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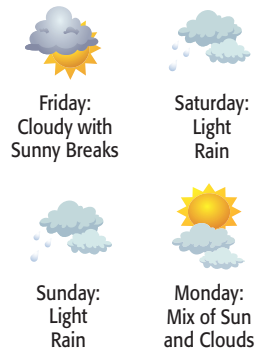


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Police charge Community Living employee in Alliston with fraud

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

As a result of an ongoing police investigation, members of the Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have arrested and charged an individual in connection to a fraud investigation.

On Feb. 6, officers were dispatched to inves-

tigate a fraud incident at Community Living Association South Simcoe (CLASS) in Alliston.

The complainant advised officers that they believed an employee of CLASS had been using a company credit card for personal purchases.

During an investigation by Nottawasaga OPP, officers determined that between Novem-

ber 2023 and February 2024, \$122,162.15 had been spent on the company credit card.

Officers conducted a year-long investigation that led to the arrest of the individual involved.

On Feb. 27, Jessica O'Brien, 38, of Essa, was charged with Fraud over \$5,000 and Permit - Use of Credit Card Data.

The accused has been released and is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice

in Bradford on April 3, 2025, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven in court and the investigation is ongoing. If you have any information about this investigation, call the Nottawasaga OPP at 1-888-310-1122 (report number E240150900). You can also provide information at Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222 TIPS (8477).

Local chapter of national group advocates for responsible municipal spending

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The local chapter of Kiclei Canada is trying to bring awareness to what they say is outside influence and spending that affects decisions made at the municipal level.

Kiclei Canada is an organization, led by Maggie Braun, that advocates to ensure that decisions affecting Canadians are made locally and reflect the values, needs, and priorities of communities, instead of global agendas or external interests.

They advocate localism over globalism and have a vision for a Canada that is strong, independent, and rooted in the values that unite communities.

Part of their mandate includes municipalities withdrawing from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and withdrawing from the Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) Program.

New Tecumseth residents Shauneen and Iain Mackay, Joe Feiner, and John Gamble, are associated with the local chapter of Kiclei and are working to bring awareness of the Kiclei vision to the County level.

“There are 16 municipalities in Simcoe County. We want taxpayer money to go toward normal things like fixing potholes and roads, not global climate change.”

Shauneen Mackay

The group says that a municipality that follows global initiatives uses taxpayer's money in a way that diverts funds from local projects.

“This isn't something that is mandated,” Feiner said of a municipality's involvement in FCM and PCP. “Every municipality has a choice. It costs money when each municipality strives to meet that five-stage program to green up the municipality. The reason for this group is to bring awareness so people know where some of your tax money goes to and

where it could be re-directed to really help the citizens of that municipality.”

The group points to the heavy debt both the federal and provincial governments owe, and are afraid the same spending habits are going to take over at the municipal level.

Kiclei advocates localism over globalism, advocating for autonomy and empowerment of communities by challenging external influences, specifically the UN's International Council involvement in Local Environmental initiatives.

“The UN is behind the whole thing and it comes down through various associations,” Gamble said. “In theory, the provincial government has total autonomy over municipalities – the federal government doesn't. But they have now gone around that by going through all these various organizations. It seems every township has at least one humon-

gous project going on that they can't justify.”

The group in particular advocates against the International Council for Global Environmental Initiatives. They are also concerned about the push toward intensification in cities, which they see as a ploy to increase taxes.

“It happens at the county level,” Ms. Mackay said.

“There are 16 municipalities in Simcoe County. We want taxpayer money to go toward normal things like fixing potholes and roads, not global climate change.”

Kiclei insists that members follow a code of conduct which includes professional and constructive communication, simplicity over rhetoric, and respect for local autonomy.

They encourage members to engage in respectful dialogue with elected representatives and never engage in shouting or disruptive behaviour.



WATCHFUL EYES – The local chapter of Kiclei Canada is advocating for an end to outside influences and spending that affects decisions made at the municipal level to ensure the proper use of taxpayers' money. Shauneen Mackay and John Gamble are leaders in the local effort. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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Highlighting Social Worker Week at Stevenson Memorial Hospital

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A wave of blue swept across Ontario on Tuesday as social workers play a crucial role in supporting patients through some of life's most challenging moments.

At Stevenson Memorial Hospital (SMH), Zechariah Chappell and Jessica Farber, work tirelessly to provide mental health support, advocacy, and guidance to individuals in need.

Their work goes beyond the emergency room creating a lasting impact on patients and the broader community.

Jessica's work at SMH centres around advocacy and empowerment, helping individuals manage their thoughts, emotions, and behaviors.

Her role spans the emergency department, inpatient care, and outpatient programs.

"I started with a passion for policy and drive to address issues like oppression, discrimination and poverty," Jessica explained. "When I finished school, I stumbled into healthcare working in ER, inpatient and research before I came to SMH. While mental health is health, the current healthcare system is not equipped to meet the needs of individuals with mental illness, and social workers in hospitals work with community partners to help those individuals navigate the mental healthcare system and hopefully, reduce the use of emergency services."

Jessica values the collaborative environment at SMH.

"I really like our small-but-mighty hospital because of how we work together to help individuals in crisis, and I think we do pretty incredible work..."

Jessica Farber

"I really like our small-but-mighty hospital because of how we work together to help individuals in crisis, and I think we do pretty incredible work," she said. "I also love that my work goes well beyond the ER, and we can continue to work with individuals in the community and see the progress they're making."

As a member of the crisis team, Zechariah focuses on mental health interventions during critical moments.

Whether supporting patients through high-risk situations, assisting with admissions, or providing outpatient follow-up, his goal is to offer stability and connection to essential resources.

Each day brings new challenges, but the unpredictability is what Zechariah enjoys most.

"Every day is different. Every person that I interact with is different," he said. "I also have incredibly supportive coworkers across the hospital, in pretty well every department, which helps with feeling great



SUPPORTING PATIENTS – Social workers, Zechariah Chappell and Jessica Farber, provide mental health support, advocacy, and guidance to individuals in need at Stevenson Memorial Hospital. Their work goes beyond the emergency room and creates a lasting impact on patients and the community. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

about coming in to work every day."

Both Zechariah and Jessica emphasize that social work in hospitals is about more than just immediate crisis support—it's about guiding individuals through the mental health system, which can be overwhelming and difficult to navigate.

At Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Zechariah and Jessica exemplify the profound impact social workers have on individuals and the community.

Their dedication to mental health, advocacy, and patient support makes them invaluable members of the hospital team, ensuring that no one has to navigate their struggles alone.

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Town of New Tecumseth calls for community unity amid imposed U.S. tariffs

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
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The push-back against tariffs imposed by U.S. president Donald Trump has created a wave of patriotic resistance across the country with many people changing their buying habits and refusing to purchase American made goods.

The Town of New Tecumseth has now issued a statement regarding the tariffs and how the mayor and town council are urging residents to respond.

The Town of New Tecumseth issued a statement saying New Tecumseth Mayor Richard Norcross and Council are urging the community to come together and support local and Canadian-made businesses following the implementation of U.S. tariffs on March 4.

"We stand united with our Prime Minister, our Premier, and fellow Canadians in developing a strategy to address these American-imposed tariffs," stated Mayor Norcross. "The repercussions will be felt nationwide; however, we are resilient and committed to supporting our auto manufacturers, busi-

nesses, and residents during these challenging times."

The statement continued; As we continue to work through understanding the implications of the tariffs, the Town is prepared to support the Provincial and Federal governments in future actions or direction that benefit our community and our economy.

"We are currently reviewing the companies that the Town engages with and strongly encourage our residents to buy local and buy Canadian whenever possible," Mayor Norcross said.



BUY CANADIAN – The Town of New Tecumseth issued a statement encouraging residents to spend their money within Canada, as the United States threatens tariffs.

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The ‘tariff war’ continues, although so far, it seems to be more of a skirmish.

There have been delays and timelines moved back, and so far, no real shots fired other than minor ones.

Although, it has produced some rather idiot comments from politicians – especially from Florida, land of the ‘Florida man was arrested. . .’ articles.

US President Trump’s announcements about tariffs are largely hot air.

I said from the beginning, you just can’t decide to hammer certain industries with 25 per cent tariffs and not expect a massive response from lobby groups showing up at congresspeople’s offices and descending on Capitol Hill demanding fair treatment.

There are American companies that rely on foreign products to operate. If you place a tariff on those products, the company must pass on the expense to customers. Many of those customers will simply decide a project is no longer valid due to the expense.

The same goes for consumer products. If you want to make someone angry, add 25 per cent to the cost of an already expensive refrigerator. A refrigerator isn’t a luxury, it’s a necessity.

On top of the mass firings that have taken place in US federal agencies and

departments, you can’t deliberately pass laws that will see people lose their jobs, and not expect a backlash.

I don’t know why Trump has a beef with Canada and Mexico, but it seems to be almost on a personal level. I don’t think he even knows how the real world operates outside of New York City.

The response from Ontario so far, doesn’t seem to make a lot of sense.

It has just been announced that American products are being pulled off of LCBO shelves – no Jack Daniels for you!

The only thing this will accomplish is to possibly have a couple of people in Tennessee being laid off from their jobs because of reduced sales.

If you want to boycott a product, it should be a personal choice, not decided for you by the government.

The provincial government has also cancelled the contract with StarLink because of Elon Musk’s ties to Trump. What will that accomplish other than delaying high-speed internet to northern communities?

Some US politicians have come out against the tariffs.

Some Canadians are now boycotting the US South as a travel destination. That is their choice.

However, recent comments by Florida Governor Ron DeSantis seem to indicate Florida isn’t worried. At least in DeSantis’ opinion.

I guess DeSantis didn’t have his ‘stupid filter’ working during his recent comments to lawmakers at the state capitol in Tallahassee.

Noting that around 3.3 million Canadians visit Florida every year, DeSantis said, “That’s not much of a boycott in my book,” considering the total number of visitors to the state every year is around 142 million. He also went on to mock Canadian hockey teams for some reason.

What a dumb thing to say by the guy who runs a state where the main industry is tourism.

It’s not much? Maybe it’s a lot to the people who rent condos and hotel rooms to Canadian tourists. Maybe it’s a lot to the restaurants and attractions that appreciate those 3.3 million tourists.

Did the state tourism board send a note to DeSantis to thank him for his comments? Did the local tourism boards who try to bring people to their towns thank him for mocking those tourists?

I would think Florida tourism cringed when they heard him make a stupid comment about the people who help keep

their economy alive.

A real leader, at least one with half a brain, would have made a statement that despite the current tariff situation, Florida always welcomes and appreciates Canadian tourists who visit and spend a lot of money.

Instead, DeSantis would have got a standing ovation from the Florida lawmakers.

If people want to send a message by boycotting certain products, they should do so.

But having the decision made for you won’t solve anything.

I hung the Maple Leaf on my garage on Flag Day on Feb. 15, to make a statement about Trump’s ridiculous notion of trying to make us the 51st state. That’s in addition to his equally ridiculous plan to take over Greenland.

The flag is still there and may stay there for a while unless this absurd rhetoric goes away.

I’m pretty sure the tariff situation will go away as the lobby groups representing companies and organizations that will lose money, put pressure on a naive Trump to change his thought process and get back to smart business.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Springing forward into the future

It’s that time of year again!

No, not tax season – although, in fairness, if you haven’t begun the process just yet, it might be a good time to start – but the season of springing forward.

We all have something of a love-hate relationship with the seasonal time change. I think we can agree that the time change, whether you’re springing forward or falling back, is invariably a pain in the butt, what with not only resetting all the clocks in one’s life that don’t do so automatically, but also in resetting one’s internal clock, which can be a longer process for some of us than others.

With the time shifts in either direction come the annual calls for the archaic process to be abandoned – personally, I am yet to hear a compelling reason for keeping it in place that is relevant in our present timeline – but springing forward has far less detractors than those who come out in the late fall to call for change or otherwise vent their spleens.

I get it, though. On the one hand, in falling back, we are all susceptible to feeling the proverbial walls close in as our daylight hours dwindle. But, on the other hand, falling back gives us, in theory, a borrowed extra hour to play with, whether spend it wisely on accomplishing something on a to-do list or getting an extra dose of worthwhile sleep.

Springing forward, again in theory, presents far fewer challenges.

While we might begrudge having to pay back that bonus hour of autumnal slumber, the trade-off that comes with the longer daytime hours is well worth it, as far as I’m concerned. Being able to leave the office at 6 p.m. in anything other than complete darkness is a unique luxury at this time of year and, if you will pardon the pun, never fails to make me have an extra spring in my step.

