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Tottenham Home Show Returns

The Tottenham & Beeton District Chamber of Commerce Home Show and Artisan Market took place at the Tottenham Community Centre arena on Saturday, April 20. There was a huge turnout of visitors and many businesses took part in the show for the first time. Linda and Haily of Sprinkle, Eat, Repeat had a variety of homemade-style cookies for sale at their booth. See more photos on Page 8. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**

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Abilities in Motion to host annual regatta at Earl Rowe Provincial Park

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Abilities in Motion will again be hosting their annual regatta at Earl Rowe Provincial Park just outside of Alliston.

The regatta offers the public an opportunity to learn about the not-for-profit organization and enjoy a summer day out on the lake.

Abilities in Motion promotes inclusive paddling and provides people with physical disabilities and mental challenges the opportunity to get out on the water and enjoy paddling.

The organization built a boat house at Earl Rowe Park several years ago to store their kayaks and canoes and it also serves as a

meeting place and headquarters.

The Big Canoe is a popular experience on the lake and offers seating for several people in the 26-foot-long craft. This year, there will be two big canoes available.

To throw a little challenge into the day, there will be a Big Canoe tug-of-war.

This year's regatta will take place on Friday, Aug. 16, and Saturday, Aug. 17.

Entrance to the park is free, but you must register in advance by emailing creekpaddler4@gmail.com.

This will be an opportunity to see what Abilities in Motion is all about and enjoy the experience of getting out on the water and paddling.



PADDLE IN THE PARK – Abilities in Motion will once again be hosting its annual regatta at Earl Rowe Provincial Park near Alliston. The event will feature two Big Canoes this year and give people the chance to get out on the water and enjoy some paddling. **FILE PHOTO**

Tottenham's biggest dance party of the year returning to community centre in May

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Tottenham's biggest dance party of the year returning to community centre in May

By Brian Lockhart

Tottenham will once again be a place for revelry when the 46th Annual CRIC Draw and Dance takes place on Saturday, May 4, at the Tottenham Community Centre.

There are 1,200 tickets available.

All funds raised support improvements to culture, sport, and recreation within the Totten-

ham community.

CRIC is a not-for-profit organization that has been raising funds in the Tottenham area since 1979. Over the years, CRIC has invested over \$500,000 in the community.

These investments include the IdeaLab and Community Room in the Tottenham branch of the New Tecumseth Library, the Tottenham Food Bank, supporting local sports teams and leagues, and contributions to local services like the Tottenham Fire Department, St. John's Ambulance, the Royal Canadian Legion and

local schools.

CRIC is a big supporter of local sports and sports facilities and has contributed to the Keogh Park tennis courts, ball diamonds, soccer fields, and the skateboard park.

In addition, CRIC supports local community events such as Tottenham Community Week, the Santa Claus parade, and the Grate Groan-up Spelling Bee.

Going to the big CRIC dance party means you will have a good time and have the chance to win some big prizes.

Over 50 cash/gift prizes totalling more than \$44,000 will be handed out including a \$20,000 Grand Prize.

Live entertainment will be performed by

Your New Neighbors, covering hits from the 70s, 80s, 90s, and current rock and dance tunes.

DJ SamO from Dufferin DJs will spin the tunes between sets.

Due to the increased number of tickets sold this year, the draw will begin earlier than previous years and will get underway around 7:30 p.m. You must be 18 years of age or older to purchase a ticket, and all guests must show their ticket at the door.

Tickets are \$75 each.

In person tickets may be purchased at Tottenham Home Hardware and the Tottenham Legion.

Tickets can be purchased on-line by visiting the CRIC website at www.tottenhamcric.ca

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Toonies for New Tecumseth fundraiser this weekend

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Toonies for New Tecumseth, a local initiative to raise money for the Tottenham Food Bank and S.H.I.F.T. in Alliston, will hold a special fundraiser this weekend at the Tottenham Legion.

Tottenham resident, Eva Bradley, is behind Toonies for New Tecumseth as her latest fundraising effort.

In the past, Ms. Bradley has helped raise money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation, the Lions Club, the local animal shelter, Matthews House Hospice and Stevenson Memorial Hospital.

The theme for this fundraiser comes from

the notion of "how much could be raised if every household in town donated just one Toonie to the cause," Ms. Bradley said.

The fundraiser got underway on Feb. 1, with the help of Eva's friend, Chrystal Robertson. She plans to continue fundraising until Nov. 17, with the goal of raising \$10,000.

There are several events planned over the next few months. Eva and Chrystal will be at the Beeton Honey Festival on May 25.

This coming weekend, Toonies for New Tecumseth will have a bake sale, and silent auction, as well as a raffle at the Tottenham Legion. The Legion is located on Richmond St. E. and the bake sale takes place Saturday, April 27, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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CARSTAR offers expert collision service for a stress-free experience

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

One of Alliston's newest businesses offers expert collision repair and auto glass service to help you get your vehicle back on the road after having an accident.

CARSTAR Alliston opened its doors in February at its Highway 89, location on the west side of town.

While no one looks forward to needing a collision service, accidents do happen and you want to make sure your vehicle is repaired properly by a trusted professional.

"We try to make an unfortunate experience as pleasant as possible," explained CARSTAR Shop Manager, Terri Kriegizas.

Terri has extensive experience in the automotive industry and brings a wealth of knowledge to the Alliston CARSTAR location.

