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Collecting Scrap

The Tottenham and District Lions Club held its annual electronics and scrap metal campaign in the parking lot at Home Hardware on Saturday, May 10. The electronics bin was filled by early afternoon, and the scrap metal bin was getting close to full. The Lions also collected used glasses that will be sent to impoverished places around the globe. BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

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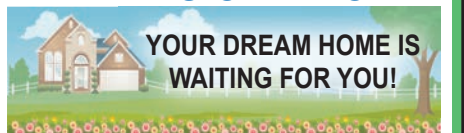
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Walk for Dog Guides coming to Tottenham Community Centre later this month

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Lions Foundation of Canada Walk for Dog Guides sponsored by Pet Value will take place on Sunday, May 25, to raise funds to train guide dogs for various tasks that help people with intellectual or physical disabilities.

Dog Guides are provided at no cost to the people who benefit from their help.

The canine helpers are trained to perform different tasks depending on the needs of a person and can also be trained to recognize some health issues that may occur.

Hearing Dog Guides assist people who are deaf or hard of hearing and can detect important sounds. These dogs are taught to distinguish specific sounds and alert their handler.

Canine Vision Dogs assist people who are blind or visually impaired. They are trained to safely navigate obstacles typically found on a daily route.

Some guide dogs are trained as Service Dog Guides. These dogs are trained to fetch

objects, open and close doors and appliances, push automatic buttons, and get help by barking to activate an alert system.

Seizure Response Dog Guides are trained to assist people diagnosed with intractable epilepsy. These dogs are trained to bark for help and help their handlers manage their epilepsy.

Some Dog Guides are trained to assist people with Type 1 Diabetes who have hypoglycemic unawareness. These dogs are trained to detect sudden drops in their handler's blood sugar and alert them.

An Autism Assistance Dog Guide assists children on the autism spectrum by providing safety, and companionship. They also help to prevent children from eloping or wandering.

Some Dog Guides work with professional agencies that work with vulnerable people who have experienced trauma. These dogs are trained to provide a non-judgmental, attuned presence and calming influence to reassure a person experiencing a stressful situation.

It costs around \$30,000 to raise, train and



PAW-FECT CAUSE – The Walk for Dog Guides will take place in Tottenham on Sunday, May 25. The funds raised go to train service dogs to help people with a variety of medical and physical challenges.
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place a Dog Guide.

By taking part in the walk, you can help raise funds to keep this program going and train these needed dogs.

The Tottenham Dog Guide walk will start

at the Tottenham Community Centre with registration at 9 a.m., and the walk commencing at 10 a.m.

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McHappy Day supports Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
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It was McHappy Day on Thursday, May 8, and McDonald's restaurants across the county contributed funds in support of Ronald McDonald House Charities as well as other local charities.

Each McDonald's restaurant can choose the local charities that they would like to support.

This year, two local McDonald's locations donated a part of all menu items to both Ronald McDonald House and the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation.

The McDonald's locations included the two Alliston restaurants on Young Street and at the Walmart store as well as the Angus restaurant location on Mill Street.

Since McHappy Day was first celebrated in 1977, McDonald's Canada, its franchisees, and guests have contributed over \$100

million to Ronald McDonald Houses and local charities.

McHappy Day provides Ronald McDonald House with the funds needed to support houses and family rooms, serving thousands of families each year.

The Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation is grateful to be the recipient of part of the proceeds of this day.

"McKinnon Restaurants recognizes the critical fundraising goals for annual equipment needs and the construction of Steven Memorial Hospital's new facility in New Tecumseth," the Foundation said in a statement. "They have chosen Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation as one of the benefactors for this year's McHappy Day, playing a vital role in supporting these essential fundraising efforts."

Members from the Foundation joined McDonald's staff to kick off the event at the Young St. location.



HAPPY DAYS – Members of the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation (SMHF) joined staff at the Young St. McDonald's location in Alliston on Thursday, May 8, to celebrate McHappy Day. McHappy Day raises funds for Ronald McDonald House Charities as well as local charities, which this year included SMHF. From left: Ø seph Madsen (SMHF board director), Margaret Barber (SMHF volunteer), Tom MacKinnon (owner/operator), Sylvia Biffis (SMHF cabinet chair), Dr. Ted Vandevs, (SMHF board chair), Ann Somerville (SMHF board director), Rory MacKinnon (owner/operator), Melody Craggs (SMHF director of development), Dayna Dunn, (SMHF community & corporate giving officer), and Amanda Bujna, (guest experience department manager).
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New Tecumseth mayor shares how he'll use 'strong mayor powers'

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
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The Province of Ontario expanded strong mayor powers to an additional 169 municipalities, including New Tecumseth, on May 1.

Previously, 47 municipalities had strong mayor powers. Now, 216 out of the 444 municipalities have strong mayor powers.

The powers are related to provincial priorities identified by the Ontario government. This includes building 1.5 million homes by December 31, 2031, and constructing or maintaining infrastructure to support housing, such as transit, roads, utilities, and servicing.

The powers allow mayors to hire and fire municipal staff, create and appoint people to committees, and veto bylaws or approve budgets with only one-third support instead of majority rule.

The Strong Mayor Powers have raised concerns in municipalities about their impact on councils' autonomy and democracy.

New Tecumseth Mayor Richard Norcross, released a statement regarding Strong Mayor Powers on Tuesday, May 12.