Aside from the usual hemming and hawing over the semi-annual time change, the switch-over is rarely

remarkable in the grand scheme of things. Yet, this past weekend, it brought us one hour closer to having an idea of what our future might look like amid a sea of uncertainty.

Members of the Liberal Party of Canada met in Ottawa over the weekend to choose a new leader, one who is expected to become the country’s next Prime Minister as early as this week.

Ultimate victor Mark Carney sealed the deal with a landslide victory over former cabinet minister Chrystia Freeland, House Leader Karina Gould, and former MP Frank Baylis. Carney’s victory was all but certain going into Sunday’s convention climax – the support he received from Liberals from coast to coast left barely a shadow of a doubt on what the outcome would be – but what surprised me was just how high his support was, with the present and former cabinet ministers each failing to crack more than four per cent of the vote.

It’s one heck of a mandate from dyed-

in-the-wool supporters for him to fall back on, but a mandate from the Canadian people writ large will make itself clear – or not – sometime this spring with the inevitable election we’ll soon find ourselves in.

While I offer no personal report card on the performance of Justin Trudeau as his chapter as Prime Minister closes, it will be nice – again, in theory – to turn the page and start reasonably fresh.

While, of course, there have been healthy and not-so-healthy debates across the country on Trudeau’s policies and performance as a leader since he was first elected, so much criticism has come solely on the alleged basis of personality.

In the beginning there were comments about his hair and socks in an

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Syria: Who is to blame?

GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY



“They kidnapped; they killed; they humiliated; they kicked people out of jobs,” explained an Alawite writer living in coastal Syria. “One way or another, this was going to happen.”

‘This’ is the outbreak of violence in Syria that killed 745 civilians in 30 ‘massacres’ along Syria’s Alawite-majority Mediterranean coast on Friday and Saturday, according to the UK-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights. The SOHR also reported the deaths of 125 fighters linked to Syria’s new Islamist-led government and 148 ‘pro-Assad’ fighters.

Break that down and try to make sense of it. Alawites are a Shia sect that makes up about 10% of the population in predominantly Sunni Syria. (Many Sunnis do not even regard them as real Muslims.) There are also Kurdish, Druze and Christian minorities in Syria, but for the past 50-odd years Alawites have dominated the army and the government.

Yet Alawites are not a particularly prosperous group. France, which got Syria in the carve-up of the Ottoman empire after the First World War, deliberately recruited

Alawites for its new colonial army precisely because they were an impoverished and despised minority – and therefore presumably less loyal to Syria’s old Sunni elite.

Even in the army the Alawites ended up in the low-status infantry, not the better educated artillery and engineers – but after the French left in 1946 and the military coups began, infantry was exactly what ambitious officers needed. The last of those coups in 1970 brought Hafiz al-Assad to power – and he and his son Bashar then ruled Syria until three months ago.

The Assads needed reliable allies to run their tyrannical state, and Alawites needed jobs, so they ended up greatly over-represented in the lower ranks of the army and the government. (Not so much in the upper ranks, because the non-Alawite elites had to get their share of those desirable posts too).

The tragedy for the Alawites was that they were the single element of a brutal regime that the public was most likely to have contact with. The contact could involve mere harassment and bribe-taking, or jail, torture and murder – but it was too often Alawites serving the Assads who were to blame. And they didn’t even get rich out of it.

Then finally, last December, a Syrian Islamist militia, the Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HST), got backing from Turkey and launched an offensive that rolled up the entire Syrian army in just a couple of weeks.

After a 14-year civil war, half the population displaced from their homes, and at least 300,000 dead, Syria was clearly ready for change and very little violence was needed. But there is no consensus on what that ‘change’ should involve, so the violence may just have been postponed.

There are no ‘pro-Assad fighters.’ There are just Alawites defending themselves from other Syrians who want

vengeance for crimes committed by the old regime, and neither side is much troubled about whether they are killing the right people.

The Kurds in the northeast reject the authority of the new regime in Damascus and so do the Druze in the south. The Alawites trust the HST least of all since its Islamist leaders see them as heretics who have betrayed true Islam. Turkey, Iran, Israel, Russia and the United States all have troops or heavily armed allies in the country. There will certainly be more blood.

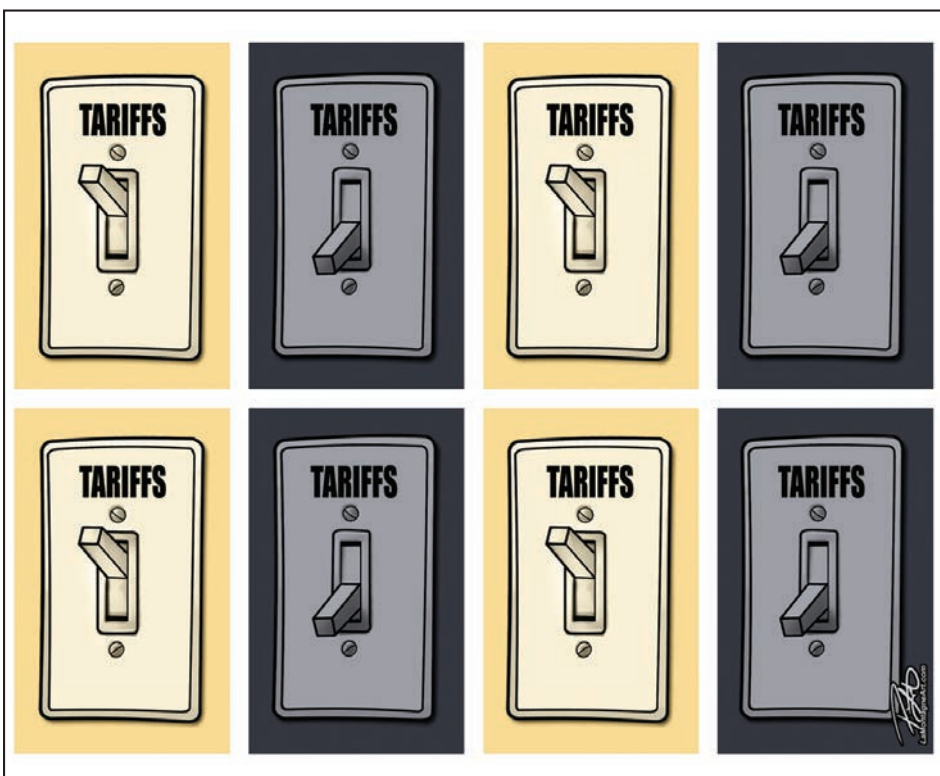
Rather than march straight into that swamp, let us devote the last few paragraphs of this article to dealing with the obvious question: how did things get so extraordinarily messy in the Middle East?

