



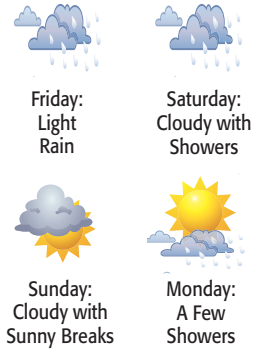
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RCMP seizes nearly \$10 million in drugs from Schomberg lab

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

There was a lot of speculation about what was happening at a property north of Schomberg in early September, as RCMP and local police agencies were present at the site for several days.

Local residents reported seeing many police officers around the property and individuals in hazmat suits. At the time, the RCMP stated there was no risk to public safety.

Police held a press conference at the RCMP's Toronto North Detachment in Newmarket on Friday, Oct. 24, to announce the results of that investigation.

Police said they shut down a 'large-scale synthetic drug lab,' and seized nearly \$10 million worth of drugs. During the press conference, police displayed several items that were seized at the location after executing a search warrant at the location on Sept. 7.

The warrant was executed by the RCMP Serious and Organized Crime Unit.

In addition to a large quantity of drugs, police also seized \$8,000 in cash.

Three people were arrested and face a total of 33 charges.

At Friday's news conference, RCMP Chief Supt. Chris Leather said investigations like these are important to keep the public safe.

"We prevented the future production of millions of dollars' worth of synthetic drugs, protected our communities from harm, and averted



DRUG BUST – The RCMP and local police agencies seized close to \$10 million worth of drugs from a lab north of Schomberg, near its border with New Tecumseth. As a result of the drug seizure, 33 charges have been laid against three people. The charges have not been tested in court.

a potentially dangerous public safety incident posed by the unsafe storage of dangerous chemicals," he said.

The investigation was launched in the spring after a suspicious order of chemicals, known to police to be used in the production of fentanyl, MDMA, methamphetamine, and cannabis extraction, was placed through a local business.

"The results of that investigation led RCMP to discover that the three individuals were operating a large-scale drug lab at an address in Schomberg," the RCMP said in a press release. It went on to say, "In addition to cash, drugs and chemicals, officers discovered illegal equip-

ment and materials including a pill press, firearms, various drug recipes, flasks and chemical glassware, and a variety of other lab components. Approximately 20,000 litres of hazardous waste were also removed from the site."

Officers spent 10 days dismantling the site.

The lab was located in an outbuilding on a large property. None of the accused owned the property – they were renting it.

The property owners had no idea what the building was being used for.

The suspects identified by the RCMP are Christopher O'Quinn, Liang Gao, and Katie King.

They face numerous charges related to drug production, trafficking, and firearms offences.

"This complex and multi-agency investigation demonstrates the strength of coordinated law enforcement efforts, and our shared commitment to keeping Canadians safe," said Chief Superintendent Chris Leather, officer-in-charge of criminal operations for RCMP Central Region.

"Through the collective actions of all agencies involved, we successfully prevented a significant quantity of dangerous and potentially deadly substances from reaching our communities."



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Simcoe County and partners work together to prepare for emergency situations

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regional collaboration, planning, coordination, and partnerships to be successful.

In 2005, the County of Simcoe established a committee to proactively plan and

bring together emergency managers and response personnel from local municipalities and partner organizations to coordinate emergency planning in the region.

Simcoe County Warden Basil Clarke joined Ontario Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, Jill Dunlop, to welcome emergency responders from across Ontario to the County's annual Simcoe Emergency Response Conference, held on Oct. 17.

They acknowledged emergency responders for their efforts during the ice storm earlier this year.

The Simcoe Emergency Response Committee has grown to include representatives from over 45 organizations, including local municipalities, emergency services, volunteer organizations, hospitals, public health, education, conservation authorities, and utilities.

The meeting included presentations of flood risks, a showcase of the volunteers involved with Georgian Bay Volunteer Search and Rescue, mass fatality planning, and key lessons learned during Ottawa's May 2022 Derecho response. A Derecho is a long-lived, fast-moving thunderstorm that causes widespread wind damage.

With Simcoe County's commitment to emergency management and public safety in mind, the County has focused on training and preparing communities across the

region to respond to a variety of possible emergencies. From large, complex county-wide simulations to target municipal occurrences, the County is ensuring that Emergency Management's mission is upheld across the region.

This conference is the latest in a series of emergency management training sessions held across the region this year, including simulations in Alliston, Orillia, and Oro-Medonte, to test and improve response protocols and train emergency responders in simulated real-world scenarios.

During these training exercises, emergency responders were asked to test their response protocols through a variety of simulations, including a mass-casualty incident in June, a hazardous materials incident in September, and an emergency social services shelter operation in October.

These exercises were large-scale, involving multiple agencies from across the region.

In addition to large-scale exercises, the County has been proactively running Local Area Municipality Training and Tabletop Exercises to ensure preparedness at the municipal level to reinforce local emergency plans across the region.

The County's emergency management program helps create disaster-resilient communities ready to meet the challenges of emergencies that may arise across the region.

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CLASS celebrates unveiling of new Resource Centre Community Kitchen

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The kitchen at Community Living Association for South Simcoe in Alliston is much larger and has been modernized thanks to an Ontario Trillium Capital Grant that helped CLASS renovate the facility and purchase new appliances.

This will improve accessibility and allow several people to use the kitchen at the same time while learning some culinary skills.

The renovation doubled the kitchen's size, added new cabinets, and created a centre island so several people can work together.

CLASS received a Trillium grant of \$133,800 to make this possible.

"The Ontario government works very closely with the Ontario Trillium Foundation to make sure that money gets out into the communities to support important initiatives like this," said MPP for Simcoe-Grey Brian Saunderson. "The government is trying to make sure that organizations like CLASS can thrive and have programs to get everybody together so that your community can have a lot of fun together."