"I remain steadfast in my commitment to lead with cooperation and efficient decision-making at the Council table, notwithstanding the new strong mayor powers, conferred upon me," Mayor Norcross said. "As such, and as permitted by legislation, I have delegated specific responsibilities provided to me as a strong mayor as follows and effective immediately. I have del-

"Any Mayoral decisions and directives that may come through the use of the Strong Mayor Powers will be available for public viewing and shared through our website"

egated authority of organizational structure and employment matters to our CAO, decisions regarding the appointment of a CAO as well as matters related to Committees of Council have been delegated to Council as a whole."

The mayor stressed that any decisions made through strong mayor powers will be transparent and available to the public.

Norcross's statement went on to say, "There are some strong mayor powers I simply cannot delegate, such as the need to present the annual budget. While the next budget will be referred to as 'the mayor's budget,' it will still be a collaborative effort by staff and the entire Council – a method that has worked well in the past."

"Together, we will continue to serve our community and build a strong and prosperous municipality through accessible leadership, partnerships, and well-managed services. Any Mayoral decisions and directives that may come through the use of the Strong Mayor Powers will be available for public viewing and shared through our website," the statement concluded.

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“The window to the world can be covered by a newspaper.”

~ Stanislaw Jerzy Lec

Our history made us who we are

It was the morning of September 13, 1759, when French General Louis-Joesph, Marquis de Montcalm, emerged from his lodgings to find a British firing line of soldiers a kilometre wide had assembled on the Plains of Abraham, near Quebec City, ready to do battle.

The French were surprised. They did not expect the British troops to be able to scale the cliffs from the St. Lawrence River and bring two bronze 6-pounder cannons with them.

The British were led by General James Wolfe.

The British had placed the city under siege for several months and smaller skirmishes occurred before the main battle.

The French were already in trouble before the battle even started. They were a mix of both regular soldiers and local militia units who were poorly trained and armed.

Montcalm was trained for set battles in which regiments and soldiers moved in precise order. His soldiers were not trained for this.

Oddly, General Wolfe ordered his soldiers to charge their muskets with two balls each for the initial engagement when they were ordered to fire on their opponents.

During the battle, Wolfe was struck in the wrist by a musket ball. He wrapped the

wound and continued to lead his men.

Several minutes later, Wolfe was struck by two shots – one in the lower stomach and a fatal wound in the chest.

During the French retreat, Montcalm, while on his horse, was struck by either a canister shot or repeated musket fire and was hit in the lower abdomen and thigh. He died in the early morning hours from his wounds.

The British victory on the Plains of Abraham not only changed the course of Canadian history, it changed the course of an entire continent.

I think we quite often forget the rich history that has created this nation. I learned none of this in history class when I was a student.

I learned about this battle when my parents took us on a long road trip out east and stopping at the battle site was part of the itinerary.

Unlike the U.S., where pretty much every battle fought on U.S. soil has been made into a movie, our history has never really been captured on film in the same way.

On the morning of October 13, 1812, during the War of 1812, American forces began crossing the Niagara River at Queenston.

Defending forces opened fire on the

invading troops. The two sides exchanged artillery fire across the river.

Twenty miles downstream, General Isaac Brock, who was at Fort George in Niagara-on-the-Lake was awakened by the noise of the artillery.

Brock rode the 20 miles on horseback to the site of the skirmish.

Taking charge of the situation, Brock led the charge up the hill at Queenston Heights. He was struck in the wrist by a musket ball but continued the charge.

Moments later, an American sniper found his mark and Brock was hit in the chest and mortally wounded.

His last words were reportedly, ‘Push on, brave York Volunteers.’ However, that is regarded as folklore.

Struck through the middle of his chest and killed almost instantly, Brock’s last words were more likely a gurgle before dying on the battlefield.

Brock’s legacy was so great, that the site of his death is marked, and there is a park on the battlefield.

A 185-foot column that was created in his honour is a dominant feature of the park and is one of the most impressive monuments in the country.

On July 25, 1814, an invading American army and British and Canadian forces

met at a place called Lundy’s Lane, on a very hot day, just a few miles from Niagara Falls.

One of the bloodiest battles of the War of 1812 ensued.

The fighting went on until midnight, with artillery exchanging hands several times at the crest of a hill.

Fighting in the dark, there was a lot of confusion on the battlefield. It must have been quite the sight to see volleys fired in the darkness among the yells of soldiers and screams of the wounded.

In the morning, the battlefield was littered with the dead and dying. There were over 1,700 casualties.

The battle site is now paved over with houses, churches, and commercial buildings.

It is the only main battle site in Canada that was never preserved. However, a church cemetery on the site, which was actually started before the battle, contains many historic graves including the grave of Laura Secord, a heroine of the war.

There are many more historic battles and events that shaped this country.

Every student should be taught the importance of these events that created the country we now enjoy and thrive in.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Economic journeys and friend-finding missions

Not to brag or anything, but I’ve tried my best to buy and support local before it was cool.

Let me have it, as there are so few instances where I’ve been on the cutting edge of trendy. Heck, the last time I had anything similar to say on the subject of trend was back in 2010 or so when Betty White – a roundabout daughter of this community – had an unexpected career resurgence.

As someone who remembers watching the last few seasons of the Golden Girls in primetime as a kid, a factoid that apparently makes me perilously close to being an elder statesman in the fan community, I was a “Betty Booster” before it was cool – only comparative few listened to me extol her virtues before she was back on a hot streak.

But, the value of buying and supporting local has always been apparent because, chances are, if you truly spend your money in the community, and in businesses whose owners also call the community home, your money will stay in said community in one way or another.

It’s a win-win and, as the saying goes, a rising tide floats all boats.

