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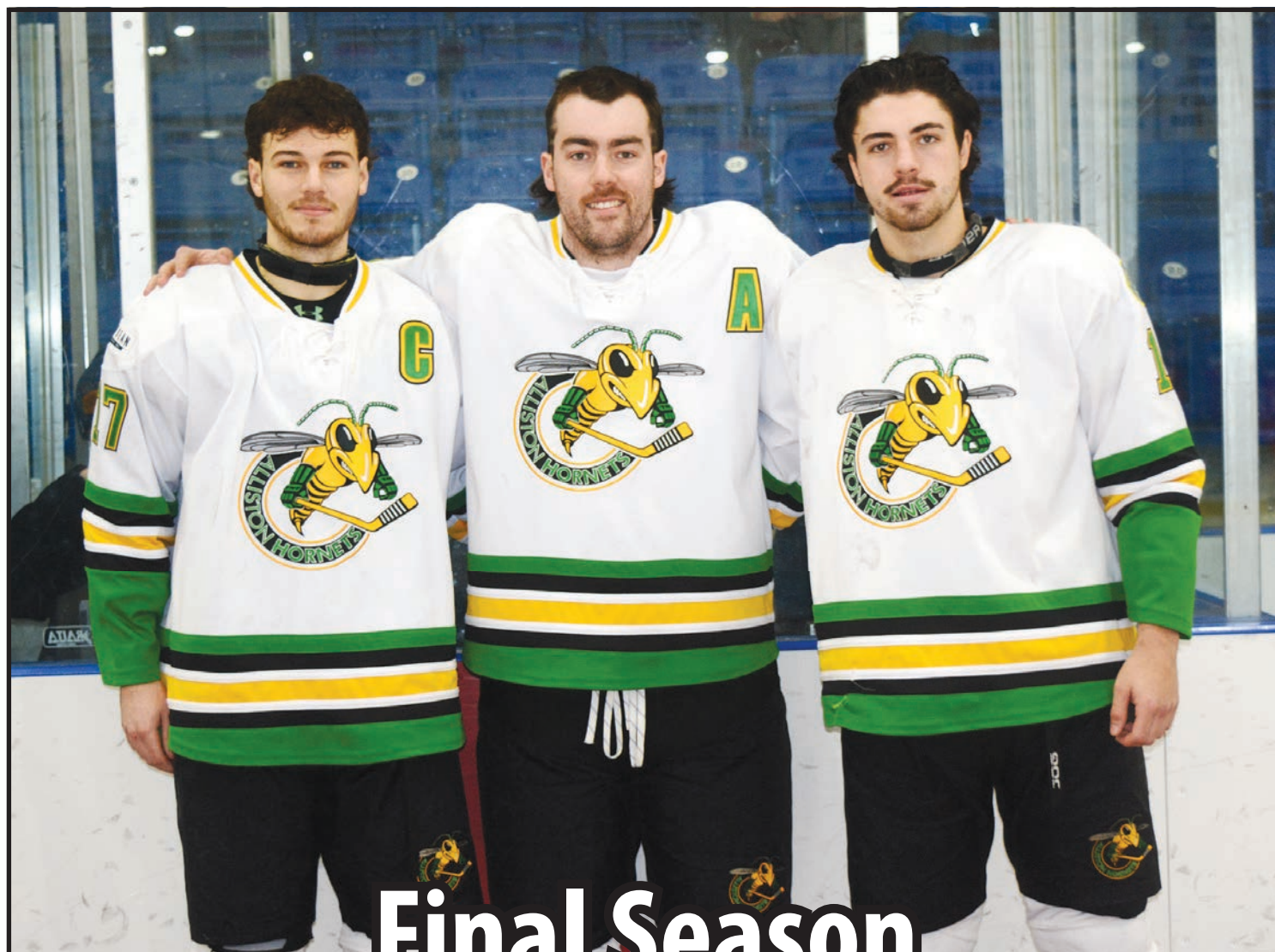
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Local youth discusses science, popular theories with guests on his podcast

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A local student is bringing his passion to other people through a podcast that talks about science, popular theories and technology.

Eleven-year-old Loretto resident, Hank Coish, hosts a podcast titled “Half ‘Our’ Views,” which is available on Spotify, Amazon Music, and iHeart Radio. His full name is Henry, but he goes by Hank with friends and as a podcast host.

An admitted science enthusiast, Hank got the idea of doing a podcast after learning about the subject in his class at Adjala-Central Public School.

“My class started doing a unit on podcasts,” Hank explained. “I enjoy studying science and learning about technology. I get my inspiration for the podcasts from reading about science and technology on the internet.”

Hank speaks with friends and family during his podcasts and then uploads the episodes online.

He started broadcasting in April 2024.

His first podcast started with an episode titled, ‘Is Life a Simulation?’

“The second episode was ‘will robots, one day, take over,’” Hank explained how

he delves into the big questions that science is now looking at. “Currently, I’m working on doing something on AI and coding. Climate change is also a big topic right now.”

Each podcast is around 30 minutes long, and Hank manages to keep the conversation flowing and the questions interesting for the full half-hour.

He has done an episode on the mystery of Area 51, and what Earth would look like without humans over a period of 1,000 years.

Not all of the episodes focus on the mysteries of science. In his latest podcast, Hank and his friend Carter discussed the origins of sports, including how basketball and hockey were developed and became such popular activities.

Hank tries to keep his podcasts on topics that are currently trending so his listeners will be engaged and stay tuned for the entire broadcast.

The tagline for his show spells out his name with the first letters of each word – Hypotheses Are Now Known.

The podcasts are free to listen and you will hear some clever conversations and some good theories about science, technology, and whatever Hank thinks is relevant for future broadcasts.



ASKING THE HARD QUESTIONS – Local podcaster Hank Coish, 11, is engaging with others through a podcast that looks at topics in science, popular theories, and technology. Hank began broadcasting last year and is looking forward to bringing more interesting topics to his listeners. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Beeton Tottenham Business Improvement Association will hold our annual general meeting to review 2024 and present our 2025 budget.

The meeting will be held on

Wednesday, March 5th, 2025 at 6:30 pm.
at the Tottenham Community Fitness Centre
139 Queen St. N., Tottenham. RSVP to attend.

For information please contact Susan Iacoucci
905.936.3424 or email info@btbia.ca



Stevenson Memorial Hospital provides diagnostic imaging services that are fast and reliable

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

With a commitment to providing timely care to ensure patients have access to essential imaging services when they need them most, Stevenson Memorial Hospital offers quick, high-quality diagnostic services including ultrasounds and echocardiograms with minimal wait times.

For ultrasound appointments, the hospital offers a range of ultrasound services including abdominal, pelvic, and obstetrical ultrasounds.

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ensure fast, accurate results.

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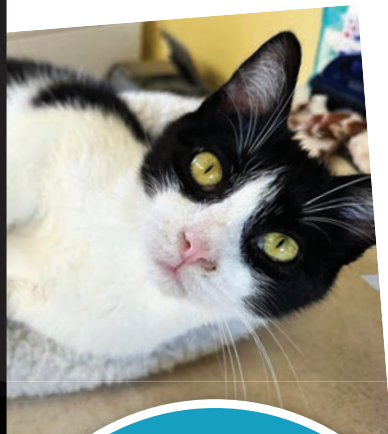
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Please note that a referral is required for all echocardiogram and ultrasound exams.

