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Tim Hortons has launched its 2025 Smile Cookie campaign across the country with proceeds going toward local charities. In Alliston, Tim Hortons locations on Young Street, Dunham Drive by Walmart, and the location at County Road 50 will be selling cookies with 100 per cent of the proceeds going to Matthews House Hospice and the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation. Smile Cookies are \$2 each. You can pre-order by visiting bit.ly/2025SmileCookiePreOrderForm. Staff members from Tim Hortons, members of the Hospital Foundation, Matthews House Hospice, police officers from the Nottawasaga Detachment of the OPP, and New Tecumseth Town Council members kicked off the campaign at the Tim Hortons location on Dunham Drive on Wednesday, April 16. Read a full story on Page 3.

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Honda Canada remains confident despite possible U.S. tariffs

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Honda Canada will continue to operate at full capacity and the Alliston automaker is confident it will be able to get through any challenges it may have with potential U.S. tariffs.

Honda released a statement on Tuesday, April 15, that reads, “We can confirm that our Canadian manufacturing facility in Alliston, Ontario, will operate at full capacity for the foreseeable future and no changes are being considered at this time.”

The statement adds, “We constantly study options for future contingency planning and utilize short-term production shift strategies when required, to mitigate negative impacts on our business.”

U.S. President Trump has waffled on some of his tariff threats so the current situation is in a state of flux. However, Honda

is reminding people that the majority of all Honda vehicles sold in Canada are built in Canada.

Honda’s statement continues: “As the second largest auto manufacturer in Canada by volume in 2024, approximately 69 per cent of all Honda vehicles sold in Canada are built in Canada, and 99 per cent of vehicles sold here are sourced from North American facilities.”

The statement read, “This long-standing North American flexible and local manufacturing approach allows us to quickly adapt to various market conditions across the region, including making coordinated production shifts to specific models built at each facility, bound for various regions and potentially new markets, depending on customer demand. Canadian production will remain at full capacity thanks to domestic sales, which are up 9 per cent in the first quarter of this year, led by the Canadian-



PLEDGES CONTINUED OPERATIONS – Honda Canada says its manufacturing facility in Alliston will continue to operate at full capacity for the foreseeable future, amidst U.S. tariffs, in a statement made on April 15. **FILE PHOTO**

built Honda Civic, Canada’s top-selling passenger car in 2024, and the Honda CR-V, the best-selling hybrid in Canada in 2024.

“Since 1986, we have consistently maintained manufacturing operations in Canada

while safeguarding our skilled workforce through various industry challenges. We are confident in our ability to continue navigating current market conditions effectively,” the statement concluded.

National Public Works Week to be marked in New Tecumseth next month

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
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National Public Works Week is coming up from May 18 to 24, and there will be an opportunity for the public to see the inner workings of Town infrastructure as well as some of the valuable equipment that keeps the town in shape.

This year’s theme is “People. Purpose. Presence.” The theme underscores three key principles that drive public works professionals to serve their communities every day.

Public works professionals find their purpose in serving the needs of the community. Their efforts often go unnoticed because when everything functions well, public works remain invisible.

This year, the Town of New Tecumseth

will be celebrating Public Works Week with several events.

You can tour the Brendan Holly Wastewater Treatment Facility and see how dirty water is transformed into clean water using advanced technology. It’s a fascinating process that protects public health and the environment.

The Wastewater Treatment Facility is located at 6314 14th Line, Alliston. Tours will take place on Thursday, May 22, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

There is no need to register, you can just show up for a tour.

The popular ‘Touch-a-Truck’ event will return to the Alliston Memorial Arena for National Public Works Week.

This event will feature a variety of trucks and big machines used to carry out work around town.

In addition to all the equipment on display, there will be fun activities, a food truck, giveaways, games and prizes.

Touch-a-Truck will occur on Friday, May 23, from 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

There will be a donation drive in support of both the Alliston Food Bank and Our Town Food Bank in Tottenham for National Public Works Week. You can drop off non-perishable food items and other wish list

items at the following locations from Friday, May 16, to Friday, May 23:

- New Tecumseth Town Hall, 24 Tupper St., Alliston
- New Tecumseth Recreation Centre, 7300 Industrial Pkwy., Alliston
- Joint Operations Centre, 6558 8th Line, Beeton
- Tottenham Community & Fitness Centre, 139 Queen ST. N., Tottenham



WORKING FOR THE PUBLIC – National Public Works Week is coming up in May with activities and a chance for the public to visit local infrastructure. The Touch-A-Truck event gives residents a chance to see some of the vehicles and equipment that’s used to keep the town safe and in good shape. **FILE PHOTO**

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Tim Horton's Smile Cookie campaign returns to New Tecumseth

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
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The Tim Horton's Smile Cookie campaign returns from April 28 to May 4, with 100 per cent of the proceeds supporting charities and community groups across Canada.

Local Tim Hortons have selected the organizations they would like to support, and Alliston owners have chosen both Matthews House Hospice and the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation.

"Every year, Tim Hortons restaurant own-

ers across Canada come together with team members and guests to make an incredible impact in their local communities with the annual Smile Cookie campaign," says Axel Schwan, President of Tim Hortons. "Generous guests helped us raise nearly \$18.8 million last year. We invite all Canadians to join us in our restaurants to support Smile Cookie Week. It's a deliciously easy way to make an impact in your local community and is one of the most feel-good and inspirational times of the year for Tim's fans."

Smile Cookies feature Tim's new Choco-

late Chunk Cookies that are hand-decorated with pink and blue icing to create a smile.

Every Smile Cookie sold at all three Alliston Tim Hortons locations supports both compassionate hospice care and healthcare services in the community. To support this year's Smile Cookie campaign, guests can visit their local Tim Hortons or place an order through the Tim's app for delivery.

New for this year is the cute and cuddly Smile Cookie reversible plushie. Net proceeds from plushie sales will also be donated to community groups. Bulk orders for Smile



Cookies can be placed through an order form, contact Skye at sbarnes@matthews.house or Dayna at ddunn@smhosp.on.ca for the Alliston order form.

New Tecumseth to receive over \$125,000 in transit funding from Ontario

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
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The Ontario government is investing \$1,476,985 to support public transit operated by the County of Simcoe through the 2024/25 Gas Tax program.

The announcement was made by Brian Saunderson, MPP for Simcoe-Grey, on April 16.

The funding can be used to expand service hours, increase routes, purchase new vehicles

and improve accessibility to increase transit ridership.

"This funding is great news for people across the region," said MPP Saunderson. "Under the leadership of Premier Ford, we are investing in local transit to give people more ways to connect with work, school and the people and places that matter most to them."