You can blame the European colonial powers for the last major redrawing of the borders in the region in 1918-20, after the collapse of the Ottoman empire. The new borders paid little heed to the ethnic and religious boundaries of the various local communities, creating new territorial grievances on top of all the old ones.

But then the Ottoman empire had erred in the opposite direction, assigning people to their specific religious group regardless of where they live in that vast domain (which at one time extended from Morocco to Crimea). You were even expected to wear the headgear associated with your particular religious identity.

The West embarked on the project of creating national identities that rose above the particulars of ethnicity, religion and sometimes even language (Switzerland, Canada, Belgium) at least five centuries ago, and it’s still a work in progress.

The Middle East only set out down the same road about one century ago, and even today the project doesn’t command majority support beyond the cities in most countries. This doesn’t mean the region has to wade through another four centuries of bloodshed to get there, but it will take at least another couple of generations.



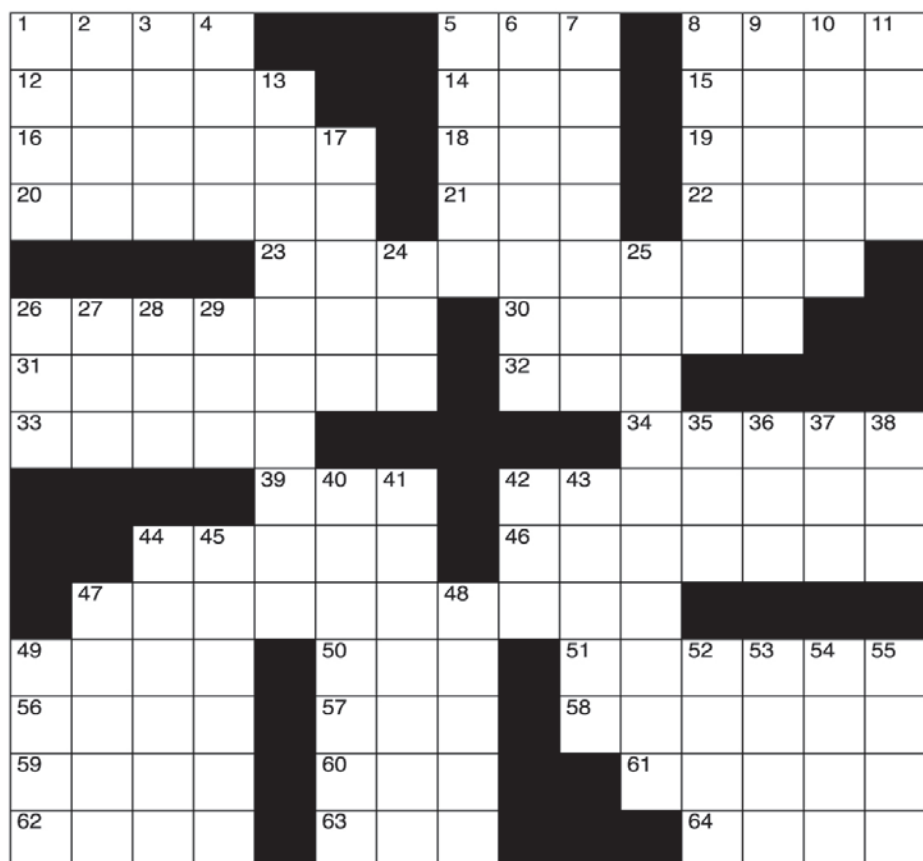
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Unsheared sheep
5. Rock TV channel
8. Streetcar
12. Concerning
14. Expression of recognition
15. Greek goddess of youth
16. An iPad is one
18. Adult beverage
19. Manning and Wallach are two
20. Makes a petty verbal attack
21. Tyrion Lannister’s nickname
22. Pointed ends of pens
23. Wristwatches
26. Body part
30. Made a mistake
31. Adjusted
32. Turkish honorific title
33. Yell
34. Historic Alabama city

CLUES DOWN

39. Cub politician
42. Type of sea bass dish
44. To call (archaic)
46. Unfortunate
47. Separate oneself from others
49. Hero sandwiches
50. Former OSS
51. Open spaces in a forest
56. Innermost brain membranes
57. Fortune
58. Hunting expedition
59. Doomed queen Boleyn
60. Peyton’s little brother
61. Type of wrap
62. Scottish tax
63. Soviet Socialist Republic
64. An increase in price or value

36. Side that is sheltered from the wind
37. More (Spanish)
38. Autonomic nervous system
40. Violent troublemakers, originally in Paris
41. Statements that something is untrue
42. Greek alphabet letter
43. Suspends from above
44. Popular types of cigars
45. Girls
47. U.S. philosopher and logician
48. Nocturnal hoofed animal
49. Relaxing spaces
52. From a distance
53. Form of Persian
54. Amounts of time
55. Trigonometric function

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



SWEET SYRUP – The Alliston Legion celebrated Shrove Tuesday by hosting a pancake dinner at the Legion on Tuesday, March 14. The event featured plain and blueberry pancakes, sausage, bacon, fruit salad, and of course maple syrup to top it all off. Kathy Santos and Debra Wiken served up the pancakes to a hungry group who turned out for the event.

BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

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Brock's Banter: Springing forward into the future

In the beginning there were comments about his hair and socks in an attempt to detract from substance. There were attacks on his previous career as a teacher, although I was never sure what message that was intended to send to our educators, apparently making that factor, in and of itself, one rendering him unfit for office.

As the pandemic rolled in, along with other challenges that came from beyond our borders, attacks trebled, with comments again focusing on the man rather than the party or the policy.

It was, to my eyes, indicative of something of an obsession on the part of his detractors, after all, I don't remember the same types and volumes of attacks being levelled at, say, Paul Martin against Stephen Harper and vice versa, or involving Jean Chretien vs. Preston Manning or Stockwell Day, wetsuit choices notwithstanding.