Mr. Saunderson suggested the facility would be a good place for a party if the Toronto Blue Jays are successful in their World Series bid.

"Thanks to the funds the Ontario Trillium Foundation received from the Ontario government last year, over 730 grants awarded to non-profit groups across the province," said Marv Chantler, Ontario Trillium Foundation volunteer. "CLASS put forward a strong application last year clearly outlining how the renovations you wanted to make to your kitchen facilities would result in greater accessibility for everyone. Funds were used to buy and install more accessible counter tops, create more room for people in wheelchairs to navigate the space, and buy some new adjustable tables, and new appliances that will benefit culinary programs."

Heather Barzo has been with CLASS for over 30 years, and said the renovation was something they wanted to do for the past 15 years.

"It's been a dream for the past 15 years to expand and make our kitchen more accessible," Heather said. "Now we can have people come in and work around the island, learn skills, and learn how to cook."



KITCHEN EXPANSION – Community Living Association for South Simcoe unveiled its new kitchen on Friday, Oct. 24. CLASS received a Trillium grant of \$133,800 that allowed it to expand the kitchen, add new cupboards and appliances, and make the space more accessible. Simcoe-Grey MPP Brian Saunders, New Tecumseth Mayor Richard Norcross, and Trillium Foundation volunteer Marv Chantler congratulate Barb Barta, Heather Barzo, and Andrew Walker, executive director of CLASS, on the opening of the new kitchen. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**

Council gets update on Raymond A. Barker Water Treatment Plan expansion

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New Tecumseth Town Council received an update on the Raymond A. Barker Water Treatment Plan Expansion project during a meeting on Monday, Oct. 20.

The Town of Collingwood is responsible for the design, construction, and administration of the initial plant expansion. Project progress updates have been provided through Construction and Overall Status Reports, Joint Water Committee minutes, Quarterly Reporting Meetings minutes, and the Town of Collingwood Engage Page on a quarterly basis and as required.

The project budget expenditures are currently on track. The interim water component of the project is generally progressing on schedule and within budget.

The project is currently running behind schedule due to unknown site conditions and water infiltration.

The Town of New Tecumseth is contributing 64 per cent of the \$270 million budgeted cost to expand and modernize the treatment plant, providing the necessary infrastructure

to address the current housing crisis.

The report was delivered in keeping with the direction from Council on Oct. 6.

Progress update

Site dewatering is installed and fully functional. Intake No. 1 chamber is nearing completion.

The temporary industrial pump station and generator are nearing completion. Frazil piping fabrication and installation are underway in the High Lift Pump Station.

Fifty per cent of the frazil piping has been installed to date. Installation of the caisson is in progress for the Membrane Building.

High lift pumps have been identified as a critical delivery item. Interim water is anticipated to be online and operational for early July, which is generally in line with the original schedule.

Anticipated progress for the next phase includes completing the intake chamber and bypass, commissioning the IPS, continuing the installation of secant shoring for the membrane building, continuing demolition/removal of mechanical processes from the raw water building, and demolition of the



AERIAL SHOT – The Raymond A. Baker Water Treatment Plant, from an aerial view, shows ongoing construction for its expansion. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

existing IPS.

Delays have been encountered due to challenging site conditions. This includes high groundwater levels and bay water infiltration during excavation of the intake chamber, which have led to unstable soil and water conditions.

The next quarterly management meeting for the Raymond A. Barker Water Treatment Plant Expansion is scheduled for Jan. 21, 2026.

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Jack Daniels and grape juice?

Six large glasses of water a day – or maybe it was eight.

That's a theory someone came up with several years ago, about the amount of water your body needs to stay healthy.

It sort of made sense, because after all, you are about 60 per cent water.

That theory sparked the great plastic water bottle craze, with people always carrying a bottle of water. Have a drink while driving, have a drink at your desk, have a drink in the middle of a speech you are giving at the Loyal Order of Water Buffalo's lodge meeting.

It became pretty normal.

I'm guessing the six glasses a day water theory was leaked to the media by a smart marketer at a water bottling company in an attempt to boost sales.

If so, it was one of the best marketing campaigns in history.

Sales of bottled water skyrocketed.

There was also a group of people who didn't trust tap water. And yet, it turns out the bottled water they were drinking came from the municipal water supply in Mississauga.

When caught, the company that bottled

the tap water insisted it had a special filtration process that purified the water before bottling, even though the city already has rigorous standards to ensure it supplies clean drinking water to its citizens.

Either way, people were now paying for a bottle of water they could get by turning on the faucet at home.

The downside to the bottled water craze is that, for some reason, apparently a lot of people who drink bottled water never think to dispose of the bottle correctly.

Sure, everyone says they don't throw the bottle away; however, there are billions and billions of water bottles lying in ditches, squashed in parking lots, blowing and tumbling across open areas, and creating a plastic storm in the middle of the Pacific Ocean.

So, someone is lying about properly disposing of their plastic water bottle.

The funny thing is, after all the billions and billions of bottles of water sold to people who are trying to stay healthy, someone came up with a new theory of sorts.

It was reasoned that if your body needs water, you have an internal 'gas gauge' of sorts: you get thirsty.

There's the actual science behind it all – if you feel thirsty, drink a glass of water and your feelings of thirst will go away!

If you don't feel thirsty, your system is currently happy with the amount of water you have in your body.

I think the same people who came up with the six glasses of water a day theory may also have been behind the Coca-Cola scandal a few years ago.

The Coca-Cola company, out of the blue in 1985, – read here, several months, maybe years of planning – announced they were changing the formula of its soft drink and renaming it 'the NEW Coke.'

Why in the world would you change the formula of your product that made it a huge global success, and has kept the company going for, at that time, around 100 years?

