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Two young girls in the Briar Hill neighbourhood of New Tecumseth made the most of the final week of summer vacation by hosting a lemonade stand fundraiser in support of Stevenson Memorial Hospital's 'Because of YOU,' campaign. Brooke and Meredith greeted visitors at their Bella Vista Trail location and sold freshly squeezed lemonade, homemade baked goods, and a variety of crafts. The girls raised \$700, which was donated to the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation.

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Town of New Tecumseth to hold public input session on next year's budget

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Every year, the Town of New Tecumseth builds a Business Plan and Budget.

This is the roadmap for delivering the services and programs residents count on every day.

The budget includes things like parks and roads, fire services, and recreation.

The Town must make smart choices with the given resources.

By law, the budget must be balanced, meaning the Town can't spend more than it brings in through taxes.

This means the Town must decide what is working to meet the needs of the growing community.

New Tecumseth residents are encouraged to speak up and voice their opinion on how tax dollars are being planned and invested.

The Town's ability to deliver quality services and maintain infrastructure comes from a variety of financial sources.

Funding comes from property taxes, user fees, development charges, grants, donations, and reserve funds.

Every year, the budget is influenced by what is needed to operate and maintain Town buildings and services. The Town's

Capital Budget helps fund long-term projects that shape the community like roads, bridges, parks, buildings, and vehicles.

Funds are invested in projects that build, upgrade, or extend the life of Town assets.

The Town's Operating budget covers the day-to-day services that keep the Town running. This includes road maintenance, curbside collection, recreation, parks, and emergency services.

The Town divides the budget in the following way:

- 44 per cent support day-to-day Town operations, including parks, roads, recreation, and public works.

- 12 per cent goes toward building and maintaining infrastructure through the Town's Capital Plan

- 11 per cent is directed to education as required by the province

- 33 per cent support key services like policing, libraries, and county services such as land ambulance and social programs.

Residents will have the opportunity to voice their opinion during a special public input session on the budget.

The meeting will take place on Monday, Oct. 8, at 6 p.m., at New Tecumseth Town Hall (24 Tupper St. W., Alliston).

Nottawasaga Opioid Advisory Working Group to host community awareness event

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
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The use of unregulated drugs continues to be a problem in many communities around the country.

There has been an alarming number of deaths due to overdoses, especially with unregulated drugs that contain fentanyl.

According to Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Statistics, there were 25 overdose visits to hospital emergency wards the week of Aug. 10, and the county is averaging seven drug-related deaths per week.

The majority of suspected overdose emergency department visits and suspected drug-related deaths are due to opioid use. Increases in the numbers can be an early warning for surges in opioid-related overdoses.

The Nottawasaga Opioid Advisory Working Group will be hosting a community awareness event in Bradford.



This is an opportunity to learn about supports and services available to people who use drugs, their family, friends, and the community.

A similar event was held in Alliston last year, and many people attended to learn more about the current crisis and what can be done to prevent drug overdoses and related deaths.

The Nottawasaga Opioid Advisory Working Group event will be held on Thursday, Sept. 25, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bradford Leisure Centre at 471 West Park Ave., Bradford.

Every Aug. 31, Opioid Awareness Day is recognized around the

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Simcoe County receives funding to launch Resident Ambassador Program

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
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A \$24,410 grant from the Ontario Government Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility, through the Seniors Community Grant Program, will help build stronger community ties and enhance overall well-being for the residents in local seniors' homes.

The Community Grant Program helps local not-for-profit community groups and organizations deliver projects, supports, and resources that help older adults.

The funds will be used for programs at Simcoe Village, Georgian Village, and Sunset Village.

Inspired by residents who have dedicated their time and talents to support activities in their Villages, the Resident Ambassador Program offers a formal way for seniors to share their experience, welcome new residents, and lead programs that reflect their interests.

Residents will play a key role in shaping the program, offering thoughtful ideas that touch on intellectual, social, physical, and emotional well-being.

"The Seniors Community Grant Program is helping protect the well-being of seniors by providing opportunities to stay active, connected and engaged," said Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility. "We are honoured to support the County of Sim-

coe's Resident Ambassador Program which will engage residents and ambassadors alike and have a positive impact on the atmosphere of the homes."

At their recommendation, ambassadors will help organize events, greet visitors, start clubs, host art and woodworking sessions, and build phone networks to keep people connected.

"Empowering residents to take on leadership roles within their Villages will help to foster a strong sense of belonging, purpose, and pride, benefiting both Ambassadors and the wider resident community," said Basil Clarke, Warden of Simcoe County. "We're grateful to the province for supporting our



efforts to create meaningful opportunities that empower residents to stay active, engaged, and connected."

For more information on the County of Simcoe's Seniors Services programs, visit online at simcoe.ca/seniors.

Fire Danger Rating lowered to 'moderate' for New Tecumseth and several other nearby municipalities

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

There is good news for local residents who like to barbecue hot dogs over charcoal.

After some rain and cooler weather, the fire ban in New Tecumseth has been lifted, and the Fire Danger Rating has now moved to 'moderate.'

The region experienced several weeks with an 'extreme' Fire Danger Rating after a period of hot and dry summer weather. That resulted in a fire ban, which included a ban on fires where permits had been issued.

Of the 19 municipalities in Simcoe County, 10 communities now have a rating of 'moderate' as of Aug. 25, while 9 remain with a rating of 'high.'

Residents in New Tecumseth may now resume the use of active and approved Fire Permits and outdoor wood-burning appliances.

If you are planning an outdoor fire, you should follow the recommended safety tips

to avoid having a fire spread.

Check with local authorities on open-air burning restrictions and follow local burning regulations. Keep up-to-date on fire bans in the area.

Never build a campfire on a windy day. Sparks or embers from the fire could travel quite a distance, setting an unintentional fire.

Watch the wind direction to ensure sparks aren't getting on flammable materials. Put the fire out if wind changes begin to cause concern

Build campfires where they will not spread; well away from tents, trailers, dry grass, leaves, overhanging tree branches, or any other combustible materials.

Build campfires in fire pits, or if they're not available, build a fire on bare rock or sand.

Maintain a two to 3.5 metre (six to 10 feet) clearance around your campfire.

Following fire safety tips will help you avoid the spread of fire and prevent danger to life and property.



BACK TO HOME BASE – A glider lifts off at the Great Lakes Gliding Club near Tottenham on Friday, Aug. 22. The Club had to complete Ministry of Transportation ordered changes to their tow airplane as that particular model was discovered to have a flaw that needed to be corrected, and planes across the continent were ordered to make the changes to keep the plane safe. Club members have been flying out of a club near Shelburne for most of the summer, but are now back and flying at their home airstrip.

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You don't agree?

As a columnist, I don't expect everyone to agree with my opinion.

It would be a very boring world if we all thought the same way and we all had the very same opinion about everything.

If you throw a bunch of strangers in a room and ask their thoughts on a particular subject, it would be very rare to find a group of people who all thought the same way. I guess it could happen, but it's not likely.

For the most part, I get a lot of positive feedback from readers. Many approach me in public or at events and mention a column that I've written, and they liked.

That is especially true if I have tried to promote something that would help people.

For example, a few years ago, I wrote about the misuse of handicapped parking spaces.

That involved several weeks of observation, as well as an incident where a friend of mine, who has been physically disabled since birth, had to be carried into a hockey game because all of the handicapped parking spaces were full, and he could not walk the entire distance from where he had parked.