Buying and supporting local, of course, became “trendy” again at the height of the pandemic when so many of our businesses faced unprecedented challenges staying afloat. Every dollar spent suddenly felt like it had a much greater value and, in many instances, you could see the impact your dollar had not just within the bricks and mortar of the business in question, but in the wider area, whether it helped keep a neighbour employed or a local sports team sponsored.

Yet, every once in a while, supporting locals is not quite possible, so you have to look further afield.

As an ardent collector of memorabilia related to a very specific area of our pop culture, I recently found a Bucket List item in the Wild West that is eBay.

Given that it had been a good seven months since something in that online marketplace well and truly caught my eye, that the item was reasonably priced, and was being sold by an independent seller, I decided to treat myself with minimal guilt.

With the item secured, I eagerly waited for its arrival and smiled on Monday morning when I got a tracking notification that the item was now in Sydney!

“Okay, it’s crossed the border into Nova Scotia – it won’t be too long now!” I thought.

But, then I delved in a little deeper – for reasons known only to the United States Postal Service, my humble purchase was, instead, in Sydney, Australia!

Now, I’m not as versed as I should be with the ins and outs of international postage, but it seems to me that there are easier ways for all concerned to get from Point A to Point B without having to circumnavigate the globe, but here we are!

Whether this is a super-creative – if labour-intensive – way to somehow get around any unforeseen impacts of Trump Tariffs or simply a matter of someone in the USPS taking Bugs Bunny’s proverbial wrong turn at whatever Pacific atoll serves as the region’s equivalent of Albuquerque, remains to be seen. But at least my item is in a friendly nation, so I’m not too worried – yet!

In the midst of a trade war, there are worse places for a purchase to be than Sydney, Australia.

Much focus has been placed today, and rightly so, on restoring as much as we can of our trade with the United States...as delineated under our most recent trade deal with the States, signed under the President who likes to pretend he’s not spent the last few months railing against a deal he himself executed. It’s puzzled me though that Canada has looked little beyond Europe and parts of Asia as a way to shore up our economic power – at least on the surface.

Canada is the second most senior Commonwealth Realm – that is, one of the 15 Commonwealth nation that remains a constitutional monarchy with King Charles III as head of state – behind the United Kingdom and holds a key place among the 56-member “Commonwealth Family of Nations.”

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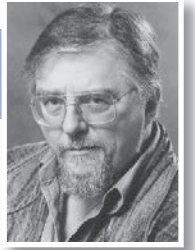
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India and Israel: Parallel tracks

GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY



There is a striking parallel between the 20-month war in the Gaza Strip and the week-old not-yet-war between India and Pakistan. Both confrontations were set off by horrendously cruel mass murders by terrorists whose goal was obviously to start a war that drew the attention of the world back to their own goals and grievances.

Hamas, in the Gaza Strip, was keenly aware that the Palestinian cause was gradually fading from the international agenda. Seventy-five years of failure to push back successfully against Israeli control of the disputed territory of former Palestine had left the rest of the Arab world keen to change the subject.

The 'Abraham accords' were the last straw from the perspective of the Palestinians: an Israeli-Saudi peace deal would be the death knell for their hopes of building a state on the land they claimed, or at least part of it.

Only a big war could reawaken Arab and Muslim concern for the plight of the Palestinians, so Hamas chose to start one. It began with as big an atrocity as possible: more than 1,200 Israelis killed, many of them in their beds. Israel took the bait, but under Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's hard-right coalition its

response far exceeded Hamas's expectations.

More than 50,000 dead Palestinians later, two million survivors in Gaza await expulsion and exile. Hamas's strategy was absolutely standard for nationalist guerillas fighting foreign rule, but the brutal truth is that most such wars end in failure.

The goal is almost never military victory, which is rarely possible. It's international sympathy and support, which may gradually shift the balance in favour of the insurgents. Hamas's mistake was to misjudge Israel's strength and its ruthlessness, and the Palestinians it ruled are paying the price.

The five terrorists who massacred 28 mostly Hindu tourists two weeks ago in India's Muslim-majority state of Kashmir were Kashmiris or Pakistani citizens of Kashmiri descent. Their grievance was that India has ruled most of Kashmir since independence from Britain in 1947, and their goal, as in Gaza, was to trigger a war: in this case, another Indian-Pakistani war.

As India's only Muslim-majority state Kashmir has traditionally had special legal status, but the Hindu-nationalist prime minister of India, Narendra Modi, revoked its autonomy in 2019. Since then the state has been flooded with Indian Army troops and paramilitaries, many local politicians are in jail, and the state resembles an occupied country.

There is widespread popular support in Kashmir for a return of autonomy and withdrawal of the troops, but only limited backing for armed resistance. There are nevertheless several guerilla groups active against the Indian occupation, and sometimes in the past they have enjoyed discreet support from the Pakistani government. At other times they haven't.

Since guerilla war/terrorism will never defeat the huge Indian army, the insurgents' only hope is to provoke a war that ends with an Indian defeat

and the 'liberation' of Kashmir. India, as usual, insists that the Pakistani government was behind the attack, but that seems unlikely because the Pakistani military know that a war with India would probably end in defeat.

