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Summer Sounds

The sound of music is once again being heard at Keogh Park in Tottenham as the Sunday Concerts in the Park have returned for the summer. Every Sunday, an acoustic act performs, followed by a band. Dayz Gone By performs at the bandshell on Sunday, July 12. The music will be at the park every Sunday at 2 p.m. until the last weekend of August.

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Simcoe-Grey businesses recognized for supporting Ontario farmers

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Two Simcoe-Grey businesses have been awarded the 2025 Foodland Ontario Retailer awards for their commitment to protecting Ontario's farmers and local food supply chain by promoting local produce.

The Retailer Awards program recognizes creative in-store displays of fresh, seasonally grown fruits and vegetables that make it easy for consumers to recognize and buy the good things that grow in Ontario.

Goldsmith's Farm Market & Bakery in Thornbury earned a Platinum Award. Wasaga Beach Foodland earned a Silver Award of Merit.

Simcoe-Grey MPP Brian Saudnerson presented the awards on behalf of the Ontario government on Thursday, July 2.

"Congratulations to the Oakley family from Goldsmith's Farm Market & Bakery and the Spry family from Wasaga Beach Foodland, as well as their dedicated teams, on these well-deserved awards," said MPP Saudnerson. "These businesses play an important role in

supporting Ontario farmers and connecting residents and visitors with the incredible food grown right here in our province. Through their commitment to promoting local produce and creating outstanding shopping experiences, they are helping strengthen our agricultural sector, support local jobs, and encourage consumers to buy Ontario-grown products."

The annual Foodland Ontario Retailer Awards have been the produce industry's signature opportunity to recognize the creative talent of produce managers and staff for 39 years.

"Congratulations to all the winners of the 2025 Foodland Ontario Retailer Awards," said Trevor Jones, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness. "Retailers play an important role in supporting Ontario's local food system by helping shoppers identify and choose fresh Ontario-grown produce. When we choose to purchase what is grown right here at home, we are protecting our province by supporting our farmers, strengthening our economy and ensuring the

long-term stability of our food supply."

This year, the Foodland Ontario Retailer Awards are recognizing 60 grocery stores across the province for their innovative pro-

motion of fresh Ontario-grown produce.

These annual awards include four categories of displays that celebrate excellence in retail display and promotion of local produce.



UPLIFTING SIMCOE BUSINESSES – Two Simcoe-Grey businesses have been honoured with 2025 Foodland Ontario Retailer awards for their commitment to protecting Ontario's farmers by promoting local produce. Simcoe-Grey MPP Brian Saudnerson presented a Platinum Award to Goldsmith's Farm Market & Bakery in Thornbury (above photo) and a Silver Award of Merit to Wasaga Beach Foodland (left photo) on Thursday, July 2.

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Maintenance underway at Tottenham wastewater treatment plant, improving operations

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Tottenham wastewater treatment plant is due for maintenance to ensure it runs at optimal performance.

The Town of New Tecumseth is beginning maintenance work at the facility this month, and it is expected to continue through September.

During the maintenance procedure, one of the plant's biosolids lagoons will be cleaned and cleared of built-up material. This work is important to keep the wastewater system operating safely and efficiently.

During the project, residents may notice occasional odours in the area around the treatment plant. Any odours will be temporary and only present while the work is being completed.

This work is routine and necessary to maintain the wastewater system.

The Town and contractor will take reasonable steps to reduce odour impacts whenever possible.

This maintenance project helps protect public health and the environment and ensures the system continues to operate effectively.

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Alliston road resurfacing projects will begin after Potato Festival

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Three main streets in Alliston will benefit from road resurfacing and infrastructure improvements later in the summer. The Town of New Tecumseth is investing in important road and sidewalk improvements in downtown Alliston to enhance road conditions, improve accessibility, and increase safety for residents, businesses, and visitors.

Fermar Paving Ltd., on behalf of the town, will be completing road resurfacing and related infrastructure improvements on Victoria Street from Industrial Road to King Street North; on King Street from Victoria Street West to Young Street; and on Young Street from King Street South to 208 Young Street.