Along with Terri, there are professional, licensed auto body technicians and an experienced and qualified auto painter.

"We do collision work," Terri explained. "When a customer comes in, I talk to them about the accident and what happened, then look at the repair and review it. A lot of times I'm dealing with the insurance company ahead of time. We get everything approved,

get the parts, and book the customer in. We try to make it quick and easy. I like to take the stress away from our customers. I deal with the insurance company and help with a rental. We take very stressful situations and make them as least stressful as possible. We've had a very warm welcome in Alliston from both auto dealerships and businesses in general. Everyone has been super welcoming."

The shop also does auto glass repair and replacement.

Painting is a huge part of auto collision repair and CARSTAR Alliston has a qualified, professional paint person who can match any colour of auto paint.

"We really enjoy what we do," Terri said. "Everyone that works here likes working on cars. Working in this industry, I've seen people have bad experiences in body shops, and here, we're trying to change that and make it good experience for our customers. We've had some very good positive feedback from our customers. They've all had a good experience here."

CARSTAR Alliston is located at 7513 Highway 89.

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NEW LOCAL BUSINESS – CARSTAR Alliston, one of the Town's newest businesses, is now open at its Highway 89 location on the west side of Town. The shop features full auto collision services by experienced and professional technicians. Shop manager, Terri Kriegizas, has extensive experience in the automotive industry and tries to turn an unfortunate accident into a good experience for car drivers. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**

New Tecumseth and Collingwood award contract, share plans for expansion of water treatment plant

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

A joint statement from New Tecumseth Mayor Richard Norcross and Collingwood Mayor Yvonne Hamlin announced an agreement to award the contract for the water treatment plant expansion.

On April 10, New Tecumseth Council announced its intent to proceed with its planned share of the Raymond A. Barker Water Treatment Plant Expansion project. Both New Tecumseth and Collingwood Town Councils agreed on mutually beneficial terms to share and seek to augment water capacity during construction.

After an in-camera council meeting, on April 15, Collingwood Council passed a motion on accepting a tender from Kenaiden Contracting Ltd for the water



treatment plant.

The agreement was released stating: "that Council of the Town of New Tecumseth (NT) hereby indicate its agreement to the Town of Collingwood (TOC) to proceed forward with its 63% cost share of the expansion of the Raymond A. Barker Water Treatment Plant with the understanding that 250 [cubic metres] will be made available to the Town of New Tecumseth for immediate allocation with a further supply of 150 [cubic metres] of Collingwood's remaining capacity within the next 12 calendar months – with both quantities being made available

subject only to the technical capabilities of the Plant; and Further That the Town of New Tecumseth and Town of Collingwood will participate in the discussion and allocation of an interim water solution after the review is completed by AECOM in October 2024 subject to proportional cost sharing and a minimum of 50% directed to the Town of New Tecumseth; and further that should the Town of New Tecumseth need an interim water solution, the Town of Collingwood commits to moving forward with this project; with Collingwood paying its proportionate share to which it agrees; and further, that upon the commissioning of the anticipated NT wells optimization project, should excess cubes from the original New Tecumseth plan [3,137 cubic metres] be found, there will be a return to Collingwood of 200 [cubic metres/day], unless Colling-

wood has access to 200 cubic [metres/day] or more of interim capacity over the current 31,140 [cubic metres/day]; Further that The Town of New Tecumseth and Town of Collingwood continue to actively pursue an expectation of Provincial or other level of government funding through infrastructure programs to assist with this partnership of capital investment."

The total project cost is in the range of \$270 million, which is about \$150 million higher than anticipated. Both Councils expect that the provincial and federal governments will help through the significant infrastructure funding programs that they have announced. Without this plant expansion, the town will not be able to build new homes to meet provincial housing targets or support job creation with commercial and industrial growth.

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Your grandson is in jail

Some people have no soul. When you lock a door, it's for a reason – it's for honest people. An honest person, upon finding a locked door, will realize it means that they should not enter. A dishonest person will find a way to get past that lock. An honest person will come to your home and admire that new gadget you purchased. A dishonest person will come to your home, and think of a way to steal it from you. Years ago I worked with a guy of questionable virtue. He was an okay guy to work with but at the same time, he had a kind of creepy vibe about him. One day near quitting time, I asked him if he had plans for the weekend. He replied that he had to go out that night to steal a car battery because the one in his car had died. I suggested he go to Canadian Tire and buy one like any normal person would do. His response: “Why should I pay for one when I can get one for free?” I don't know whether he actually stole a battery and I didn't ask him. I did, however, make sure to distance

myself from him as if he couldn't be trusted around someone else's property, I didn't trust him at all. I'm pretty sure that guy has been in and out of jail several times over the years and probably complains every time he is arrested – rather than just making an effort to live a quality life. Scams have always been a thing, but over the past decade, maybe a little longer, they have been taken to a new level. Much of the time, it doesn't take a lot to realize someone is trying to pull the wool over your eyes and steal your money. When you get a call from Revenue Canada, but the official 'agent' is speaking with a thick Indian accent, you're probably not fooled. I received a call from a lawyer demanding funds for an imaginary fine be paid immediately, or the 'FBI' would be paying me a visit, I laughed and said, 'wrong country', and hung up. Recently I received an official call from Microsoft, informing me that my computer had been infected with a serious virus and I would need to let him take over my computer and pay a fee to have the virus