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Popular event: Tottenham Community Week cancelled for 2025

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

It was a very popular event with thousands of local residents and visitors enjoying a week-long celebration of Tottenham, ending with a full-on party on the main street.

However, Tottenham Community Week won't be taking place this year.

Organizers have announced that the festival has been cancelled for 2025.

"It is with sadness and regret that we announce the cancellation of Tottenham Community Week for 2025," organizers

stated on the festival's webpage. "Due to a lack of volunteers for board members and event leads, we are unable to mount our celebrations this year."

The week-long festival would have an event every day of Tottenham Community Week, followed by the street party, which

saw Queen Street and sections of Mill Street closed to allow vendors, rides, demonstrations, and music.

Festival organizers are hoping to continue with the event next year and are asking people to step up and volunteer so the event can take place again.

Urgent blood donation clinics coming to New Tecumseth in March

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The demand for blood and plasma is rising but there are not enough donors to keep up with the rising patient need.

Currently, on average across the country, there are around 230 new donors each day. However, to meet the growing need for blood and plasma, that number needs to double.

Canadian Blood Services is calling on people across the country to be one of the 450 new

donors needed every day this winter.

February has been a difficult month due to heavy snowfall and extreme cold. The severe winter weather has resulted in hundreds of cancelled blood and plasma donation appointments.

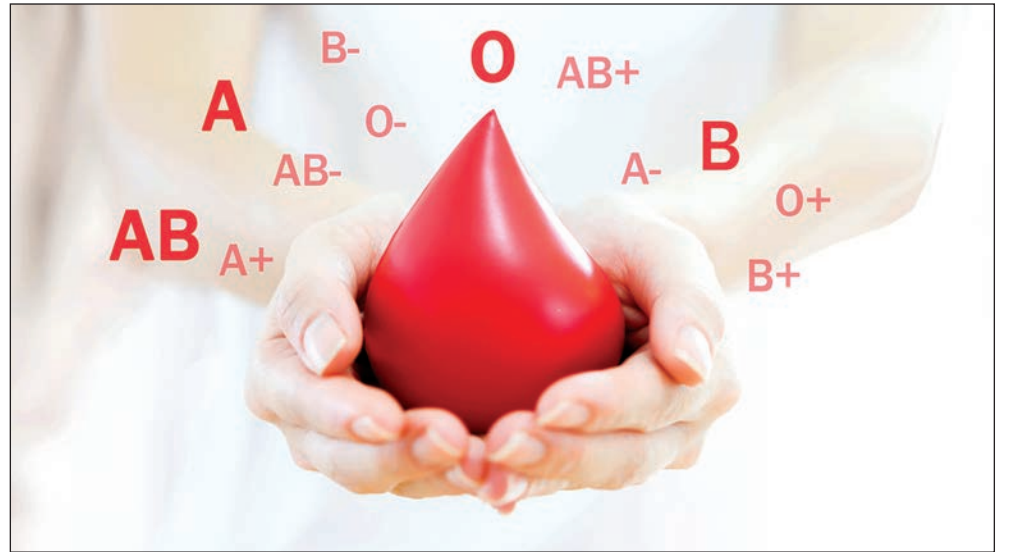
Last-minute cancellations and missed appointments make it challenging to keep the inventory of blood products at optimal levels.

Eligible donors are asked to book at their earliest convenience and consider inviting a new donor to join them.

If you have never donated before, now is the time to join a community of people committed to saving lives. New donors of all backgrounds and identities are needed.

Eligibility changes have opened the doors for many new donors over the past year.

You can make an appointment to donate by visiting blood.ca, downloading the GiveBlood app, or by calling 1-800-2DONATE (1-888-236-6283) to book an appointment.



There are two blood donation clinics coming to New Tecumseth in the near future.

Tottenham: Tottenham Community Centre. 139 Queen Street North. Saturday, Mar. 15. From 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Alliston: Alliston Memorial Arena. 49 Nelson Street W. Thursday, Mar. 27. From 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Three deceased after head-on collision

The Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are continuing investigations into a fatal collision in New Tecumseth.

On Feb. 14, 2025, at approximately 5:57 a.m., officers, New Tecumseth Fire Rescue and local paramedics responded to a collision involving a passenger vehicle and a pickup truck on Tottenham Road between 12th Line and 11th Line.

The investigation revealed that the vehicle and pickup truck were travelling in opposite directions on Tottenham Road before collid-

ing head-on.

Sadly, the driver of the passenger vehicle, a 25-year-old male from Brampton, and two passengers, a 25-year-old female from Brampton and a 23-year-old male from Brampton, were pronounced deceased at the scene. The driver of the pickup truck did not sustain any major injuries.

Tottenham Road remained closed for several hours to allow the OPP Traffic Incident Management Enforcement (TIME) team to process the scene and was re-opened at 5:17 p.m.

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Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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~ Stanislaw Jerzy Lec

This will only take a month

On April 12, 1861, Confederate forces opened fire on the Union-held Fort Sumter in Charleston, South Carolina.

Those were the first shots fired in the American Civil War, and from there, things escalated quickly.

However, no one involved realized the full scope of what was shaping up to be a long and costly war.

It was costly in terms of human lives, the money needed to pay for the war, and the destruction of property.

After laying waste to Atlanta, General William Tecumseh Sherman and his army began the ‘March to the Sea,’ where they deployed a scorched earth policy, and destroyed everything in their path to teach the enemy who was in charge and destroy the South’s morale and willingness to fight.

At the start of the hostilities, both sides believed the entire war would be over very quickly.

The Union thought they could easily crush a successionist militia, and the South believed they had the fighting spirit to win.

Both sides thought the war would be over after one battle with the loser suing for peace.

In the North, the thought of an easy fight was so prevalent that some young men signed up for a 90-day hitch in the

army, thinking it would all be over in the span of a few months.

But the war lasted for about four years, ending in 1865.

What followed was the first modern ‘total war.’

In 1914, the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria was the spark that started the First World War. A single act led to four years of one of the bloodiest conflicts in history resulting in almost 20 million dead and millions more casualties.

Europe had been a simmering cauldron of suspicion and hate for years.

When the war started, it was thought it was going to be a short event. Many happy soldiers donned their fancy cloth hats and headed to the Western front.

In August 1914, German Emperor Wilhelm II famously promised his departing troops that they would return before the autumn leaves fell.

His happy, war song-singing soldiers soon found out that having an artillery shell land in your foxhole resulted in many of your buddies, or you, being killed or maimed. The horrors of trench warfare saw the happy songs disappear as soldiers lived in disease-ridden holes with little hope of getting out alive.

The war raged on for four years and destroyed much of Europe.

Adolf Hitler, for some reason, thought he could successfully invade Russia. Most of his generals were well aware of the challenges of trying to invade such a large country and knew they would be crippled when winter set in.

However, Hitler ordered the attack. While an estimated 24 to 27 million Russians died during World War Two, they never surrendered. A few years later, Hitler was probably rethinking his decision to attack, as Russian troops circled Berlin and he could hear the artillery shells exploding only a few hundred yards from his bunker.

Politicians start the wars. The generals plan the wars. Young soldiers are robbed of the rest of their lives and civilians die needless deaths.