If you did decide to make a change, why announce it? Companies make subtle changes in their products all the time, but they don't tell the public.

If the public likes it, they will keep buying it, even if they notice that a company is now using sugar grown on the south side of the island rather than the north side.

I tried the New Coke. Tasted pretty good to me, but slightly sweeter.

After the Coca-Cola company announced the New Coke, there was public outrage.

The company was receiving 1,500 letters of complaint per day, demanding that the original Coke formula be restored, and the story made international headlines.

Eventually, the original formula was restored, and all was well in the world of the best mix to go with your Jack Daniels!

It has been speculated in the years following the Great Coke Scandal that the company realized that the best way to make people want something is to take it away.

If that was their strategy, it worked. Coca-Cola is bigger than ever.

When it comes to keeping hydrated, I follow the Flintstones' thoughts on H₂O.

Barney: (After a scammer tried to sell him something.) "Hey Fred, what kind of water do you use?"

Fred: "There is only one kind of water – wet!"

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



'Can you believe it?' Not really

"Can you believe it?"

I don't know about the rest of you, but when I hear that question pointed in my general direction, I usually think I'm about to be on the receiving end of a real fast one – or, at the very least, the attempted fast one zipped by so quickly I didn't even see it.

It's a phrase that's often used to express some sort of incredulity, underscoring the ridiculousness of whatever they've relayed. If they call attention to said ridiculousness, is it a question of looking for affirmation of their perspective or affirmation that whatever they're saying has more basis in reality than it actually does?

On Friday night, Canadians took a momentary break from baseball fever to react to the news that the U.S. President had abruptly ceased trade negotiations with our country. The reason? Offence at a commercial produced by the Provincial Government to challenge the very idea of tariffs in the country, using the words of the oft-lionized Republican President Ronald Reagan to make their point.

Ontarians, whether they wanted to or not, paid an eye-watering \$75 million for this message to reach its intended audience, and, regardless of the price tag, it seems to have hit its target sometime over

the course of the week that was.

"They cheated on a commercial," said the President in a scum. "Ronald Reagan loved tariffs and they said he didn't. And I guess it was AI or something. They cheated badly. Canada got caught cheating on a commercial. Can you believe it?"

What is it going to take for just one person he's addressing to answer one of his favourite queries with firm and resounding no?

But, wait, there's more.

Amid the manufactured furore, the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation, which is, at the end of the day, run under the auspices of the U.S. Federal Government, released a statement, trumpeted out by the President, of course, that they're reviewing their legal options. On a commercial. Directly using the words of the man in question.

"The ad misinterprets the Presidential Radio Address [where Reagan's words originated], and the Government of Ontario did not seek nor receive permission to use and edit the remarks," they said. "The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute is reviewing its legal options in this matter. We encourage you to watch President Reagan's unedited video on your You-

Tube channel."

On the one hand, hopefully more people took to the 'tubes to watch the video from start to finish, even just to see how ridiculous these complaints are. But, on the other, for some members of their intended audience, they might have encountered some inconvenient truths... which may or may not inspire more "nos" to join the chorus against the "Can you believe it?" crowd.

Yes, the speech was made to justify Reagan's imposing tariffs on Japan, an action he said he was "loath to take," but at the heart of the message was trade barriers like tariffs "hurt every American worker and consumer."

"For those of us who lived through the Great Depression, the memory of the suffering it caused is deep and searing," he said. "And today, many economic analysts and historians argue that high tariff legislation passed back in that period, called the Smoot-Hawley tariff, greatly deepened the Depression and prevented economic recovery.

"You see, at first, when someone says, 'let's impose tariffs on foreign imports,' it looks like they're doing the patriotic thing by protecting American products and jobs. And sometimes, for a short while, it works.

But only for a short time. What eventually occurs is: first, home-grown industries start relying on government protection in the form of high tariffs; they stop competing and stop making the innovative management and technological changes they need to succeed in world markets. And then, while all this is going on, something even worse occurs. High tariffs inevitably lead to retaliation by foreign countries and the triggering of fierce trade wars. The result is more and more tariffs, higher and higher trade barriers, and less and less competition.

"So soon, because the prices made artificially high by tariffs that subsidize inefficiency and poor management, people stop buying. Then the worst happens. Markets shrink and collapse. Businesses and industries shut down. And millions of people lose their jobs. The memory of all this occurring back in the '30s made me determined when I came to Washington to spare the American people the protectionist legislation that destroys prosperity."

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The coming crash

“The thing that comforts me,” said Jeff Boudier at Hugging Face, the leading open platform for AI builders, “is that the internet was built on the ashes of the over-investment into the telecom infrastructure of yesterday” during the dot.com boom of the late 1990s. The coming AI crash “is going to enable lots of great new products and experiences including ones we’re not thinking about today.”

Boudier’s optimism is charming, but note that he assumes this will all happen some years after the current AI-driven boom in global and especially American markets has crashed and burned, taking

some of the ‘magnificent seven’ tech companies (Meta, Tesla, Alphabet, Amazon, Apple, Microsoft and Nvidia) down with it.

Meanwhile ordinary folk will have to live through the post-Crash years one day at a time, and they may find it quite difficult.

Boudier’s promise, credible or not, is that the half-trillion dollars now being hurled at AI infrastructure – data centres, graphics processing units, land purchases, construction – will at least leave behind hardware that will serve the next AI boom in the 2030s.

Far too much money is being spent on long-odds bets that some new AI tech will

appear that justifies the current ridiculously high level of investment, but only one of the magnificent seven can demonstrate that its product will ever make a profit. Nvidia is already making a very large profit – but its product is chips, which it sells mostly to the other six.