Sidewalk and concrete rehabilitation work is expected to take place throughout the summer. Road resurfacing operations are anticipated to begin following the Alliston Potato Festival in August.

The work will include:

- Replacement of select damaged curbs, gutters, and sidewalks
- Accessibility upgrades at select intersections and pedestrian crossings

- Repairs to catch basins and maintenance hole covers
- Removal of existing asphalt and road resurfacing
- Installation of new pavement markings, crosswalks, and parking stall lines
- Protection of trees and other community assets within the construction area

The Town and contractor will make every effort to minimize disruptions during construction.

Residents and visitors can expect:

- One lane of traffic to remain open during working hours
- Two lanes of traffic are available outside of working hours whenever possible
- Safe pedestrian access maintained throughout construction
- Continued access to homes and businesses whenever feasible
- Temporary driveway access interruptions, with advanced notice provided to affected property owners
- Uninterrupted access for emergency services at all times

To improve efficiency and reduce day-time traffic impacts, paving activities will be scheduled for overnight hours.



ACOUSTIC EXCELLENCE – The Sunday Concerts in the Park series has returned to Keogh Park in Tottenham. The series continues every Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. Cassidy Anne performs a variety of original tunes to an appreciative audience during the concert on Sunday, July 12.

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

~ Stanislaw Jerzy Lec

Home is where you make it

My ideal day is around 78°F, no humidity at all, sunny, with the odd puffy cloud passing across the sun just to change it up a bit.

On a day like that, you can enjoy just about any outdoor activity in comfort, without getting a bad sunburn, worrying about rain, or feeling unpleasant because the humid air has you sweating like a backyard sprinkler.

Days like that don't happen all that often.

Of course, the opposite is when you are knee-deep in snow and shovelling the driveway only to see the plow coming and you know that in another minute, the end of your driveway, where you just spent an hour with your shovel, will be filled in again – back to the drawing board.

After this past year's winter, which seemed like it was never going to end, I started wondering what it would be like to just move to a sunny climate for the winter months. A lot of people do it.

The older I get, the less I appreciate winter.

The place where you choose to live is largely determined by where you were born. I know a lot of people who still live in their hometown.

Some people just feel comfortable with the place they grew up, while others just want to stay close to family.

Home is where you make it.

I recently watched a YouTube video about a small town, more like a hamlet, named Darwin that is located in the appropriately named Death Valley in California.

One resident said that during July and August, "it actually is hotter than hell."

During the summer months, the temperature routinely rises to 110°F and hotter. This is one place you really could cook your eggs by placing them on a rock.

You could almost feel the heat just by watching the video, and everything, and I mean everything, looks like it had been baked in an oven.

Nothing grows there. There are no plants, no trees, and no flowers. There are just rocks and dirt.

It is a major challenge to get to the next town just to get groceries.

There are no real stores, sports or recreation facilities, or restaurants.

The documentary asked several residents why they chose to live in such a godforsaken place.

One man said it was peaceful.

A young woman with a child pointed out the housing opportunities. She paid less than \$20,000 for her house. It looked like a house where \$20,000 would be a big overpayment.

But people live there.

I saw another documentary on a family that lives off-grid in Alaska.

They have a log cabin with no running water. They have no neighbours.

I don't know why you would want to raise children in a place where they couldn't join a minor baseball league team, be part of a Girl Scout troop, or even meet other children for friendship.

I'll bet when those kids are old enough and learn of the outside world, the backwoods cabin will become a distant memory.

It is the type of place where having your truck break down in the dead of winter could mean a death sentence for the occupants.

But people live there.

I've seen photos of picturesque Italian villages perched precariously on cliffs overlooking the Mediterranean. From the air, the villages have a unique, if somewhat crowded, look.

I've heard people express a desire to live there, based on the photos.

It might be good for some people.

I always point out that you would have to sell your Mustang convertible because those houses don't have a garage. They don't even have a driveway. They don't have a yard, so forget the backyard barbecue or that in-ground pool you have always wanted.

The houses are several hundred years old. They are uncomfortable and lack modern amenities.