I received a huge amount of feedback from people who were thankful this was pointed out, as they had handicapped fam-

ily members who went through the same frustrating situation of not being able to find parking, only to see a family with several able-bodied children run from their car to the front door of an arena.

This type of feedback makes me feel that, in some small way, I have helped promote something that will help other people.

I also get negative feedback from time to time. Sometimes it is from someone who just doesn't like what I've written.

Other times, I have received some pretty nasty notes. Although the real nasty ones, complete with name calling, have come from organized groups from outside of the region.

I guess some groups monitor all news from across the country, so they attack those who don't agree with their agenda.

I don't mind negative feedback. You have to have a thick skin in such a situation and just let it roll off of your back.

However, when someone sends negative feedback, apparently based on reading a two-word headline, then makes incorrect or completely wrong comments after obviously not reading the entire column – well, that's not good.

I recently wrote a column on the work ethic. The point was, having a job is a good thing that impacts your life, the country, and the economy.

I referenced a guy who made a video telling his countrymen to apply as refugees when coming to Canada because they would make more money.

A reader wrote in, saying I had been the 'victim' of misleading information.

Well, no, that's not quite right.

If the reader had actually read the column, they would have known I did not make that claim, and never said it was fact.

I was repeating misleading information stated by another person.

The reader states, "Do the ETHICAL WORK of checking the actual facts."

Well, yes, the reader should have done the ethical work of checking the facts and reading the column before accusing me of providing false information.

They obviously did not read the column and absorb the information.

In that column, I also made reference to the fact that Poland does not want refugees.

The reader again tried to argue, saying Poland has accepted almost 1 million Ukrainian refugees.

I guess I should have specified they don't want refugees from the Middle East and other countries.

However, the reader is apparently not up on current world news, as this fact is well known and documented.

"Poland will not accept anyone sending illegal migrants to its territory, says PM."

– Reuters, May 7, 2025.

"Poland suspends migrants' right to apply for asylum." – BBC, May 27, 2025.

"EU will not force Poland to take in more migrants, says PM." – Polish News Agency, May 2024.

"Poland won't accept migrant relocation mechanism, PM says." - Reuters, April 10, 2024.

"Poland shuts asylum door at Belarus border with EU backing." - Politico, March 21, 2025

"Migrants face expulsion at Polish border under new law." – BBC Oct. 15, 2021.

Funny enough, the day I received the note from the reader about Ukrainian refugees, the first headline I saw was "Polish president blocks law to extend social welfare to Ukrainian refugees." – AFP Aug. 28, 2025. That was followed by "Poland's president blocks child benefit law for Ukrainian refugees." – The Munich Eye.

If you don't agree with me, that's fine. I'm like Ricky Gervais – "I don't care, I really don't."

But if you do disagree and want to make it known, at least read the column and check your facts.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Meeting the community face to face

Students this week are starting the year with a fresh slate.

That's not to say the accomplishments of the last year have been for naught; rather you're at a brand-new starting block ready for the year ahead, a time that will hopefully give you the tools to keep up with our rapidly changing world and to take advantage of opportunities that often come fast and furious, and could profoundly impact the course of your future.

Co-op programs, for instance, can open one's eyes to career possibilities that otherwise wouldn't be a blip on their radar. Maybe a class trip to the nation's capital might kindle some embers that could result in a newfound interest in governance, political science, or simply serving the public. Elsewhere, although granted this is more of a summer thing, a trip to a summer camp up north, could sow the seeds for a future environmentalist, climate change specialist, park ranger, or even a vet.

It's always fun to see how local stu-

dents fared at the end of the year.

If a newspaper editor is lucky, top scoring students in the closest school board, might just live in an area you cover and you get to share their story beyond school walls. If you're even luckier, they might just share a few tips of success that not only benefit the community but you can take to heart as well.

The same goes for students who end their years on a particularly high note, having some grants or scholarships to show for it, whether they're recognized for their academic prowess or their community contributions. Those who are recognized for their community work are, in my experience, particularly fascinating and lessons can always be drawn on what fuels their passions, propels them forward, and the impact they want to have on the world around them.

Those are the questions that are particularly fun to ask, and sometimes those of us in this position get to be on the flip-side as well.

Students are also beginning the year

either at the cusp of reaching further goalposts or are nearing the finishing line in June excited for all the possibilities ahead. Some of those who are considering careers in journalism, communications, or information-sharing at its broadest, often reach out for the inside scoop of what this career offers, armed with a litany of questions that are pointed in the best possible way.

Many of these questions are opportunities to accentuate the positive, of which there are many, I hasten to add; in other instances, it is clear they've done their homework as to some of the less positive elements; but, as they could be the journalists of tomorrow, you want to keep things real with them, even if your answers can sometimes be a reality check for some more romanticized ideas.

The important thing, however, is they have the questions and are seeking out answers.

Sometimes that can be a rare commodity these days. Well, in more recent days.

Prior to the global pandemic, one generally assumed such questions were being asked in good faith.

Questions would often range from a simple, "Why did you get into journalism?" and my answer touching upon a simple love of telling someone's story would often resonate with the person asking the question as it was more or less what brought them to the interest in the first place.

Another fun question to field is whether or not something I've written has made anyone mad.

While the answer to that is often in the eye of the beholder, when I tell them the most hate mail I've received so far was related to a story I wrote about a labour dispute as a high school student for another local paper, they're either relieved or disappointed.

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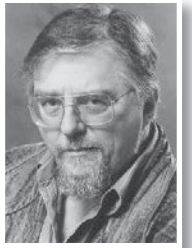
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Greenland, Ukraine and all that

GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY



Last Wednesday the Danish foreign minister, Lars Lokke Rasmussen, summoned the top US diplomat in Copenhagen to his office to complain that the United States is running a covert operation in Greenland, a semi-autonomous part of the Danish kingdom.

According to DR, Denmark's public broadcaster, the goal of the operation is to infiltrate Greenland's society and promote the island's secession from Denmark to the US. It's straight out of the Russian playbook in 2014, when Vladimir Putin was subverting the Russian-speaking Donbas in the eastern part of the Ukraine and funding a separatist movement there.

There's nothing particularly original about getting some dissident or sold-out minority to call on a great power to intervene in order to provide political cover for what is really an invasion. The old Soviet Union did it to Czechoslovakia in 1968 and to Afghanistan in 1979.

At peak arrogance, when the US was the sole superpower, it didn't bother with such

niceties. It just sent in the troops: Dominican Republic 1965, Grenada 1983, Libya 1986, Panama 1989, Afghanistan 2001, Iraq 2003. Now it needs a bit more cover, especially when invading the territory of a long-standing ally, so let's find or buy some amenable Greenlanders.

To be fair, the attempt to recruit a few 'pro-American' Greenlanders to front the operation suggests that the Trump regime prefers a non-violent conquest if at all possible. On the other hand, it also indicates that at least some of the planners in Washington have been instructed to start preparing the ground for an American takeover. (Canadians take note.)

Would the Danes fight if such an invasion took place? Almost certainly not. Resistance would be futile, and anyway it's not really their island. 90% of the population are Greenlanders (i.e. Inuit/Eskimo) who can vote for independence whenever they want. They're just waiting because they still need the massive subsidies that Denmark currently provides.