removed. This guy, I jerked around a little. I told him he was calling the maintenance shack at the local golf course. I then pretended to follow his directions, having a little fun myself. Finally, I called him a few inappropriate names and hung up. The problem is that some of these scammers have taken things to a very sophisticated level. The 'grandparent scam' is a particularly egregious method of trying to steal someone's money. The criminal calls an elderly person and poses as one of their grandchildren, telling them they have been arrested and need money for legal fees. Sometimes another person claiming to be someone in law enforcement gets on the phone and says if a sum of money isn't paid immediately for legal reasons, the grandson will be heading off to jail. Many people have been victims of this scam. They pay the money because they are worried their grandchild is in serious trouble. It's thought many cases haven't been reported because some people are too embarrassed to admit they fell for it.

What kind of creep would try to scam a senior citizen out of their hard-earned life savings? That's about as low as you can get. The OPP announced they had arrested 14 members of an organized gang that was targeting seniors with this grandparent scam. An arrest is not enough. It may temporarily stop this gang from operating, but others will step in and take over. Unless the courts start taking these cases seriously, it will continue. The information on the arrests does not say what charges were laid in the case, but presumably, they are fraud-related. The courts never seem to do much about fraud cases. A slap on the wrist and the criminals are free to roam. It is horrible that a person is fooled into giving up their life savings in a scam of this sort. The courts need to set a precedent and slam these 14 fools with some serious penalties and let others know that this will not be tolerated in our society.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Brightening the gloom

I've never been asked to complete a Proust questionnaire – you know, one of those surveys of the great and good that typically lands near the back of each month's edition of Vanity Fair magazine. Popularized by French novelist Marcel Proust, it's often been used as a quick and concise way to get to know someone. Think of it as one of our earliest of the dreaded “ice-breaker” activities that few have come to love! But, all in all, it's effective and can indeed shed light on what truly makes a person tick. Among the 20-odd questions that form the basis of the questionnaire popularized by French novelist Marcel Proust, are:

1. What is your idea of perfect happiness?
2. What is your greatest fear?
3. What is the trait you most deplore in yourself?
4. What is the trait you most deplore in others?
5. Which living person do you most admire?
6. What is your greatest extravagance?
7. What do you consider the most over-

rated virtue?

8. What do you most dislike about your appearance?
9. Which living person do you most despise?
10. Which words or phrases do you most overuse?
11. When and where were you happiest?
12. Which talent would you most like to have?
13. If you could change one thing about yourself, where would it be?
14. What do you consider your greatest achievement?
15. If you were to die and come back as a person or a thing, what would it be?
16. Where would you most like to live?
17. What is your most treasured possession?
18. Which historical figure do you most identify with?
19. Who are your heroes in real life?
20. What is your greatest regret?

It's a pretty comprehensive list, but I find any time I attempt to mentally tackle the questions, my answers are almost never the same. It often depends on my

mood, experiences picked up since the last time answers were attempted, and even sometimes influenced by the time of year. Some questions are hard to answer at any given time, such as, “What talent would you most like to have?” That's often contingent on whatever hurdles I faced in any particular day. Answers to three questions, however, often remain the same: #7 – What do you consider the most overrated virtue? Patience – if only because mine is usually in short supply, unfortunately; #4 – What trait do you most deplore in others? Hypocrisy. Oh, and the third? Well, the answer to Question #3 is the same as my answer to Question #4, but I hope that that particular trait exhibits itself only rarely. Yet, unfortunately, I feel like I have inadvertently been indulging in that more frequently these days. In this space, and indeed in my day-to-day life, I try to accentuate the positive. Anyone who read this column during the height of the Global Pandemic, for instance, probably got sick of me grasping for silver linings amidst all that chaos, but, hey, somebody had to do it.

But lately, as much as I've been accentuating, I've been feeling gloomy about the state of the world. We have wars raging in several parts of the globe, with reports coming out of those war zones increasingly dire with each passing day. We're grappling with the double-blow of rampant inflation and a housing crisis, both of which are working overtime to keep many of us from getting ahead in the world, despite our best efforts. We're seeing an environment where discourse over just about any subject is increasingly fraught with metaphorical landmines and rhetoric that, previously heated, is now scalding. We're living in a time where more and more people seem quicker to anger, keener to narrow their perspectives, and hungry to seek out validation for better and, all too often, for worse. There are few silver linings to grasp there. Yet, last week our communities served up a wonderful tonic.

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Canada moves closer to point of no return when it comes to our national debt

There's an old bit of wisdom courtesy of Ernest Hemingway that you go broke two ways: first gradually, then suddenly.

With last week's federal budget, Canada is inching closer to the sudden phase of fiscal disaster.

The Canadian government projects another five years of deficit spending and over a hundred billion dollars added to our already crushing debt. Worst of all, there is no end in sight to government borrowing, and no plan in place to repay that money. It reminds you of the old German proverb: "He who is quick to borrow is slow to pay."

Last week's budget also projects that public debt charges – the interest we're paying on the debt – will climb from just over \$54 billion currently to nearly \$65 billion five years from now, a 20 percent increase.

Ten cents of every dollar of revenue the government brings in is now going straight to interest payments, according to TD Bank, and those interest payments are eating up a bigger and bigger portion of the budget. What's worse, for the first time ever, interest payments on the debt exceed the amount of money the government spends annually on healthcare.