Good fences don't make good neighbours in these villages because no one has a fence. Your neighbour's house is attached to yours, either on the side, or possibly on top or below.

When I mention these living conditions, quite often people realize it isn't a place for them.

Living in a quaint village would get old really quickly.

But people live there.

Home is where you make it.

I have no real plans to move to a tropical climate, but spending a few weeks each year under a palm tree does sound nice.

Home is where you make it, so I guess I'll buy a snowblower and get used to it.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Power of (dogeared) pages

I've never really been a morning person.

Then again, I haven't really been a coffee person until relatively recently, so maybe that helped set the trend.

My grandmother often joked that I would only get up early in the morning if I had something specific to do. On the one hand, considering her motto was, "Don't talk to me until I've finished my second cup of coffee," she really didn't have much ground in this argument, but, on the other hand, isn't that true of most people?

If you're naturally a night owl, chances are you're probably not going to set the alarm at some ungodly hour just for the sport of it; no, there should be a pretty good reason. If you're less of a night owl and more of an early bird, however, you're getting up with the crows anyway, and probably cutting it short in the evenings to catch up.

Admittedly, I know the value of being an early riser.

On the rare mornings that I'm up before the sun, I do marvel on how much

more time there is to clear the day's to-do list with a fair bit of time left over to spend the way you want to when all is said and done.

Getting my brain in gear to make it a full-on lifestyle change is always a goal, but is yet to be a hurdle I can fully clear.

My grandmother was right, though; if there was clear motivation on the other side, I could make it happen – and one such motivator was in the cards this past Saturday when one of my favourite used book stores in the Greater Toronto Area hosted its annual-ish summer book sale.

Now, I've loved a good second-hand book for as long as I can remember. One of the first instances of this love affair I can remember is hours pent poring over the stacks of vaguely sorted books, magazines, and other cool, old stuff at a store called Green Books, which used to be located on the southeast corner of Yonge and Wellington in Aurora.

I was in single digits at the time, always went in there without a specific objective, but always knew when I found what I was looking for.

It's an interest that hasn't abated at all in the intervening decades, and was in full bloom on Saturday – and with a couple hundred other booklovers that had the same idea and started a dauntingly long lineup before we were even out of the subway.

My goal of snagging a couple of books by L. Frank Baum, author of The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, including a \$5 first edition of one of Dorothy's later adventures, tantalizingly teased by the bookseller over Instagram, might have been thwarted by the line-holders, but as far as missions go, it was still fruitful.

No matter what type of book each person was looking for, I think it's fair to say that most of the people who were lined up Saturday morning were there for the thrill of the hunt. Myself included. But it was more than that; over my years of book collecting, I've found it's never just about finding a deal.

It can be a matter of unwittingly stumbling into a world between the pages that open up new possibilities.

It can be a matter of finding a long-for-

gotten biography or memoir, by or about a long-forgotten person, whose life and contributions should be remembered.

It can be as simple as being a part a new chapter for the book itself, especially when you find one with signatures, inscriptions, or other indicators of where it's been and whose fingers helped mellow the pages and turn down the dogeareds.

It can also simply be a matter of taking in that unique smell that comes only with a used book of a certain age.

In this era of e-Books, streamed audio books, and other media that can fall under this umbrella, there's also something comforting about having a physical book in your hands that you can read and enjoy at your leisure – a definite selling point for this slower-but-deliberate reader – without having it snatched away at the whim of the publisher or other stakeholders.

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It's a shame they can't both lose

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OUR WORLD TODAY



The last time oil-tankers were being shot up in the Persian Gulf, back in the 1980s, it was Saddam Hussein's brutal tyranny in Iraq versus Ayatollah Khomeini's revolutionary Islamist regime in Iran, and people used to say "It's a shame that both sides can't lose."

The United States backed Saddam because he was just another murderous thug, whereas the new regime in Tehran was an actual threat to American interests. It had overthrown Iran's American-backed puppet king and wanted to spread its Islamist ideology across the region.