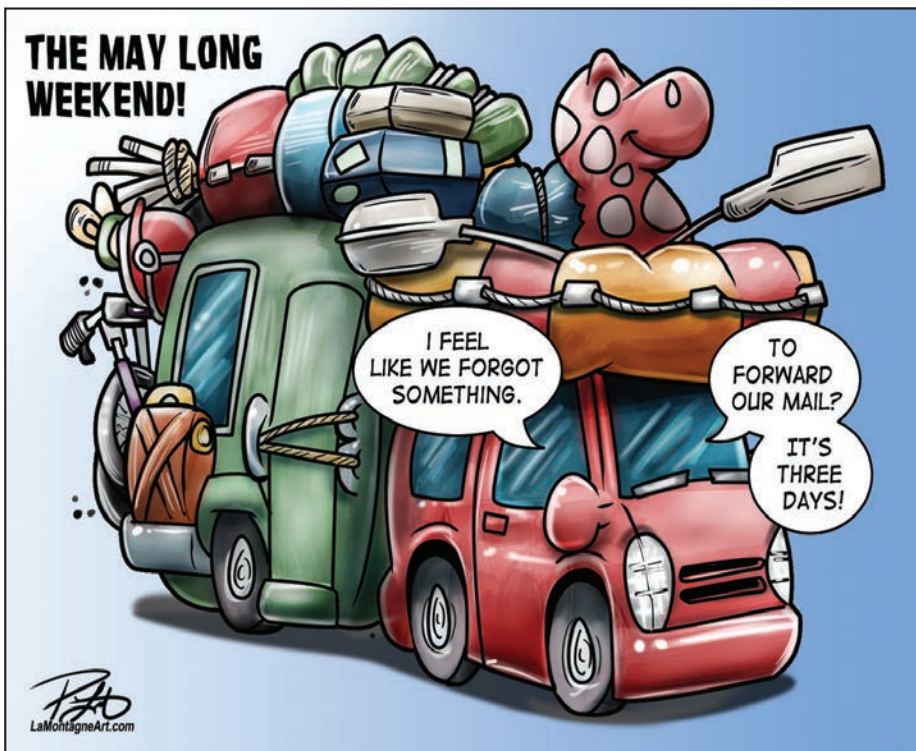
Modi nevertheless took the bait, ordering major aircraft and missile strikes against Pakistan on May 7. Pakistan claims to have shot down several Indian aircraft, and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif initially tried to avoid further tit-for-tat escalation by declaring that those allegedly downed Indian aircraft were a fitting and final retaliation by Pakistan.

However, at the time of writing that caution seems to have been overwhelmed by the inflammatory rhetoric on both sides, with drone attacks crossing the border in both directions. Escalation to an Indo-Pak nuclear war would be unfortunate, with fallout and famine across the whole northern hemisphere, but a sense of proportion is strikingly absent.

The parallels between the two conflicts are partly driven by the strategies that govern almost all 'asymmetric' wars, but there is a deeper sense in which both conflicts are the result of British mistakes made in the dying days of the empire.

The partitions of India and Palestine may have been unavoidable when the British empire withdrew in 1947. However, the reckless haste with which a Britain, bankrupted by the Second World War, dumped its commitments and pulled its troops out made the ensuing wars in those territories – and many later wars too – all but inevitable.

So remember, if and when the genocidal expulsion of Palestinians from Gaza gets underway or the mushrooms clouds bloom over Lahore and Delhi, that while there is plenty of blame to share out among the current crop of local politicians, the root cause of all this looming tragedy was the British empire.



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4. British thermal unit

7. Afflict

8. Refrain from harming

10. Galls

12. Leg bone

13. Rhine distributary

14. Recipe measurement

16. Chap

17. Useful book

19. Mountain Time

20. Snakelike fishes

21. Places where people live

25. US, Latin America, Canada belong to

26. Periodical

27. A type of sense

29. A way to get possession of

30. Everyone has one

31. Body art

32. Mr. October politician

39. Abba __, Israeli

41. Head movement

42. Jeweled headdress

43. VCR button

44. A way to change color

45. Basketball move

46. Upright stone slab

48. Forest-dwelling monkey

49. Pulsate steadily

50. Negative

51. Sino-Soviet bloc (abbr.)

52. Unit of work

CLUES DOWN

1. Island

2. Pittsburgh ballplayer

3. Chemical compound

4. Indicates density of data (abbr.)

5. Mesas

6. Wild, long-legged sheep

8. Engine additive

9. "CSI" actor George

11. Stony waste matter

14. Thyroid-stimulating hormone

15. Pores in a leaf's epidermis

18. Digraph

19. Married woman

20. Peripheral

22. Northern Italy city

23. Klutz

24. Type of tree

27. Witnessed

28. Popular breakfast food

29. __ Mahal

31. BoSox legend

Williams

32. Professional drivers

33. Atom or molecule type

34. The Constitution State

35. Chest to store clothes (Scottish)

36. Type of solution

37. Speaker

38. Specifying

39. Formerly (archaic)

40. Wiseman and Krom are two

44. The bill in a restaurant

47. Tennis shot

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

County celebrates National Paramedic Services Week May 18 to 25

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The County of Simcoe is joining other municipalities across the country in celebrating National Paramedic Services Week, which is being recognized from May 18 to 25.

This year's theme is 'We Care. For Everyone.'

This theme highlights the professionalism and commitment of paramedics in providing compassionate and high-quality care to residents and visitors.

County of Simcoe Paramedic Services (CSPS) has continued to evolve into a highly sophisticated emergency medical service, providing a broad range of community healthcare support to Simcoe County.

From a highly trained team of Primary Care Paramedics and Advanced Care Paramedics to Community Paramedics support-

ing vulnerable individuals and those managing chronic diseases, every role within CSPS is vital to continuously enhancing patient outcomes across the region.

"Our County of Simcoe paramedics represent the very best of our community – skilled professionals who continually answer the calls for emergency medical support," said Simcoe County Warden Basil Clarke. "Day after day, in all conditions and across our diverse region, they provide expert medical care with compassion and dignity. The evolution of our paramedic service reflects our commitment to excellence in emergency healthcare. This Paramedic Services Week, I invite all residents to join me in expressing profound gratitude to these everyday heroes who truly embody this year's theme: 'We Care. For Everyone.'"