Vladimir Putin is the latest politician, although in his case, ‘crook’ may be a better description, of a leader who misjudged the enemy.

Putin thought his army could easily invade and take over most of Ukraine – and he thought it could be done quickly.

It’s another great example of a leader who didn’t know his limitations.

His military losses are in the hundreds of thousands.

He has lost an incredible amount of military equipment including over 10,000 tanks, over 21,000 armoured

personnel vehicles, 370 aircraft, 331 helicopters, 23,528 artillery systems and 28 warships.

The losses are putting a strain on Russia’s already shaky economy.

The Russian war machine can not replace lost equipment as quickly as they are losing it.

Russian citizens are starting to realize what is really going on as their sons are disappearing. Some towns are creating memorials for the lost family members and are stunned at the losses.

I met quite a few young Russian men over the past few years who had come here to play hockey.

During playoffs, one team was suddenly short almost half of its rosters. When I asked about this, I was told the Russians all had to go back home because their visas were about to expire.

If they returned late, they would either find themselves in jail, or in the military, no questions asked.

I now wonder how many of those young men are dead after being blown to bits by a Ukrainian missile on some frozen farm field in Eastern Europe.

There’s no such thing as a quick and easy victory in war.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Re-energize and re-engage

It’s often said that you can tell a lot about someone by the company they keep.

Personally, I don’t know how much water that old adage holds, as circumstances are not always under your control.

If you’re a public figure, you regularly find yourselves in situations where everyone wants to have their photo taken with you – and those situations are often at such a fast pace it’s impossible to pre-vet everyone coming your way. If you’re a more private individual, it’s a bit rude, for example, to RSVP as “pending” (to quote the iconic Moira Rose) to a friend’s dinner invitation when the only thing that is pending is a full guest list for your review.

If you’re a kid, of course, the company you keep is often beyond your control.

I had to chuckle last week when talking to a friend about the different types of neighbourhoods we grew up in.

Raised in Newmarket, I was fortunate

enough to spend my early childhood on a street that boasted reasonably large detached homes, housing very colourful and memorable personalities, but the real kicker was the large plots of land on which our homes were built.

In the spring and summer, the nature all around kept us endlessly entertained, provided opportunities to learn about the land, and even make it work for us. You got to know the rhythms of this little microcosm in an ever-growing community and, as odd as it might be to say, you got to know its politics as well.

In this case, it couldn’t be helped.

We lived on the south end of the street and between our home and the street’s outlet near Highway 404 lived a cabinet minister serving in the government of Liberal Premier of Ontario David Peterson. Next door to them, immediately to the south, was the community’s serving Progressive Conservative Member of Parliament under Brian Mulroney, and across the street and four doors down

was a prominent local fundraiser for the then-burgeoning Reform Party of Canada, a forerunner for today’s Federal Conservatives.

As such, it wasn’t unusual to see a helicopter land in your neighbour’s yard only for Preston Manning to pop out for some hand-shaking. To pick just one example.

Oddly enough, until the MP’s time in Ottawa came to an end and they successfully contested the position of Mayor shortly thereafter, we were just short of the municipal level in achieving a political trifecta! By that time, the cabinet minister had retired, so we still stood at two-outta-three.

To say it was a politically happening street was a bit of an understatement and, looking back, I suppose it was an environment in which becoming a so-called “political junkie” was inevitable – and I certainly lived up to it.

But it didn’t just stoke an interest; it underscored the value of our system

of government and, most importantly, the value of being engaged within it. Sure, I was too young to cast a vote myself, but I was actively engaged in which candidates tickled my parents’ respective fancies (and why) and, if I had an opinion of my own to offer, did my utmost to run not-always-successful domestic campaigns to get them to see things my way.

By the time came for me to cast my own vote in a consequential election, I took my role, however small, very seriously – devouring each party’s platform, learning who was running to bring the platforms to fruition, attempting to meet them wherever possible, such as at all-candidates’ debates, and come away with what specifically they hoped to achieve for their community.

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Burma* on the Brink

GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY



If the Burmese drive General Min Aung Hlaing and his brutal military regime from power, as they seem about to do, the first thing they should do afterwards is take a leaf from Costa Rica's book and abolish the army. Don't reform it or downsize it; just get rid of it forever.

Burma has no foreign enemies threatening to attack it; all its security problems are domestic. What it needs is an impartial police force, not a corrupt and cruel army. The military have been a curse on the country ever since Burma got its independence in 1948.

The Tatmadaw, as the army is known, got off on the wrong foot from the start. Under British rule there was no Burmese army, but during the Second World War young Burmese nationalists sought military training from the Japanese. Quite a few fought alongside the Japanese. No surprise in that: 'The enemy of my enemy is my friend'.

Japan lost the war, but those turbulent young patriots became the founding generation of Burmese military officers – and they had learned some bad lessons from the Japanese. They had learned that the army is privileged

above all other institutions, and that civilians have to be led firmly. They also learned that overthrowing governments is easy and quite rewarding.

The next 75 years saw a parade of military officers seize power and impose various half-baked ideological schemes on the country. They fought one another and waged incessant military campaigns against the big minority groups. (Only two-thirds of Burma's population are ethnic Burmese, and the soldiers see their job as keeping the other ethnicities down.)

If students and other civilians dared to protest against the economic shambles and the political repression, the military just massacred them, sometimes killing hundreds of people. Above all, they drained every last drop of value out of the economy to feather their own nests. The army effectively took over the economy and the country got ever poorer.

Burma and next-door Thailand used to be almost twins: the languages are very different, but they share almost a thousand years of intertwined history, religion and culture. They also used to be similar in wealth, but

Thailand's GDP per capita is now \$7,000, while Burma's is \$1,100. The army did that.

The Tatmadaw is feared but not loved, and the officer class lives in its own separate world. In 2011 a popular movement headed by Aung Sang Suu Kyi, the daughter of the army's founder, led a largely non-violent revolution that forced the military to share political power, but in 2011 the army took it back very violently.

It was too late. People had been living in freedom and without fear for a decade, and even the economy was showing signs of recovery. The Karen, Shan, Rakhine and other minority groups, most of whom had been in revolt for a long time, went back to fighting the army, but this time the

Burmese themselves joined them.

Tens of thousands of students and other young people left the cities (which are tightly controlled by the army) seeking weapons and military training. Today, three years later, the army still holds all the cities but at least half the countryside is in rebel hands.

Rebel-held territory is ruthlessly bombed by the regime's air force, but the rebels are starting to hit back with drones. Entire military units are defecting from the army, and the regime recently declared conscription to fill the gaps.

The wild card is China, which shares a long border with northern Burma. In the past it has supported the Burmese army and was its main source of weapons, but it does not love the Burmese regime either.

In 2023 Beijing (or maybe just Chinese commanders along the border) got so fed up with the massive scams on Chinese citizens that various Burmese generals were running from northern Burma that they temporarily withdrew their support. The rebels made massive territorial gains right across the north.

But then the Chinese, having flipped, promptly flopped again, because the last thing they want is the disintegration of Burma into a welter of ethnically defined little states that would be wide open to American influence. But that may be on the cards, whether China likes it or not.

The right goal for all the insurgents would be a federal and democratic state that has abolished its army, but that is very tricky to design when they are fighting a war and the rebels have divergent goals.