So of course, Ronald Reagan's administration chose Saddam's side. It sent Iraq arms by clandestine means (because Congress wouldn't authorize it), and even provided targeting information for Iraqi poison gas attacks on Iran. The Americans chose the 'lesser evil,' but at least they knew it was evil.

Once in a while they would even say it out loud, quoting U.S. diplomat Henry Kissinger: "It's a shame

that both sides can't lose." But they never did anything about it, and after eight years of slaughter the war ended in a no-score draw.

Approximately 30 years later, the world finds itself in a similar situation. This time it is the United States itself, not a local henchman, that has attacked Iran, and Israel has also made thousands of air strikes on Iran. Yet the war has swiftly degenerated into a stalemate that could last for years. Is it inappropriate to wish that both sides could lose?

The United States has already lost. Donald Trump can bomb Iran to his heart's content but he cannot force Iran to keep the Strait of Hormuz open. The US-Israeli attack has taught the Iranian regime that their control of the Strait is a far more usable and effective strategic asset than their mythical nuclear weapons ever could have been, and they will never give it up.

The current on-again-off-again 'strikes' and 'pauses' in the Persian Gulf are due to the fact that the 'Memorandum of Understanding' that made the 60-day 'cease-fire' possible was deliberately vague about who actually gets to control the Gulf.

tions again, and so on. Protection rackets often involve violence.

This may go on for some time, because neither side yet believes that it has been irrevocably defeated. Trump really does have no way of turning this around unless he's willing to use nuclear weapons (so far, so good), but the Iranian regime unfortunately can see a path to victory.

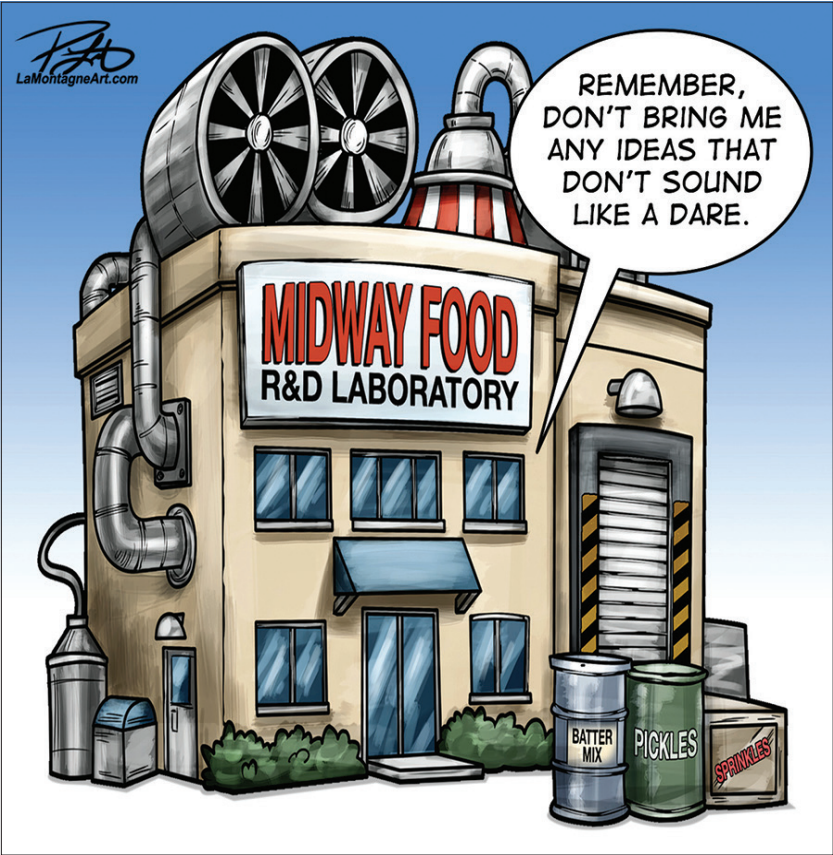
It wouldn't be a military victory, of course, but Trump is a man of little patience and at any point he can just 'declare a victory and leave' (as the saner Americans used to say during the final years of the Vietnam war). That would probably leave Iranians suffering under the brutal tyranny of their current rulers for a long time to come.