Paramedics will be taking part in several community events during the week.



RECOGNIZING – Municipalities across the country will be celebrating National Paramedic Services Week from May 18 to 25. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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Brock's Banter: Economic journeys and friend-finding missions

"Recognizing that in an era of changing economic circumstances and uncertainty, new trade and economic pat-

terns, unprecedented threats to peace and security, and a surge in popular demands for democracy, human rights,

and broadened economic opportunities, the potential of and need for the Commonwealth – as a compelling force for good and as an effective network for cooperation and for promoting development – has never been greater," reads the first tenet of the Commonwealth Charter, before it touches upon sustainable development.

"We are committed to an effective, equitable, rules-based multilateral trading system, the freest possible flow of multilateral trade on terms fair and equitable to all, while taking into account the special requirements of small states and developing countries. We also recognize the importance of information and communication technologies as powerful instruments of development; delivering savings, efficiencies, and growth in our economies, as well as promoting education, learning and the sharing of culture. We are committed to strengthening its use while enhancing its security, for the purpose of advancing our societies."

It seems that, by and large, we, as Canadians, are very much on the same page as the Commonwealth philosophy, but it's a shame that we don't work harder to foster these ties – economic and cultural – for the greater good.

Plans have often been proposed for free movement among select Commonwealth nations, particularly the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, and New

Zealand, but that only goes so far; it also raises questions why proposals such as these almost invariably focus on the four Commonwealth nations that have the highest population of people with European heritage to the exclusion of the myriad member nations within Africa, the Caribbean, South Pacific and elsewhere, but that's column fodder for another day!

Economic partnerships here seem to be a win all around, if only there was interest.

Perhaps, however, these tides are turning – even if it might simply be out of economic expediency.

Later this month, the King and Queen will be in Ottawa to formally open Parliament at the invitation of Prime Minister Carney.

It's entirely fitting, of course for our Head of State to personally read the first Throne Speech of his Canadian reign, and such an act certainly serves to underscore our Canadian sovereignty at a time when it's under significant threat, but I can only hope that it signals a renewed interest on the part of this government in our constitutional institutions, what sets Canada apart, and who our international friends are.

A re-think on this front, in my opinion, is long overdue.

And, hey, if it makes my vintage coffee mug's journey out from the Land Down Under any easier – well, that's just a bonus!



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Canadian Tire Alliston hosting Blooms for a Cause in support of SMHF

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The County of Simcoe is joining other Canadian Tire Alliston is hosting its second annual 'Blooms for a Cause' event in support of the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation.

You can enhance the look of your home

while supporting the local hospital foundation at the same time.

The event kicked off on Saturday, May 10, and will continue as long as supplies last.

During this initiative, \$2 from every hanging basket sold will be donated to the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation's 'Because of You, We Can' campaign

for hospital redevelopment.

Canadian Tire Alliston recognizes the critical fundraising goals for annual equipment needs and the redevelopment of Stevenson Memorial Hospital (SMH).

Organizing this fundraising initiative to support SMH is crucial for enhancing the Foundation's important fundraising efforts.

The event is taking place at the Alliston Canadian Tire at 110 Young Street, Highway 89, in Alliston.

Hours of operation are Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

You can beautify your home while knowing your purchase will be going toward a local good cause.

County accepting brush collection requests in effort to assist in continued cleanup

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

With a continued response to clean up the large amount of brush left over by the ice storm that hit parts of the region in March, the County of Simcoe is providing increased service to help get this taken care of.

Starting on Friday, May 9, and continuing until Friday, May 23, residents can submit requests for brush pickup from spe-

cific addresses, with collections commencing on Tuesday, May 20.

It is important that residents place all brush material curbside by Monday, May 19, to ensure collection as the timing of collection may vary.

Highly impacted areas include Ramara, Oro-Medonte, and Severn. Residents located outside of those areas are asked to submit a request by May 19, to ensure collection.

Residents located within one of the

highly impacted areas do not need to make a request. Crews will return to those hardest-hit areas for one final collection after May 19.

These areas have been prioritized due to the large amounts of debris left over from the storm.

Bundling of brush is not required, however, it is preferred as it will help crews work faster and provide more efficient service. If possible, sort debris into large and smaller brush piles.

The County has also waived brush drop-off fees at all County waste facilities until the end of June. Dropping off brush at a waste facility is the fastest way for residents to clear debris off their property.

To submit a request for collection, visit the County of Simcoe website.

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Arts & Local Events

Talented cast performs 'Frozen' at Monsignor J.E. Ronan Catholic School

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
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A talented cast backed by a supportive staff at Monsignor J.E. Ronan Catholic School in Beeton performed Disney's "Frozen Kids" during four performances at the school on May 7 and 8.

The school musical was a much-anticipated production that was several months in rehearsal to make sure the performances were perfect.

Sixty students from Grade 4 to Grade 8, were on stage as both main characters and in the chorus.

The play features music and lyrics by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez.

Based on the Disney movie "Frozen," the story is set in the mythical kingdom of Arendelle. Princess Elsa is played in three different ages by Penny Pantelidis, Eva Lee, and Chelsa Gomes, and has magical powers over snow and ice.

After accidentally revealing her powers to the court, Elsa flees to the mountains, unaware that her magic has plunged Arendelle into an eternal winter.

Her sister Anna is played in three different ages by Sophia Quercia, Isla Gregg, and Kylie Psaila. She sets off on a journey to find Elsa, accompanied by the iceman Kristoff, played by Aiden Burke, his reindeer Sven, played by Marcus Taccogna, and the snowman Olaf, played by Samantha Jacks.