As the independent

International Crisis Group said recently, "The [Burmese] state is fragmenting as ethnic armed groups consolidate control of their homelands, while in the country's centre a weak regime clings to power and launches revenge air attacks on territories it has lost. Further fragmentation seems inevitable."



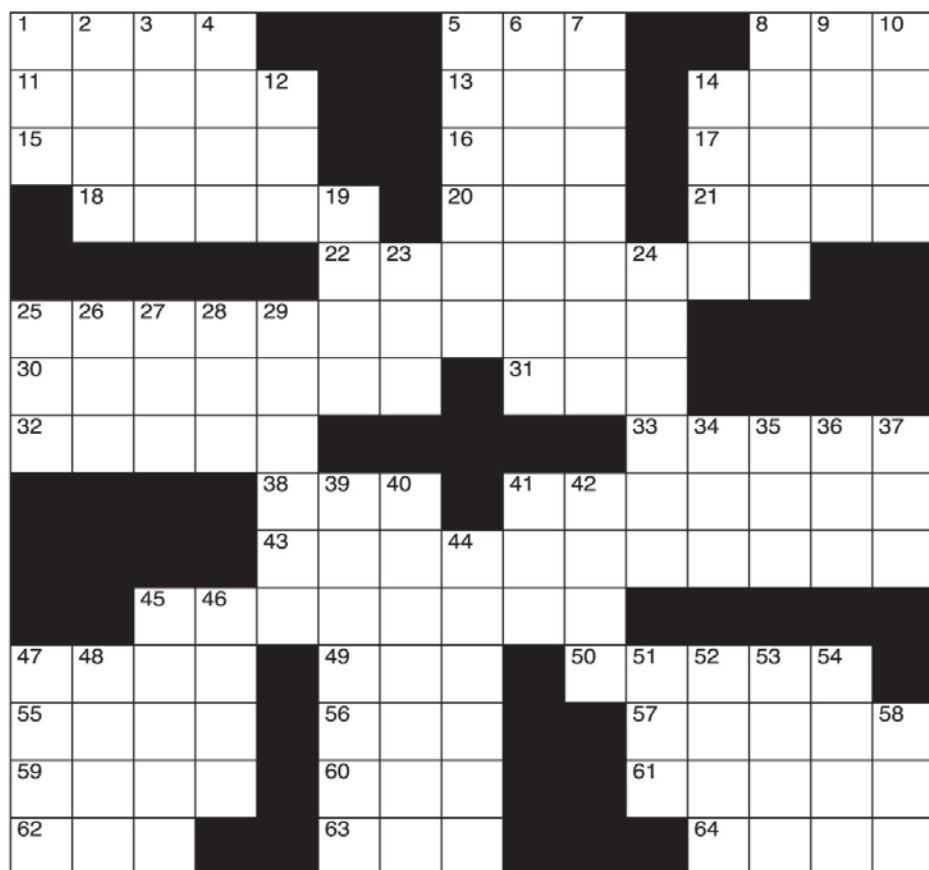
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 - Old
 - Song sung to one's lover
 - Whale ship captain
 - Moved quickly on foot
 - Volcanic craters
 - Large musical instrument
 - Liquefied natural gas
 - Ethiopian town
 - Not closed
 - A team's best pitcher
 - Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
 - Disfigure
 - Prefix denoting "in a"
 - Sleep
- CLUES DOWN**
- S. American plant
 - Soul and calypso

- song of poetry
- Fruit of the service tree
- Continent
- Albania's capital
- Poisonous plant
- Argues
- Assists
- Town in Galilee
- Russian leader
- Promotional materials
- Wings
- Not odd
- Expression of creativity
- Conceptualize
- A digital tape recording of sound
- Peyton's little brother
- Cost, insurance and freight (abbr.)
- Difference in potential
- Owner
- I (German)
- Chinese conception
- The world of the dead
- Sign language
- Coincide
- Religious observance
- Confined condition (abbr.)
- Polite interruption sound
- Texas ballplayer
- Type of sword
- Abba __, Israeli politician
- Basic unit of a chemical element
- Native American people in California
- Swiss river
- Hebrew calendar month
- Easily swindled person
- One point south of southwest
- Small island (British)

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

Everything you need to know about voting in the provincial election

BY SAM ODROWSKI

The provincial election is slated for Feb. 27 and there are several different voting locations in the Simcoe–Grey riding.

To find out where your polling station is, enter your postal code into “Voter Information Service” on the Election Ontario website at elections.on.ca.

The polls are open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and there is a voting location within each of the three communities that make up New Tecumseth.

The voting locations include:

- The 54 Plus Seniors Centre: 7300 Industrial Parkway, Alliston
- Tottenham Community & Fitness Centre: 139 Queen Street North, Tottenham
- Monsignor J.E. Ronan Roman Catholic School: 10 Lilly Street East, Beeton

There are five candidates running in the Simcoe–Grey riding.

Incumbent PC Party MPP Brian Saunderson, who is the former mayor of Collingwood, is seeking re-election.

Benten Tinkler, a graduate of the University of Toronto who works in the not-for-profit sector, is running under the NDP banner.

Social farming advocate Allan Kuhn, who ran for the Green Party of Ontario in 2022, has again put his name forward.

Ted Crysler, an entrepreneur and lawyer who ran in the previous provincial election in 2022, has thrown his hat in the ring for the Ontario Liberal Party.

Representing the New Blue Party, an anti-establishment centre right political party established in 2020, is David Ghobrial, who ran as a candidate for the party

in 2022.

In the 2022 provincial election, the voter turnout was 43.52 per cent or 53,141 of the eligible 122,113 voters cast a ballot in Simcoe Grey. This was on par with the provincial turnout of 43.5 per cent, which was the lowest voter turnout on record since Ontario was founded.

This year, 6.14 per cent of eligible Ontario voters have taken part in advanced voting. In 2022, 9.92 per cent of voters cast ballots in early voting and in 2018 it was 6.8 per cent.

Roughly 10.8 million people are eligible to vote in Ontario.

The results of the 2022 provincial election in Simcoe–Grey were:

- Brian Saunderson (PC Party) received 51.18 per cent of the vote
- Ted Crysler (Liberal Party) received

22.1 per cent of the vote

- Keith Nunn (NDP) received 11.06 per cent of the vote
- Allan Kuhn (Green Party) received 8.97 per cent of the vote
- David Ghobrial (New Blue Party) received 4.06 per cent of the vote
- Rodney Sacrey (Ontario Party) received 1.96 per cent of the vote
- Billy G. Gordon (NAP) received 0.67 per cent of the vote

All voting information in the upcoming provincial election can be found at elections.on.ca or by calling the Simcoe–Grey Elections Ontario office at 1-(833) 505-3411 between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. from Monday to Saturday. The office is also open on Sundays from noon to 5 p.m.

No photo of Benten Tinkler was available at press time.



BRIAN SAUNDERSON,
PC PARTY CANDIDATE



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Trivia is anything but trivial for YRNF

BY BROCK WEIR

Trivia has proved anything but trivial for the York Region Food Network as they mark 10 years of quizzing the community through Winterfresh, their largest annual fundraiser.

The milestone tenth edition of Winterfresh: A Trivia Night Extravaganza will be held Feb. 28 from 5 to 10 p.m. at Aurora's Stonehaven Banquet Hall.

The event aims to raise \$40,000 to benefit community food programs this year.