Would the Greenlanders themselves fight? A few of them might, just to put down a marker showing that they really want independence, not American citizenship. But it would probably not be a big fight or a very long one.

Would NATO survive? Not really: the basic rule of alliance-making is that members refrain from invading other members. However, most of NATO's other 31 members have depended on American military guarantees, particularly about nuclear weapons, for eighty years. It will take them at least five years to fill the gaps if they create a similar alliance without the US.

That is not an impossible gap to span, because half the Russian army is currently tied down in Ukraine and it would take a while to rebuild it afterwards whatever the outcome in that beleaguered country. Europe's best bet is to keep Ukraine in the war as long as possible (the US won't help) while frantically modernising and expanding its own military capacity.

It's extremely disagreeable to have to make these calculations when democracy is in retreat and the real emergency is global warming. Those should be our priorities, but we are where we are and Donald Trump is who he is.

Russia is already a fascist state and America may end up as its closest ally if Trump survives. So who is left to defend the rule of law, and above all to protect the fundamental international rule that nobody may change borders by force?

That was the law, written in 1945 by the survivors of the greatest war in history, that has saved us from far worse wars for the past eighty years. Indeed, there have been no wars even one-tenth as bad as 1939-45 in all this time. Fear of nuclear war forced us to be reasonable, but 'no territorial changes by force' was how we turned that into a policy.

Now Russia has moved outside that law, and the United States is heading the

same way. So who's left?

Well, actually, almost everybody else. China's obsession with Taiwan is regrettable, but it is rooted in a civil war between rival Chinese governments. On every other matter, it is a devout defender of the territorial status quo.

The European Union's members will strive to uphold the rule about no border changes by force, as will almost all the democracies of Asia, Oceania and the Americas. Africa's devotion to the rule that borders must not be changed by force is unshakable.

Together, Russia and the United States have about half a billion people – one-sixteenth of the world's people. Yes, they have most of the nukes, but they are really unusable.

Almost everybody else lives in countries whose governments still uphold the key law about borders, regardless of their domestic political arrangements. We are not alone. We are the great majority of the world.



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Monthly Message: Using modern technology to reverse the climate crisis — there's hope!

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The scientific consensus is clear: human activity, particularly the burning of fossil fuels, is accelerating global warming and triggering climate disruptions.

In 2024, the concentration of carbon dioxide (CO2) in the atmosphere reached 427 ppm, representing 3341 gigatons of CO2.

This is an increase of 50 per cent since the start of the Industrial Revolution, up from 280 ppm during the 10,000 years before the mid-18th century.

Mitigating new emissions alone will not take us to net zero, according to the IPCC. Fortunately, modern technology offers powerful solutions to remove accumulated atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO2) while transitioning to clean, renewable energy sources.

There are two key technological pathways to climate recovery.

1. Removing Carbon Dioxide from the Atmosphere

- Direct Air Capture (DAC): DAC technology targets and extracts CO2 from ambient air through chemical and physical processes, storing it securely or repurposing it. Alberta has invested in the world's first DAC center.

Additional innovative CO2-removal approaches include:

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- Enhanced rock weathering. Enhanced Weathering accelerates the natural rock weathering process that removes CO2 from the atmosphere and stores it in a stable form for thousands of years.

- Direct Ocean Capture (DOC): Removal of dissolved carbon dioxide from seawater using electrochemical processes. Treated seawater is returned to absorb more CO2 from the atmosphere. Oceans have 150 times more CO2 than the atmosphere.

2. Shifting to Renewable Energy Sources

Transitioning from fossil fuels to renewables is essential. Renewable energy derived from sources like sunlight, wind, and water, is replenished naturally and does not emit greenhouse gases. Technologies now harness, deliver, and store energy from these resources efficiently.

Key renewable sources include:

- Solar Power
- Wind Energy

- Hydroelectric Power
- Tidal and Wave Energy
- Biomass and Biofuels
- Hydrogen Gas

Along with Technology, individuals play a vital role. Lifestyle changes such as minimizing waste, eating less red meat, avoiding single-use plastics, using energy-efficient appliances, and opting for electric or hybrid vehicles can collectively decrease emissions. Homeowners and organizations may consider sustainable heating options like geothermal or air-source heat pumps.

The Bottom Line: The climate crisis is reversible. With the right blend of technology, policy, and public action, there is a real path forward. Harnessing innovation to capture CO2 and relying on nature and renewables offers hope for a sustainable future.

This submission was written by Kelly R. Pearce. Kelly Pearce is a founding member of Greys for Green in New Tecumseth. He believes that we all have a role to play in reducing our carbon footprint in order to leave a better planet for future generations and all lifeforms that live on this earth. Contact Greys for Green at contactus@greysforgreen.org or follow on social media to learn more.



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Arts & Local Events

Mark It Up by Anna brings creative solutions for apparel to Tottenham Market

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

If you have a fun idea for a T-shirt or other piece of clothing, Anna Pucciarelli can help you design it and put it on apparel as a unique way of showing your fun side – or serious side – if that’s what you need.

Anna, from Mark It Up By Anna, creates her own designs as well as helps customers if they have an idea. She brought her clothing and other items to the Vendors’ and Farmers’ Market at Keogh Park in Tottenham on Sunday, Aug. 24.

If you have a group going on a fun adventure or raising funds for a good cause, and you are putting a team together, having matching T-shirts is a great way to say you are part of a team.

“I focus on doing customer items like apparel, like hoodies, crew necks, and T-shirts, as well as custom drinkware from mugs to tupperware,” Anna explained. “A lot of the items I design are retro style.”

She not only creates her work, but she also gives back to the community that supports her.

“I focus on positivity and mental health,” Anna said of her design work. “I donate 10 per cent of my sales to York Simcoe CMHA for youth mental health, just to give back to the community. When I needed the help, I had the support and help, and not everyone is fortunate to have that.”

Anna specializes in making the designs for the shirts and printing them on different pieces of apparel.

“I do custom designs as well,” Anna explained of how she helps customers design special shirts.

“People will have a design in their mind and let me know what they are looking for. I’ll put a design together for them and we work together to create it. I’ll put a design together and you can tell me what you would like added to it or removed.”

Anna sells her products at various markets as well as at some stores, including the Simcoe Makers Market Boutique in Alliston.

She also has her products on social media and will be at the Beeton Fall Fair.

You can view her work by searching Mark It Up By Anna on Facebook and Instagram.



FRESH LOOK – Anna Pucciarelli of Mark It Up by Anna brought her unique designs to the Tottenham Vendors’ and Farmers’ market on Sunday, Aug. 24. Anna makes designs for T-shirts and other apparel and helps customers design their own look for individuals, groups, and businesses.

BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

‘A Brush With Colour’ exhibit taking over the Gibson Centre with work from 15 artists

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The community will soon have a chance to view some outstanding art when the artists at the Gibson Centre host their 17th annual exhibition.

This year’s theme is “A Brush With Colour.”

There are 15 artists who are entering their work for jurying this year. A total of 40 works of art will be submitted for the show.

Artists paint and draw in watercolour, oils, acrylic, and use various other mediums.

Artists at the Gibson Centre paint there twice a week. The Tuesday group paints under the direction of the centre’s artist in residence, Greg Hindle.

The Wednesday group enjoys painting together and helping each other if needed.

All levels of skill and experience are welcome on both days.

The show will run from Thursday, Sept. 11, to Sunday, Oct. 19.