The seven together represent about a third of the stock on Standard & Poor’s Index, which tracks the stock performance of 500 leading American companies. When the Bubble bursts and at least some of them go down, therefore, they will probably take the whole market down with them at least in the US, and probably everywhere.

The Bubble (the word no longer requires explanation) is now expanding at a completely unsustainable rate. As Praetorian Capital Management CEO Harris Kupperman wrote in August, “Today I watch in awe (stupefaction, really) as companies continue to throw endless resources at AI.”

“I really thought that the CEOs of today, educated with the lessons of the prior cycle [the crash in 2000 that ended the dot.com boom], would never repeat the mistake of overbuilding at massive scale without revenue. Yet, here we are again.”

Nobody in Silicon Valley is making rational calculations of Return on Investment any more. What drives the spending spree now is the conviction that really useful and profitable AI will magically emerge if you just scale up the computing power enough, and that the last companies standing will inherit the earth. Delusions of grandeur, in other words.

A run-of-the-mill stock market crash was getting overdue anyway – it’s been seventeen years since the last one (not counting Covid) – but the folly of the present boom may well make the crash deeper and the recovery slower than normal. The biggest players in the system are spending vast amounts of borrowed money on a technol-

ogy they don’t even fully understand.

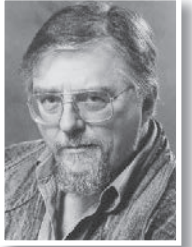
There is definitely a hint of impending doom in the air. Stock market crashes are a feature of the system and normally just a major inconvenience, not a catastrophe (except for those who jumped too late). What further darkens the outlook is the already disordered environment in which the next one will be happening.

There are more and bigger wars than we have seen for decades, accompanied by a near-collapse of the international rule of law.

Donald Trump’s headlong assault on the established rules of international trade has made every agreement open to doubt.

The first plausible attempt is underway to end the US dollar’s monopoly as the global reserve currency and promote the Chinese yuan as a viable alternative, with the support of the BRICS group (China, India, Russia, Brazil, and six others).

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

County of Simcoe's Battery Collection Week begins next week

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The County of Simcoe is preparing for Battery Collection Week, starting Nov. 3, to give residents a chance to properly dispose of their used batteries.

This initiative plays a vital role in promoting the safe and environmentally responsible disposal of household batteries.

All residents are encouraged to help protect the environment by properly disposing of batteries.

If you have a designated battery bag, please use it. Due to delivery disruptions at Canada Post, battery bags were not mailed out this year.

However, they are available for pickup at

all County waste facilities and other select locations throughout the County.

You can view a list of pickup locations online at: <https://simcoe.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Battery-Bag-Pickup-Locations.pdf>

If you don't have a battery bag or need additional space, you may use a large, clear resealable bag instead.

On your scheduled collection day during the week of Nov. 3, place your bag of batteries on top of your waste cart, not inside it. This ensures the batteries are clearly visible and easily accessible for collection crews.

Acceptable items include dry-cell batteries, single-use batteries (standard AA, AAA, C, D, and 9-Volt), and button batteries. Due to regulatory requirements, only

undamaged, single-use, dry-cell batteries are accepted for curbside collection.

Batteries that are not accepted include rechargeable battery packs, i.e. NiCad, NiMH, or Lithium Ion – typically used in laptop computers, cellular phones, etc. Car batteries, industrial batteries, and battery packs.

These batteries should be taken to a Household Hazardous Waste Depot for free, year-round.

Proper disposal of batteries prevents harmful chemicals from entering the environment and helps conserve valuable resources.

By participating in Battery Collection Week, you are contributing to a cleaner, safer environment.



PROPER DISPOSAL – Battery Collection Week in Simcoe County starts on Nov. 3. Acceptable items include dry-cell batteries, single-use batteries (standard AA, AAA, C, D, and 9-Volt), and button batteries.

BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

Grandmothers Embrace to hold annual sale in support of African orphans

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Grandmothers Embrace of South Simcoe will hold its annual sale in Alliston, offering the public the chance to find great deals.

The popular sale features gently used jewelry, purses, and scarves.

Grandmothers Embrace will donate proceeds of the sale to the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

The Foundation supports grandmothers in

Africa, their grandchildren, and others. There are many grandmothers in Africa who are raising their grandchildren who have become orphans due to the HIV and AIDS pandemic on that continent.

New this year, the sale is accepting both

cash and debit.

The Grandmothers Embrace of South Simcoe annual sale will take place on Saturday, Nov. 8, at St. John's United Church in Alliston. The sale will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Traffic complaint results in impaired driving charges for New Tecumseth resident

Nottawasaga Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers charged one individual with impaired driving following a traffic complaint in Essa.

Shortly after 2 p.m. on Oct. 26, Nottawasaga OPP responded to a traffic complaint near on Highway 89 and County Road 10 in Essa.

Witnesses reported that the driver was

observed swerving and running red traffic lights.

Officers located the vehicle and spoke with the driver. Based on their observations, officers determined the driver was impaired by alcohol and placed them under arrest.

As a result of the investigation, Francisco Tardio-Alarcon, 48, of New Tecumseth,

was charged with:

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

The accused is scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Bradford on November 27, 2025, to answer to the charge.

The charge has not been proven in court.

If you suspect that someone is driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs, it is important to call 9-1-1 to report it.

You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

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Province supporting Ski Cross World Cup at Blue Mountains

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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The Ontario government is providing \$272,300 to Alpine Canada to support the 2026 FIS Ski Cross World Cup, to be held in the Blue Mountains from March 2 to 15, 2026.

MPP for Simcoe-Grey, Brian Saunderson, announced the funding on Wednesday, Oct. 15.

FIS is the International Ski and Snowboarding Federation, which is the highest international governing body for these snow sports.

The \$272,300 in funding for Alpine Canada is part of the provincial government's plan to protect the economy and promote active, healthy living across Ontario.

