the division's number one spot.

Orillia was first on the scoreboard in the Saturday game scoring at 9:03 into the first period.

That lead evaporated quickly when the Hornets responded with three first-period goals.

The Hornets' goals came from Mitch Harding, Nick Lamont, and Cole Turcotte.

There was only one second-period goal and that came from Duncan Grube to give the Alliston squad a 4-1 lead with one period remaining.

The Alliston squad kept up the pressure in the final period scoring three unanswered goals to end the night.

The Hornets' goals came from Jax Bellwood and two from Jaeden French.

After the weekend, the Hornets have a 33-1 record. That includes a shoot-out loss to the Muskoka Bears on Jan. 10.

Hornets forward Jaeden French continues to lead the team in points. French has 35 goals and 53 assists after 33 times on the ice – good for 88 points.

He is only one point behind league leader Jordan Fuller who plays for Orillia.

The Hornets lead the division followed by Orillia.

The Stayner Siskins have been holding third place for most of the season and now

have a 27-10 record.

They are followed by the Penetang Kings, Innisfil Spartans, and the Huntsville Otters – all separated by three points.

The Midland Flyers are in seventh place with 16 points.

In the basement, the Muskoka Bears have won only four games all season.

They will return to home ice at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre on Friday, Feb. 7, to host the Muskoka Bears.

Game time is 7:30 p.m.



SECOND PERIOD LOSS – The Tottenham Railers hosted the Northumberland Stars on the ice at the Tottenham Community Centre Arena on Saturday, Feb. 1. The game was tied in the second period before the Stars got two late-period goals to take the lead. The final was a 6-4 win for Northumberland. The Railers are in third place in the South Division of the Greater Metro Hockey League.

BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO



WINTER WIN – The New Tecumseth IceCats take on the Brampton Sky Blue team during U11 hockey action at the Winter Classic Tournament in Orangeville on Saturday, Feb. 1. Hosted by the Orangeville Tigers, the Winter Classic Tournament features house league teams from across the province. The IceCats came out on top in this game with a 3-2 win.

BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

Stevenson Memorial receives a \$10,000 donation from TerraGen Solar

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation has announced a donation of \$10,000 from TerraGen Solar – a leader in Ontario’s renewable energy sector.

This donation will directly support Stevenson Memorial Hospital’s new hospital build.