A “Meet The Artist” reception will be held at the Gibson Centre in Alliston on Sunday, Sept. 14, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

This is an opportunity to meet with the people who created this show and learn more about them and the inspiration for their art.

LOCAL ART – The artists at the Gibson Centre will host their 17th annual exhibition from Sept. 11 to Oct. 19, with a special reception on Sunday, Sept. 14, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. This year’s theme is “A Brush With Colour.”

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SPRINTING TO SAFETY – Softball leagues are moving into playoffs as the summer comes to a close. A player makes it safe at home by a pitcher on a field during a Tottenham Old Timers 35 League game between the Meatballs and the Draft Kings at Country Park on Tuesday, Aug. 26. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**

New Lowell and Owen Sound will meet for the NDBL senior championship

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

After a long season that got underway in the first week of May, the North Dufferin Baseball League's senior division is ready to start the 2025 final series to determine this year's Strother Cup Champion.

The final series will match the New Lowell Knights with the defending champion Owen Sound Baysox.

The Baysox claimed the title in 2024.

New Lowell were the Strother Cup champions the two previous years, winning in 2022 and 2023.

The final series will be an epic battle between two strong teams.

New Lowell finished in first place in the League standings this year with a 17-4-1 record and 35 points.

Owen Sound finished in second place, just one point behind with a 17-5 record.

The playoffs started on Aug. 5, with the top eight teams in the League battling it out in the first round.

The Knights eliminated the Creemore Padres in the first round in a series that went five games and ended with a 3-0 New Lowell win in the final game on Aug. 14.

In the second round, the Knights dis-

patched the Bolton Brewers in a series that went four games and ended in Bolton on Aug. 28, with a 1-0 New Lowell win.

Owen Sound eliminated the Midland Mariners in their first-round action.

That series wrapped up on Aug. 13, with an 11-1 Owen Sound win.

The Baysox then went on to face the Ivy Rangers in the second round. That series went five games after Game 3 ended in a 7-7 tie.

Owen Sound wrapped it up with a 9-2 win on Sept. 1, on their home diamond in Owen Sound.

The championship series will be a best-of-seven event that will get underway on Sept. 6.

This final series will be a very competitive competition between two talented teams that are both hungry for the win.

The Baysox want to be repeat champions, and the Knights want to claim the title and move to the win column for the 2025 Strother Cup.

New Lowell is coached by Peter Kingham and Jesse McIntyre.

The Baysox are coached by Ryan Bartley and Don Bartley.

The final schedule for the championship had not been posted as of press time.



ROUNDING THE BASES – A player runs from second base on a fore play during a Tottenham Old Timers game between the Grey Jays and the Uno Abables at Country Park in Tottenham on Tuesday, Aug. 26. Softball is moving into playoff mode as the summer comes to an end, but there are still a lot of games to be played. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**



EQUESTRIAN EXCELLENCE – Tottenham horse back rider Erynn Ballard and her trusty steed, Her Game Ball BG, completes a jump, during a competition. **BEN RADVANYI PHOTO**

Tottenham's Erynn Ballard rides high at equestrian events

BY MARK PAVILONS

Tottenham rider Erynn Ballard has been riding high at some recent events, taking several top finishes.

At the Grand Prix CSI5, presented by RBC

on Aug. 17, Ballard took 6th place, riding her trusted mount Fave d' Authuit.

A day earlier, Ballard, riding her horse named Her Game Ball BG, finished 11th in the Winning Round CSI5, presented by Brookstreet.

At the \$75,000 Qualifier CSI5, presented by Steel-Craft Door Products, on Aug. 15, Ballard was 7th on Fave d' Authuit, at the RBC Ottawa International show jumping tournament taking place at Wesley Clover Parks in Ottawa.

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SUMMER FUN – The Sunday Music in the Park series held its final event at Keogh Park in Tottenham on Sunday, Aug. 31. A good-sized crowd turned out for the final concert of the season. The Peasant Kings capped off the summer-long series.
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Volunteers needed for upcoming blood donation events in Tottenham and Alliston

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Two blood donation events are taking place in Tottenham and Alliston later this month.

O-negative blood is vital in emergency care because it is compatible with all blood types and can be given to any patient. When seconds count, and there is no time to check blood types, hospital patients receive O-negative blood – the universal blood type.

Hospitals have the blood they need today,

but that could change if appointments aren't filled. Demand is high for O-negative blood this summer, so O-negative donations are needed right away to keep the supply strong.

If you know that your blood is O-negative, Canadian Blood Services is asking you to book an appointment or come to a donor centre today. It's likely that someone in your family also has O-negative blood, so you can double your impact by inviting them to join you.

While O-negative donors are especially needed right away, donors of all types are

encouraged to make a plan to donate this summer. You will find out what your blood type is after your first donation.

Please help to spread the word among your workplace and community about the importance of and current need for O-negative donors, encourage anyone with O-negative blood to book an appointment as soon as possible, and/or book your next group donation if you haven't already done so.

You can make an appointment to donate by visiting blood.ca, downloading the Give-Blood app, or calling 1-888-2DONATE.

Once you make an appointment, it is important that you keep your appointment and show up for the event.

Blood donation events will take place at the following locations:

Tottenham's blood donation event is planned for Saturday, Sept. 20, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Tottenham Community Centre (139 Queen Street North).

Alliston's blood donation event is set for Thursday, Sept. 25, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Alliston Memorial Arena (49 Nelson Street W.).



PLUCKING STRINGS – It was the final concert of the summer at the Sunday Music in the Park series in Tottenham on Sunday, Aug. 31. The series has been going on all summer long. The always-popular Kat Chabot was the acoustic opener at the show, and she performed a mix of cover tunes and original music. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**



FUN DAY – Beeton Lawn Bowling Club held its annual "Fun Day" tournament on Aug. 20, where 24 players vied for the top spot. After much laughter and friendly play, Wendell Prime of the Heritage Greens Club in Kitchener placed first, followed by Carolyn Hart of the Collingwood Club in second place and Robert Foster of the Beeton Club in third. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**

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Simcoe County Suicide Awareness Council to mark memorial bench dedication

The Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is proud to support World Suicide Prevention month through September and remains committed to raising awareness about suicide, mental health, and suicide prevention.

On Sept. 10, at 3:30 p.m., the Simcoe County Suicide Awareness Council alongside officers from the surrounding OPP detachments will be hosting its 10th Anniversary Memorial Bench and Tree Dedication at Springwater, marking a major milestone of community engagement and remembrance.

This milestone event honours lives lost to suicide and reinforces the importance



of support, resilience, and hope for those affected by mental health challenges.

Over the years, the suicide awareness council has presented memorial benches in communities across Simcoe County and beyond-including Gravenhurst, Collingwood, Adjala-Tosorontio, Rama, Barrie, Orillia, Angus, Midland, and Parry Sound. These benches serve as visible reminders of strength and solidarity.

In 2019, a bench was dedicated in front

of OPP General Headquarters, symbolizing the OPP's ongoing commitment-under Commissioner Carrique's leadership to reduce stigma and promote mental wellness within policing and the broader community.

The Nottawasaga OPP continues to work closely with York Support Services Network (YSSN) through the Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT).

Since 2017, this partnership has provided timely, compassionate support to individuals in crisis. The MCRT, consisting of OPP constables and YSSN crisis response workers, responds to calls within the detachment area, offering on-scene assessment, sup-

port, and referrals to community services. For anyone struggling, you are not alone, and help is available.