The County of Simcoe funding is in addition to the following amounts that four local municipalities will each receive:

- Town of New Tecumseth - \$125,815
- Clearview Township - 131,352
- Town of Wasaga Beach \$239,168
- Town of Collingwood and The Blue Mountains - \$343,932

"No matter where you live, workers and families deserve access to fast, reliable and affordable public transit that connects them to good jobs and housing," said Prabmeet Sarkaria, Ontario's Minister of Transportation. "Our government will continue to work with municipalities in every corner of our

province to improve their transit systems so they can provide the services Ontarians depend on for decades to come."

For 2024-25, municipal Gas Tax allocations have been maintained at 2023-24 levels and supports public transit systems in 106 municipalities, representing 93 per cent of all Ontarians. In addition to the Gas Tax program, the government supports municipal transportation projects through the Connecting Links program and the Ontario Transit Investment Fund.

Annual Tottenham & Beeton Home Show & Artisan Market coming this weekend

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
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The annual Tottenham & Beeton District Chamber of Commerce Home Show & Artisan Market is ready to go at the Tottenham Community Centre Arena this weekend.

This is an opportunity to see products and services for the home and get some new ideas for the spring.

There are also artisans from around the region who will be bringing their hand-crafted unique items.

The Home Show has become a very popular local event with thousands of people passing through and taking the time to stop and speak to all the different businesses.

If you have been considering a home project, this is the place to learn about local businesses that have the expertise to help you

achieve your goals.

If you like shopping for one-of-a-kind items, the artisans who attend the market will bring a variety of different things they create themselves.

New this year, there will be a realtor and builder corner. You can speak to local realtors and find out about new housing developments in the region.

If you're going to bring the kids, they will also have the opportunity for some fun. There will be children's mascots, face painting, balloons, and more.

The Tottenham Home Show & Artisan Market will take place on Saturday, April 26, in the arena from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free for attendees who make a donation to the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation.



READY FOR RETURN – The Tottenham & Beeton Home Show & Artisan Market is returning to the Tottenham Community Centre on Saturday, April 26. The event will feature artisans with handcrafted items and vendors with products geared towards home improvement. Small business owners from a variety of sectors will be in attendance as well. **FILE PHOTO**

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Three cows please

I used to work with a guy who came from a certain European country.

In fact, there were several guys at this place of business from that same country. That country in particular had a good work ethic. Generally, the culture thought you should work for a living to support your family.

The guys were all friendly and fun to work with.

The reason I won't mention the country is because there is a joke here, and as we all know, you can no longer tell a joke about a particular person, nationality, group, ethnicity, hair colour, religious belief, political status, weight, gender, shoe size, or eyebrows without someone getting offended.

So I'll just refer to this guy as coming from Country 'C'.

He would tell me about his homeland from time to time, and in the course of discussion, he said his country would never rise to a top nation status – even though that particular country is doing well.

He told me there is a national joke they have about themselves and their attitude, and why they will never outperform their neighbours.

The joke is:

A guy and his two friends, all from dif-

ferent countries, found a magic lamp. Yes, it had a Genie who granted them all one wish.

The man from Country A, said 'I only have one cow. My neighbour has three cows. I want to have three cows like my neighbour.'

"Granted," said the Genie.

The man from Country B, said, "I only have one cow. My neighbour has three cows. I want three cows like my neighbour."

"Your wish is granted," said the Genie, and the guy got his three cows.

"What is your wish?" the Genie asked the guy from Country C.

The man from Country C replied, "I only have one cow. My neighbour has three cows. I want him to have only one cow, like me."

Some people just do not like it when someone else achieves success.

This happens on a small scale all the time, and I'm sure you have seen it yourself. You have a friend or family member who does something remarkable, and there is always the one person who makes a derogatory comment about that achievement.

Recently, there has been a growing

resentment about billionaires. People really hate it when a person becomes extremely successful.

There are posts going around social media claiming that billionaires are the real problem in society and are the ones causing the ills of the nation.

Maybe the people who have steady employment in a company owned by a billionaire would disagree.

Not a lot of people have the ability to achieve great wealth. If it were easy, we would all do it.

However, the opportunity is there. Nothing is stopping you from trying to be a success in life.

Several years ago, a poverty group in Toronto decided to hold a protest. They chose to march through the Forest Hill area of the city and condemn the 'rich' people who lived there, for being wealthy.

They marched through the streets with signs and chants saying that the rich people who lived in nice homes were the reason other people lived in poverty.

The protest fell flat. They did not achieve the support they thought they would receive.

Most people realize you can't blame a rich guy because another person lives in

poverty. In fact, the people living in these fancy houses employed a lot of people. If the people in the poverty group apply for a job with one of these companies, they may be able to work their way out of a bad situation.

One homeowner in that neighbourhood was interviewed and asked what he thought about a poverty protest in front of his house.

He replied by saying he and his neighbours had all worked hard for years to build their businesses and there was nothing stopping the people in the poverty group from working hard to achieve success themselves.

There's an old saying: Money can't buy happiness.

Well, yes, it can. I've never heard anyone say, "Financial stability is horrible."

The same people who always say you can't point at a certain group and blame them for a problem in society are the first to do the very same thing and point out high achievers as the reason for someone else's problems.

We're not all going to become rich, but there's nothing stopping you from trying.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Change is in the air

Change is in the air – whether you like it or not.

So, where do you fall?

Are you one who adheres to the philosophy that a change is as good as a rest? Or, might you be the type who bristles at the very thought of change, possibly with a splash of anxiety thrown in, just to spice things up?

I have to say, in all honesty, that while I naturally veer close to the latter camp, I find a change of scenery to sometimes be a pretty decent tonic.

Well, perhaps not in the case of this election.

My trepidation this time around didn't stem necessarily from the people or parties on the ballot – in short, the "who-to-vote-for" – but rather the "where-to-vote-for."

While I have never missed an opportunity to exercise my democratic rights, for the last decade-and-a-half I've cast my Federal vote not only in a riding in which I live (I'm a stickler for the rules here) but also the riding in which I work and, by extension, cover for readers.

This time, however, the latter part of

the equation was not a factor, and I have to admit I did feel a little bit of a disconnect.

The beauty of this job is you get to know candidates vying for Council, Mayor, Member of Parliament and Member of Provincial Parliament reasonably well. Above and beyond the platform planks announced by their respective party's leaders, should that be applicable, you get some insight into what makes each candidate tick as a person and which local issues they they're particularly passionate about.

This time, I had a bit more homework to do before casting my vote. Well, I had something of a small head start being neighbours with the area's incumbent Member of Parliament who is seeking re-election, but there were four others also vying for my vote, so I did my due diligence.

I wasn't, however, sure what to expect going to my polling place on Easter Sunday.

Social media posts in other jurisdictions made it seem like advance polls were not only extremely busy for a Fed-

eral election, but in certain pockets of the country, a magnet for partisan nonsense on all sides.