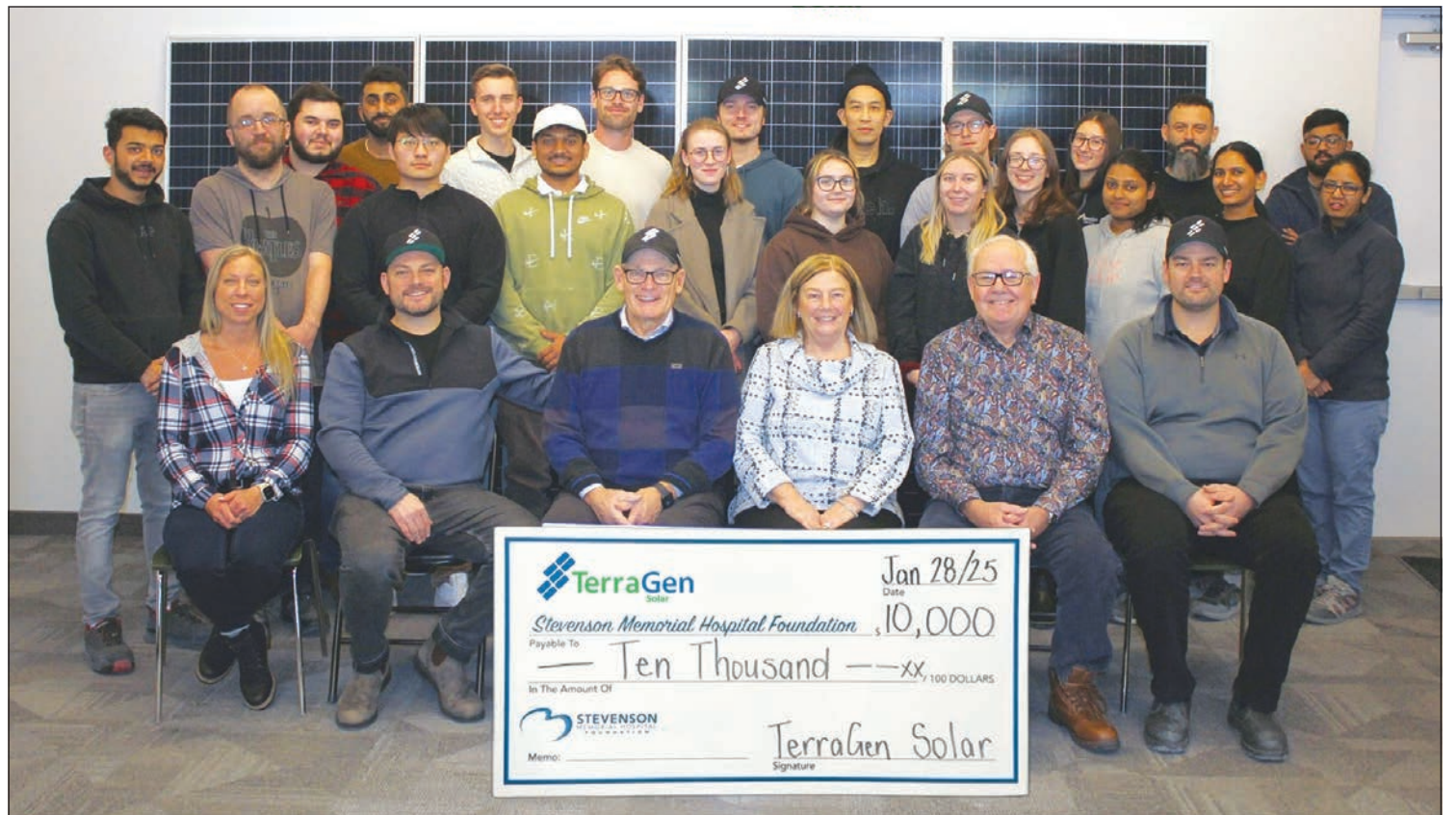
Thanks to Brian and Kathy Gibson’s \$1 million matching gift, the donation will double to \$20,000.

As a company committed to sustainability and community development, TerraGen Solar’s ongoing support of the Foundation underscores its dedication to fostering positive change in the region.

“We are deeply grateful to TerraGen Solar for their continued support and investment in our hospital’s future,” said Frank Cerisano, CEO of the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation. “With this \$10,000 donation, doubled by the matching gift, we are even closer to achieving our vision of providing modern, high-quality healthcare to meet the needs of our growing community.”

TerraGen Solar, based in Alliston, is a leading renewable energy solutions provider specializing in designing and manufacturing commercial rooftop mounting solutions throughout North America and the Caribbean.

Committed to promoting clean energy and environmental stewardship, TerraGen Solar drives the transition to a greener future while strengthening its community by supporting



SOLAR SUPPORT – The Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation (SMHF) received \$10,000 from TerraGen Solar to support the new hospital build. The donation was matched by Brian and Kathy Gibson’s \$1 million matching gift, to double the donation to \$20,000. Members of the TerraGen Solar team, join, in front, from left: Amberley Cleland (supply chain coordinator), Darren Jones (general manager), Doug and Janice Jones (owners of TerraGen Solar), Ted Vandeviss (board chair of SMHF), and Brandon Jones (operations manager), to present the donation. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

enhanced healthcare at Stevenson Memorial Hospital through corporate giving.

“Community and creating positive transfor-

mation is a core value here at TerraGen,” said Darren Jones, general manager at TerraGen Solar. “On behalf of our whole organization,

we are proud to support the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation and their efforts to transform healthcare in South Simcoe.”

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Brock’s Banter: Hoping for the best, preparing for the worst

“I just had a good call with President Trump,” said the Prime Minister in a statement late Monday afternoon. “Canada is implementing our \$1.3 billion border plan – reinforcing the border with new choppers, technology and personnel, enhanced coordination of our American partners, and increased resources to stop the flow of fentanyl. Nearly 10,000 frontline personnel are and will be working on protecting the border.