With a new leader in the offing, I was hoping that ads from the opposition would shift substantively towards policy and offering a vision for the future; but even before Carney's appointment – or,

according to the opposition, his "coronation" – ads rolled out with the slogan, "He's just like Justin."

Enough already.

At a moment when we are facing unprecedented challenges from our neighbours, including the trade war we now find ourselves in the midst of, personality politics should be left by the wayside in favour of healthy national conversations about how we – and the parties vying to represent us on the world stage – should respond to said threats and, elsewhere, strengthen our country and our people to withstand whatever unpredictable threats that might come our way in the future.

We have, thankfully, experienced an upswing in national unity in recent days against these very threats and our political conversation should reflect that seriousness, no matter what way you politically lean.

It's what we deserve, what we used to expect, and it's what we should expect from our leaders, our parties, and those who hope to represent their neighbours in Ottawa.

"In Canada, our elbows are up," said Chretien on Sunday. "We're working together to unite, to deal with this threat – the threat to our economy and our sovereignty. In other words, our very existence as a country. At the beginning of the week, tariffs became a reality and there will only be losers if you measure it in financial terms alone. But, for Canadians, it is more than that – it is more than money that is at stake here. We love our country and our independence. We love who we are because

we're unique in the world."

Elections are always a time for conflict, but let's keep said conflict to an exchange of ideas and visions of how our country can address these threats and remain united in the process. Personality politics and attacks for the sake of attacks serve no one; we can't do with any more cracks in solidarity than the necessary ones that come with these exchanges.

It will take more than our fall "bonus hour" to repair the damage.

Spot a pothole? Report it online to keep the streets safe

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

As temperatures in the region fluctuate between above and below freezing temperatures, the natural expansion and contraction of asphalt can create potholes on town streets.

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Spring Tonic Festival returning to Tiffin Conservation Area

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Spring is just around the corner and that means the sugar maples will soon be flowing with sap that will become all-natural maple syrup.

The Spring Tonic Festival at the Tiffin Conservation Area is a tradition that has been going on for more than three decades.

Visitors to the festival will journey back in time to discover how maple syrup was made in the past, then return to the present to see how it's made today.

Complete your tour with a delicious pancake and sausage breakfast topped with fresh maple syrup.

Most activities are included with the price of admission.

Tiffin maple syrup will be available for purchase on-site. All proceeds support the Rotary Club of Barrie's community initiatives and the

maintenance of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority's conservation area.

There will be plenty to do at the Spring Tonic Festival. You can learn about exotic animals at the Zoo to You Animal Show – and you can pet them.

There will be a dog agility demonstration and you can follow that with a tractor-wagon ride through the forest.

The cadets will be there demonstrating their outdoor skills. You can build your own bird box and take it home with you. There is a \$10 fee to build your own bird box.

There will also be live music performed by local musicians.

The price of admission is \$65 for a family of four, Adults \$20 each, kids 3 to 13 are \$15 each, and children two and under are free.

Tickets for the festival can be bought on-line or by cash at the gate.

The Tiffin Centre for Conservation is located at 8195 8th Line of Essa, Utopia.



FLAVOURFUL FESTIVAL – The Spring Tonic Festival is coming back to the Tiffin Conservation Area in March. You can learn all about how maple syrup is made as well as enjoy a day of different events. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

New podcast aims to bring diverse 'Ancestral Voices' to the table

A new podcast aims to bring "Ancestral Voices" from diverse backgrounds to the table.

Ancestral Voices: We Belong, a new monthly podcast, is led by Traditional Anishinaabe Grandmother Kim Wheatley and Jamaican Canadian Storyteller and Lawyer Maxine Gordon Palomino. The aim of the podcast, which is facilitated by Neighbour Media, is to "celebrate the rich narratives of Indigenous, Caribbean and Black communities."

The program was launched on Feb. 25 at Aurora Town Square with Gordon Palomino saying their collective aim of the podcast is "getting to know ourselves, getting to know others" and share perspectives – even those that don't align "eye to eye" all the time.

"Our journey started in 2020," said Wheatley.

"A mutual friend said, 'I think the two of you would sync together really well.' At the time, Maxine had a vision and she was working on a partnership with libraries to try and bring this vision forward, and I thought that was a great idea. She really led that part of the project for us and we had a remarkable time with that."

"We're at 2025 [and] five years in we're still getting to know each other."

Wheatley says she is of Potawatomie, Ojibwe and Caribbean ancestry and, therefore, lives at "that intersectionality of people of colour" and she wants to "honour all I am and all that travels through me."

"This has allowed me to really connect with my co-lead Maxine so powerfully and intimately," she said. "We feel and we act like sisters. All the

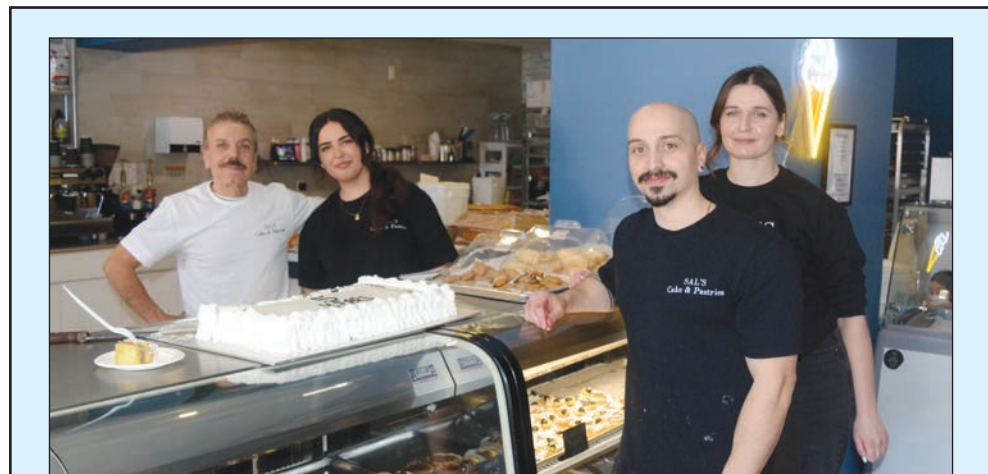
things that come with sisterhood we have gone through and we continue to go through, and we have a great respect for each other."

Those sisterly bonds were underscored by Gordon Palomino.