“Are you ready to have a blast while making a difference in the lives of those struggling with food insecurity in York Region? We invite you to join us for our 10th Annual Winterfresh, a thrilling and intellectually stimulating trivia night fundraiser that promises not only a fantastic time, but also incredible benefits for our community!” says the YRNF.

Winterfresh, which is once again being organized by YRNF's Joanne Witt, will not only include gameplay, but a three-course meal, booze pull, live auction, prizes and raffles, and much more – all emceed by Javed Khan.

“Winterfresh itself was started by our very first Board Members as a way to raise funds and programs for the services we offer and it has always been a trivia night, which people love,” says Witt, YRNF's Director of Fund Development. “I think trivia is a fundraiser nobody else is doing. Lots of people do walks, golf tournaments, and lots of different types of events, but nobody is doing a trivia event and that seems to get people in.

“We're getting so much support from our

fellow not-for-profits – ones we collaborate with and others just ones we have good relationships with – support what we're doing.”

Support has also come through from title sponsor Magna International, locally-owned businesses like MR Menswear, which has donated for auction a consultation and gift card, while Westjet has donated two tickets to wherever they fly, and Costco Newmarket a \$500 gift card.

La Rocca Creative Cakes are also supplying an array of their signature baked goods which, under a glass dome, will form the centrepieces at each table, which will also be auctioned to support their \$40,000 goal.

“All of the programs and services we provide are really geared to being able to help get fresh produce, fresh fruit, everything into the hands of those who are really struggling with food insecurity,” says Witt. “The money will also go to our garden programs. One of the things we want to work on this year is, because we have waiting lists for people who want to have a plot in one of the community gardens we help manage throughout York Region, we're taking some of the bigger plots and we're going to build garden beds in some of those bigger plots. We're going to be able to bring three of those beautiful garden beds in each of those spots, so one spot turns into three spots and we can start getting people off our wait lists.

“As more and more people are struggling with the prices in the grocery stores and who knows what's going to be happening with tariffs and everything coming out of the U.S., more and more people are looking to grow their own produce. We're trying to make more space so that we can help more people have their own plots.”

Intimate partner violence: you are not alone, help is available

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

If you or your children are experiencing intimate partner abuse or violence, you are not alone.

There is help available.

Intimate partner abuse or violence involves the use of physical, psychological, or sexual force, actual or threatened, in an intimate relationship.

An intimate relationship is considered one between partners and includes current and former dating partners, common-law partners, and married spouses.

Some examples of abusive behaviour that may result in criminal charges include assault, unwanted or forced sexual activity, threats to harm an intimate partner, their family member or others, damage to an intimate partner's personal property, and criminal harassment or stalking.

Intimate partner abuse often involves emotional and psychological abuse, such as name-calling, controlling an intimate partner's movements, isolating a partner, exhibiting extreme jealousy, and exerting

economic control. This includes controlling an intimate partner's access to money or preventing them from pursuing financial independence.

It is important to remember that abuse is not your fault, even though your abuser may say it is.

You are not responsible for the actions of your partner. Marriage does not entitle your partner to abuse you nor does it shield the abuser from the law.

The police have a responsibility to assist with preventing further violence.

There are several resources you can reach out to for help.

These include:

- **Assaulted Women's Helpline:** This offers a 24-hour telephone and TTY crisis line to all women who have experienced abuse. They offer counselling, emotional support, information and referrals. Call toll-free at 1-866-863-0511, call TTY toll-free at 1-866-863-7868 or text #SAFE to #7233.

- **Canadian Centre of Men and Families:** The Canadian Centre for Men and Families offers support services dedicated to



men and open to all male-identified people. Learn more at menandfamilies.org.

- **Department of Justice:** Information for support is available at justice.gc.ca/eng/cj-jp/fv-vf/index.html.

- **FEM'AIDE:** Offers support information to French-speaking women who have experienced gender-based violence. For French service, call 1-877-336-2433 or

TTY at 1-866-860-7082. English service is available at 1-866-863-0511 or TTY at 1-866-863-7868.

- **Ontario Victim Services:** Ontario Victim Services can help victims of crime find information and get referrals to services in their community. This service is available in most languages spoken in the province. Call 1-888-579-2888 for support.

New parents can register the birth of their new baby in Ontario online

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
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Having a baby is a big responsibility, and not everyone is aware of all the things that go along with bringing a new life into the world.

When a child is born in Ontario, the birth needs to be registered within 30 days with the government of Ontario.

For some parents, registering a birth within 30 days is not always possible. In those cases, if you're eligible, you can still register a birth online for free, within 12 months of the birth date. After 12 months, the process is longer and costs \$50.

You can register your child's birth through the online 5-in-1 newborn bundle. The newborn bundle is free, fast, and easy to use.

In one application you can register your child's birth, apply for a birth certificate, apply for a Social Insurance Number, apply for Canada child benefits, and request an Education Savings Referral.

Registering a birth in Ontario is usually a

two-step process: A statement of Live Birth Form is completed by parents of newborns and the parents submit it to ServiceOntario. A Notice of Live Birth Form is completed by qualified medical staff and these staff submit to Service Ontario.

It is quicker and easier for parents to register a birth online than to submit a paper Statement of Live Birth form by mail. If you register a birth by mail, you will need to apply for your child's documents separately.

You can register a birth online through the 5-in-1 newborn bundle if the baby is born in Ontario, is under 12 months, and the baby's birth has not been registered before.

Note that all parents must be present when registering online to certify the birth.

Before you register, make sure you have: the baby's date of birth, the baby's name, parental information, the name of the hospital or birthing centre, the name of the person who delivered the baby, the baby's weight, and the length of the pregnancy in weeks.

If you are registering the birth of a baby

that is one year or older, you need to order a birth certificate online. ServiceOntario will check to confirm that your baby is not already registered and will send you a pack-

age for delayed registration of birth in the mail. Complete the registration package and return it by mail to the address provided in the package.



Arts & Local Events

'Shared Visions' exhibit now on display at Gibson Centre

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Orangeville Art Group currently has an exhibit on display at the Gibson Centre in Alliston.

The art group held an opening reception on Sunday, Feb. 23, with an opportunity to meet the artists and see the work on display.

Featuring works in several mediums, the canvases range from pastoral scenes to farm views and abstracts.

While the group is based in Orangeville, some members live in other towns and enjoy participation in several art-based groups in the region.

The group thought the Gibson Centre was an excellent venue for an art show.

The Gibson Centre is a historic building in Alliston that has many art-related groups, performances, and even an in-house resident artist.

"The Orangeville Art Group is a very established group in Orangeville," explained the group's President and show coordinator, Genni Selby. "It started out as nine women who had a shared vision – which is what we titled our show – to form a group and start showing member's art, and also create an opportunity for people to show their work. It's also an opportunity for education for people interested in the arts."

The Orangeville Art Group likes to show their work in various venues.

"We move around," Selby explained. "Our annual art show and sale is in the Alton (Mill) Gallery. We looked around for venues and I heard a lot of good things

about the Gibson Centre and its beautiful space. I also came up here to meet the people and they are very in sync with our philosophy we have in our community, in providing an opportunity for people to show their work. We have 10 artists here today. We spoke to the display committee at the Gibson Centre and went through an application so they have an idea of what our work is. Our group is quite eclectic. We have people that are beginners and we also have people who had a long career in art."