“In addition, Canada is making new commitments to appoint a Fentanyl Czar, we will list cartels as terrorists, ensure 24/7 eyes on the border, launch a Canada-US Joint Strike Force to combat organized crime, fentanyl and money laundering. I have also signed a new intelligence directive on organized crime and fentanyl and we will be backing it with \$200 million. Proposed tariffs will be paused for at least 30 days while we work together.”

Working together will be key – but even though we’ve heaved that collective sigh, at least temporarily, it’s important we don’t let our guard down.

It is only a 30-day reprieve and I fear, with some degree of certainty, that we’ll be back at this again in March.

In fact, given our response – a response which, in my view, was entirely correct – we could very well have the tariff threats hanging over our heads in one way or another for the next four years – and potentially even beyond.

Yet, there is a tendency – for reasons I can’t quite understand – for people not taking Trump’s threats too seriously and take him at his word. “It’s just bluster, he wouldn’t actually do it,” some people crow, only to find themselves eating that crow before too long. And, before too long, they’re back at it again, and often

express shock or surprise when fate flips them that bird again.

Perhaps that’s one of the few things of which we can be certain for the time being.

If the President perceives the “deals” made Monday with Canada and Mexico were ones in the United States’ win column, it will continue to be a looming threat to achieve whatever political whims he might have down the road.

Not even down the road, he’s already telegraphed a few other goals – including opening up Canada’s banking markets further to U.S. competition and, of course, the complete annexation of our country – so buckle up and stay vigilant.

Monday’s last-minute decision to postpone things for at least 30 days resulted in our leaders walking back many of the retaliatory actions that were put on the table over the weekend – including, alarmingly, the Premier’s decision to hold off on ending the Province’s \$100M deal with Elon Musk’s Starlink to expand high-speed internet in more remote parts of Ontario – but we still need to do our part and let our wallets do the talking in the meantime.

Governments should continue to look at ways to Buy Canadian and even Buy Local when it comes to contracts. Homegrown businesses should look to support homegrown suppliers and manufacturers. Canadians writ large should continue efforts to be discerning with their purchases, buy Canadian wherever they can – not excluding foreign-owned businesses that make their products in Canada and, in turn, keep Canadians employed.

We’ve got a reprieve, but the threat isn’t going away any time soon.

Don’t be surprised when the threats come back, just be prepared.

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Nottawasaga OPP investigating several vehicle thefts in the region

The Nottawasaga Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers are investigating multiple vehicle thefts that took place over the last week of January.

Between Jan. 23 and 24, Nottawasaga OPP officers responded to a report of a stolen vehicle from a residence on Warman Street in Alliston.

The stolen vehicle is a black 2023 Dodge Ram, with Ontario marker "BX85 310." Video footage captured shows that during the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:45 a.m., a black pickup truck and three suspects attended the residence. Two suspects exited the suspect vehicle, approached the target vehicle, and

proceeded to start it. The second suspect re-entered the suspect vehicle and drove away while the third suspect drove the target vehicle away.

On Jan. 24, Nottawasaga OPP officers responded to a report of a stolen vehicle from a residence on Tioga Boulevard in Everett. The stolen vehicle is a yellow 2023 Dodge Ram TRX, with Ontario marker "BX77 276." Video footage captured shows that between the hours of 10:08 p.m. and 11:46 p.m. a suspect walked up alongside the driver's door unlocking it, entering the vehicle, and driving away.

On Jan. 27, shortly before 5 a.m., Notta-

wasaga OPP officers responded to a report of a stolen vehicle from a residence on Adeline Avenue in Tottenham. The stolen vehicle is a white 2023 Toyota Tundra, with Ontario marker "BW94 846." Video footage captured shows a suspect smashing the rear passenger side window with a metal bar.

The suspect is described as male, slim build, 6 feet tall, wearing a black 'North Face' jacket, black hoodie, black gloves, black pants, a black ski mask, white/black ski goggles, and black and white runners. The suspect vehicle is described as a dark sedan with black rims.

On Jan. 28, Nottawasaga OPP officers

responded to a report of a stolen vehicle from a residence on Barrie Street in Thornton. The stolen vehicle is a white 2023 Ford F150 Raptor, with Ontario marker "BY38 184." The victim believes the vehicle was stolen between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m. No video footage was obtained.

If you have any information or video surveillance footage in relation to these vehicle thefts, please call the Nottawasaga OPP Detachment at 1-888-310-1122.