"I'm proud that our government is supporting the 2026 FIS Ski Cross World Cup here in the Blue Mountains,"

MPP Saunderson said. "This is a world-class event that will showcase Ontario's natural assets, strengthen our local economy, and inspire the next generation of athletes. This investment reflects our commitment to building healthy, active communities and reinforcing Simcoe-Grey's reputation as a premier destination for sport and tourism."

Funding is provided through the Ontario Sport Hosting Program and is part of over \$1.6 million that the Ministry of Sport is investing to support 21 national and nine international amateur sport events in communities across the province.

These events will welcome 10,000 athletes from across Canada and around the world to Ontario and are expected to generate over \$34 million in economic activity.

"Sport tourism is a major economic driver for our province, and an important part of our government's plan to

protect Ontario's economy," said Neil Lumsden, Minister of Sport. "Through these investments, we're helping communities unlock the benefits of sport hosting, while giving our athletes the chance to compete here at home, and reinforcing Ontario's reputation as a premier destination for world-class events."

The Ontario Sport Hosting Program helps bring national and international amateur sport events to the province by providing funding to organizations to host them. These events encourage investment in local sport infrastructure, help boost local economies, and increase tourism.

They also provide an opportunity for athletes to train and develop their skills at home.

The program has supported more than 230 events since 2018, generating approximately \$220 million in economic activity across the province.

Break and enter of Adjala-Tosorontio business under investigation, suspects wanted

Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers are investigating a break and enter of a business in Adjala-Tosorontio Township.

On Oct. 19, shortly after 7 a.m., officers responded to a report of a break and enter at a business located at 4840 Concession Road 7 in Adjala-Tosorontio. The suspects had fled the scene prior to police arrival.

The preliminary investigation revealed that at approximately 6:50 a.m., a dark, newer-model GMC pickup truck bearing a stolen Ontario licence plate CD49729 entered the parking lot and stopped in front of the contractor door.

One suspect exited the vehicle and

attempted to open the door, followed shortly by a second suspect who arrived on foot.

Suspect 1 broke the glass of the contractor door and forced entry through both the outer and inner doors.

Both suspects entered the store, removed multiple boxes of tools worth approximately \$12,000 and loaded them into the pickup truck before departing the scene at approximately 7:01 a.m.

Suspect 1 is described as tall, medium build, wearing dark clothing, gloves, shoes, and a hoodie with their face covered.

Suspect 2 is described as shorter,

medium build, wearing lighter clothing including a sweater with a John Deere logo, gloves, a ball cap, and also had their face covered.

Investigations are still ongoing, police are encouraging residents and businesses in the area to review their camera footage or dash cam for any suspicious activity that may be helpful in this investigation between 6:50 a.m.- 7:30 a.m., on Sunday Oct. 19.

The investigation is ongoing by the Nottawasaga OPP. If you have any information in relation to this incident, please contact the Nottawasaga OPP at 1-888-310-1122 (Reference #E251423559).




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Arts & Local Events



SPOOKTACULAR EVENT – It was a fun time in downtown Alliston during the Halloween Monster Mash sponsored by the Alliston Business Improvement Association on Saturday, Oct. 25. There were plenty of costumes and fun things to see and do. The event was packed with people in costumes and performers on the street. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTOS**

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MONSTER MASH – It was a fun time in downtown Alliston during the Halloween Monster Mash sponsored by the Alliston Business Improvement Association on Saturday, Oct. 25. There were plenty of costumes and fun things to see and do. The event was packed with people in costumes and performers on the street. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTOS**

Simcoe County presents final installment of funds for hospice investments

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

County of Simcoe Councillors presented a cheque for \$437,987 to representatives of the Simcoe County Hospice Alliance on Oct. 15.

This was the final instalment of the County's five-year commitment to enhancing residential hospice and palliative care services across the region.

Launched in 2021, this strategic investment has supported community expansion, capital projects, and infection prevention and control upgrades at hospice centres throughout Simcoe County.

Over the past five years, the County has contributed more than \$2.3 million to help strengthen compassionate end-of-life care for residents.

This year's funding includes:

- Matthews House Hospice - \$75,445
- Hospice Georgian Triangle - \$128,081
- Hospice Simcoe - \$98,763
- Mariposa House Hospice - \$77,371
- Hospice Huronia - \$58,327

"We're proud to support the Simcoe County Hospice Alliance in their mission to provide dignity, comfort, and care to residents and families during life's most vulnerable moments," said Simcoe County Warden Basil Clarke. "This funding reflects our commitment to building up community-based health care and ensuring that every resident has access to high-quality end-of-life support close to home."

The Simcoe County Hospice Alliance was formed to look at regional planning and project capital needs across Simcoe County for area hospice centres. This group is com-

prised of representatives from

Hospice Georgian Triangle in Collingwood, Hospice Huronia in Midland, Mariposa House Hospice in Orillia, Matthews House Hospice in Alliston, and Hospice

Simcoe in Barrie.

From 2017 to 2019, the County also provided \$1.5 million as part of its previous three-year commitment towards creating greater access.

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Addiction Services Central Ontario's Touch of Art event provides creative outlet

BY BROCK WEIR

Having a creative outlet can be a powerful factor in maintaining body, mind, and soul – and the importance of art to mental health and addictions was underscored last week through A Touch of Art, an event hosted by the Aurora-based Addiction Services of Central Ontario.

Addiction Services of Central Ontario (ASCO), which provides more than 10 community-based programs in York Region, South Simcoe, and North York, hosted the event at Richmond Hill's Boynton House.

The brainchild of ASCO staff member Audry Barton, who is also an area artist, the event was envisioned as "a new way to build community and make a tangible difference for individuals, their loved ones, and communities affected by addictions."