The play was directed by Katie Bekking with assistance from Kathryn Berto and Shaughn English-Cragg. Laura Sledz did the choreography.

Kim Groen was responsible for the incredible costumes.

"We did 'Finding Nemo' last year, and a couple of the girls who were in that show are in Grade 8 this year and they wanted to do one more show before they go to high school," Ms. Berto explained. "They tried out for the lead roles and they got them. We

have around 64 kids in the play. They are all in Grades 4 to 8. They did a great job. They have been rehearsing since December."

The performances were a rousing success

with the school auditorium packed for the shows.

The kids did a great job of acting and singing the songs in this fun musical.



SHOWTIME – Students at Monsignor J.E. Ronan Catholic School in Beeton performed the stage version of Disney's Frozen during four performances on May 7 and 8. The cast featured 64 students as the main cast and chorus.
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Tickets still available for '2 Mediums, 1 Night'

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Do you believe in the power of people to connect with the spirit world and have some questions for lost loved ones? An upcoming event at the Gibson Centre in Alliston will provide you with the chance to interact with two psychic mediums.

Tickets are still available for this show but

are selling out fast.

Psychic Mediums, Trish Finch and Barbara Quinton, will be connecting with the spirit world and helping guests learn some answers at the Honda Performance Hall in the Gibson Centre on Friday, May 23, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m.

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SIU invokes mandate after OPP arrests individual transported to hospital

The province's Special Investigations Unit (SIU) has invoked its mandate following an arrest in the Town of New Tecumseth.

On Monday, May 5, 2025, at approximately 5:06 a.m., members of the Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) arrested an individual for failing to comply with conditions. The individual was

transported to the Nottawasaga OPP Detachment and held for a bail hearing.

Shortly after 6 a.m., the individual requested medical assistance and was transported to hospital.

The OPP has notified the SIU, which has invoked its mandate. As a result, the OPP will not be able to provide further information.

Parents encouraged to talk to kids about vaping

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The landscape of commercial tobacco and nicotine products has become more complex with the arrival of vaping products containing nicotine.

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is encouraging parents to talk to their kids about the dangers of vaping.

Vaping devices are addicting young people to nicotine at alarming rates with Canada having some of the highest teen vaping rates in the world.

In Simcoe Muskoka, around one-third of students in Grades 7 to 12 reported vaping in the past year, a rate significantly higher than the provincial rate.

In the past month, 31 per cent of teens vaped, and for every three that try vaping, one becomes a daily user.

It should be noted that rates of vaping increase significantly as youth enter high school.

Parents and other caring adults play an important role in helping kids make decisions about their health. In fact, teens say their parents are the biggest influence in their lives.

“Talking to kids early and often is one of the best ways to support young people

to make informed decisions and ideally prevent them from becoming addicted to nicotine through vaping,” said Dr. Lisa Simon, associate medical officer of health with the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit. “Vaping is not harmless. Most vaping products contain nicotine, which is the addictive component in cigarettes. Once addicted, youth who vape are three to four times more likely to start smoking cigarettes.”

To support conversations with kids, the ‘Not An Experiment’ website now features a Parent Education video available in both English (Hey, Parents Let’s Talk About Vaping) and French (Parents, parlons du vapotage).

Both 12-minute videos are packed with information about what a vape is, the health effects of vaping, the industry’s influence on vaping promotion and youth vaping rates, as well as essential insights into how to talk to kids, access help to quit and where to get more information.

By watching the video, parents and caring adults can be better prepared to start a conversation among themselves and talk with kids about vaping. Kids listen more than you think. For more information or to ask questions, visit NotAnExperiment@smdhu.org.

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SPORTS

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TOUGH LOSS – The Banting Memorial High School Marauders senior girls' rugby team host the Eastview Wildcats on the pitch at Banting on Wednesday, May 7. The Marauders took a 32-0 loss in this game and are now 0-2 for the season. The Marauders will host Bear Creek in their next home game on Friday, May 16. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**

Hanover blanks Essex to win 2025 provincial Schmalz Cup

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Hanover Barons have captured the 2025 provincial Junior C Schmalz Cup after winning the final series in a four-game sweep over the Essex 73s.

It wasn't a surprise that the Barons won the cup, however, it was a surprise that they were able to do it in four games.

The Essex team arrived at the final series after winning the West Conference title over the Petrolia Flyers in a series that went four games.

They eliminated the New Hamburg Firebirds in the Schmalz Cup semi-final round in a series that went five games, to earn their spot in the championship round.

The championship series was going to be between two talented teams so it was expected that the final could go six or seven games.

The Barons won the North Conference final with a 4-1 win over the Orillia Terriers. They went on to eliminate the Napanee Raider in the semi-final of the Schmalz Cup.

The final championship series got underway on May 3. The Barons left the ice with a dominant 6-1 win in Game One of the

series leaving fans surprised at the score in a championship game

Game Two gave the Barons an edge in the series with a 2-1 win on Essex's home ice.

The 73s were in serious trouble after they took a 4-0 loss in Game Three.

The final game showed just how resilient the Hanover team is.

After playing to a 1-1 tie in the first period, the 73s scored three unanswered goals in the second frame to lead 4-1 with one period remaining.

In playoff hockey it is very rare for a team to come back against that type of deficit, however, the Barons hammered in three goals in the third period to tie the game 4-4 and force overtime.

The 73s were fighting a battle to keep the series alive and just needed to score one to win the game and return for Game Five.