Some polling stations were seeing questions raised about the security of their vote based on the mistaken notion that one can only mark their ballot paper with a pencil rather than a pen – not true, as Elections Canada had to announce a number of times over the weekend – and myriad other made-up problems.

I anticipated quite a wait before getting my ballot and taking the pencil – both options were available in my cardboard cubicle, for the record – in hand, but it couldn't have been smoother and the whole process was done in 10 minutes.

Looking over the ballot, confident in my choice, I flexed my democratic muscles and did my duty as a Canadian. As I started to place my ballot into the box, however, I was momentarily distracted by chatter one polling station over.

There was a bit of a minor brouhaha going on as someone attempted to take a photo in the gymnasium.

"There's no photography allowed in

here," said the volunteer with a boom that seemed more of a reflection of the actual timbre of his voice rather than any specific urgency in shutting the photo op down.

Instead of putting her phone down, the woman trying to take the photo explained she wanted to take a snap of her companion placing her ballot into the slot because this was her very first election as a new Canadian citizen.

The other cheek was ultimately turned and, to the camera, this first-time voter gave a big, bright grin and a thumbs-up as she gently tapped in the ballot, which is now waiting for its turn to get counted in what promises to be one of the most consequential elections in decades.

We don't yet, of course, know the story that these collective ballots will tell on Monday night, but what unfolded before me was, in a nutshell, the quintessential Canadian story.

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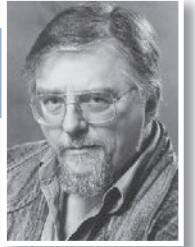
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Third wave of nuclear powers

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The 'third wave' of nuclear weapons countries is beginning, and it will be at least as dangerous as the previous waves. Maybe more so, because it will be happening in a world where the old, predatory style of international politics is coming back after a long absence.

The first wave of countries to get nuclear weapons were the five great powers on the winning side in the Second World War. The United States came first, in 1945, and immediately dropped two 'atomic bombs' on Japan. The second was Russia (then calling itself the Soviet Union) in 1949, then the United Kingdom in 1952, France in 1960, and finally China in 1964.

Then the 'proliferation' came to an abrupt end: no other country went nuclear for almost twenty years. Why? Because the Cold War created stable alliances in Europe and Asia in which the other 'western' members felt no need to develop their own nuclear weapons, relying instead on the American promise of 'extended deterrence'.

The Russians and the Chinese were on their own, mainly because their rival Communist ideologies meant they had no potential great-power allies anyway. The

Russians solved their problem by building around 10,000 nuclear weapons. The Chinese settled for 'minimum deterrence' and built only about 300 to retaliate against an attack by either the United States or the Soviet Union. So far so good.

Mention should also be made of Israel, which built its first nuclear weapons in 1966 (with a lot of French help), but it is often not even included in the list of nuclear powers because it never admits to having them. Estimates run from 90 to 400 warheads, deliverable by planes, submarines and land-based missiles.

People have grown relatively comfortable with these arsenals simply because they have not been used for six, seven or even eight decades. That does not mean they would never be used, but at least their operators have long experience of them.

The second wave of nuclear weapons was mostly in what was then called the 'Third World': successful weapons tests in 1991 in India and Pakistan and in North Korea in 2006, and secret nuclear weapons programmes cancelled in South Africa, Argentina and Brazil in the late 1980s. (South Africa already had six bombs but dismantled them).

There was relatively little concern about this in the richer parts of the world, because possible nuclear wars in South Asia, South Africa or South America seemed far enough away from the wealthy North not to pose a major threat to the latter.

In fact, another India-Pakistan war is entirely plausible (there have been three already), and it could easily go nuclear. India currently has only two ballistic missile-firing nuclear submarines, not enough for a permanent at-sea capability. Pakistan has no SLBMs at all and its ballistic missiles could be destroyed on the ground by a surprise attack, so it is in de facto 'launch on warning' mode all the time.

India and Pakistan have around 350 nuclear weapons

between them. If all buttons were pressed, that could cause firestorms in so many cities that it would create a mild version of a 'nuclear winter': enough smoke and dust in the upper atmosphere to block much of the Sun's light for years, causing a collapse in food production and widespread famine throughout the northern hemisphere.

And here comes the third wave of nuclear weapons powers, all seeking to replace the lost American guarantee of nuclear deterrence with some homegrown equivalent: Germany, Poland and possibly even Sweden in Europe; Japan and South Korea in Asia. And if Iran goes nuclear, Turkey and Saudi Arabia will surely follow.

The potential aggressors are mostly the same old lot: Russia for the European countries, and China or North Korea for the Asian ones. Even Canada might now be considering nukes to deter an American invasion if Ottawa were not aware that a Canadian nuclear weapons programme would mean instant US military occupation.

This is definitely a First World wave, which means that the actual weapons could be available in just a couple of years if the various aspirants are willing to burn through a lot of money. It is also a quite unnecessary expense, which will still leave us less safe than we were under the old arrangement.

Nobody designed the remarkably stable system of mutual deterrence that gave us eighty years without a nuclear war. It just evolved out of a thousand smaller decisions that tended always to avoid or postpone or at least lessen the scale of some imminent international confrontation.

Nobody set out to destroy the deterrence system, either. Least of all Donald Trump, who was just seeking some short-term advantages in his usual way. Indeed, his understanding of nuclear deterrence is probably on a par with his understanding of tariffs.

But we'll miss it badly when it's gone.