Local mental health resources:

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- CMHA Crisis Services: 705-728-5044
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- 211 Ontario: 416-777-0211
- ConnexOntario: 1-866-531-2600
- 1-855-310 cope (2673)

Online resources:

- www.suicideprevention.ca
- www.ontariosuicidepreventionnetwork.ca
- www.hopeequalslife.ca

Multiple weapons-related charges laid in New Tecumseth after cat is allegedly shot with BB gun

Nottawasaga Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers have arrested two individuals following a weapons investigation that began in early August.

On Aug. 17, shortly after 11 a.m., officers responded to a report from a resident in New Tecumseth regarding an injured pet. The complainant advised that their cat had been shot with what was believed to be a BB gun. Tragically, the animal later succumbed to its injuries.

As part of the investigation, officers executed a search warrant at a residence on 4th Line in New Tecumseth on Aug. 27, shortly after 7 p.m. During the search, police located and seized several improperly stored firearms, including:

- A bolt-action Sure Shot Repeater (.22 calibre)
 - A Stevens Model Gold Wing 512 (20 gauge)
 - A Remington Game Master Model 760 (.308 calibre)
 - Two rifle-style airsoft pellet guns
 - One pistol-style airsoft gun
 - Ammunition for all listed firearms
- As a result of the investigation:

Marisa Marini, 71, of New Tecumseth, was arrested and charged with:

- Careless Storage of Firearm, Weapon, Prohibited Device or Ammunition - Three Counts

Danilo Rebuli, 73, of New Tecumseth, was arrested and charged with:

- Possession of Weapon for Dangerous Purpose
- Cruelty to Animals - Unnecessary Pain, Suffering or Injury

Both accused parties have been released from custody and are scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Bradford on Oct. 9, 2025.

The listed charges have not been proven in court.

"The OPP reminds the public that all animals deserve to be treated with care and respect. Anyone with further information related to this investigation is asked to contact the Nottawasaga OPP," reads a press release from Nottawasaga OPP.

To submit information, contact Nottawasaga OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or www.ontariocrimestoppers.ca.




SEIZED FIREARMS – Multiple firearms were seized by Nottawasaga Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers from a property in New Tecumseth on Aug. 27. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**



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Brock's Banter: Meeting the community face to face

There is occasionally, however, a different tone to the questions in the post-pandemic world.

This past spring, I had two requests from people who wanted to talk about what it means to be a journalist in today's day and age.

Both seemed to be on the up-and-up, reaching out due to a genuine interest, but one took a different track altogether.

In addition to asking perfectly standard questions, those that I've come to expect, this particular inquisitor took the time to answer the questions on my behalf as well, the tone becoming increasingly strange as the email progressed. In the process of their filling in the blanks, I learned that apparently the reason why I write is to satisfy the whims of some vague international organization, who they were certain signed my paycheques, and how I was both

simultaneously "woke" and "asleep" at the same time.

It was an enlightening read for me, but I still feel it would have been an even more enlightening read for them had I been given the opportunity to answer. That not being the case, however, I felt my efforts to do so would have been wasted and simply continued on with my day.

That being said, I do wonder what the motivation for such "questions" are.

Obviously, it's because in some way they think they're scoring some kind of point, political or otherwise, but are we now at point in this era of echo chambers where questions are coming with an expectation of the "desired" answers to preserve preconceived notions? Or maybe over the course of the pandemic we've become more averse to real human exchanges, a lingering mindset that those face-to-face interactions are best avoided wherever possible, or otherwise kept to a minimum?

erwise kept to a minimum?

Prior to the pandemic, I once had the honour of being invited by the local library to participate in a one-off "Human Library" event.

Hosted in conjunction with Culture Days, a Province-wide initiative that gets communities working together to showcase their cultural resources in fun and engaging ways, I was amongst the "Human Books" that community patrons could "check out" for a half-hour or so where they could have all their burning questions answered by their captive audience.

Among my fellow "books" were a famed gardener, a jewellery designer-to-the-stars, a duo of Grammy Award-winning music producers, an author-turned-social justice advocate – esteemed company for someone who only had two years of being editor under his belt, but it was a richly rewarding experience.

While it was a chance to answer questions, the process got each of us to think about what brought us there in the first place through someone else's lens, and hopefully differences were made both ways, however small they might seem.

Libraries today are about far more than books.

They are community hubs where we can learn, grow, and stay connected. Heck, they are even places now where you can check out a fishing rod if an impromptu camping opportunity comes your way. The possibilities are endless – and something like the Human Library, in whatever format it might be, should be explored again.

Everyone has questions they want answered, but finding the right way – or even the wherewithal to do it – can sometimes be a challenge.

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A message from the Mayor

It is my pleasure to extend a warm welcome to everyone attending the 169th annual Beeton Fall Fair. This remarkable milestone is a testament to the enduring spirit, dedication, and community pride that have defined the Fair for generations.

The Beeton Fair is more than just a celebration of agriculture and tradition—it's a cherished gathering that brings together families, friends, and neighbours to enjoy the very best of rural life. From the exhibits and entertainment to the food and festivities, the Fair showcases the heart of our community.

Thank you to the organizers, volunteers, and participants who make this event possible year after year. Your hard work and commitment continue to enrich our town and preserve the legacy of this beloved tradition.

Enjoy the Fair!



Mayor Richard Norcross,
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169 Years of Agricultural Tradition – The Beeton Fall Fair Returns September 12–14

The Beeton Fall Agricultural Fair is back for its 169th year, celebrating the importance of agriculture in our community with a full weekend of family fun, entertainment, and tradition. Mark your calendars for September 12–14, 2025 at the Beeton Fairgrounds, located at 72 Prospect Street.

Admission is just \$15 per person and includes entry to the grounds plus unlimited access to all amusements and entertainment. Party Tyme Treats & Amusements is back with popular attractions like the rock-climbing wall, the 85-foot zipline, and the trackless train. They're also rolling in a thrilling new mechanical ride — last year it was the Salt and Pepper Shaker, and this year's surprise is sure to be just as exciting!

Your all-access pass also opens the door to unique experiences. On Saturday, try your hand at VR reality games, get a free caricature drawing, and capture memories with the 360° video booth. On Sunday, the spotlight turns to the barnyard with farm animals on display — and if we're lucky, there may even be a newborn to meet.

Entertainment is packed throughout the weekend. Friday night kicks off with the return of crowd-favorite Shooter, followed by Bootlegged rocking the arena on Saturday night. Families can also enjoy a cozy outdoor Movie in the Park on Saturday evening. The excitement continues with classic cars, the always-thrilling Demolition Derby, and live music filling the fairgrounds.

Fair hours are:

- Friday: 4:00 PM – 11:00 PM
- Saturday: 9:30 AM – 10:00 PM
- Sunday: 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

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Beeton Fall Fair Kicks Off with Royal Flair and a Century of Community

The excitement begins Friday, September 12th at 6:00 p.m., as the Beeton Fall Fair officially opens its gates with a celebration of local pride, achievement, and community spirit.

Returning once again as Master of Ceremonies is Mayor Richard Norcross of New Tecumseth. Always a strong supporter of community events, Mayor Norcross will help set the tone for the weekend as he welcomes fairgoers and introduces the evening's special guests.