"This is what Ancestral Voices is about: getting to know ourselves, getting to know others – some don't necessarily see eye to eye all the time, but you can see things from different perspectives," she said. "We tend to have two different approaches to most things and this is where the sisterhood thing comes in. Each of us, with our creativity and our differences, we're able to make this project a home; we can listen to the podcast, you will hear the different tones and approaches... and I think that is what will make it interesting."

As the monthly podcast develops, Wheatley and Maxine Gordon are fielding any and all guest suggestions, stating they "don't want to be limited" in who sits opposite them at the microphone.

"We just want to highlight Indigenous, Black, African and Caribbean voices in a platform that is safe and welcoming," says Wheatley, adding this includes cultural expressions of the past, present and future. "I hope the guests that we have on the podcast capture your interest and that you're able to like, share, and encourage other people to follow us. One of our superhero powers is freewill use it wisely. Just make very good choices for the greater good, from your heart first. The podcast is very much our heart-speak. We're not trying to bother or criticize anybody but we're trying to embrace a sense of unity."



FIVE YEARS IN THE COMMUNITY – Salvatore's Cakes & Pastries achieved a milestone over the weekend when they celebrated five years in business on Queen Street in Tottenham. Owners Luigi and Jessica Magro, along with staff, welcomed visitors to an open house on Saturday, March 8, to help celebrate the anniversary.

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Arts & Local Events

Take a leap of faith in Blackhorse's new play, '7 Stories'

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

If you believe you can fly, then maybe you can.

A man follows some sage advice from a 100-year-old woman in the Blackhorse Village Players production of '7 Stories.'

Written by Morris Panych, produced by Jo-Anne Pulfer, and directed by Jason Silzer, the stage is set in the late afternoon in Vancouver.

When a man, played by Ganesh Gujar, is debating his place in life, he decides to step out onto the ledge of an apartment building on the seventh floor.

He is well-dressed and carries only an umbrella as he stands on the narrow ledge well above the street.

Along with Ganesh, the cast features Maya Lerman, Michael Hunter, Lauren Tiersma, and Jacob Furmanov, who all play various roles as apartment dwellers in the building.

As the man stands on the ledge debating his future, several tenants open their windows and speak to him.

There is a cheating, arguing, couple who may or may not be trying to kill each other. A psychiatrist, who claims to have slept only two hours in the past month, and may be just as crazy as the patients he treats in the mental hospital where he works.

There is a guy who is throwing a party but hates his party guests and is trying to think of a way to make them leave so he can follow them to the next party, which he hopes will be better than the one he is hosting.

There is a kilt-wearing man with a false mustache who admits his sole mission is to become someone else so he can marry for money.

Even though the man is standing on a



LEAP OF FAITH – A man stands on a ledge high above the street in the Blackhorse Village Players' production of '7 Stories.' As he contemplates his next move, he meets several of the residents in the apartment building who don't seem too concerned that he is perched in a dangerous place outside of their window.
BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

ledge on the seventh floor, the tenants appear to be oblivious as to how dangerous it is or that the man may be considering jumping.

When a nurse opens her apartment window, she asks if he is considering jumping. She then encourages him to take the leap.

The nurse is caring for a 100-year-old woman, who comes to the window and speaks to the man. She tells him of her time in Paris and a few things she learned there.

She also encourages him to step off the ledge but with a different point of view.

To find out what happens, you have to see the show.

'7 Stories' is on the Blackhorse Village Players through to March 23.

For more information and to reserve tickets, visit www.blackhorsetheatre.ca.

Know when to fold 'em, know when to hold 'em: Gibson Centre to run charity poker

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
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If you're a gambler and enjoy playing a game of cards when there's a potential to win a big pot, you will enjoy the Gibson Centre's upcoming charity poker event.

The event will feature Texas Hold'em, which is a popular form of poker that is enjoyed across North America.

"There is limited seating and there is a \$50 buy-in," explained Jennifer Fortin, executive director of the Gibson Centre. "The prize money and final pot are determined by how many people play. You have to register to get your chips – that will be the \$50 buy-in. You can buy extra chips which will keep you going. At half-time, that's the last time you can buy any chips. We have to do it that way or the tournament will never end. From there,

it's an elimination. If you run out of chips, you're out."

The poker tournament is run by a professional who runs poker tournaments so you know this tournament will be well run and organized.

If there is no clear winner, the tournament will run to around midnight, at which time the organizer will call the event, and those remaining will be paid out.

The event is a fundraiser for the Gibson Centre.

"One thing we like to point out is that donations and supporting the Centre through these fundraisers, is not just arts and culture, it's also the heritage building," Fortin explained. "These fundraisers help keep this building in good repair. The people who come to this tournament feel like they are contributing to the building. It makes them feel good about



playing, even if they're not winning because they know their money will go to help the building and support the building."

There will also be food and drinks at the tournament.

The Gibson Centre Charity Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament will take place on Friday, Mar. 14, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

For more details and to register, call 705-435-2828.

'Life in the Country' exhibition at MoD showcases talented photographers

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

If you believe you can fly, then maybe you can. The 'Life in the Country' juried photography exhibition currently on display in the Silo Gallery at the Museum of Dufferin platformed the work of many talented photographers in the region.

The Museum held a well-attended opening reception and awards presentation at the gallery on Saturday, March 8.

A call went out for photographers to submit their best work for the show and the Museum received a huge response from people wanting to enter a photo.

"The application process started in late January," explained exhibit curator Sarah Robinson. "We had over 500 submissions. We were really surprised – we were not expecting that many submissions. We had two local photographers who are exceptional in their field and exceptional in their careers, as jurors. They had the difficult task of narrowing it down to 30 entries."

There were several categories in which to submit photos. The show featured categories like portraits, animals, landscapes, and farming. All submissions were based on a rural theme, showing life in the region.

"We wanted to show the nuances of life in the country," Robinson said.



YOUNG TALENT – The Museum of Dufferin is currently hosting the 'Life in the Country' juried photography exhibition in its Silo Gallery. Over 500 photographers submitted photos. Abby Devuono-Fraser was awarded the top prize in the youth division of the juried show.

BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO



BEST OVERALL – Dorothee Cosack's photo was awarded Best Overall in the Museum of Dufferin's 'Life in the Country' juried photography exhibition, on now in the Silo Gallery.

BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

"There's a lot of different ways to interpret it. Once we did the jury process, we printed out the photographs and everyone filled out their own description. That was equally important because they were talking about what inspired their photograph and why they felt their photograph reflected 'Life in the Country.' The photographs were judged on quality, technique, and originality, and also the description and what inspired them."

The photographs were all submitted digitally. The top 30 were printed out.

The photographs are all displayed in the

Museum's Silo Gallery.

The Museum has held photo competitions in the past. The last competition was held in 2017 during the country's 150th anniversary, with the theme 'My Canada.'

"Because we haven't held a photo competition for a few years, we decided to see what would happen and see if anyone is interested in it, and then we had most submissions we ever had," Robinson said. "There was an emphasis on photography in Dufferin."

The 'Life the Country' exhibit will be in the MoD Silo Gallery until May 31.



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SPORTS

NEW TECUMSETH TIMES

Alliston Hornets lead Penetang Kings 2-0 in semi-final series

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Alliston Hornets are leading the Penetang Kings 2-0 in their best-of-seven North Carruthers Division semi-final play-off series.

Alliston finished the regular season in first place. They eliminated the Muskoka Bears in a four-game sweep in the quarter-finals.

Penetang ended the regular season in fourth place and won their quarter-final over the Huntsville Otters in a series that went the full seven games.

Game One of the semi-final series got underway on Alliston home ice on Friday, March 7.

The Hornets were leading 2-0 at the end of the first period on goals from Aiden Landers and Jacob Holmes.

Penetang scored the only goal of the second period at 6:06 into the frame.

Noah Cochrane got an insurance goal for Alliston at the midway mark in the third period.

Penetang challenged with a late goal, but couldn't get the tie they were hoping for, and the Hornets left the ice with a 3-2 win.

Game two of the series took place on Penetang home ice on Monday, March 10.

The Hornets were leading with a shutout in the first two periods after scoring a single in the first frame and following up with four unanswered goals in the second.

Alliston's first-period goal came from Cole Turcotte.

Second-period goals came from Mark Coish, Will Millington, and two from Nick Lamont.

Duncan Grube scored the only third-period Alliston goal.

The Kings got on the scoreboard at the 13:28 mark in the third period.

The Hornets left the ice with a 6-1 win.

Game three of the series took place on Wednesday, March 12, on Alliston home ice with results unavailable at press time.

The series will be in Penetang tomorrow (March 14) for Game Four.

If necessary, the series will be back in Alliston on Saturday, March 15, for game six.

Game time is 7:30 p.m.



BACK TO BACK WINS – The Alliston Hornets take on the Penetang Kings in Game One of their best-of-seven semi-final playoff series on the ice at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre in Alliston on Friday, March 7. The Hornets won this game 3-2. They followed up with a 6-1 win in game two on March 10, in Penetang. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**



STINGING SWING – The St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School Stingers hosted a girl's doubles badminton tournament in the gym at STA on Wednesday, March 5. Seven schools took part in the tournament. Aadie and Kayley, play a match against a team from St. Theresa's Catholic High School from Midland. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**

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New funding aimed to bring more people into the trades

BY BROCK WEIR

Hot on the heels of launching a program to help women gain apprenticeships in the trades, Construct – an initiative of Blue Door that aims to help unhoused or otherwise struggling individuals gain meaningful employment in the trades – has received Federal funding to support new and ongoing programs.

On Monday, Federal Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour Steven MacKinnon was joined by area MPs at Construct’s Aurora base to announce \$14.3 million to help expand 13 “innovative approaches” organizations like Blue Door spearhead to help more people get into the trades.

“We are living in uncertain times but in order to confront those uncertain times, just like you’re doing here with Construct and Blue Door, we have to get working and get going,” said MacKinnon. “We are going to need people. We’re going to need people to do the kind of building that this country requires to ensure that every Canadian who wants a house can get a house, to connect our economies and our trade routes. We need able, ready and skilled tradesmen and women. We need them quickly.”

Noting that 600,000 Canadian skilled trade workers are due to retire by 2031, and 150,000 more by 2023, MacKinnon said there “could not be a more promising future in this country than that of being a skilled tradeswoman or tradesman.”

“We have a skilled trade crisis. That’s a problem for our economy, for our prosperity, for our ability to build the kinds of things that we need. With our neighbour to the south threatening new economic slights at us, it’s more than a problem, it is some-



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thing that calls us all to act. The work that Blue Door is doing is critical.”

It is critical on multiple fronts, said Blue Door Executive Director Michael Braithwaite, who said Construct, which provides myriad contracting services, was developed to address an employment gap seen across Canada.

“One of the reasons we don’t have the housing we desperately need, including affordable housing, is we don’t actually have the workforce to build that housing,” he said. “One of the reasons so many people experience homelessness is they don’t actually have the income to afford the market housing that is out there. With Construct, this pre-apprenticeship program they go into, it’s an eight-week program where people are paid, they have wraparound services like transportation needs, rent needs, childcare needs, psychological needs that are wrapped around them. If they need help

with mental health supports or other supports all wrapped around them for success, it gets them prepared to step in and ready to go as an apprentice in the trades where they are desperately needed.

“Here’s the great thing going into the trades: they make a living wage right out of the gate. Poverty is stopped in its tracks. If they are experiencing homelessness... it prevents people from experiencing homelessness. It works for all sorts of different disadvantaged populations. We have youth coming through, we have newcomers, we have women fleeing violence. We have seniors that have come through and have had to change course later on in life, and Construct helps end that cycle of poverty.”

This work, said Noel Baldwin, Executive Director of Future Skills Centre, is important in supporting the skilled trades, “which Canada needs if we’re going to build every-

thing we need to be more self-reliant and resilient.

“It recognizes that people who are facing barriers trying to contribute their skills and talents through our labour force, sometimes need more than just the training to get them there,” he said. “Canada’s economy is facing disruption, maybe on a scale unprecedented in generations as a result of geopolitical forces, demographic change and drivers such as technological and climate change. With the country’s economy in flux, ensuring workers across sectors in communities across the country have the skills they need to adapt and thrive is a key to building that resilient workforce that Canada and the people who live here need.”

Among the dignitaries at Monday’s announcement were Aurora MPs Tony Van Bynen and Leah Taylor Roy, who underscored the importance of Construct and like projects through a different lens.