Their season ended with Hanover scoring at 10:30 into the overtime period to win the game and claim the 2025 championship.

This was the first provincial cup win for the Barons since 1991 when they defeated the Orangeville Crushers in the Schmalz Cup final.



FULL SWING – The Banting Memorial High School Marauders girls' varsity slopitch team take on the team from Maple Ridge Secondary School on the diamond at PPG Park in Alliston on Tuesday, May 6. The Marauders had to settle for a 9-7 loss in this game. A player makes the catch for the out at second base. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**

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Pair charged with trafficking nearly \$200,000 worth of cocaine, fentanyl

BY SAM ODROWSKI

An Orangeville man and Barrie woman are facing several charges stemming from a drug trafficking investigation conducted by Nottawasaga Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers.

Search warrants were executed in Barrie, Orangeville, Brampton, Churchill, and Niagara Falls on May 1, resulting in the two arrests and seizure of two kilograms of cocaine and over 100 grams of fentanyl, valued at more than \$192,000.

In the Fall of 2024, the Nottawasaga OPP Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) entered into a drug trafficking investigation, and executed the search warrants with the help of the Provincial ROPE Unit, the Central Region Emergency Response Team, Central Region Canine, and CSCUs from Huronia West/Collingwood, Orillia, and Dufferin.

Spencer Wong, 37, from Orangeville, has been charged with:

- Traffick in Schedule I substance - Cocaine

- Traffick in Schedule I substance - Fentanyl

- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking - Cocaine

- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking - Fentanyl

• Failure to comply with release order
Danielle Marshall, 32, of Barrie, was charged with:

- Traffick in Schedule I substance - Cocaine

- Traffick in Schedule I substance - Fentanyl

- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking - Cocaine

- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking - Fentanyl

Both accused were held for a Bail Court at the Ontario Court of Justice in Barrie.

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

The investigation is ongoing. 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).

Search warrant on local residents suspected of breaching bail conditions results in arrest

Nottawasaga Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers charged two individuals following a bail compliance investigation New Tecumseth.

Back in February 2024, the Nottawasaga Crime Reduction Unit (CRU) entered into an investigation when two brothers were found to be breaching several conditions on their court ordered release orders.

As a result of this investigation, on April 24, the Nottawasaga OPP CRU with the assistance of the Emergency Response Team (ERT) executed a search warrant on a residence on King Street North in Alliston.

One individual was located in the home and arrested on scene while one individual was outstanding. Several items were seized such as scales, cellphones, knives, a replica

firearm, and a loaded shotgun with ammunition.

As a result of this investigation, Kody Berdan, 36, of New Tecumseth, was arrested and charged with:

- Failure to comply with release order (five counts)

- Possession of Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Cocaine

- Careless storage of a Firearm (two counts)

- Possession of a Firearm or Ammunition, contrary to Prohibition Order (two counts)

- Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm (two counts)

On May 1, the Nottawasaga CRU unit with the assistance of ERT, the Tactical Response Unit (TRU), and K9 were able to

locate and arrest Darryl Berdan, 40, of New Tecumseth, and charged him with the following:

- Failure to comply with release order (four counts)

- Fail to Comply with Probation Order – (10 counts)

- Possession of Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Cocaine (two counts)

- Careless storage of a Firearm – (two counts)

- Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm (two counts)

- Unauthorized Possession of a Weapon

- Possession of a Firearm or Ammunition, contrary to Prohibition Order (three counts)

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Equipment Consignment
Saturday May 17, 9:30am

554447 Mono-Amaranth TLine, Mono, ON Go west through Orangeville on Hwy 9 to County Rd 16 (Veterans Way at Greenwood Cemetery), turn north 5 miles to farm on East side. OR From Shelburne go east on Hwy 89 for 2 miles to Mono-Amaranth Townline, turn south & go 5 miles to farm on East side.

Tractors: CCase IH-MX 120, 4x4 tractor, cab, Q980 Quickie loader, 3 remotes, rebuilt trani (5 yrs ago); Case IH Maxxum 125, cab, 4x4, Stoll loader, 2 remotes, needs glass in cab & rear fenders; Int 5088 tractor, 6 cycl Agri-Max engine, 3 remotes, 7600hrs; DB 1200 Selectomatic tractor; Huskee 20-51 riding mower, 20hp, 50" cut; Kubota B6200 lawn tractor, 60" cut. **Trucks:** 2000 Int bin truck, with 1 bin, current safety; 2004 GMC 2500 pickup, crew cab, Duramax diesel, 357,941kms, incl lots of new parts; Dodge Ram 2500 pickup, 272,601kms.