This year's opening ceremony features Sofya Jordan, recently crowned at the Miss Teenager Universe pageant in Panama. Bringing the crown home not just to Canada but to her very own hometown of Beeton, Ontario, Sofya will take the stage to share her incredible experience and the pride of representing her community on the world stage.

Adding to the evening's significance, the Women's Institute will mark an incredible milestone — 100 years of service to the community. For a century, the Institute has supported local families, promoted agriculture, and helped preserve traditions. Members will be on stage to make special presentations in honor of this remarkable achievement.

The opening ceremony takes place on the outdoor stage, west of the fairgrounds beside the beer garden. It's the perfect way to kick off a weekend filled with music, food, fun, and 169 years of agricultural tradition.

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Arrive early, grab your seat, and get ready to cheer, gasp, and laugh along with one of the most thrilling events of the Beeton Fall Fair. The Demolition Derby isn't just a competition — it's pure, smash-up entertainment at its best!



Grand in the Hand Raffle Returns – Bigger and Better in 2025!

Back by popular demand, the Beeton Fall Fair's A Grand in Your Hand raffle is bigger than ever! This is only the second year for the draw, but after the overwhelming success in its debut, organizers knew they had to bring it back with even more chances to win.

In 2024, just 2,500 tickets were available, and they sold out quickly. Thanks to the excitement and demand, this year's draw has been expanded to 3,000 tickets, giving more people the chance to take home cash while supporting the fair.

New for 2025 are two exciting early bird prizes. The first early bird winner was Sue and Dave Jevons, who took home \$250. The second early bird winner, Stefano G., walked away with \$500. Now, all eyes are on the grand finale — three draws of \$1,000 each, happening during the Demolition Derby on Sunday, September 14th.

With tickets priced at just \$5 each and only about 900 tickets left, your odds of winning are fantastic — but only if you act fast. Every ticket purchased helps fund the Beeton Fall Fair, now celebrating 169 years of showcasing agriculture, community spirit, and family fun.

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For 169 years, the Beeton Fall Fair has been a place where families and friends gather to celebrate agriculture, community, and fun. This year, the Beeton Agricultural Society is proud to announce a brand-new way to make the fair more affordable and family friendly. You asked, and we listened!

New for 2025, fairgoers can purchase an Advance Weekend Pass for just \$35 per person. This pass gives you unlimited access to the fair all weekend long — from Friday, September 12th through to Sunday, September 14th.

Also available is the brand-new Family Day Pass — admission for two adults and two children (kids under 32 inches are always free) for only \$50. This pass is valid for one full day of your choice, making it easy for families to enjoy everything the fair has to offer together.

Please note: Both passes are only available in advance and not sold at the gate. They can be purchased with cash only at Beeton Foodland until Thursday, September 11th at 5:00 PM.

As always, your admission includes access to everything on the fairgrounds: amusements like inflatables and mazes, the rock-climbing wall, 85-foot zipline, trackless train, live music, Movie in the Park, the Demolition Derby, farm animals, and more.

The Beeton Fall Fair is proud to keep evolving and responding to the community it serves. By introducing Advance Weekend Passes and a Family Day Pass, the fair is making it easier for everyone to experience the fun, tradition, and excitement of fair weekend.

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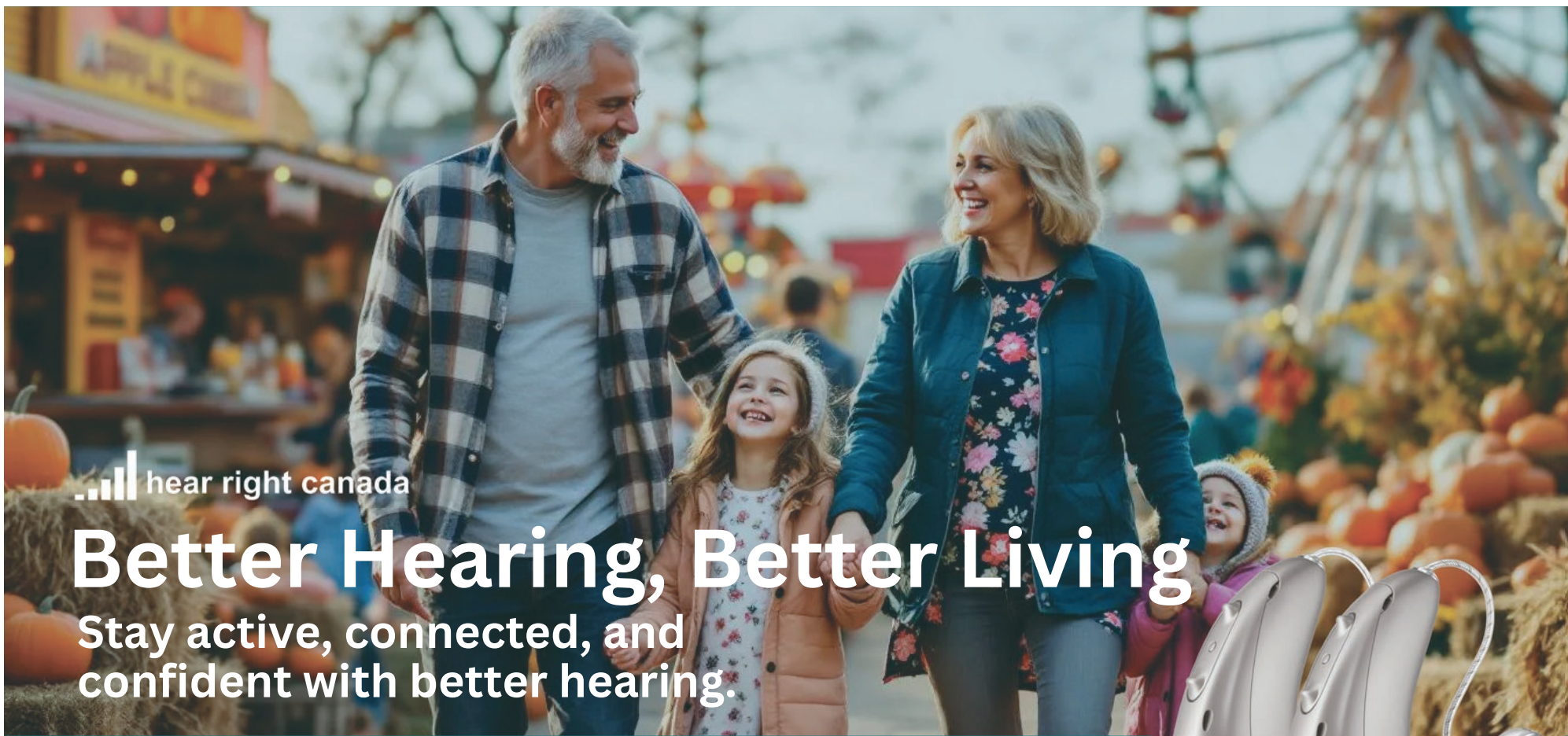
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8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Placing of exhibits	Arena
11:30 a.m.	Arena closes	Arena
12:00 p.m.	Judging commences	Arena
5:00 p.m.	Gates open	Gates
5:00 p.m.	Party Tyme Amusements	Amusements
5:00 - 9:00 pm	Beeton RC Club	Derby Pit
6:00 p.m.	Food booth opens	Fairgrounds
6:00 p.m.	Beer Garden opens	Fairgrounds
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Arena Open	Arena
7:00 p.m.	Grand Opening Ceremony	Main Stage
7:00 p.m.	Guest Speaker Sofya Jordan	Main Stage
8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Band: "Van Hillert"	Main Stage
10:45 p.m. - 12:45 a.m.	Band: "SHOOTER"	Main Stage