A Fraser Institute report on government debt published earlier this year had this grim warning: "Rising government debt

has severe consequences for Canadians as more and more resources are directed toward interest payments and away from programs that help families or improve Canada's economic competitiveness."

Although the mushrooming federal debt is cause for concern, when you start adding in other levels of debt, it becomes even more dire.

Combined federal and provincial net debt is projected to come in around \$2.18 trillion in 2023/24. Meanwhile, total debt in Canada – household, corporate and government debt at all levels – is now around 341 percent of total GDP. In other words, our total debt is more than three times what we produce each year.

The consequences of the build-up of debt extend to all corners of the economy: our runaway debt stunts investment, hobbles economic productivity and lowers living standards.

Earlier this year, University of Calgary economist Trevor Tombe said, "we should be thinking about the longer-term future of federal finances and start making difficult choices, because the longer we wait, the harder it will be."

Far from making some difficult decisions, the federal government just made our financial future a lot harder – and probably a lot more painful when the sudden day of reckoning finally arrives and

jolts us from our sleep.

Many things in life are not fair. One of the unfairest of all is that the older generation leaves all of the debts it has incurred to the youngest generation, asking them to pay the bill for many of the goods and services they have never even enjoyed or made us of.

It's ironic that a budget which aims to make life easier and more affordable for young Canadians has instead placed upon them a heavy burden that they will never be able to throw off in their lifetimes.

But a national Economic Charter of Rights and Responsibilities, which I've

been strongly advocating for the past year, would get Canada back on the straight and narrow. The charter would require government to balance the budget and reduce our national debt by 5 percent per year over 20 years with the result that we would be debt-free within two decades. We'd wipe the slate clean for the young Canadians and give them a shot at a better quality of life.

To learn more about how the Charter could help turn our economy around, contact info@economiccharter.ca.



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- Actress Ryan
- Highly unpleasant vapor
- Body part
- Halfway
- Cool!
- Consume
- Salts
- Upper bract of a floret of grass
- Housepet
- Cavalry-sword
- Symbol of a nation
- Frocks
- Used to carry food
- Portuguese folk song
- Sharp mountain ridge
- Ireland
- Where golfers begin
- Greek mythological sorceress

- Fluid suspensions

CLUES DOWN

- "Mad Men" leading man
- Water (Spanish)
- Annoy
- Bulgarian capital
- Japanese title
- Capital of Zimbabwe
- Giraffe
- A mixture of substances
- Midway between south and southeast
- Staffs
- Turkish title
- Type of acid
- Thin, flat strip of wood
- Russian river
- Ribonucleic acid
- Partner to flow
- Airborne (abbr.)
- Earthy pigment
- Genus of earless seals
- "Key to the Highway" bluesman

- By or in itself
- Hot fluid below the earth's surface
- Partner to trick
- British Air Aces
- Ammunition
- Supervises flying
- Health care for the aged
- Flanks
- Millimeters
- Where wrestlers perform
- Not around
- Flightless bird
- Bell-shaped flowers of the lily family
- Expressed concern for
- Satisfies
- Flew off!
- Wings
- Load a ship
- Vigor
- British title
- Whiskeys
- __ Adams: founding father
- Body of water

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Alliston resident celebrates \$1 million lottery win

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Saying ‘yes’ to ENCORE paid off for Julie Esson of Alliston when she matched all seven numbers in the exact order in the March 6, 2024 LOTTO 6/49 draw.

The matching numbers earned Julie \$1 million.

Julie said she has been a regular lottery player for around 35 years and always adds ENCORE to her tickets.

“I went into the store and used the ticket checker,” Julie said. “I was shocked when I saw \$1 million come up.”

The mother of one says her legs were shaking when she showed her parents the ticket and how much she won.

“It was overwhelming,” Julie said.

Julie plans to purchase a home and take her family on a trip.

The winning ticket was purchased at Pioneer Snack Express on Victoria Street in Alliston.



NEW MILLIONAIRE – Julie Esson of Alliston won \$1 million by playing ENCORE in the March 6, 2024 LOTTO 6/49 draw. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**

Dietary Aide at SMH wins culinary competition

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Stevenson Memorial Hospital (SMH) is celebrating the achievements of one of its staff members.

Ella Crawford, a Food Services Dietary Aide, placed first in a Skills Ontario culinary competition earlier this year, competing against students from across Simcoe County.

Ella is a senior at Banting Memorial High School.

“Ella has worked so hard and we are so proud of her achievements,” said Heather Hillis, manager of food and environmental services at SMH. “She has brought her tal-



SKILLED CHEF – Ella Crawford, a Food Services Dietary Aide at Stevenson Memorial Hospital placed first in a Skills Ontario culinary competition. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**

ents to Stevenson as both a co-op student and staff member, and we will be cheering her on as she competes at the next level.”

During the competition, Ella was provided with a recipe and was judged on her precision cuts. She made pizza from scratch as her entrée and chocolate almond biscotti for desert.

Ella went on to compete at the qualifying

competition at Georgian College on April 13, which will determine which competitors will move on to the provincial-level competition.

Ella has been practicing under the mentorship of Keith Park, lead chef at SMH.

SMH is an employer that provides opportunities for students in various health care disciplines as well as other areas such as culinary arts.