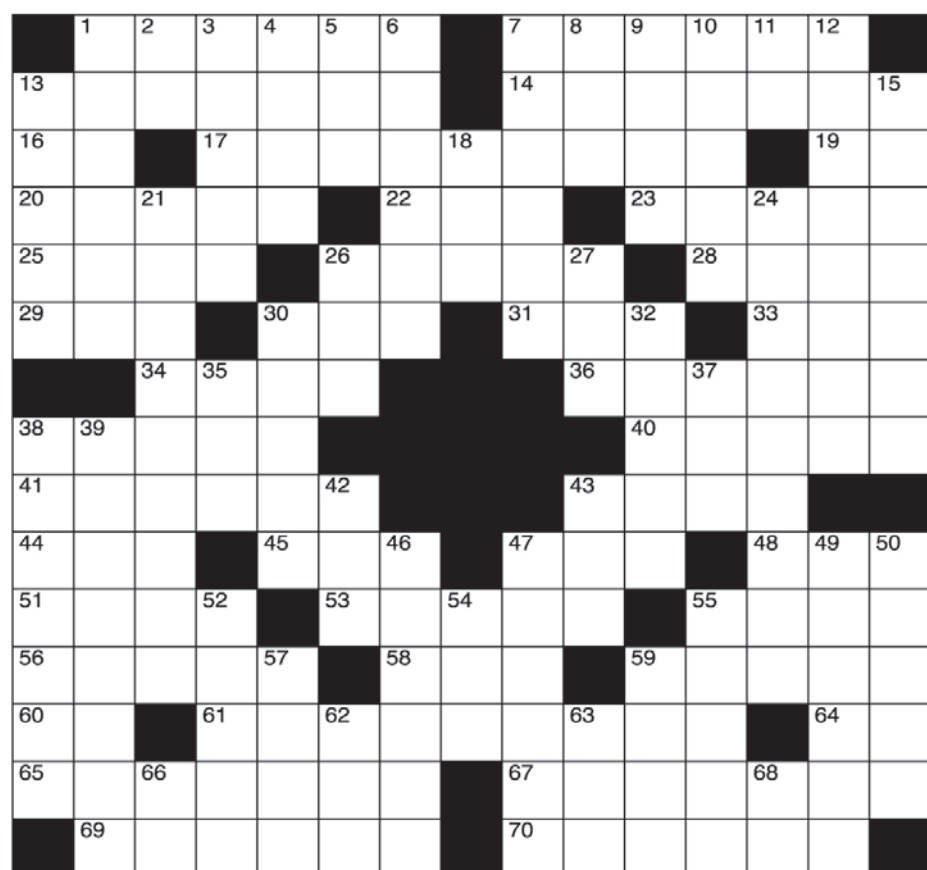
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- Exploiters
- College sports official
- Uninterrupted in time
- Stephen King story
- Marked by no sound
- Weathers
- Denouncements
- More beloved

CLUES DOWN

- Winged nut
- It cools a home
- Kisses (French)
- Oxford political economist
- Keyboard key
- Leaf pores
- Agrees with publicly
- Not around
- Czech city
- Muscle cell protein
- Greek letter
- Movements
- Ned ___, composer
- Popular series Game of ___
- Exclamation that denotes disgust
- Helper
- Gift
- Up in the air (abbr.)
- Treat without respect
- Trims
- Slang for lovely
- City of Angels
- hoopster (abbr.)
- Guitarists' tool
- Island nation
- Delivered in installments
- A baglike structure
- Cooking vessel
- Gets in front of
- Wounded by scratching
- More breathable
- Medical dressings
- Indiana hoopster
- Married Marilyn
- An ancient Assyrian city
- Congressmen (abbr.)
- Approves food
- Ventura's first name
- Between northeast and east
- Atomic #71
- Email designation

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

County of Simcoe launches 2025 student bursary programs

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The County of Simcoe has launched its 2025 Education Bursary Program to support local students and families.

The County is committed to working with member municipalities to support the pursuit of higher education.

There are 22 bursaries worth \$3,000 each that are available to County of Simcoe students attending a post-secondary institution in Canada.

One bursary is guaranteed to one resident residing in each of the County of Simcoe's 16 member municipalities and the City of Orillia.

Bursaries are available to full-time and

part-time Simcoe County students entering any year of post-secondary education in Canada.

Students from all 16 of the County of Simcoe's member municipalities as well as the City of Orillia are eligible to apply.

The Bursary Program provides those residents accepted into the program with financial assistance to access post-secondary education and training.

For the fourth straight year, the County is partnering with Georgian College to offer local students additional financial support. Georgian College is offering an additional \$1,500 for up to five students attending their institution who receive a student bursary through the County of Simcoe.

To be eligible for a grant, applicants must

reside in the County of Simcoe or the City of Orillia and have graduated or be eligible for graduation in the year of application with an Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

In the year of application, the applicant must be enrolled and commencing studies in an undergraduate program at a Canadian university or college as a full-time or part-time student. They must demonstrate an interest in, and have a contribution to their community through active participation in extracurricular activities at their school and/or community organizations.

Eligible applicants are invited to complete an online application which includes the submission of a 750-word essay on a pre-determined topic.

Applicants must also provide a copy of



their Grade 12 or most recent post-secondary transcript or other proof of high school graduation and proof of enrollment at a Canadian University or College in an undergraduate program.

Applicant must submit their online application by Wednesday, July 30, 2025.

For more information about the bursary program, visit simcoe.ca/studentbursary.

Innisfil Community Foundation supports maternal care at Stevenson Memorial Hospital

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation has announced a donation of \$5,567 from the Innisfil Community Foundation in support of the 'Because of You, We Can' campaign.

The donation will help with the purchase of an epidural pain pump for the Obstetrics Department at Stevenson Memorial Hospital.

The contribution will enhance maternal care and improve the birthing experience for expectant mothers in the community.

With residential developments increasing in Stevenson's catchment area, including Innisfil, the demand for modernized equipment in the birthing unit continues to grow. The Innisfil Community Foundation recognizes this urgent need and is committed to ensuring that high-quality healthcare

remains accessible to families in the region. Their donation directly supports the hospital's ability to continue providing safe and effective pain management for labouring mothers, contributing to a higher standard of care.

"As our region continues to grow and attract young families, updating and expanding equipment across all units, including the birthing unit, is a key priority to ensure we provide the best care for our community," said Frank Cerisano, CEO of Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation. "We are incredibly grateful for the support of the Innisfil Community Foundation in helping us provide essential healthcare services to families in our community."

The Innisfil Community Foundation is dedicated to trust-based philanthropy. It fosters lasting relationships with the non-profits it supports to create a sustainable impact.

"As Innisfil grows, the Innisfil Community Foundation recognizes the need for accessible local healthcare," said Sandra Rizzardo, chair of the Foundation's Board. "By replacing critical equipment like the epidural pump, Stevenson Memorial Hospital will continue offering compassionate, high-quality care during childbirth. Supporting the hospital aligns with our vision to improve community well-being and invest in the future of Innisfil families."

MUCH NEEDED DONATION – The Stevenson Memorial Hospital has received a donation of \$5,567 from the Innisfil Community Foundation. The donation will help with the purchase of an epidural pain pump for the Obstetrics Department at Stevenson Memorial Hospital.

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Aspira Kingsmere Retirement Living gears up for garage sale in support of Matthews House Hospice

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Aspira Kingsmere Retirement Living in Alliston will be hosting a garage sale in support of Matthews House's annual Hike for Hospice fundraiser.

The event is called The Great Blue Heron Sale, named after the herons that visit the Kingsmere Pond in late summer.

Matthews House Hospice is a valued community partner and is dear to the hearts of Kingsmere residents.

While residents may not be hiking in the

event, they hope to raise awareness and funds to support this much-needed service in the Town of New Tecumseth.

Local residents are invited to visit the sale and shop for gently used household items, knick-knacks, artwork, small furniture, lamps, and more.

The sale will take place over three days.