You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit your information online at ontariocrimestoppers.ca.

Local police seek public's help in identifying two break-and-enter suspects

Officers from the Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a break-and-enter of a business property in Essa.

On Jan. 27, shortly after 1:30 a.m., officers were dispatched to a break-and-enter that had occurred at Recycling Specialties

INC located at 8903 County Road 56, Essa. The suspects fled the scene prior to police arrival.

The preliminary investigation revealed that between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 1:30 a.m., three unknown suspects approached the property in a white utility van, stealing

four aluminum rims worth \$4,000.

The investigation is still ongoing.

Police are encouraging residents to review their camera footage or dashcam for any suspicious activity that may be helpful in this investigation between 12:30 a.m. and 2:00 a.m. on Jan. 27.

If you have any information in relation to this incident, please contact the Nottawasaga OPP at 1-888-310-1122 – Reference (E250107885). You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at crimestoppersdm.com.

Nottawasaga OPP respond to barn fire in Essa, no injuries reported from the blaze

A structure fire broke out in Essa on Monday, Feb. 3.

Several emergency services responded, including Nottawasaga Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), Essa Fire Department, New Tecumseth Fire, Adjala-Tosorontio Fire and

Clearview Fire services.

The fire took place at a barn on 7199 County Rd. 10, Essa, with Nottawasaga OPP responding shortly before 9 p.m.

"Upon arrival, the barn was fully engulfed," said Nottawasaga OPP in a press

release. "The barn held equipment and machinery, there was no one in the barn time, or any live stock. No injuries were reported."

The fire did not spread to the nearby residences. The cause of the fire was deter-

mined to be a block heater inside the barn and it is not considered to be suspicious.

The roadway near the barn remained closed on County Road 21 in both directions from County Road 21 to the 20th Side Road from 9 p.m. to shortly after 11:30 p.m.

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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.

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708 OBITUARIES

Heijdeman: Maria Johanna "Ria"

Peacefully passed away with her loving family by her bedside, at her home in Tecumseth Pines Tottenham, on January 31, 2025. Ria Heijdeman (née: Beijnen) at the age of 84 years, beloved wife of Robert Heijdeman. Loving mother of the late Bianca. Dear sister of Helma Quinn-Leeman (the late David Leeman). Remembered with love by her nephew Free Spirit Quinn, and niece Star of Peace Quinn (Michael Jackson). Fondly remembered by her brother in law and sister in law Petar Heijdeman, and Wenda Heijdeman. Forever in the hearts of her extended family and friends. Sadly missed by her furry friend Asher.

Cremation has taken place. A Memorial Mass will be held in St. James Church Colgan, 2118 Adjala Tecumseth Townline, Colgan on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 11:00am. A reception will immediately follow at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham 905-936-3477 in the Cliffside Hall. In Ria's memory, donations to Diabetes Canada would be appreciated. Condolences and memories may be left for the family at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com.



710 CARDS OF THANKS

Raymond Rowley

A heartfelt thank you to all who sent flowers, cards and donations to Matthew's House and attended the funeral for Raymond.

Your support and kindness have provided great comfort to me.

Thanks to Rod Abrams Funeral Home and staff for a wonderful job and for providing the lovely lunch.

Also, I want to thank Matthew's House for taking such good care of Raymond. The staff are wonderful.

Thanks to all of Raymond's friends for coming to visit him when he was sick.

A big thank you to my 6 grandsons for carrying Poppy to the grave.

Thank you to all.

Sincerely,
Edith Rowley, Sons Dave, John (Darlene) and family.

720 CELEBRATION OF LIFE

John Gourley 1962 - 2024



A celebration of life will be held for John at the Alliston Legion on Sunday, March 16th from 1 - 4 pm.

708 OBITUARIES

Gary Robert McCutcheon



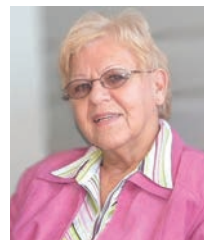
With great sadness, Gary passed away unexpectedly at Southlake Regional Health Centre on Tuesday January 21, 2025. Beloved husband of the late Susan (Wassink). Dear son of the late Donald and Colleen McCutcheon. He is survived by his dotting children Adam (Andrea) and Meghan (Alexandre). Adored Pops to Eva and Emily. Sadly missed by siblings Judi, Paul, and Mark. He was predeceased by siblings Donna (David) and David (Linda). Fondly remembered by extended family and friends for his infectious laughter and boisterous conversations.