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Landowners can now apply for NVCA's 2025 tree-planting grants

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Landowners are invited to apply for the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority's (NVCA) 2025 tree-planting grants before next winter.

"As spring is approaching, many landowners are looking to plant their forests this year," said Rick Grillmayer, manager of forestry at NVCA. "However, planting forests takes a lot of planning. We look at soil conditions, the tree species that are suitable for the property, and most importantly, we need to let the nurseries know what species of trees we need so they can start growing the trees."

There are two requirements to qualify for tree planting grants from NVCA. First, the property must be in the Nottawasaga Watershed, and there is a minimum of one hectare of planting space. Depending on the location of the site, NVCA may be able to cover 25 per cent to 95 per cent of tree planting projects.

Properties over 4.45 hectares in size may be eligible for the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program.

"Interested landowners can contact me to

schedule a free site visit," Grillmayer said. "We will discuss the tree planting process, funding structure and feasibility of planting on the site. If everything goes well, I will develop a tree planting plan for the site and schedule the property into the 2025 spring tree plant!"

Landowners who do not meet the minimum requirements for NVCA's tree planting program can purchase seedlings at NVCA's Arbor Day Tree Sale. There will be a variety of bare-root tree and shrub seedlings for sale. Trees and shrubs are sold in bundles of 10 for \$35 each.

Planting trees helps to provide wildlife with habitat, shade, rivers and streams, as well as produce oxygen, among many other benefits. Well-managed forests also contribute to the economy by providing wood for construction and wood fibre for products such as paper.

For more information about NVCA's tree planting program or Arbor Day Tree Sale, visit nvca.on.ca.

To schedule your site assessment, contact Rick Grillmayer at 705-424-1479 x 230 or email rgrillmayer@nvca.on.ca.



TREE PLANTING – Landowners can apply for the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority's 2025 planting grants. Properties must be within the Nottawasaga watershed and a minimum of one hectare. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**

Still time to support local hospital ahead of Sunday's Southlake Run

BY BROCK WEIR

Registration to participate in this Sunday's Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake is now closed, but there are still plenty of ways to support the local hospital's biggest annual fundraiser.

The 2024 Run for Southlake is set to take place the morning of April 28 beginning at the Newmarket Seniors Meeting Place on Davis Drive.

With this being the 100th anniversary year for Southlake Regional Health Centre, organiz-

ers are hoping each participant can raise at least \$100 for local healthcare – and they can only do so with the help of pledges.

"There are lots of different ways you can support," says pediatrician Dr. Charmaine Van Schaik, Southlake's Chief of Staff. "You can sponsor a friend or community member, you can go online and support a team, you can come out and participate along the sidelines and cheer people on – so many ways to support both financially and emotionally."

Ahead of the run, Dr. Van Schaik says there is "great anticipation" for what Sunday will hold,

as is the case for the Doctor every year that participants hit the pavement for the organization – so much so that staff members have broken into teams, some of which she describes as "very competitive."

"As a person who lives in the community, for me it is participation from a perspective of a citizen and supporting the local hospital," she says. "A lot of community fundraising that happens to support hospital equipment literally puts the tools in my hand and that of my colleagues, together with all other healthcare professionals in the hospital, to be able to do the work we do

to serve [the community]."

"We pride ourselves on providing excellent care to our community – I want that as a clinician, I want that as a citizen, I want that for my parents, and I want that for my patients."

Dr. Van Schaik participates in the Run for Southlake each year and likes to do a "bit of a sprint here and a little bit more of a walk there" to give her the chance to interact with participants along the way. It's important, she says, to learn why they came out and, especially, to thank them for their support.

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Arts & Entertainment

Tottenham & Beeton District Chamber of Commerce Home Show and Artisan Market returns



COMMUNITY EVENT – The Tottenham Community Centre featured several local businesses for the Tottenham & Beeton District Chamber of Commerce Home Show and Artisan Market on April 20. Top left photo: Klaudia of Your Inner Jewel brought a huge amount of gemstones. Top right photo: Beth and Kim from Beattie's Distillers gave out samples of their product. Bottom left photo: Town Bloom Garden Centre displayed various plants during the home show. Bottom right photo: Sonic and other fun characters entertained families at the Home Show.

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SMILE COOKIE WEEK TO RETURN – It's almost time for the annual Tim Horton's Smile Cookie campaign. Tim Horton's in Alliston, at Young Street, Highway 50, and Dunham Dr., will be donating 100 per cent of the proceeds of the cookie sales to the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation. Young Street location owner, John Lewandowski, is joined by Kara Harris-Row, Communications Coordinator, SMHF; Dr. Ted Vandevis, Board Director, SMHF; Wayne Wilcott, Senior Director, Corporate Infrastructure and Redevelopment, SMHF; Tim Horton's Employee, Darlene McLeod, Interim CEO, SMHF; David Green, Board Chair, SMHF; Tim Horton's Employee, John Lewandowski (owner of Young St. & Hwy 50 location); Dave Cropper (Store Manager); Margaret Barber, volunteer SMHF; and Dayna Dunn, Community and Corporate Giving Officer for SMHF, during the launch of the campaign on Friday, April 19. Smile Cookie week runs from April 29 to May 5.

BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

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Brock's Banter: Brightening the gloom

National Volunteer Week is a chance to highlight all those people who have stepped up to the plate to simply give their time to a cause close to their heart or foster the change they would like to see – and there's plenty of overlap here.