The event, which was based around the theme of "Trees and Seas" as a symbol of resilience and renewal, featured works by Barton and five other local artists, hands-

on workshops and more, with all proceeds going to support ASCO clients.

"For many years, I have been thinking about what could be done to support ASCO, knowing that the programs and services have been critically important for individuals, their loved ones, and the community more broadly," said Barton. "Art is very important to me, personally, and it creates connections and has a healing power. We have seen the benefits of art with ASCO clients. I'm thrilled that local artists have agreed to come together to support ASCO by donating works of art."

The healing power of art was underscored by Penny Marrett, ASCO's Executive Director, who said one key piece of feedback they received from clients on the impact of art dovetailed perfectly with the show's "Trees and Seas" theme.

This client, who painted a picture of a wave, shared: "Life to me is like water; it sustains your life, but it can also take your life – and just like water, life can be calm and soothing, or turbulent or stormy. Lately

my life has been very stormy, but one thing I know about waves is you have to move with them and ride the wave. If you try to fight it, it will take you under and pummel you. You have to catch it at the beginning and move with it, and there's always that terrifying moment when you're not quite sure that you'll make it, but then you go over the crest, and with the wave of your back, you go forward."

"Interestingly enough, a few years ago, we actually started to offer a sort of art workshop and Audry led them," said Marrett. "You can imagine that many individuals feel, 'Well, I'm not an artist, I can't paint, I can't do this,' and miracle of all miracles, everybody can do it in some way, shape or form. Now we have clients who always ask us, 'When's the next art workshop?'"

"There are all sorts of different ways in which they do art and it is one of the ways in which individuals affected by addictions can actually relax, have a cup of coffee or a cup of tea, and leave having produced

something that's theirs and theirs only – and that they're proud of.

"This art exhibition an extension of how art can actually be one of the healing powers for the individuals."

Among the community leaders lending their support to the show, which also featured food created by those taking part in culinary programs led by 360 Kids, was Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill MPP Michael Parsa.

"The Touch of Art exhibit serves as a reminder that healing is not just found in clinics or counselling rooms – it is also found in creative community engagement," he said. "By converting art into action through the commitment to donate all artwork sale proceeds to ASCO programs, Addiction Services Central Ontario has turned artistry into meaningful support for mental health and addictions care in the community."

For more information about Addiction Services Central Ontario, visit helpwithaddictions.ca.

Quick response to suspicious activity results in charges laid against women found with stolen items

Officers from the Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have arrested and charged one individual following a suspicious persons call that led to the recovery of stolen property and multiple charges related to thefts from motor vehicles.

On Oct. 27, shortly after 1 a.m., officers received a report from a resident on Brentwood Road in Essa regarding a female suspect observed attempting to enter parked vehicles.

The complainant maintained visual con-

tact with the suspect, who was described as a Caucasian female wearing a hoodie, dark jacket, and long black pants with stripes, and riding a bicycle.

Officers quickly responded to the area and located the suspect near 53 Brentwood Road. Upon investigation, officers discovered the female in possession of multiple items, not belonging to her.

As a result of the investigation, Justine Hall, 31, of no fixed address was arrested and charged with the following:

- Trespassing at Night

- Theft Under \$5000
- Possession of Weapon for Dangerous Purpose
- Possession Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5,000 - in Canada
- Failure to comply with release order - other than to attend court (four counts)

The accused was arrested and transported to the Nottawasaga OPP detachment, where she was held for a bail hearing.

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

Police recovered several items such as a wallet and gift cards believed to be stolen and are seeking the public's assistance in identifying the rightful owners.

If you believe you may be a victim of the thefts or have information related to this investigation, please contact the Nottawasaga OPP at 1-888-310-1122 (Reference #E251458413).

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Banting senior girls' football team to compete in championship with undefeated record

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Banting Memorial High School Marauders senior girls' flag football team will be going to the Simcoe County Athletic Association (SCAA) championship game after winning both of their playoff games on home turf on Thursday, Oct. 23.

The Marauders entered the playoffs as an undefeated team, going 6-0 for the regular season and finishing in first place.

In five of those games, the Marauders blanked the opposition and didn't allow a single point against.

Going into the playoffs, the quarter-final and semi-final games were scheduled to be played on the same day.

The Marauders faced Bradford District School in the quarter-final, which got underway on the field at Banting at 11 a.m.

Bradford arrived on the field with a 3-3 record and was the bottom team among the eight teams with a playoff berth.

The Marauders played well and won 25-1.

They had to wait for the outcome of the quarter-final between Nantyr Shores Secondary School from Innisfil and Eastview Secondary School from Barrie.

Nantyr Shores won that game 14-0 to advance to the semi-final game.

That set up the semi-final between Banting and Nantyr Shores with a 3 p.m. start.

Nantyr Shore scored the first TD of the game for an early lead.

The Marauders battled back and scored with the extra point to lead by a single point.

They scored again in the second half, and Banting won 19-6.

"The first game was good, but we had



RUNNING THE BALL – The Banting Memorial High School Marauders girls' senior flag football team takes on Nantyr Shores Secondary School during their SCAA semi-final game on the field at Banting on Thursday, Oct. 23. The Marauders won the game 19-6 and will advance to the championship game. Banting quarterback Celina Whittaker looks for a receiver during the second half of the game. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**

a rough start," said Banting quarterback Celina Whittaker of the game against Bradford. "We picked it up in the second half. They scored first and it kind of rattled us."

The semi-final against Nantyr Shores proved to be a competitive game.

Banting stepped up when they had to and got the win.

"We realized we need to score touchdowns, and throw better and catch them and run different routes," Celina said. "We were strong and fast, getting open and finding

ways to get open."

The Marauders will now face Orillia Secondary School for the SCAA championship.