Sale dates and times:
 • Thursday, April 24, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
 • Friday, April 25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 • Saturday, April 26, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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County of Simcoe’s ‘Paramedic for a Day’ contest to return next month

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

County of Simcoe Paramedic Services have launched their annual “Paramedic for a Day” contest in commemoration of Paramedic Services Week, which runs from May 18 to 25.

Grade 5 and 6 students residing in Simcoe County are asked to write a short essay that speaks to the theme, ‘We Care. For Everyone.’

The essay should be a maximum of 250 words and follow the theme of the many ways paramedics support diverse communities.

The winning entry will be announced during Paramedic Services Week with the winner receiving a visit to their home or school from a paramedic and the chance to go on an ambulance tour.

The crew will present the winner with a First-Aid Kit and take part in a mock sce-

nario and photo opportunity.

To enter, email your essay to paramedic4aday@simcoe.ca.

Be sure to include the student’s name, the name of their parent or guardian, their phone number, and which school they attend.

Full contest details can be found online at simcoe.ca/paramedicforaday.

The final deadline to enter the Paramedic for a Day contest is on May 1, 2025, at 8 p.m.



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Brock’s Banter: Change is in the air

Next Monday will bring us change in one way or another, but this past Monday, April 21, brought seismic change for many members of the community upon the death of Pope Francis at the age of 88, just hours after presiding over Easter services at The Vatican.

It was a remarkable testament to the seriousness he took his role and the dedication he had for his flock that he worked until the very end.

“Pope Francis was a symbol of hope and compassion, spreading messages of peace, love, and understanding throughout the world. His legacy of humility, social justice, and environmental responsibility has profoundly impacted humanity,” said Governor General Mary Simon in a statement Monday morning.

“Whit and I met with Pope Francis during his 2022 visit to Canada, during which he apologized for the grave abuses inflicted by members of the Catholic Church on Indigenous children in residential schools. This gesture demonstrated his commitment to intercultural and interfaith respect, dialogue, and collaboration—values he has held dear throughout his pontificate.”

Time will be the ultimate decider on the ultimate value of his gesture to our First Nations – reviews were mixed from those who lived it – but his final message to the people will remain powerful not only as Cardinals meet in the coming weeks to appoint his successor and determine the church’s direction forward, but as a summation of his life’s work and legacy.

“On this day, I would like all of us to hope anew and to revive our trust in others, including those who are different than ourselves, or who come from distant lands, bringing unfamiliar customs, ways of life and ideas! For all of us are children of God!” he said. “I would like us to renew our hope that peace is possible! From the Holy Sepulchre, the Church of the Resurrection, where this year Easter is being celebrated by Catholics and Orthodox on the same day, may the light of peace radiate throughout the Holy Land and the entire world. I express my closeness to the sufferings of Christians in Palestine and Israel, and to all the Israeli people and the Palestinian people. The growing climate of anti-Semitism throughout the world is worrisome. Yet at the same

time, I think of the people of Gaza, and its Christian community in particular, where the terrible conflict continues to cause death and destruction and to create a dramatic and deplorable humanitarian situation. I appeal to the warring parties: call a ceasefire, release the hostages and come to the aid of a starving people that aspires to a future of peace!

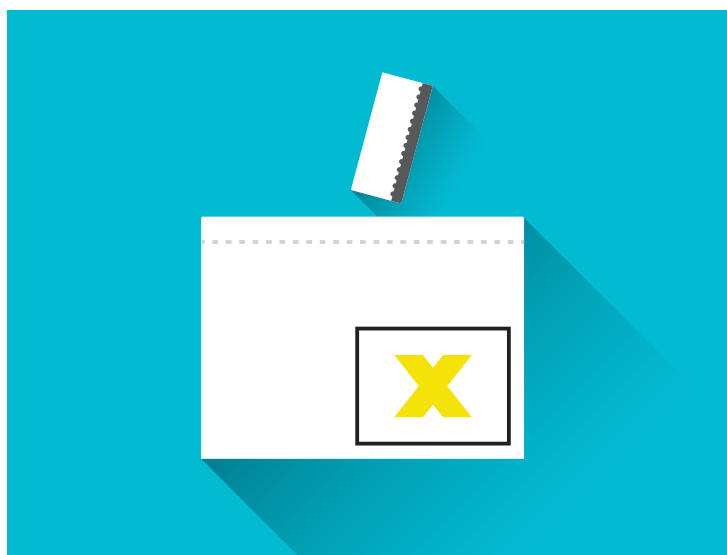
“I appeal to all those in positions of political responsibility in our world not to yield to the logic of fear which only leads to isolation from others, but rather to use the resources available to help the needy, to fight hunger and to encourage initiatives that promote development. These are the ‘weapons’ of peace: weapons that build the future, instead of sowing seeds of death!”

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Arts & Local Events

Monsignor J.E. Ronan's students to present 'Frozen' for spring musical

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Monsignor J.E. Ronan Catholic School will transform into a winter wonderland when students deliver a dazzling performance of Disney Kids 'Frozen.'

The production will showcase the incredible talent and hard work of the school's junior and intermediate performers.

From the opening notes of 'Let the Sun Shine On,' to the heartwarming finale of 'Let It Go,' the production will transport viewers to the Kingdom of Arendell.

The vibrant costumes, expertly crafted set design, and enthusiastic performers will bring the beloved Disney tale to life.

Leading the cast are the regal Queen Elsa and her endearing sister Anna with her boundless optimism and unwavering love for her sister.

Adding to the charm are the lovable snowman Olaf, the rugged Kristoff, and the mischievous Hans.

"The students have been working tire-

lessly for months, and their dedication and talent are truly shining through," said Katie Bekking, the school's music teacher and director of the production. "We are incredibly proud of all the students involved, from the leading actors to the members of the chorus, dancers, and the backstage crew. This is a true ensemble effort."

The success of "Frozen" is a testament to the collaborative spirit of Monsignor J.E. Ronan's staff, many of whom have volunteered their time to help with costumes, set construction, ticket sales, decorations, sound, and lighting.

The musical provides valuable learning opportunities for the students, fostering their confidence, teamwork skills, and creative expression.

The production touches on important themes of family, love, and acceptance. Audiences will be moved by the bond between Elsa and Anna, and the message of embracing one's true self will resonate with children and adults alike.

Frozen at Monsignor J.E. Ronan Catho-



STUDENT PRODUCTION – Students at Monsignor J.E. Ronan Catholic School will be performing Disney Kids "Frozen" on stage at the school on May 7 and 8. This is a fun musical for all ages. Last year's performance, pictured here, shows their production of "Finding Nemo," which was a big hit. This year's production promises to be just as much fun with great songs and a lot of talent on stage. **FILE PHOTO**

lic School will prove that even the youngest performers can create magic on stage.