Here in the newsroom, it always brightens the day when we have the chance to shine a light on person or persons doing good in the community – whether it's the simple act of shovelling a driveway for someone who can't, or going all in and building the resource to establish a foundation where giving is specialized and can

potentially take place in perpetuity.

Last Thursday, for instance, I had the privilege of attending a presentation ceremony for the 2024 Give Back Awards, an initiative of Magna International that presents scholarships to upcoming graduates in York Region recognizing not their academic prowess but rather the ways they have given back to their communities – whether within the school or much further afield.

This outstanding crop of 20 students have done some herculean lifting in the places they call home, tackling issues

ranging from: food insecurity; to period poverty; to international philanthropy; to knowledge-sharing; to fostering invaluable – and sometimes intergenerational – human connections at the community, national and international levels; to just lending a hand wherever and whenever it is needed.

Therein was the silver lining: tireless people motivated to make that all-important difference.

As so many problems plague our world, these students have been propelled to step up and foster change wherever they

see the need, and in many cases those needs go well beyond our borders.

The 20 students honoured last week is just a small sample of the countless individuals of all ages who are working overtime – often on their own time and dime – to build better communities. Having the privilege to learn of and cover all their accomplishments certainly helped lift the gloom I was feeling – and hopefully derailed future encounters with that unfortunate answer to Question #3.

To all of our volunteers, thank you for all that you do.

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“There are lots of great teams that come out from our community, some of the teams are older in years, some of them are younger in years and it is really [about] connecting with them as well for the priority they're making for Southlake,” she says. “Some of them come out for the competitive aspect of things – it's a good run for some people who are looking for times for qualifying and training – and they talk about feeling good doing something for their community and hospital. For others, it's that feel-good and understanding that even as some of them are engaging in this, they don't really understand that funding doesn't come from government; it's sharing those conversations along the way, educating people, because if I tell one person who tells another person,

it really gets that understanding out through our community on how we really do need and value their support.”

The funding in question isn't just for the big things, she notes. It can come down to the “basic equipment that we need right down at the frontlines to make a day-to-day difference.”

“One of our strongest attributes [at Southlake] is we have a really strong sense of family and of the care we provide and how we work. One of those really unique things about the Run is you see a lot of that; it's not just the staff families who are coming out, but you see families in the community who are coming out as a collective, be it through teams that are involved, their own nuclear family, but there is a lot of that collaboration

that is evident there.

“Come out, show your support – support if you can financially in whatever capacity you

can. It will go a long way to really reaching the inside of the hospital and the care we're able to provide.”

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END OF SERIES – The Alliston Hornets take on the Hanover Barons in Game Five of their best-of-seven Conference championship series at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre on Friday, April 19. Hanover was leading the series 3-1 going into Friday’s game. It ended with a 4-1 loss for the Hornets who are now finished for the season. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**

Alliston Hornets done for the season after loss in Game Five

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Alliston Hornets are finished for the season after taking a 4-1 loss in Game Five of their best-of-seven Conference championship series against the Hanover Barons.

The Hornets finished the regular season as the first-place team in the North Caruthers Division with a 36-6 record.

They went on to eliminate the Innisfil Spartans in four games in the Division quarter-finals before dispatching the Schomberg Cougars in five games in the semi-final round.

They won the Division in a championship series with the Stayner Siskins and won that series in four games.

Moving into the Conference finals the Hornets were up against the Hanover Barons of the Pollock Division. The Barons are a skilled, well-coached team.



The first game of the series on April 12, ended with a 5-1 Hanover win on Alliston home ice.

Game two saw the Barons take a two-game series lead with a 5-0 shut-out on April 13.

Back on home ice in Alliston for game three, the Hornets were back in it with a 2-1 win.

Game four ended with a 3-2 Hanover win and the Hornets had one more chance to win and keep the series alive when the

two teams met for game five on Friday, April 19, at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre.

Alliston’s, Tyler Kelly, opened the scoring early in the second period. It was a short-lived lead when Hanover scored 59 seconds later to tie it up.

Hanover took the lead four minutes later with another goal.

The Barons were leading 3-1 when they scored midway through the period.

The Hornets put out a good effort in the third period, but a final Hanover empty net goal put an end to their season.

“I think the big thing for us, was we got out of the division, but you’ve got to learn how good the other teams are once you get out of your division,” said Hornets GM, Travis Chapman, after the final game. “For us, coming into the series with one game in 11 days, I think we just didn’t start the

series when it started – we started in game three. For everybody it’s a good learning experience how good the other teams are, how committed you have to be to the small details of all the games, and you can’t take a couple of games off an expect to win a series of this level. I have to give them (Hanover) a lot of credit. They are really well coached and committed to what they are doing, and they’re going to give everybody else a real problem as they move forward. We’re happy with the season, but this definitely not where we wanted it to end.”

Hanover will now move on to compete for the provincial Schmaltz Junior C Cup.

Hornets management and coaching staff can relax for a few weeks but it won’t be long before they are back at it and putting the team together for next season.

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Meth, fentanyl, cocaine seized thanks to search warrant

Methamphetamine, fentanyl and cocaine are among the drugs seized by Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) during the execution of a search warrant in Orangeville.