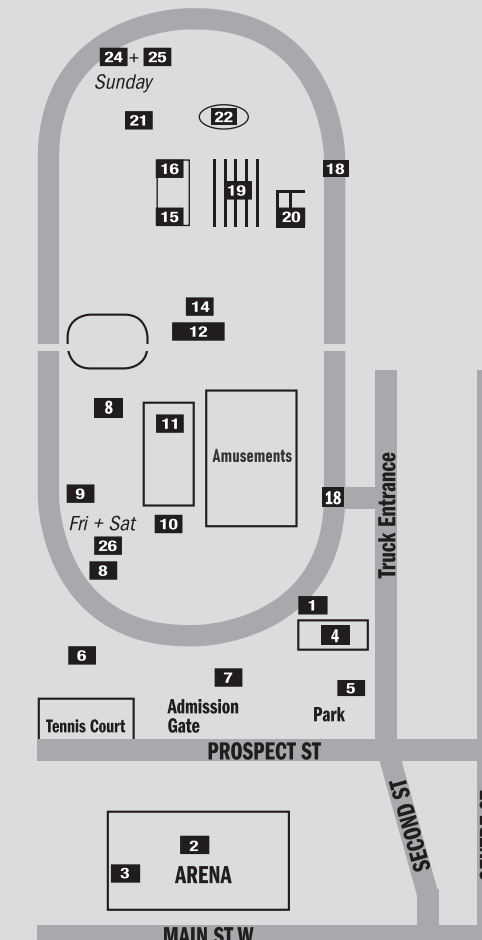
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8 a.m.	Fairgrounds open	Fairgrounds
8 a.m.	North food booth opens	Fairgrounds
9 a.m.	Poultry 4-H	Fairgrounds
9 a.m.	Rabbit Show	Fairgrounds
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Farrier	Fairgrounds
9:30 a.m.	Parade assembles	Main Street Plaza
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Beeton RC Club	Derby Pit
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	VR Reality Experience	Fairgrounds
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Exhibit hall opens	Beeton Arena
10 a.m.	Vendor / Food market	Fairgrounds
10:30 a.m.	Party Tyme Amusements	Amusements
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Parade	Main Street
10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	TOT LOT	Kid's Zone
10 a.m.	Art Caricature	Fairgrounds
11:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.	360 Mobile Booth	Fairgrounds
11:00 a.m. - noon	Baby Contest registration	Arena stage

11:00 a.m.	Bradford/Beeton 4-H Dairy Club & Inter-Club Combined Show	Centre fairgrounds
11:30 a.m. - noon	"Team K-9" Dog Show	Fairgrounds
noon - 2:00 p.m.	Come meet Bluey and Bingo	
noon	Baby Contest	Arena Stage
noon	"Bubba The Clown"	Fairgrounds
Noon to 2 p.m.	Jason Vincent	Fairground Stage
12:30 p.m.	Beer Garden opens	Fairgrounds
1 p.m.	4-H Line Dancing	Arena
1 p.m. - 2 p.m.	Registration for Spelling Bee	Beeton Arena Stage
1:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.	"Team K-9" Dog Show	Fairgrounds
2 p.m.	Cow Patty Bingo	Fairgrounds
2 p.m.	(OTTPA) Garden Tractor Pull	Beeton Arena Stage
3 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	"Team K-9" Dog Show	Fairgrounds
4 p.m.	Bike draw	Fairground Stage
5 p.m.	Exhibit hall closes	Beeton Arena
5 p.m.	Collect exhibits & prize money	Arena
6:30 p.m.	New Tec Roxx	Fairground Stage
8 p.m. (dusk)	Movie in The Park Lilo & Stitch	Park
9 p.m. - 12:25	"BOOTLEGGED" Dance	Arena upstairs

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

8 a.m.	Gates open	Fairgrounds
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Classic Car, Truck & Motorcycle	Registration Fairgrounds
10 a.m.	North food booth opens	Fairgrounds
10 a.m.	Vendor market	Fairgrounds
10:30 a.m.	Party Tyme Amusements	Amusements
11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Classic Car, Truck & Motorcycle	Fairgrounds
12 p.m.	Truck vs Human Tug-O-War	East track
12:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.	Beer Garden opens	North fairgrounds ring
1 p.m. - 5 p.m.	Demolition Derby	North fairgrounds ring
4 p.m.	Grand in Your Hand Draw	North fairground



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| 2 Homecraft Exhibits | 15 Rabbits |
| 3 Arena Stage | 16 Poultry |
| 4 Rotary Hall - Volunteer Reg. | 18 Human Truck Pull |
| 5 Movie Stage | 19 Dairy Ties, Poultry, Sheep |
| 6 Concession Booth (Saturday) | 20 Cow Patty Bingo |
| 7 Admission Gate South | 21 Dog Show |
| 8 Classic Auto Show | 22 Livestock Ring |
| 9 Beer Garden | 24 Demo Derby |
| 10 First Aid | 25 Beer Tent (Sunday) |
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So Many New Things to Discover at the Beeton Fall Fair!

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Remote Control Cars @ the Derby Pit (North Diamond)

Ever wondered what it's like to race like the pros? Head over to the Derby pit and try your hand at steering powerful remote-control cars around the track. It's fast, fun, and perfect for kids and kids-at-heart.

Mascots Meet & Greet

From 12:00–2:00 p.m., keep your eyes peeled for friendly mascots roaming the grounds, ready for high-fives, hugs, and plenty of photo ops with fairgoers.

360° Photo Booth

Strike a pose and spin into action at the 360° photo booth, available from 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. It's your chance to capture a fair memory like never before.

Caricature Drawings

On Saturday from 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., stop by and have a talented artist create a fun and unique caricature drawing to take home as a keepsake.

Farrier Demonstration

From 12:00–4:00 p.m., learn the fascinating skill of horse hoof care from a professional farrier. It's an educational and hands-on way to see a tradition that's been part of agriculture for centuries.

Movie Night in the Park

On Saturday evening, grab a blanket or lawn chair and join us for an outdoor

Movie in the Park. The film will be announced closer to the date — but no matter what's showing, it's sure to be a family-friendly way to wrap up your fair day.

With so much to see and do, there's always something new to experience at the Beeton Fall Fair. Be sure to explore it all and make this year one to remember!

Beeton Fair Baby Show – A Community Favourite!

One of the most heartwarming traditions at the Beeton Fall Fair is the Baby Show, where our community comes together to celebrate its youngest members. This year's event takes place on **Saturday, September 13, inside the Beeton Arena.**

Registration opens at 11:00 AM, with the show beginning promptly at 12:00 Noon. Families are encouraged to arrive early to sign in, get settled, and enjoy the excitement.

The Baby Show features a variety of categories to showcase every little one:

- 1–3 months – Girls & Boys
- 4–6 months – Girls & Boys
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- 13–18 months – Girls & Boys
- 19–24 months – Girls & Boys
- Twins
- Parent & Child Lookalike

It's always a joyful afternoon filled with smiles, laughter, and plenty of "awws" from the crowd. Whether it's a first-time parent or a returning family tradition, the Baby Show is a wonderful way to be part of the Beeton Fair spirit.