Selby worked in the animation industry in Toronto for 30 years working on some very well-known animated shows.

Her artwork at the show features some incredible, highly detailed scenes from horse farms she has visited.

Tottenham artist Pat Currie has works on display at the show. She brought several very different styles.

She has an abstract piece featuring 70s fashion, in which, if you remember the era, you can see the clothing style and it all makes sense.

"I'm doing a series of these ladies, and it's called 'Strutting Their Stuff,'" Currie explained. "This is the second of the series. The cape and boots, and all the decorations on their dresses are from the 70s."

Currie also has a portrait that was inspired by a dark period in her life when her son was seriously injured in an accident. She threw all her emotion into creating an image that emotes rage, despair, and whatever else the viewer can see.

"I took a workshop with the Orangeville group and they were such great people and they welcomed me with open arms, so I joined the group," Currie said of becoming



OPENING WEEKEND – The Orangeville Art Group is presenting an exhibit titled 'Shared Visions' at the Gibson Centre in Alliston. The Group held an opening reception with a chance to meet the artists on Sunday, Feb. 23. Orangeville Art Group president and artist, Genni Selby, brought her highly detailed depictions of horses on local farms to the exhibit. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**

involved with the group. "I am an artist here at the Gibson. I paint here on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and I paint with the Orangeville group as well."

Artists with work on display at the show include Felicity Berti, Freda Wrench,

Genni Selby, Gillian Wharton, Judi Island, Kathleen Davies, Michelle Hudson, Milly Tseng, Pat Currie and SC Esguerra.

The Shared Visions exhibit will be on display at the Gibson Centre in Alliston until March 30.

Museum on the Boyne Presents Knights in the Classroom Day during March Break

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
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If your child has a fascination with the Knights of the Round Table or swashbuckling pirates swinging from the mast of a sailing ship, the Museum on the Boyne will be presenting a historical demonstration during its Knights in the Classroom Day during March break.

From 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., the museum will present Armoury Presentation Explore. This will show armour and artifacts from history.

Kids can learn how weapons and armour were developed during ancient times.

From 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., there will be a presentation on pirates. You can learn all about the harsh realities that pirates really faced when sailing the seven seas.

An instructor will be dressed in accurate pirate clothing and there will be hands-on elements during the presentation.

No registration is required to attend and admission is by donation.

Knights in the Classroom will take place on Wednesday, March 12, at the museum.

The Museum on the Boyne also has two more events planned during March Break.

On Thursday, March 13, the museum will host Cipher Sleuths from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This will be a day of come-and-go activity with puzzling and mystery-solving fun.

The Shrewd Historian has left coded puzzles all over the gallery. Visitors are encouraged to solve the riddles and encoded messages.

You can make a binary code bracelet and secret decoder, as well as play artifact guessing games.

Admission is by donation with a suggested amount of \$5 per child.

On Friday, March 14, the Great Steverino, will be performing from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The Great Steverino's magic show is

highly interactive and provides a lot of laughs with a variety of illusions.

These include comedy chains and shackle escapes, magic vanishing balls, the

unbelievable cut and restore newspaper, and impossible card tricks.

Registration is required to attend this show, and admission is \$5 per person.

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Museum of Dufferin to host 'Life in the Country' juried photography exhibition

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Museum of Dufferin will be hosting a juried photography exhibition in its silo gallery.

The exhibit, titled 'Life in the Country,' will feature the work of 30 talented photographers.

Depicting rural life in vivid detail, the exhibit will have everything from sweeping landscapes to intimate portraits and charming farm animals.

This exhibition promises to immerse attendees in the beauty of rural life, offering both familiar scenes and fresh, unex-

pected views of the countryside.

Whether a farmland visits or the quiet moments of daily life, Life in the Country celebrates the simple yet profound stories that unfold in rural communities.

The exhibition's awards are sponsored by the Rotary Club of Shelburne and several private community donations.

The Life in the County exhibition will open on Saturday, March 8, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The awards will be presented at 1:30 p.m.

Admission is free.

The Museum of Dufferin is located at 936029 Airport Road, Mulmur.



EXHIBIT IMAGES – Photographer Benjamin Strudwick of Shelburne submitted his photograph, "At Day's End" (left) for the Museum of Dufferin's Juried Photography Exhibition. Elaine Li of Orangeville captures the image "Golden Harvest at Lennox Farm" (right). **CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS**

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Brock's Banter: Re-energize and re-engage

The excitement of casting that first ballot on that election day is an indelible memory – and how I wish there were more people in our communities that share in that unique sentiment.

On Monday, with just a few days left in the Provincial Election campaign, Elections Ontario reported nearly 700,000 Ontarians cast their vote in advance voting this year. While more than half-a-million votes are nothing to sneeze at, it clocks in at merely 6.14 per cent of eligible voters.

If that seems paltry, this election's 678,789 advance votes pales in comparison to 1,066,545 voters – or 9.92 per cent of those eligible – who did their democratic duty early in the 2022 election.

"Thank you to all voters who participated in advance voting and to the dedicated staff who worked to keep the vot-

ing process in Ontario safe, efficient, and secure," said Chief Electoral Officer Greg Essensa in a statement. "If you haven't cast your ballot yet, there's still time."

There's indeed still time, but I would be very surprised if we exceed the 44 per cent voter turnout in 2022, given the fact we're in a winter election where the weather has been less than clement, and the short period of time party leaders and their local candidates have had to engage and interact with their potential constituents.

With that said, given our recent weather challenges, and the challenges our communities have had in fully digging us out, credit must be given where credit is due, so kudos to those determined Ontarians for getting out and doing what is right.

We can only hope that this week's big melt galvanizes residents to get out and

do what's right as well, whether they're eager to bolster Doug Ford's mandate, see him toppled in favour of Bonnie Crombie, Marit Stiles, or Mike Schreiner, or whether they're simply supporting the local candidate who best has their finger on the pulse of the community rather than leader or party stripes.

Consistent polls throughout this campaign indicate that we probably shouldn't expect too many surprises after polls close on Thursday night, but no matter who is elected – and recent by-elections and trips to the ballot box by our recently-estranged American cousins show we can't count anything out – I hope we can collectively move forward on what needs to be done. Looming Federal election aside.

As attention inevitably – and rightly – returns to fighting the Trump Tariffs, which

we were told Monday by the US President were still on track for enactment, I hope we can carve out some attention and direct it towards voter engagement.

Generally speaking, when it comes to local events, promising "light refreshments" can significantly increase turnout, but on the Provincial and Federal front, a heartier meal might be required – after all, immersive experiences like my childhood's, I'd wager, are pretty rare.

From mandatory voting, to incentivizing voting – a tax break at year's end or even a toonie when you leave the polling place, to name but two examples – it's time to get creative.

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Alliston Hornets sweep Muskoka Bears 4-0 in quarter-final playoff round

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
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The Alliston Hornets have clinched the 2The Alliston Hornets eliminated the Muskoka Bears in their best-of-seven quarter-final North Carruthers Division playoff series.

This wasn't much of a match-up for a playoff series.

The Hornets finished the regular season with a 40-2 record and both of those losses came on shoot-outs.

The Bears managed to win only six games all season and two of those wins came on shoot-outs after regulation overtime failed to determine a winner.