“Right now, the concept of diversity, equity and inclusion is under threat and when you talk about those words there’s nothing about any of those words that is negative. In fact, all of those words are going to help us build the workforce we need,” said MP Taylor Roy. “I am so grateful we are looking at groups that may not think about getting into the trades and giving them a pathway to enter, as well as those who would consider it and helping all of those people as well.

“We’re going to need every person, all the skill and talent we have in Canada engaged and if we start to say we’re not concerned about these other groups we’re missing a huge pool of talent we can bring to bear their skills and their work and contribute to building the kind of Canada we need in the future.”

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Theft of truck in Beeton under investigation, police seek assistance

The Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is investigating the theft of a 2023 Dodge Ram that occurred in Beeton.

On March 6, at approximately 9:30 a.m., Nottawasaga OPP officers responded to a report of a stolen vehicle from a residence on Strachan Trail in the Town of New Tecumseth.

The victim reported that video footage from the home showed the vehicle was taken at approximately 2:18 a.m. The stolen vehicle is a silver 2023 Dodge Ram, with an Ontario plate "CC14901"

The suspect vehicle is described as a

black pickup truck, no further details have been obtained at this time. Video shows the silver Dodge Ram exiting the neighbourhood followed by a black pickup truck of an unknown make and model.

The investigation into this theft is ongoing, and the OPP appreciates any assistance the public can provide to help resolve this case.

To help reduce the risk of vehicle theft, the OPP encourages vehicle owners to take the following precautions:

- Lock your vehicle: Always lock your vehicle when leaving it unattended, even for

short periods.

- Use anti-theft devices: Consider installing an alarm, steering wheel lock (such as The Club), or a GPS tracking system to deter thieves.

- Use a Faraday case: To protect against electronic theft, store your key fob in a Faraday case to block signals from being intercepted by thieves using relay devices.

- Park in well-lit areas: When possible, park your vehicle in well-lit, busy areas or in a garage.

- Do not leave valuables in your vehicle: Remove any valuables or electronics from

plain sight to reduce the temptation for theft.

- Secure your keys: Never leave keys in the vehicle or near the vehicle and avoid leaving spare keys hidden outside.

If you have any information or video surveillance footage in relation to this theft, please call the Nottawasaga OPP Detachment at 1-888-310-1122m (Report #E250268992).

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Dundalk man charged with impaired driving at RIDE spot check in Essa

Officers from the Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged an individual with impaired driving after stopping at a R.I.D.E. (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) program in Essa.

On March 4, shortly after 11:30 p.m., Nottawasaga OPP officers were conducting a R.I.D.E. program on Brentwood Road. A

vehicle entered the R.I.D.E. program and an officer spoke with the driver.

After a brief conversation with the driver, the officer determined they were under the influence of alcohol.

The officer made a demand for the Approved Screening Device (ASD). The driver complied with the demand and provided a sample of their breath resulting in

a "Fail" at which point they were arrested.

Ante Hrkac, 40, from Dundalk, was arrested and charged with:

- Driving motor vehicle with liquor readily available

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs

The accused had his drivers licence suspended for 90-days, and vehicle impounded for seven days.

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice on April 3, 2025.

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

Schomberg man arrested after refusing alcohol screening test, faces several charges

The Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged one driver for refusing to comply with a breath demand in Adjala-Tosorontio.

On March 10, shortly after 8:30 p.m., Nottawasaga OPP responded to a traffic complaint of a Toyota pickup truck travelling erratically eastbound on the 5th Line towards Saint James Church.

The complainant reported being nearly rear-ended, stating the truck was conducting burnouts at a stop sign.

Upon initial patrols, officers were unable to locate the vehicle. At 9:25 p.m. officers received a second call regarding this same vehicle, reporting that the truck had just driven over a patio structure at a restaurant in Loretto and was last seen travelling down Tottenham Road and County Road 1.

An officer was able to locate the vehicle shortly after at an Esso Gas Station on Highway 9. The officer attempted to issue an Approved Screening Device demand (ASD) but the driver refused.

The driver, Adam Irwin, 51, of Schomberg, was arrested and charged with:

- Failure or refusal to comply with demand

- Fail to remain

- Fail to report accident

- Fail to surrender insurance card

- Having care or control of a motor vehicle with an open container of liquor

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice located in Bradford on April 10, 2025, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven in court.

It's important to note that failing or refusing to comply with a breath demand whether for an Approved Screening Device (ASD) or an intoxilyzer at the police station carries the same legal consequences as an impaired driving charge under the Criminal Code of Canada.

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Original Arathoon canvas for sale




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Robert Orland Thompson Obituary
March 1, 1944 - Alliston, Ontario
February 27, 2025 - Calgary, Alberta



With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Robert (Bob) Orland Thompson of Calgary, AB, on Thursday, February 27, 2025, at the age of 80 years.

Bob is survived by his beloved friend, partner, and spouse, Sharron Patricia Cummings of Calgary, AB, stepdaughter Jeanne Cummings of LaJolla, California, stepson Brett Cummings (Natalja) of Leipzig, Germany, step-grandson Brayden Cummings, step-granddaughter Izabel Cummings both of Red Deer, AB, brothers, Bill Thompson (Francis) of Breton, AB, and Don Thompson (Joyce) of Alliston, ON; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bob was predeceased by his parents, Wilfred Thompson and Jennie Thompson (Newell); his siblings, Glen Thompson (Edith), Delmar Thompson (Audrey), Verona Faulkner (Don), Hugh Thompson (Bernie), all of Alliston, ON, Bruce Thompson (Martie) of Ponoka, AB; and John Thompson of Penticton, BC.

Bob was born on March 1, 1944, in Alliston, ON. Being the youngest of nine children, growing up on the farm, his young years were spent helping his father with chores, hunting, fishing, and trapping. In 1961, he was working on a tobacco farm, harvesting tobacco, when he decided to move to Calgary, AB, where his brothers, Bill and Bruce were working. He worked as an electrician for Industrial Electric, Larson Electric, Calgary Stampede Board, and owned and operated Thompson Electric in Airdrie, AB, for a couple of years prior to joining Custom Electric in Calgary, AB. In 2002, Bob became Custom Electric's Safety Officer, served on many committees, received numerous awards, as well as sponsored and organized many golf tournaments, until his retirement after 37 years in 2012.

Condolences, memories, and photos may be shared and viewed with Bob's family here.
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