A celebration of life for Gary will be held Saturday, February 8, 2025 from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM at Trisan Centre, 25 Dillane Dr, Schomberg, ON L0G 1T0.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Gary's memory may be made to Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation, <https://southlake.ca/foundation/about/donate>

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708 OBITUARIES



In loving memory of Bernice Stinka

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Bernice Stinka, aged 87 on January 12th, 2025. Beloved mother, grandmother and friend, she touched the lives of many with her kindness and generosity. Born December 22nd, 1937, Bernice lived a full and vibrant life, dedicated to her family and community. She will be remembered for her unwavering love, wisdom and the joy she brought to those around her.

Beloved wife of the late, Michael Stinka, with whom she shared 54 wonderful years of marriage. Loving mother of Mark (Kovel), and the late Kevin. Sadly missed by her grandchildren Christopher and Tristan. Fondly remembered by her many brothers and sisters.

She will be deeply missed and forever cherished in our hearts. Arrangements entrusted to Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham. Online condolences and memories may be left for the family at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com

Clouthier: William Stanley "Bill"

Peacefully at Matthews House Hospice Alliston, surrounded by the love of his family, on January 27, 2025. Bill Clouthier at the age of 77 years, cherished husband of the late Wendy Clouthier (née: Morrison). Beloved father of Esmond (Nicole), Cari Gionet (Eric), and Kevin (Laura). Loving grandfather of Annabelle, Hannah, Olivia, Ashley, Carson, and Benjamin. Predeceased by his siblings Michael, Susie, Laurie, and Jack. Dear brother-in-law to the Morrison Clan. Forever in the hearts of his nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

A Celebration of Bill's Life will be held at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham, 905-936-3477 in the Cliffside Hall, on Saturday, February 8, 2025, from 1-4pm, with Spoken Family Remembrances at 2pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Matthews House Hospice or the Tottenham Legion Branch #329 (25 Richmond Street, East, Tottenham ON L0G1W0) would be appreciated. To leave expressions of sympathy and memories of Bill please visit www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com.



Pegg; "Ron" Ronald Lawrence



Ron Pegg was born in 1938 in Beeton, Ontario, Canada. He graduated from Waterloo Lutheran University with a double major in History and English. He taught secondary school for 34 years in Flesherton, Newmarket and Alliston. He also was a lay minister for over 60 years.

He coached over 200 sports teams, resulting in several championships. He was a life member of Ontario Baseball with over 50 years of service.

Ron dedicated his life wholeheartedly to his faith in Jesus, always willing to share it with others. His unwavering devotion extended to his family, whom he cherished deeply, and to the countless young people he mentored and inspired. As a believer and supporter of the community, he selflessly gave his time and energy to making a positive impact on those around him, leaving behind a legacy of love, faith, and service that will be remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Ron was the beloved husband of 60 years to Cathy (née Williams). Loving father of Jamie (Tara) and their children: Kaden, Torin, Gabriella, Joshua, Victoria, Chaim, Zadok, Nicklas, Madeline (Nollie), all of Bracken, Saskatchewan, Rob (Angela), and their children: Daniel, Mia, Trenton, Landon, all of Costa Mesa, California and Stacey (Joey) Alcalá, and their daughters Isabella and Alexandra, all of Waxahachie, Texas. Dear brother of David (the late Louise) of Everett and brother-in-law of John (the late Nancy) Williams of Alliston. Predeceased by parents Garnet and Pearl Pegg, sisters Bernice (Joe) Jerry, Marian (Ed) Jerry and Norma (Elmer) Thompson.

The family received friends at Fawcett Funeral Cremation Reception, Flesherton on Monday, February 3rd from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Funeral service was held at the First Baptist Church, 116 Fergus Street North, Mount Forest, on Tuesday, February 4th at 1:30 p.m. Interment Alliston Union Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the Flesherton Minor Baseball, International Christian Embassy Jerusalem, The Friendship Group (First Baptist Church) or charity of your choice would be greatly appreciated. Online donations and condolences at www.fawcettfuneralhome.ca



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