Monsignor J.E. Ronan Catholic School's production of Frozen will take place on

May 7 and May 8, with performances on both days at 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 and are available by calling 905-729-3473.

Upcoming concert to commemorate lives of World War I soldiers at Grace Tipling Hall

BY PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE

The month of April marks the anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge and local residents will have the opportunity to step back in time to the lives and experience of World War I soldiers through music.

Small Town Big Ideas, a speaker series organized by CanHist, will be welcoming Canadian acoustic folk band The Fugitives on April 30 at Grace Tipling Hall for a performance of their 90-minute musical tribute to the Battle of Vimy Ridge, entitled 'Ridge.'

"I think we're being faithful to the vision of what Small Town Big Ideas is all about. The vision always was that we bring in as many big

ideas as we can that are current in the Canadian public discourse, whether those are ideas that are spoken from public intellectuals, authors or in this case, artists. It's very important that we have discussion and really provocative insights," said Neil Orford, founder of CanHist.

After seeing the band perform Ridge in Fergus late last year, Orford approached them about bringing the show to Shelburne.

"I got a very strong sense from the band of how committed they were to telling stories in music and song that are representative of the genuine words of people who were historical actors in important events," said Orford. "Getting a chance to see it live myself, certainly opened my eyes to the need to pay close attention to how we talk about historical moments

in Canada, like Vimy Ridge, and rededicate ourselves to listening as best we can across the ages to the words of the men who were actually there."

The Fugitives are a Juno-nominated group consisting of songwriters Adrian Glynn and Brendan McLeod, who are joined by banjo player Chris Suen and violinist Carly Frey.

Ridge is a 90-minute musical tribute to the more than 10,000 Canadian casualties of Vimy Ridge. Through storytelling, theatre and music the show examines the misconceptions and varying perspectives around the battle. Featuring musical interpretations of WWI soldier songs, often known as 'trench songs', Ridge also probes difficult and necessary questions about the wartime experience.

McLeod started writing the outline for Ridge in 2020 while he was exploring the history of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. During his research, he began to comb through songs written by soldiers about their experiences in the war.

"They were funny, they were poignant, they were beautiful and harrowing and really gave you a snapshot of the emotions they were going through," said McLeod.

Speaking about why they wanted to explore the Battle of Vimy Ridge as the subject of the show, McLeod explained, "It's one of those formative events in Canadian history and I was curious as to how much of what we're told is real and how much of it lines up with the truth.

He added, "I was looking at the history of it and wanted to think of the soldier's experience, not what the government tells us happened or what the military told us happened, but what the soliders' say happened."

While the battle of Vimy Ridge occurred more than a century ago, McLeod said the



SONGS OF THE PAST: Acoustic folk band, The Fugitives, will be bringing to life the real stories of World War I soldiers with their performance of Ridge, a 90-minute musical tribute for the 10,000 casualties of Vimy Ridge, at Grace Tipling Hall in Shelburne on April 30. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

themes brought up in Ridge continue to be relevant in the face of modern events.

"Every year we tour the show; it unfortunately gets more resonant with audiences. Since we've been doing it, the world has gone through so many different trajectories with everything happening in the Middle East, war breaking out in the Ukraine, and now we're going on tour while there's an economic trade war between Canada and the US with people talking about Canada's sovereignty," said McLeod. "I would never have anticipated five years ago that this is the curtain behind which we're playing the show."

Tickets for the show are \$40 and can be purchased by visiting the Small Town Big Ideas page on www.canhist.ca.



TASTY CELEBRATION – The New Tecumseth Fire Department (Station 3 – Tottenham) hosted a pancake breakfast to celebrate the Easter weekend on Saturday, April 19. Along with the pancakes, there were games for the kids and horse-drawn wagon rides through the town. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**

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Make a difference: Discover volunteer opportunities in New Tecumseth

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

If you ever wondered how you can make the city or town where you live a better place to live, consider volunteering your services and skills to a local organization that could use your help.

All the charities and community organizations serving New Tecumseth do wonderful work meeting the needs of families, the disabled, the homeless, the hungry, and the unemployed.

There is a not-for-profit organization willing to support pretty much anyone in the community who needs help.

To start, you can assess your own skills to decide what you have to offer. This can be very helpful in determining which organization you may best be able to help.

This can be especially beneficial to an organization when a retired person is available to help after having a long career in a related field.

Consider an activity in which you have a

special interest. This may help guide you to an organization where you will benefit from what you may learn and enjoy the experience while helping others at the same time.

It can be very satisfying to be part of an organization where you truly enjoy what you are doing and know your contributions are making a difference.

When deciding to volunteer, you should consider how often you will be available and the level of commitment you can dedicate to pursuing volunteer activities. Determine how much time you can be available, the days of the week when you can commit, and your own personal schedule, so you can mark your volunteer days on the calendar.

There are several ways you can learn about volunteering in the community.

Most organizations have contact information online where you can inquire.

“Volunteers are the cornerstone of CONTACT Community Services,” said Brenda Pufek, manager of community engagement & development at CONTACT Community Services. “For over 46 years, dedicated

members of our community have generously contributed their time and skills to support our Clothes Line stores, seniors’ programs, local fundraisers, and outreach, making a meaningful difference in the lives of others.”

Pufek added, “Volunteering is a selfless endeavor that not only assists those in need in our local community but also enriches the lives of our local volunteers. It offers individuals a sense of purpose, the chance to develop new skills, and often leads to lasting friendships.”

There are volunteer fairs held locally throughout the year where charitable organizations get together in one place to find new volunteers.

This is an opportunity for charities and community organizations to share their story, let you know what they are all about, and explain the ways you can help.

Volunteer Connections is a website hosted by CONTACT Community Services



that provides information about volunteering opportunities in South Simcoe. The website lists volunteer openings in different cities and towns in the region.

You can search the town where you live for organizations seeking volunteers.

The site has information about volunteer activities, including interests and new opportunities as well as many different categories that may interest a person who is considering volunteering.

You can visit the website at: www.southsimcoecic.cioc.ca.

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No clear winners determined in Schmalz Cup playoffs

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

It's too early in the provincial Junior C hockey Schmalz Cup playoffs semi-final round to see any clear winners emerging.

Two best-of-seven series to decide what teams will go onto the championship round began on April 17.

The North Conference champion Hanover Barons are up against the Napanee Raiders who won the East Conference championship.

Hanover defeated the Orillia Terriers in the Conference championships. The Raiders

arrived after winning over the Clarington Eagles in their Conference championship.

In the current series, Napanee took Game One with a 3-1 win on April 17.

Hanover responded in Game Two of the series with a 5-2 win on April 18.