Come cheer on the cuteness and celebrate the future of our community at this year's Baby Show!



Come out and cheer on the teams at the Human Truck Pull on Sunday, September 14

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**Celebrating Youth in Agriculture –
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The Beeton Fall Fair is proud to host the Achievement Day for several local 4-H Clubs, showcasing the hard work and talent of young people in our community.

4-H is a national, non-profit youth development organization that spans all 10 provinces, bringing together members ages 6 to 21 to learn new skills through hands-on activities, mentorship, and teamwork. It's where the motto "Learn to Do by Doing" truly comes to life.

At this year's fair, you'll see 4-H members participating in a variety of categories, from livestock and agriculture to creative projects and skill-based demonstrations. Whether it's leading an animal into the ring, presenting a carefully crafted project, or sharing what they've learned over the past year, these young people will impress you with their dedication, talent, and energy.

Groups will be participating throughout the weekend, so be sure to check the fair schedule for specific times. It's a wonderful opportunity to cheer on the next generation of leaders, farmers, and community builders while celebrating the passion and creativity of local youth.

The 4-H exhibits are a reminder that agriculture is alive and thriving in the hands of our young people — and the Beeton Fall Fair is the perfect place to see it all in action.



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Excitement Builds for the Beeton Fair Tractor Pull: A Family Tradition Returns

The wait is over! After an unexpected cancellation last year, the Tractor Pull is back at the Beeton Fall Fair — and everything is in top-notch shape for an afternoon of roaring engines and edge-of-your-seat excitement. Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 13th, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., when the dirt will fly and the tractors will thunder down the track.

The event is hosted by the Ontario Truck and Tractor Pulling Association (OTTPA) Garden Tractor Pulling Division. Competitors will bring an incredible lineup of machines, from souped-up lawn and garden tractors to super stock diesel beasts that shake the ground as they charge forward. Each tractor will attempt to pull a specially designed sled along a 400-foot dirt track. With the sled now fully repaired and ready to roll, the competition promises to be better than ever.

Tractor pulling is more than a contest of horsepower — it's a family tradition. With participants ranging in age from 8 to 80, generations of families come together to compete, cheer, and pass on their love of the sport. The atmosphere in the stands is electric as fans encourage their favorites to drag the sled farther than the rest.

Best of all, admission to the Tractor Pull is included with your fair entry, making it a must-see attraction for fairgoers of all ages. Whether you're a lifelong fan or experiencing the thrill for the first time, the Tractor Pull is guaranteed to deliver unforgettable moments of noise, power, and community spirit.

So grab a seat, feel the rumble, and cheer on the competitors as they battle for bragging rights at the Beeton Fall Fair Tractor Pull!

Put Your Strength to the Test – Human Truck Pull

Ready to flex your muscles? The Human Truck Pull returns to the Beeton Fall Fair on Sunday, September 14! Teams of five will test their strength and teamwork by pulling a full-size tractor-trailer farm truck a distance of 100 feet. The fastest pull wins — and the bragging rights are priceless.

Think you've got what it takes? Register your team ahead of time by contacting Heather Brethet at 905-960-1807 or heather_brethet@hotmail.com or gather a crew while you're watching the Demolition Derby and join in on the fun.

And don't forget — the ladies are back! They gave a fantastic showing last year and have been working out, ready to prove they've got what it takes to go head-to-head with the guys. Could this be the year they take the win?

Whether you're pulling the truck or cheering from the sidelines, the Human Truck Pull is guaranteed to deliver laughs, excitement, and some serious displays of strength.



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**Shine, Rev, and Roll – Classic Car Show
at the Beeton Fall Fair**

Nothing says “fair Sunday” quite like the gleam of chrome and the roar of an engine. The Classic Car, Truck and Motor Cycle Show returns to the Beeton Fall Fair on Sunday, September 14, 2025, bringing together stunning vehicles, proud owners, and plenty of nostalgia for car lovers of all ages.

Registration opens at 9:00 a.m., with entries welcome in a variety of classes. Whether it’s a lovingly restored antique, a muscle car that makes the ground shake, or a custom ride built to turn heads, every vehicle has a story — and Sunday is the day to show it off.

For just \$15 per entry (includes admission for two people in the car), participants get to showcase their pride and joy to fairgoers, compete for awards, and connect with other enthusiasts who share a passion for classic wheels.

The awards ceremony will take place at 1:00 p.m., with prizes handed out across different categories. From shiny paint jobs to carefully restored interiors, the judges will be looking for vehicles that stand out in craftsmanship, style, and spirit.

Spectators can stroll through the lineup, chat with owners about their cars’ histories, and snap photos of some of the finest rides around. Whether you’re a collector, a gearhead, or simply someone who appreciates a beautiful machine, the Classic Car Show is a can’t-miss part of the Beeton Fall Fair.

So polish up those fenders, roll onto the fairgrounds, and be part of this showcase of automotive history and passion.



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Celebrating Creativity – The Homecraft Division at the Beeton Fall Fair

The Beeton Fall Fair wouldn't be complete without the Homecraft Division, where community talent takes center stage. From handmade quilts to home-baked pies, the Homecraft exhibits celebrate creativity, skill, and tradition – all with a dash of friendly competition.

This year's classes include: Plants & Flowers, Culinary Arts, Bottle Goods, Needlecraft, Quilting, Handicrafts, Senior & Special Needs entries, Junior work, Photography, Art, Antiques, Garden Vegetables, Honey, Maple, and Eggs. With so many categories, there's something for everyone to showcase.

Best of all, there's no cost to enter your items. All it takes is a bit of your time, creativity, and willingness to share your work with the community. In return, you could walk away with a coveted red ribbon and even a cash prize for placing in your category.

Entries will be accepted in the Beeton Arena on Thursday from 7:00–9:00 p.m. and again on Friday from 8:00–11:30 a.m. Once the doors close, the judges get to work, carefully reviewing everything from school projects to fine handicrafts, awarding prizes from first to fourth place.

The Arena doors open to the public on Friday at 5:00 p.m., giving fairgoers their first chance to view the beautifully displayed exhibits. On Saturday, the Arena will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., offering plenty of time to explore and admire the talent on display.

Adding to Saturday's excitement, the Huronia Spinners will be in the Arena from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., offering fascinating demonstrations throughout the day. Stop by to watch the traditional art of spinning come to life and learn more about this timeless craft.

During the Opening Ceremonies, the excitement builds as the Grand Champion for Homecraft and the Overall School Winner are announced, highlighting the incredible talent and effort of participants young and old.

The Homecraft Division is a reminder of the rich creativity and agricultural roots of our community. Whether it's a jar of jam, a stunning quilt, or a hand-crafted piece of art, each entry represents skill, tradition, and hometown pride.

So come explore the exhibits, enjoy live demonstrations, and maybe even get an idea for what you might enter in 2026. You never know – next year, it could be your name on that red ribbon!

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19.99 each

Creamy Tuscan Style Chicken and Pasta Kit 907 g

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9.99

Chocolate Chip Ice Cream Cookie Sandwiches 6 SANDWICHES 600 mL 2 Varieties

SAVE \$2

5.99

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SALE

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Confetti Cake Pops 6 PIECES 216 g

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\$9.99

\$5 LOWER

Lasagna 907 g

\$29.99

\$3 LOWER

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