That game will take place on Thursday, Oct. 30, on the field at Banting.

Game time is 2:30 p.m.

Alliston Hornets remain undefeated after 13 games, win pair of weekend games against Innisfil, Midland

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Alliston Hornets remain undefeated after posting two wins over the weekend and are in first place in the North Carruthers Division of the Provincial Junior Hockey League.

Returning to the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre after playing six road games, the Hornets hosted Innisfil Spartans on Friday, Oct. 24.

The game was pretty much over by the end of the first period when the Hornets scored four unanswered goals to lead 4-0 with two periods left to go.

First period goals came from Jax Bellwood, Will Hopcraft, and two from Duncan Grube.

Alliston forward Noah Larmon scored at 33 seconds into the second period.

The Spartans got their only goal of the game at 1:18 into the frame.

Grube got the hattrick for the night when he got his third goal at the 6:20 mark into the period.

Jacob English finished off the second period scoring at 14:49.

The game ended with a final goal from Jax Bellwood midway in the third period to give the Hornets an 8-1 win.

The squad was back on home ice after playing three games in three nights the previous weekend.

"We've have some guys that are hurt right now, so that makes it difficult," said Hornets head coach Dan Schaly of the team playing three back-to-back games. "We had to call some APs up."

The Hornets looked well disciplined in Friday's game.

"Confidence on the team is really good," Schaly said. "We've got new systems and a structure on the team. They bought in and its really paid a lot of dividends, seeing how the team fits together. We have a really good team bond. The veterans have really welcomed the new guys in and tried to create a family atmosphere. Our focus is playing hard and well every game and looking to playoffs, and playing for that."

The Hornets travelled to Midland on Sunday, Oct. 26, to take on the Flyers.

At the end of the second period, it was a 4-1 Alliston game.

The goals were match in the third period with both teams getting two.

The final was a 6-3 Alliston win.

They now have a 13-game winning streak



WINNING STREAK CONTINUES – The Alliston Hornets take on the Innisfil Spartans at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre on Friday, Oct. 24. The Hornets left the ice with an 8-1 win. The Hornets are undefeated for the season after 13 games. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**

behind them.

The Hornets will return to home ice at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre on Friday,

Oct. 31, when they will host the Penetang Kings.

Game time is 7:30 p.m.

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'Can you believe it?' Not really

Did Ontario somehow cheat?

No; not only were the words in context, but the footage and audio in question is public domain, by design, and free to use.

Did Ronald Reagan love tariffs? To hear him tell it, absolutely not.

Did "they" (Ontario) say he didn't? No, Reagan said it himself.

Did Canada cheat badly? First of all, it's an Ontario matter, and unless there was an unspoken agreement between any of the players in this drama that we would not defend our perspective, then, once again, that answer is no.

Can we believe it?

No – for the aforementioned reasons and so much more.

Amid the ongoing trade battle between the two countries, I have to hand it to the Federal and Ontario governments for continuing to act and negotiate in good faith – because it's clear that these acts of good faith are exclusively traveling down a one-way street.

For every one step forward we, as Canadians, are knocked back at least two more, due to the increasingly frivolous and ridiculous whims of one man, which makes any negotiation impossibly unpredictable.

If we ever get close to a deal in the next three years of the current administration, will it be scuttled at the eleventh hour for some

absurd perceived slight?

If we actually go as far as inking a deal that works for both countries, would it be unilaterally nullified because he didn't like the outcome of the latest Great Canadian Baking Show, or singer Katy Perry's relationship with Justin Trudeau? It sounds ridiculous, but it doesn't seem all that far removed from the world we're living in today.

It is impossible to work towards a deal when one party keeps moving the goal posts, and, as apparently he's a "builder at heart", it's no sweat on his brow to dig them up and plant them again.

"Living next to you is in some ways like sleeping with an elephant," said Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, addressing the Nixon government. "No matter how friendly and even-tempered is the beast, if I can call it that, one is affected by every twitch and grunt."

That oft-repeated quote is more relevant now than ever before as the twitches and grunts make way for kicks and falsehoods.

As important as these relationships are, will there come a point where our leaders simply throw up their hands and decide to take our business elsewhere rather than stepping up time and time again, hoping for the best, only to get kicked in the teeth?

We probably can't afford to lay off being gluttons for punishment, but it's nice to dream.



4-H DONATION – St. John's United Church in Alliston held its annual pancake breakfast during the Alliston Potato Festival in July. The church donates some of the proceeds to various local good causes. John Morrison, representing the church, presents a cheque for \$300 to Katelyn Mann from the South Simcoe 4H Association, which will go towards the Association's Community Involvement fund. The presentation was made at the church on Wednesday, Oct. 22.



SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY – St. John's United Church in Alliston held another successful pancake breakfast at the Alliston Potato Festival in August. Some of the proceeds from the breakfast are donated to local charities. John Morrison, representing the church, presents a cheque for \$1,000 to the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation (SMHF) at the church on Wednesday, Oct. 22. Representing the Foundation are Melody Craggs (director of development of SMHF) and foundation members Ken Pratt, Bev Bailey, Dan Bailey, and Ann Price. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**

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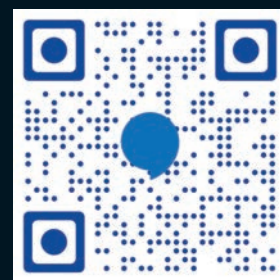
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County urges drivers to pull over when emergency vehicles approach

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
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The County of Simcoe and County of Simcoe Paramedics are reminding motorists to stay alert and follow Ontario's Move Over Law.

This is an important, life-saving regulation designed to protect emergency responders and roadside workers.