Members of the Dufferin Community Street Crime Unit, along with Dufferin uniform members and Offender Management and Apprehension Program (OMAP) executed a search warrant at a home on Fourth Avenue in Orangeville on April 19. The search warrant resulted in the arrest of four individuals who are facing multiple charges. In addition, the officers seized a quantity of various drugs.

Rory SIEGEL, 42-year-old from Shelburne has been charged with:

- Possession of a Schedule I substance - other drugs

Lorne STOCKDALE, 45-year-old from Orangeville

- Possession of a Schedule I substance - Opioid

David TEGGART, 46-year-old from Orangeville has been charged with:

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

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

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

- Possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime - under \$5,000

Karen WHITING 47-year-old from Orangeville has been charged with:

- Possession of a schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking - Methamphetamine

- Traffick in Schedule I substance - Other drugs

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

- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking - Other drugs

- Possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime - under \$5,000

There is one outstanding individual with charges pending.

None of these charges have been proven in court.

The following property was seized:

- Methamphetamine
- Fentanyl pills
- Cocaine
- \$435 - Canadian currency
- Assorted pills
- Scale
- Cellular telephone

Anyone with information regarding this investigation of any other criminal activity is asked to contact Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). You can also submit your information online at <https://ontariocrimestoppers.ca/>.

BEETON MAN FACING CHARGES FOR IMPAIRED DRIVING

Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged two drivers with impaired operation related offences this past weekend.

Officers from the Dufferin OPP were conducting traffic enforcement in the area of County Road 16 in Amaranth on April 20, just before 9 p.m. Officers noticed a traffic violation and were quickly led into an impaired operation investigation.

Charles SWAN, a 38-year-old male, from Beeton has been charged with:

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

Officers from the Dufferin OPP were dispatched to a traffic complaint in the area of Victoria Street in Shelburne on April 21, just after 12:00 a.m. Officers located the vehicle and driver a short time later and were quickly led into an impaired operation investigation.

Andrew ROY, a 56-year-old male, from Wellington North has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs

- Mischief - renders property dangerous, useless, inoperative or ineffective

The accused is scheduled to appear at

the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville to answer to the charges. Their driver's licence was suspended, and the vehicle was impounded.

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

POLICE LAY 24 CHARGES IN 10 DAYS FOR ILLEGAL ATV USE

Members of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Central Region Snowmobile, ATV, Vessel Enforcement (SAVE) Team have laid 24 charges in 10 days relating to Off-Road Vehicles (ORV) use despite trail closures.

Officers have been patrolling closed trails in Simcoe County due to an increase in reports from the public. As a result of these patrols, 24 charges were laid under the Off-Road Vehicle Act (ORVA) and Trespass to Property Act (TPA) since April 12, 2024, including:

- Fail to stop
- Engage in prohibited activity on premises

Other ORVA charges laid by officers include:

- Failure to wear proper helmet
- Fail to securely fasten chin strap
- No insurance
- No licence plate
- Unregistered vehicle

Officers on patrol will continue to remind all ORV riders that an essential part of the enforcement job is to save lives and reduce injuries on our trails.

Simcoe County Forest trails remain closed for ORV use until May 1, 2024. Trails need to be assessed for hazards prior to opening day.

With your help, we hope to spread the word about ATV safety and respecting the laws to prevent injuries. Here are some critical safety guidelines and best preparation for enjoyable riding:

- Always wear a properly fitted helmet with! a secure chin strap.
- Always carry your registration and proof

of insurance.

- Ensure proper display of licence plate according to the ORVA.

- Have a valid trail pass where applicable.

- Stay on designated trails.

- Reduce speed and ride within your skill level.

- Exercise caution when riding on permitted roadways, adjusting to the difference between dirt and pavement. Drive cautiously and familiarize yourself with the required speeds for off road vehicles.

- Operating an ORV while impaired by alcohol or drugs is as unlawful as driving any other vehicle and carries the same impaired driving penalties that apply to driving a motor vehicle.

The Ontario Federation of All Terrain Vehicles is a great resource. Please see the link for more information and safety tips: Tips for the Riders | OFATV - Ontario Federation of All Terrain Vehicle Clubs.

POLICE DE-ESCALATE VERBAL DISPUTE ON SIDE OF ROAD

Officers from the South Simcoe Police were conducting regular patrol duties on Melbourne Drive in Bradford when they encountered a vehicle parked haphazardly on the side of the road on April 18.

A concerned witness directed officers to a nearby verbal dispute.

Responding officers intervened and successfully de-escalated the dispute. During the interaction, it was discovered that the driver of the parked vehicle had been operating the vehicle under a suspended licence.

Consequently, the driver was charged with "Driving while under suspension" under the Highway Traffic Act. Additionally, their vehicle was impounded for a mandatory period of 7 days as per provincial regulations.

The South Simcoe Police would like to remind the public of the importance of obeying traffic laws and maintaining a valid driver's license while operating a motor vehicle.



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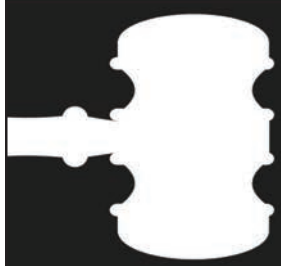

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Vehicles: 1957 Studebaker Silver Hawk serial # 7203827. Vehicle has undergone engine and body work with all bills to prove. Odometer shows approx 100,000 miles

1999 Chevrolet Camaro convertible, 350 V8 w/automatic transmission serial # 2G1FP32G6X2109131. Low km, both vehicles selling as is. 1956 Studebaker transmission.