The Raiders took a lead in the series when they had home-ice advantage in Game Three and left the ice with a 2-1 win in front of a hometown crowd. That game was played to a 1-1 tie, and the teams returned for an overtime period to decide the winner.

It was over when Napanee scored at 11:15 into the overtime period

Game Four of that series is slated to get underway on Friday, April 25, in Hanover.

In the other series, the West Conference champion Essex 73s are up against the New Hamburg Firebirds who won the South Conference.

New Hamburg took an early lead in that series after winning Game One by a score of 2-1.

The first game was played to a 1-1 tie, forcing the teams to return for overtime.

Napanee scored at 50 seconds into the overtime period for the win.

Game two of the series took place on New

Hamburg home ice on Monday, April 21.

Essex was leading the game 2-1 at the end of the second period.

Neither team could score in the third period and the 73s took the 2-1 win to even the series at one game apiece.

Game Three of the series was scheduled for Wednesday, April 23, in Essex.

The results of that game were not available at press time.

The winners of the two series will go on to play in the final best-of-seven championship final for the provincial Junior C Schmalz Cup.

Best friends to go the distance at 2025 Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake

BY BROCK WEIR

The 2025 Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake, the signature annual fundraiser for Southlake Health, is set to take off from the Newmarket hospital on Sunday, April 27, with a mission to raise over \$500,000 for local health care.

Formally known as the Hartwell Challenge, which began on residential streets in Aurora, the Southlake Run has raised millions for the local hospital since its inception and remains as popular as ever.

Among the participants this year are Jillian Swindle, a resident of East Gwillimbury, and Orillia's Ellie Hill.

According to Dionne Malcolm of the Southlake Foundation, the two friends once thought their running days were behind them due to dealing with "excruciating hip pain" each day, but care at Southlake turned this idea on its head.

"For years, both women explored a variety of surgical options, and each were told they would have to wait until they were eligible for total hip replacements. That was until they found Southlake Health orthopaedic surgeon, Dr. Patrick Gamble," says Malcolm. "Dr. Gamble was offering a revolutionary hip resurfacing procedure for younger, highly-active patients. This procedure has given women like Jillian and Ellie the ability to move with less pain and increased mobility. Both Jillian and Ellie underwent the procedure in 2023, and it was in an online patient forum that their friendship blossomed; bonding over the drastic and positive impact they experienced post-procedure.

"Now, nearly two years following their surgery, Jillian and Ellie are participating in the 2025 Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake to thank their hospital — and

their incredible surgeon — that gave them their lives back."

Ellie, a personal trainer and fitness instructor by trade — and a mom of three — says the care she received at Southlake was "life-changing" and she feels a responsibility to give back to the hospital.

"At some point in time, we will all need Southlake, so we need to support it for when that time comes," said Ellie in comments shared by Southlake. "I needed care perhaps sooner than some and it's my honour to fundraise to pay that forward to others in our community who need the same great care."

Added Jillian, who is an x-ray technologist at Southlake: "Supporting the Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake is not only in gratitude for my care, but also enables me to do my part in equipping my colleagues with upgraded tools and technology so we can continue providing leading edge care to our patients."

Ahead of the April 27 event, the Southlake Foundation said this year's Run has the largest number of registered teams in the event's 23-year history.

As of Saturday, April 18, the Foundation was standing at nearly \$270,000 of their \$500,000 goal.

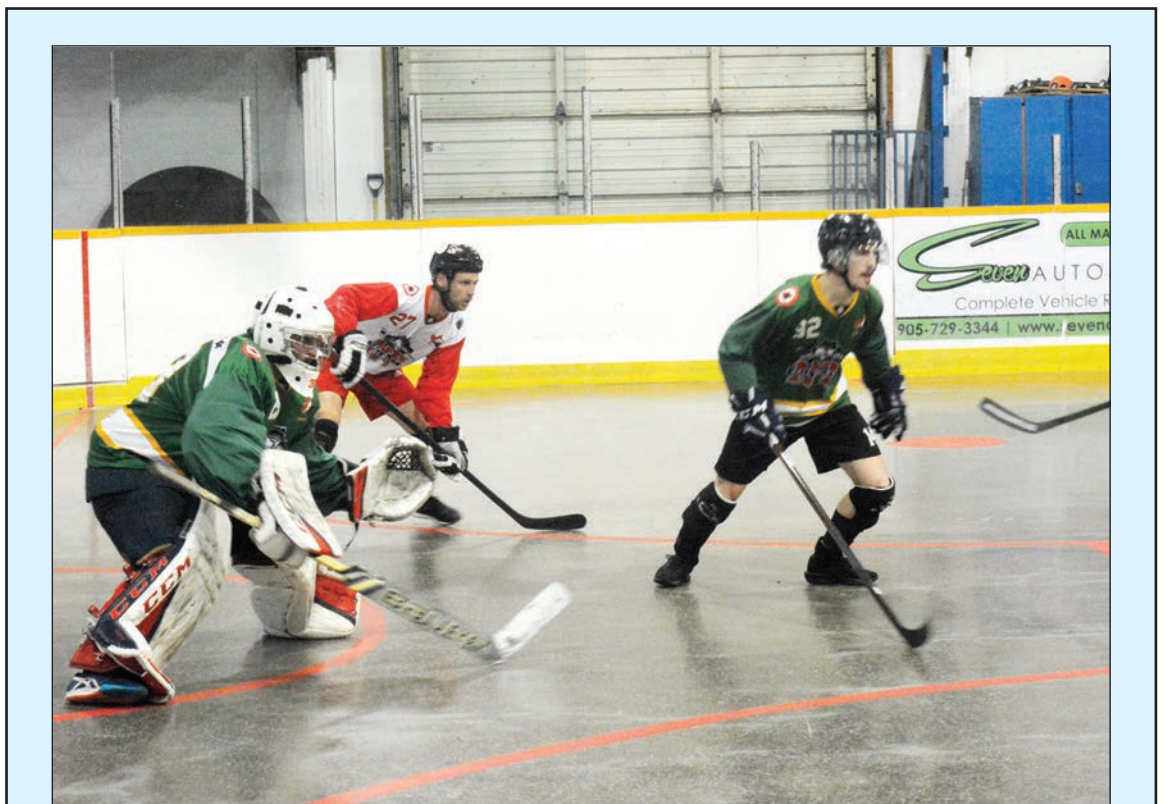
The top three individual fundraisers at press time were Beth Egan, Aurora Mayor Tom Mrakas, and Athan Chartsis. A penen-

nial top fundraising team, Team Aurora stood second place in the team rankings with \$17,365, well behind the leading Team EG (East Gwillimbury) at \$37,101. Rounding out the top three were the Fun-Raisers with \$16,810.