"Every day, our emergency responders and roadside workers put their lives on the line to protect and care for our residents and visitors," said Simcoe County Warden Basil Clarke. "The Mover Over Law isn't a legal obligation, it's a moral one. Slowing down and moving over gives these professionals the space they need to do their jobs safely and return home to their families. Let's all do our part to keep them safe."

In Ontario, drivers are required to slow down and, if it is safe to do so, move over one lane when either approaching stopped emergency vehicles or when emergency vehicles approach them with flashing lights activated. This includes paramedics, police, fire, and tow trucks.

Failure to comply could result in fines

ranging from \$400 to \$2,000, three demerit points, and even a possible driver's license suspension for up to two years if convicted.

"When our paramedics are responding to emergencies, every second counts, and so does every inch of space," said Sarah Mills, Director and Chief of the County of Simcoe Paramedic Services. "The Move Over Law is a critical safeguard that allows paramedics and other emergency personnel to work without fear of being struck by passing vehicles. We urge all drivers to abide by the laws. Give us a brake. Slow down. Move over."

County of Simcoe Paramedic Services is doing its part to improve road safety and recently unveiled the Paramedic Driving Enhancement Program (PDEP). This is a new initiative aimed at strengthening the driving skills of paramedics. This advanced training program is designed to elevate driver proficiency and ultimately enhance road safety across the community.

Developed in partnership with the Canada Safety Council and Hamilton Paramedic Services, PDEP delivers targeted instruction tailored to the unique driving conditions faced by paramedics.



MOVE OVER LAW – Drivers who observe an ambulance with flashing lights must slow down and move over one lane or onto a road's shoulder, if it's safe to do so, in accordance with Ontario's Move Over Law. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**

The program includes five hours of classroom education and two hours of supervised, in-vehicle training, followed by a graduated driving matrix that ensures new recruits are assessed and signed off before

transporting patients independently. CSPS is also working with the Safety Council of Canada to develop a standardized driver safety curriculum for paramedic colleges across Ontario.

South Simcoe Police launch Next Generation 9-1-1 Initiative, advancing digital technology

The South Simcoe Police Service announces the launch of Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1). This initiative is multi-staged and designed to modernize the traditional 9-1-1 network by providing the service with advanced digital technology to better serve our communities and emergency response procedures.

For residents the process for calling 9-1-1 remains the same, however the new network provides operators with critical improvements, including:

- faster and more accurate caller location and phone number information
- enhanced reliability and cybersecurity

• expanded backup capabilities in the event of a system failure

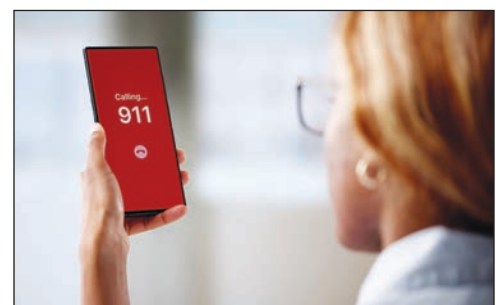
• future ability to support real-time text messaging and other digital technologies

In 2024, the SSPS received 28,534 calls for service. South Simcoe Police expect the new technology to have a large impact on how quickly calls are responded to and ensure enhanced safety for our growing communities.

The Ontario government has provided more than \$650,000 since 2022 to support the South Simcoe Police Service's transition to NG9-1-1.

"Upgrading Ontario's public safety com-

munications will be a game changer," said Hon. Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario. "Next Generation 9-1-1 gives first responders real-time, life-saving information which means a faster, more effective emergency response. Under the leadership of Premier Ford, our government will always have the backs of those who protect our province. That's why we are proud to provide funding to South Simcoe for this new technology which will mean more calls will be answered, more lives will be saved and people across the city can count on emergency services when it matters most."



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Health Unit shares how to protect yourself this respiratory virus season

As we settle into fall, cases of common colds, COVID-19, seasonal influenza (flu) and other respiratory viruses begin to increase. The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) urges everyone to get immunized for flu and COVID-19. These free vaccines are available as of today — Monday, Oct. 27 — from participating local pharmacies and some health care providers.

Getting immunized early in the season helps maximize your protection against serious illness, especially during the winter months when respiratory viruses circulate the most. Young children, older adults, and those with underlying medical conditions are at increased risk of serious illness from these respiratory viruses. Along with getting immunized, there are simple and effective steps you can take to protect yourself

and those around you:

- Stay home if you're feeling unwell with any symptoms of a respiratory illness. Keep children home from school or child care if they're sick.
- Avoid non-essential visits to hospitals, long-term care homes, or retirement residences if you're not feeling well.
- Wash your hands frequently and clean high-touch surfaces regularly.
- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze.
- Consider wearing a well-fitted medical mask in indoor public spaces, especially if you're at higher risk of severe illness.
- If you're sick, wear a mask in all public settings for 10 days after your symptoms begin (note: masks are not recommended for children under 2 years).

Parents and caregivers of children 6

months up to 5 years old who do not have a family doctor or nurse practitioner or who cannot find a local pharmacy to provide the flu shot or COVID-19 vaccine may make an appointment at one of the health unit's immunization clinics.

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccine is also available this season for older adults 75 years and older, and some adults 60 through 74 years of age who meet specific high-risk criteria and have not received the vaccine before.

RSV protection is also available for babies up to 8 months old during their first RSV season and some high-risk young children up to 24 months of age. Beyfortus will be offered to all babies born after Oct. 1 prior to hospital discharge at birth, and those born before Oct. 1 can access through their family doctor or if they do not have a

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Want weekly information on local respiratory virus activity? The Weekly Respiratory Virus Update, is an interactive data dashboard, updated every Tuesday, summarizing the most recent week's influenza, COVID-19, and RSV activity. It provides an overview of circulating respiratory viruses in Simcoe Muskoka and, when available, across Ontario.

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