Tractor: Massey Ferguson # 362 WD, open station c/w 932 q/t loader and material bucket. Hour meter reads 2769hrs. 6' George White snowblower, Dearborn farm equip 2 furrow plough, 3pth grader blade, Ford flail mower, 2 barrels of diesel fuel.

Garden Tractor: John Deere E140 rider mower c/w 48' mower deck, garden trailer, Stihl FS 56 RC whipper. 4000 watt generator,

Household: Solid dining room suite w/table, chair, buffet/hutch, futon, coffee and end tables, bedroom furniture, lamps, desks, sewing machine and supplies, quilts, fine china and glassware, small appliances, nick knacks, Corelle dishes, occasional chairs, Spalding 11x11 screen house (new in box), Cook master electric smoker (new in box), camera equip; dvd player etc; and general household items and furnishings.

Antiques: Hoosier cabinet c/w flour sifter,cookbook holder and sugar bin, ornate china cabinet, wicker, cabinet, gate leg table, book shelves, blanket box, drop leaf desk, hall bench, jug, bowl, basin and stand set, coffee grinder, fish scale, typewriter, office specialty chairs, desks, Northumbria fine china (Lake Louise pattern), figurines, fur coats, carboys, bottle capper, new wine and beer bottles, and much more and boxes not yet opened.

Special Interest: 1980's original IBM computer with keyboard, printer, monitor and disks.

Tools: Genie garage door opener(new in box), lawn mower lift, Makita 16 mm drill, 4.5'angle grinder, Craftsman sabre saw, tap and die set, B&D/DeWalt skil saws, new anvil, vise, clamps, screwdrivers, levels, files, air hammer, Bosch hammer drill, trouble lights, Poulan 50cc chainsaw, storage racks, pipe wrenches, 7' new tile saw, Campbell Housefield portable air compressor, miter saw, garden hose/reels, pressure washer, B&D new pruning saw, B&D router, easy out set, new socket sets, wrench sets, Mastercraft 1/2' impact gun, battery chargers, air tools, jacks, Toro blower vac, shop vac, car ramps, Waterloo tool chest, wedges, King bench grinder,sprayer back pak,, rope, chain, gas cans, ladders and so much more. Many items are brand new. Qty of cement block, bricks, paving stones

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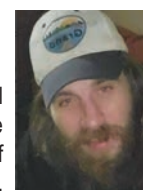
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Suddenly on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at the age of 40. Jamie Richards of Rama, beloved son of Elizabeth (Liz) and Kevin Richards. Loving brother of Christine Richards (Grant Kelly). Loved grandson of Maxine Richards, Ron Evans and Harry Richards, the late Bradley Snache and the late Zandra Snache. Dear nephew of Brenda Lee Snache, Brent Snache, Krista Shave, Nathan Shave, Philip and Trish Snache. Will be missed by his cousins Claire and Amanda, Philip Snache Jr. and Matthew Snache. The family will receive relatives and friends at the Rama Community Hall, 5950 Rama Rd., Rama on Friday, April 26, 2024 from 1-3 P.M. The funeral service will be held at the Calvary Pentecostal Church, 375 Westmount Dr. N., Orillia on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 2 o'clock. If desired, memorial donations to The Lighthouse would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to Carson Funeral Homes L. Doolittle Chapel 54 Coldwater St. E., Orillia (705) 326-3595. Online condolences and memories may be left at www.carsonfuneralhomes.com

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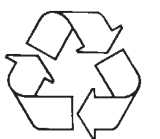
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BY BRIAN LOCKHART

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The play is based on the Disney-Pixar production, Finding Nemo.

Finding Nemo Kids centres around a clownfish and dedicated parent named Marlin, a curious and brave son named Nemo, and Dory, a kind but forgetful Blue Tang

Fish friend of theirs.

The production features an epic adventure across the ocean filled with danger and surprises including an educated stingray, curious fish, hungry sharks, poisonous jellyfish, a troop of surfer sea turtles, a tank of helpful sea creatures, a flock of seagulls, and entertaining pelicans.

Through teamwork and determination, the ocean is explored and lessons are learned.

Finding Nemo Kids is a touching musi-

cal that illustrates the emotional journey of a parent learning to let go while imparting important lessons about bravery, family, friendship, and overcoming obstacles.

You are sure to enjoy and be entertained by many of the 'fin-tastic' students who will act, sing, and dance their way into your hearts to tell a beautiful story about family, friendship, and never giving up.

Teacher Kathryn Berto, and music arts teacher, Katy Bekking, are leading the children in this production.

Finding Nemo Kids will be presented with two-day performances on Wednesday, May 15 and Thursday, May 16, at 11:30 a.m. There will be two evening performances on Wednesday, May 15, and Thursday, May 16, at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10, and open to the public.

Please contact the school at 905-729-3473 to reserve your ticket and pay cash when you pick up your tickets.

MRO school families can order tickets on SchoolDay.



CLEANING UP THE COMMUNITY – The annual Boyne River Clean Up Day had local residents pitching in to clean up the garbage left over from the winter. The group gathered at the band shell in Riverdale Park. Along with local residents, the group included Alliston Scouts and Cubs members. They collected almost 400 lbs of garbage from along the river bank.

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