"Every April, the Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake inspires grateful patients and families, community members, our Southlake family, and partners from across York Region, Simcoe County and beyond, to come together for Southlake," says Jennifer Ritter, President and CEO of Southlake

Health Foundation. "This year, we hope to raise a record \$500,000 and we are so grateful to participants like Jillian and Ellie for honouring the great care they received through their support of this event. Together, we can all be a part of ensuring leading edge care for every member of our communities who needs it."

While registration for this year's Run closed April 17, there are plenty of opportunities to support participants and teams. To lend your support and donations, visit runforsouthlake.ca.



FULL SWING – The New Tecumseth Ball Hockey League is in full swing with all divisions playing games. The 18+ Green and White teams battle it out on the the floor at the Beeton Arena on Thursday, April 17. The White Team won this game 3-2.

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Estimated \$200,000 in damages to Alliston property following structure fire

Local emergency services recently responded to a structure fire at a residence in New Tecumseth.

On April 9, at 12:42 p.m., members of the Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), and New Tecumseth Fire Rescue responded to a report of a structure fire at 20 Willis Drive, Alliston.

Upon arrival, Nottawasaga OPP offi-

cers observed a fully engulfed residence. Officers confirmed that no one was home at the time, and no injuries were reported. New Tecumseth Fire Rescue arrived on the scene quickly and was able to combat the blaze.

The fire did not spread to the nearby residences and was put out shortly after it started. The estimated damages are

\$200,000 and the cause of the fire is unknown at this time. The investigation is ongoing but is not considered to be suspicious.

The roadway near the home was temporarily closed until the fire was put out. The homeowners were required to seek alternative accommodations due to the severe damage inside the home.



Five individuals arrested by OPP in New Tecumseth following stolen property investigation

As a result of an ongoing police investigation, a search warrant was executed on a property at 17 Sideroad in New Tecumseth on April 15.

At 12:57 p.m., members of the Nottawasaga Community Street Crimes Unit, with the assistance of the Huronia West Community Street Crime Unit and the Central Region Emergency Response Team of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), conducted the search.

At that time, Police located and seized a 2017 Jaguar XF Sedan valued at \$30,000 that was reported stolen out of Peel Region. Officers also seized a U-Haul Van valued at \$15,000 that was stolen out of Guelph, and a U-Haul trailer valued at \$6,000 that was reported stolen out of Ajax.

As a result of this investigation, five people were charged with offences.

• Thomas Brooks, 50, of Schomberg, was arrested and charged with Possession of

Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000 – three counts.

• Candace Brush, 30, of Mississauga, was arrested and charged with Possession of Property Obtained by Crime over \$5,000 – three counts.

• Nichols Radelja, 35, of Schomberg, was arrested and charged with Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000 – three counts.

• Andrew Radelja, 39, of Schomberg, was arrested and charged with Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000 – three counts.

• Michael Radelja, 41, of Schomberg, was arrested and charged with Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000 – three counts.

The accused are to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice at a later date.

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.



STOLEN VEHICLES – Nottawasaga OPP arrested five individuals in New Tecumseth following a stolen property investigation. Police seized a car, a van, and a trailer located on a property near Alliston. **NOTTAWASAGA OPP PHOTOS**

Fatal fire at Essa home deemed non-suspicious

A residential fire in Essa claimed one person's life on April 15.

The Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to the residential fire on 9th Line in Essa, shortly after 3 p.m.

Essa Fire Department attended the scene, and sadly, one individual was located deceased.

At this time, the fire has been deemed non-suspicious, and no foul play is suspected in the death of the individual.

The Ontario Fire Marshal will continue to investigate with assistance from the Nottawasaga OPP Crime and the Office of the Chief Coroner and the Ontario Forensic Pathology Service.

The investigation is ongoing, and anyone with information that may assist investigators is asked to call Nottawasaga OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

To remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or online at www.crimestoppersdm.com.



TRAGIC BLAZE – A fire at a property in Essa claimed one person's life on April 15. The fire has been deemed non-suspicious and no foul play is suspected in the death of the individual. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**

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Bob started life in Banner, Ontario and moved to Toronto in the 1950s before retiring with Jean to Haliburton. He spent his working life as a carpenter and woodworker. He used these skills to renovate and update their Rexdale home. He then turned his attention to building a cottage that later became their retirement home on Soyers Lake in Haliburton. This was the hub for many family and friend gatherings. When not tinkering and woodworking in the shop, he enjoyed being a curler, chorister, square dancer and always a reader. His gentle nature and good humour will be missed by his family and friends.
The family received friends and family at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Road, Tottenham 905-936-3477 on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, from 2pm - 4pm and 6pm - 8pm. Funeral service was held in the chapel on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 11am. Cremation will follow. Donations to JAK Fund (a local charity to assist troubled youth who need a helping hand) or Diabetes Canada would be greatly appreciated by the family. Online condolences or messages for the family can be left at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com.

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Pork Pot Roast 907 g/2 lb

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Slow Cooked Beef Pot Roast 907 g/2 lb

NOW ALSO AVAILABLE IN A CONVENIENT SMALLER SIZE

14⁹⁹ **SAVE \$5**

Chicken Strips 680 g

TRY WITH Plum Dipping Sauce 350 mL **6⁴⁹**

SNACK IDEAS

9⁹⁹ each

Hot Honey Cheese Bites
14 PIECES
280 g

SAVE \$2 each

Crispy Everything Cream Cheese Bites
14 PIECES 280 g

8⁹⁹ **SAVE \$3**

Hot Honey Cheese Bites
8 PIECES 460 g
\$9.99 SAVE \$3

Also available, Cream Cheese Stuffed Jalapeños
10-13 PIECES 360 g
\$9.99 SAVE \$3

Mini Franks in Pastry
15 PIECES
279 g

SALE

Mini Vegetable Spring Rolls
16 PIECES 384 g

9⁹⁹ each

Cheesy Pizza Rolls 8 PIECES 460 g

SAVE \$3 each

Also available, Cream Cheese Stuffed Jalapeños
10-13 PIECES 360 g
\$9.99 SAVE \$3

16⁹⁹ **SAVE \$3**

Jamaican-Style Beef Patty Bites 500 g

10-13 PIECES 360 g

17⁹⁹ **SAVE \$2**

Mini Franks in Pastry 15 PIECES 279 g

STOVETOP KITS 840 g - 1.05 kg

READY IN THREE EASY STEPS 1-2-3

STEP 1 SIMMER THE SAUCE

STEP 2 ADD INGREDIENTS

STEP 3 SERVE AND GARNISH

17⁹⁹ **SAVE \$2 each**

20⁹⁹

Sweet and Spicy Shrimp and Scallops, Lemon Herb Chicken and Pasta, Creamy Rose Chicken and Pasta, Beef Lo Mein, Chicken Stir Fry, Beef Teriyaki, Chicken Fajitas

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