Game one of the Alliston versus Muskoka series got underway on Bears home ice on Wednesday, Feb. 19, and ended with a 9-1 win for the Hornets.

Game two on Alliston home ice ended with a 12-1 Hornets win.

Game three of the series saw the Hornets blank the Bears 6-0 in Muskoka.

Returning to Alliston for game four, the series was over when the Hornets hammered the Bears 12-1 in game four.

In other Carruthers Division playoff quarter-finals, the Orillia Terriers are leading the Midland Flyers 2-0.

Orillia finished the regular season in second place with a 35-7 record.

Game three of that series was scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 25, with results not available at press times.

In the Stayner Siskins versus Innisfil Spartans series, they are tied at one.

Innisfil came out on top, 2-1 in the first game on Feb. 20.

The Siskins tied the series with a 4-2 win in the second game.

Game three is slated for Feb. 27.



PLAYOFFS SWEEP – The Alliston Hornets host the Muskoka Bears on the ice at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre on Friday, Feb. 21. It was game two of their best-of-seven North Carruthers Division quarter-final playoff series. The Hornets won the series with a 12-1 in game four on Sunday, Feb. 23. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**

The Penetang Kings are up against the Huntsville Otters in their first round of action.

Penetang took a 4-3 win in game one of the series. Huntsville fought back in game two and left with a 4-2 win to even the series.

Game three of the Penetang versus Huntsville series will get underway on Feb. 26.

In the semi-final round, the Hornets will be up against the winner of the Penetang versus Huntsville series.

No dates have yet been announced.



SWEEPING SUCCESS – The Banting Memorial High School Marauders girl's varsity curling team take on Eastview Secondary School from Barrie during quarter-final action held at the Alliston Curling Club. The Marauders won this game 11-3. The Marauders have been having a good season finishing in fourth place in the regular season standings. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**



TORNADO WIN – The TNT Tornados U10 AA team took on the Orillia Terriers on the ice at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre on Friday, Feb. 21. The Tornados left with a 5-1 win. The Tornados are in first place in their division's standings with a 25-1-2 record. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**

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Nottawasaga OPP respond to shoplifting, impaired driving, stunt driving

TOTTENHAM DRIVER ATTEMPTS TO FLEE FROM POLICE AT MILITARY BASE, FACES MULTIPLE CHARGES AFTER PREVIOUS IMPAIRED DRIVING ARREST

The Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged one person with driving while impaired in Essa.

On Feb. 20, shortly after 5 p.m., Nottawasaga OPP responded to assist a member of the OPP Central Region Traffic Incident Enforcement Management team, who was on general patrols in Angus when an officer attempted to stop a vehicle that registered an ALPR (Automated Licence Plate Recognition system) hit for being a suspended driver. The driver failed to stop for the officer and entered into Base Borden.

Officers were able to locate the driver in the vehicle with the assistance of the Military Police, and as a result, the driver was also arrested for impaired driving consuming nearly four times the legal limit.

At 5:51 p.m., the driver, Michael Stratton, 43, from Tottenham, was arrested and charged with:

- Dangerous operation
- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Flight from peace officer
- Driving while under suspension - Two Counts
- Driving motor vehicle with open container of liquor- Two Counts

The accused was charged recently with two previous counts of impaired operation offences and as a result, was held for a bail hearing.

Just one week prior, on Feb. 14, around 5 p.m., Nottawasaga OPP responded to a traffic complaint of a minivan swerving all over the road with inconsistent speeds.

After an officer was able to locate the vehicle eastbound on Adjala-Tecumseth Townline, he initiated a traffic stop and used an Approved Screening Device demand (ASD). Subsequently, the driver, Michael Stratton provided a sample which resulted in a "Fail."

At 5:33 p.m., Stratton was arrested and charged with operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

At that time, his license was suspended for 90 days and the minivan was impounded for seven days.

None of the listed charges against Stratton have been proven in court.

OPP ASK PUBLIC FOR ASSISTANCE IN THEFT INVESTIGATION OF NEARLY \$1,700 OF HARD LIQUOR

Officers from the Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are currently investigating a shoplift and are requesting the public's assistance to identify two individuals involved.

On Feb. 6, shortly before 9 p.m., Nottawasaga OPP responded to a shoplift incident at a LCBO located at 36 Young Street, Alliston.

Two males entered the store at approximately 8:40 p.m. filled their bags with alcohol and fled through the front door in a silver sedan, no plate obtained.

Suspect 1 - Appeared to be male, wearing a shiny puffer jacket, with green pants and a brown bag with different designs and colors on it.

Suspect 2 - Appeared to be male, wearing a black jacket, khaki pants, a black toque and a red/black/blue bag.

Items stolen include:

- Three bottles of Hennessy Vs Cognac (\$74.8 each)
- Three bottles of Johnnie Walker Double Black (\$89.95 each)
- Three bottles of Johnnie Walker Black - 12 Years Old (\$36.95 each)
- Two bottles of Johnnie Walker Black - 12 Years Old (\$63.95 each)
- Seven bottles of Johnnie Walker Black Label (\$89.95 each)
- Eight bottles of Hennessy Vs Cognac (\$37.45 each).

The value of property stolen from the LCBO theft totals \$1662.25

Officers are looking to identify the suspects. Anyone who knows the suspects is asked to call 1-888-310-1122, reference number E250153209.

Nottawasaga OPP are also investigating an LCBO theft that took place one week prior, involving two individuals, who they are trying to identify.

On Jan. 28, shortly after 11 a.m., Nottawasaga OPP responded to a shoplifting incident at an LCBO, located at 22 Dunham Drive, Alliston.

One male and one female entered the store at 10:40 a.m. They were observed taking four cans of alcohol and one bottle of vodka and then departing the store.

- Suspect 1 - Male, wearing blue jeans, black jacket, ball cap with red brim, sunglasses, black and white running shoes.
- Suspect 2 - Female, wearing ripped blue jeans, black jacket, black ball cap with white letters/writing, red undershirt with black zip-up, and UGG-brand boots.

The individuals fled the scene in a dark grey Honda Sedan no plate obtained.

If you know either of the suspects, please call 1-888-310-1122 with reference number E250113042.

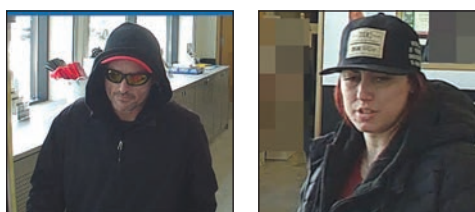
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WANTED BY POLICE – Nottawasaga OPP is searching for two suspects related to a theft at an Alliston LCBO on Feb. 6. If you know any information about these two individuals, please contact police at 1-888-310-1122 (reference number E250153209).

CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS



THEFT SUSPECTS – The two individuals photographed above are wanted by Nottawasaga OPP in connection to a theft at an LCBO in Alliston on Jan. 28. Please call 1-888-310-1122 (reference number E250113042) if you know anything about the suspects whereabouts.

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SUPERVISOR OF COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE SENTENCED TO GIVE YEARS FOLLOWING FATAL COLLISION IN 2020

An Etobicoke man charged with causing death by criminal negligence in relation to a single motor vehicle collision in New Tecumseth has been found guilty.

On Sept. 22, 2020, at approximately 11 a.m., Nottawasaga Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers responded to a single commercial motor vehicle collision on Townline Road in New Tecumseth, between Concession 2 and Concession 3.