ATV: 2017 Honda Rancher ATV, winch, back box, 6127kms, very good. **Trailers:** 2005 Wilson 5th wheel livestock trailer, 7'x20', tandem, alum, 1 divider; 1995 Hudson HSE trailer, blue, 2 axles, rear ramps, steel with pressure treated deck, bumper hitch, elec brakes; 8'x6' utility trailer, very good; gooseneck flat deck trailer with rear ramps, pin attachment. **Mach/Equip:** 30ft steel round bale wagon, tandem; Farm King 1061 10"x16' auger PTO; Kuhn GA3200GT, pull-type, tandem axle; NH H7230 hydra swing discbine, new driveline, 10' cut, rubber rollers, light kit, 540PTO; NH BC5070 sq baler with thrower, hydr tension, like new; JD 336 sq baler, knotter rebuilt; (2) Forage King bale baskets; 12ft Int double disc, NH 404 pull-type hay crimper; 9ft NH 488 haybine; MF 18ft disc, man wings; Bruns 150bu gravity box, Turnco 275bu gravity box & auger; field sprayer; Int 18ft cultivator; NH 650 round baler, twine only, up to 4x6 bales, monitor, light usage; NH 353 Mixmill; MF 4 furrow plow; hay tedder; side mower; post-hole auger; JD 335 round baler; 4 wheel hay rake; 5 sect diamond harrows; Bruns gravity box; grain auger; loader for Ford 5000; 14ft cultivator; MF side mower; 30ft bale wagon, Horst, wood deck; NI 5209 discbine; hopper bottom feeder; GeoWt sprayer; NH 353 mix mill; MF 4 furr plow; Snowco grain cleaner; NH 268 sq baler; NH 70 bale thrower; Kongskilde cultivator; Watveare cultivator; (2)NH 144 hay inverters **Farm Rel/Shop/Misc:** (4)Brock hopper bottom bins (7 ring, 4 ring, 2x1 ton-stored inside)-purchaser to remove; sheep feeder; creep feeder; hay feeder; JD Welding mixer, hammer mill, scale(purchaser to remove); MTD 4.5hp self-propelled lawnmower; (210) landscape edging blocks; (2) round bale feeders; (2)sm bale feeders; 20ft round bale wagon, wood floor; qty water troughs; (200+)step on elec stakes; elec fence insulators; (2)fencers-Gallagher & Peavy; light wire for fence; come-alongs; chicken feeders & waterers; ladders; propane infrared heater; (2)chicken crates; egg incubator; ATV sprayer; tree stand; (2)tube gates; beaver tail ramps; 10" cut-off saw; double-sided watering bowl; complete water well system-works well; estate sprayer. **Horse Items:** 60ft diam galvanized round pen; pony saddles (West & Eng), Broder jog cart-excellent cond. **Hay:** (300 approx) 4x5 bales grassy hay, 2024, stored inside.

****Watch the website as items being added regularly****
Preview: 1-6pm, Friday May 16th

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LOUISE A. PATTERSON



It is with a profound sense of loss and heavy hearts Moms four Girls wish to announce the passing of Louise Patterson, on Wednesday May 7th 2025 at Stevenson Memorial Hospital in Alliston Ontario. Louise leaves a legacy of love, strength and compassion. A guiding light in the lives of all who knew her.

Born on November 8th 1941, in Collingwood, Ontario, the eldest daughter of Robert and Allison Patterson. Louise dedicated her life to caring for others, her family, her friends, coworkers, neighbours and more. If it mattered to you – it mattered to Mom. Known for her warm smile, nurturing nature and wise words, sprinkled with lots of laughter. Mom loved to learn, reading, sewing, knitting, some of her pastimes. Over the seasons of her life she worked in admin positions, volunteered with schools, and hosted celebrations of every kind. Her love for the road and the trips to visit family and friends filled her cup. Mom loved Canada. Best place to call home. She travelled to many of the special places across Canada. Closer to home Georgian Bay, Blue Mountain and Wasaga Beach warmed her soul.

Mom was a source of comfort and strength that included lots of fun! Louise was a second mother to many, a fierce protector and a best friend. Mom made a home that welcomed all with kindness, included homemade meals and unconditional love. She taught us many lessons in life including kindness, humility, no such thing as perfect and the value in caring for one another. She believed laughter was the best medicine, dancing in the kitchen made everything better and sharing your life with people you love was priceless.

Her four girls were her pride and joy. Her presence in our lives was a gift. She was a devoted grandmother and great-grandmother. Mom drew from an endless source of love for all her grandbabies and later great grand babies. They filled her with such joy. She made sure to be apart of their lives as much as she could. Leaving fond memories with Jon, Laura, Matthew (Mandy) and Alison Mullings. Olivia (Mark) Hofland, Reiley, Jared, Noel and Nadine (predeceased) Simpson. Avery (Robbie) Notenboom. Jason, Brooklyn and Paige Sura. Grandbabies Lumen Mullings, Garrett and Billie Notenboom and Emmett Mullings.

She is predeceased by brothers Robert (Pat) Patterson, Allan (Millie) Patterson, Rae Patterson, and sisters Barb (Don (deceased)) Lewko and Karen Patterson. Remembered by brothers Ian (Irene) Patterson, Kevin (Dawn) Patterson and Steve (Joanne) Patterson.

Louise will forever be lovingly remembered by her daughters and sons-in-laws, Tanya and Glen Mullings, Heidi and Paul Simpson, Kyla and Farley Donsky and Ronda and Mark Sura, her extended family, and dear friends. Her memory will forever remain in our hearts.

Our profound gratitude and love we share with those who cared for Mom at Simcoe Manor in Beeton. To all the staff, doctors, most especially the nurses and psw's who cared with love for our Mom and by virtue her four girls. We thank you from the bottom of our heart. Honouring Mom's wishes, there will be no service. The family invites you to consider a donation in her memory to your favourite charity.

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BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The County of Simcoe has proclaimed May 12 to 18 as Nursing Week to celebrate the exceptional nurses who serve communities in the region.

This includes the dedicated nursing professionals who serve in the County's four long-term care homes providing 24/7 care to vulnerable residents by overseeing complex medical care while also delivering daily treatments and medications.

"The nurses who serve in our long-term care homes and support in our seniors services locations demonstrate remarkable skill, compassion, and dedication every

day," said Simcoe County Warden Basil Clarke. "They don't just address medical needs – using their expertise, specialized knowledge and unique approach in caring for our older adults, they honour each resident's dignity and support their quality of life."

Over the last several years, nursing professionals have adapted to changing conditions while maintaining quality care. They have built meaningful relationships with residents and families to create a home environment with those facilities.

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