Officers located a commercial motor vehicle in the ditch. The vehicle had been

travelling northbound on Townline Road when it lost control and collided with a tree in the west side ditch. Townline Road was closed between the 2nd and 3rd Concessions for several hours.

The driver of the vehicle succumbed to the injuries as a result of the crash.

Upon further investigation, it was found that the supervisor and manager of the company who owned the Commercial Vehicle Operators Registration (CVOR) for the involved commercial motor vehicle, failed to properly maintain the vehicle, which resulted in a mechanical failure ultimately leading to the collision.

As a result, on May 4, 2021, the company owner, Milton Urgiles, 48, of Etobicoke, was charged with Causing Death by Criminal Negligence.

On July 20, 2024, the accused was found guilty of Causing Death by Criminal Negligence.

On Feb. 18, 2025, the accused was sentenced to five years imprisonment.

STUNT DRIVING, IMPAIRED DRIVING CHARGES LAID IN NEW TECUMSETH

The Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged one driver with stunt driving and driving while impaired over the weekend in New Tecumseth.

On Feb. 22, shortly before 9 p.m., A Nottawasaga OPP officer was conducting mobile radar enforcement on Highway 89 East of County Road 56 in New Tecumseth. The officer observed a truck travelling at a high rate of speed ahead of another vehicle eastbound on Highway 89. The officer locked their mobile radar at 130 kilometres per hour in an 80-kilometre-per-hour zone.

The officer conducted a traffic stop and demanded the driver provide the documents to the vehicle and a valid Ontario driver's licence. During this interaction, the officer formed grounds of impairment. The officer issued an Alcohol Screening Device demand where the driver subsequently registered a "fail."

At 9:02 p.m., the driver: Nicole Greenwood, 25, of Holland Landing, was arrested and charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Drive Motor Vehicle - Perform stunt - Excessive speed

The accused was released on a Form 10 Undertaking and is to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice on March 20, 2025.

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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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Helen Lucas original for sale - "The Holy Spirit"



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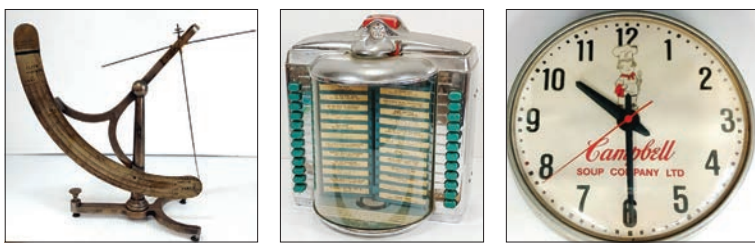
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708 OBITUARIES

Beatrice (Bea) May Angelina Parkes



Beatrice (Bea) May Angelina Parkes (née Morgan) was born in Iraq on July 14, 1931, then moved with her family to Eltham, London, England in 1934. She took a leap of faith for her true love, and emigrated to Canada in 1954 to join James (Jim) Parkes in Toronto, Ontario, married in 1955 until his death in 1987.

Her "Three Girls" as she would like to say: Kathryn (Sean Russell) of Toronto/Collingwood, Lorinda (Kent Bourn) of Hurst, Texas; and Gwyneth Boddy (deceased, 2024) of Airdrie, Alberta were the center of her universe, and she showered them with boundless love and encouragement. One of Bea's greatest joys was being a Nana to her grandchildren: Julie Russell (Adam Gingrich); Timothy Russell (Miranda Cunningham); Matthew and Mason Bourn; and Dani Boddy. She was also a doting Great Nana to Cade Gingrich (9 months).

In Etobicoke, Bea led the Our Lady of Sorrow Swim Team to many impressive titles, incredibly only learning to swim herself as an adult then earning her Bronze Medallion certification. Her family celebrated proudly when Bea successfully earned her B.A. at age 53 after 15 years of part-time studies! Active since 1980 in Kleinburg village life; with the apple pie booth at Binder Twine Festival, choir at St. Padre Pio Church, the United Church Women's organization, book clubs at the library and friendly bridge.

Bea loved exploring the outdoors from canoe tripping down the Grand Canyon, hiking New Zealand and strolling through the Bruce Trail. We will think of her when we are in nature. Bea had a quick wit and knack for games - beating many opponents at Rummikub over the years.

While her departure brings immeasurable sorrow, we choose to remember Bea for the extraordinary person she was— a loving wife, cherished mother, sister to five siblings (notably Alex Hatfield of Kleinburg, Ontario), proud grandmother and auntie to the Parkes and Morgan families in the UK and beyond. Survived by dear brother Dennis Morgan, sister Alexandra Hatfield and sister-in law Edith Morgan.

A celebration Funeral Mass for Bea was held in St. Padre Pio Church, 5500 Major Mackenzie Drive W., Kleinburg on Wednesday morning, February 26th at 11 o'clock.

Private family interment Nashville Cemetery, 10445 Huntingdon Road, Kleinburg.

Following the interment a reception was held at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street S. (Hwy 50), Bolton (905-857-2213).

Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

Burton: Ethel Joan

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Joan Burton (née: Letts), peacefully at Simcoe Manor Beeton on February 15, 2025, at the age of 89 years. Beloved wife of the late Gary Burton. Loving mother of Shelley Sage (Brian), Sharon Burton, Penny Coleman (Rick), and Richard Burton (Mary-Anne). Nana Burt will be fondly remembered by her grandchildren Joshua (Julia), Roger, Amanda (Jeff), Elexias (Billy), Adam (Lauren), Shelby (Dan), Mitchell (Theresa), Sophie (Tristan), and great grandchildren Hannah (Jonah), Avery, Nova, and Greyson. She will be dearly missed by her sister Brenda Bradley (Phil) and her sister-in-law Carol Langford. Predeceased by her brother Donald Letts (the late Barb) and her sister Lois McCullough. She will forever remain in the hearts of her nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, extended family, and friends.

A Celebration of Joan's Life will be held at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham (905-936-3477) in the Cliffside Hall on Saturday, March 8, 2025, from 1-4pm, with Spoken Family Remembrances at 2pm. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Family Council at Simcoe Manor or the Retinitis Pigmentosa Foundation Fighting Blindness would be appreciated. Condolences and memories may be left for the family at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com

Robert "Bob" William Millsop

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Robert "Bob" William Millsop, on February 21, 2025, at Matthews House Hospice, Alliston, with his family by his side in his 82nd year.

Robert is survived by his devoted wife of 58 years, Carolyn (née Del Greco). He was a loving father to Kim and her husband Steve Gillies and the late Tracey Millsop (Alphonse). He was a cherished Papa to Breanna Jackson and Robert "RJ" Latourelle, whose lives were filled with his love and guidance. Robert will also be deeply missed by his brother, Frank Millsop.

Robert's memory will live on in the hearts of his extended family, friends, and his beloved dog KC, who brought him comfort and joy throughout the years.

The family will receive friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham, (905-936-3477) on Monday, March 10, 2025, from 11:00 AM until the time of the Memorial Service in the chapel at 12:00 PM. A reception will follow in the funeral home's Cliffside Hall. In lieu of flowers, donations to Matthews House Hospice in Alliston or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated. Condolences and memories may be left for the family at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com.

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