By last year that 47-year-old regime was clearly nearing its sell-by date. This January's demonstrations were suppressed with the massacre of up to 35,000 protesters, and in the normal course of events mass killing on this scale would suggest that the regime was on its last legs. It probably was, until the United States and Israel launched their surprise attack.

Now, instead, the regime has appealed to both Iranian nationalism and the Shia Muslim tradition of victimhood and won a whole new claim to legitimacy by its successful defence of the Iranian state.

Trump and his Svengali, Israeli prime minister Binyamin Netanyahu, also killed off the old, cautious generation of Iranian leaders. They have been replaced by younger, bolder, more innovative men who have run rings around the traditional military strategies of the Pentagon.

It really would be a good thing if both sides could lose this war: the Iranians might be free of the theocratic regime at last, and it might also be the beginning of the end politically for Donald Trump. But that is not to be. Only one side has lost.



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CLUES ACROSS

1. Mended

7. Hymns

13. Commercial transport of goods

14. Poked holes in the ground

16. They precede C

17. Branch of knowledge concerned with wealth

19. Larry and Curly's pal

20. Injured

22. Popular type of dance

23. Moon crater

25. American state

26. Places to lock valuables

28. Stalk that supports the capsule

29. Keyboard key

30. '___ death do us part

31. A type of cage

33. A place to sleep

34. Annual music awards show

36. Made over

38. Hard, stony substance

40. Incantations

41. Long-legged, wading bird

43. Breathe noisily

44. Congressman

45. Rip off

47. Golf score

48. Popular pickup truck

51. Where infants sleep

53. Music term

55. Small opening in a surface

56. Musical term meaning "very"

58. Soviet Socialist Republic

59. Treats with powder

60. Email subject line feature

61. A British lawyer

64. Expression of laughter

65. Farmer's calendar

67. Seeds used as food

69. Eurasian shrubs

70. Periods of inactivity

CLUES DOWN

1. Hard things to kick

2. Collective of countries

3. Letter of Hebrew alphabet

4. One-time Alabama running back

5. One's sense of self-esteem

6. Of the teeth

7. Treat with care

8. Type of whale

9. Curved structure

10. Emits coherent radiation

11. One of the Gospels (abbr.)

12. Smallest interval in western music

13. Netherlands seat of government

15. Gives to charitably

18. Lout

21. Pastas

24. Release from restrictions

26. Female sibling

27. Title of respect

30. Silver coins

32. Region in India

35. Partner to cheese

37. Dark or dusky

38. Pacific Northwest tree

39. Exaggerate

42. Toddler

43. Touch lightly

46. Fundamentals

47. Jeopardies

49. Curved structures

50. Isolated, flat-topped hills

52. Forming the bottom layer

54. Reciprocal of sine

55. Genus of Old World birds

57. New York college

59. Cloak

62. Kawhi Leonard's team (abbr.)

63. Vietnamese offensive

66. "The Great Lakes State"

68. "___, myself and I"

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

Techie Nesters support aging at home for seniors in the area

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

A May 2025 Ipsos survey found that 93 per cent of Canadians over 65 would prefer in-home care instead of moving to a long-term care facility.

As the population ages, many seniors would like to age in place in the comfort of their own homes, where they have lived, in many cases, for decades.

A Kind Nest Community is beginning to take shape in New Tecumseth, and Techie Nesters hosted a free community information session at the Tottenham Community and Fitness Centre in Tottenham on Saturday, July 11.

Techie Nesters is a member-supported, aging-well model now active in nine Ontario markets.

It is led by Jenn Gerynowicz, founder and chief compassion officer, and it is designed to help older adults stay independent, connected, confident, purposeful, and supported in their own homes.

Techie Nesters believes the problem is not aging – it's unsupported aging.

"Initially, we wanted to provide tech support for empty nesters, that's where the name Techie Nesters came from," Gerynowicz explained.

“Now it has evolved into the actual nesting support. We have an aging population and we realized that the traditional care models aren’t equipped to meet the emotional, social, and logistical needs of older adults who want to stay in their homes. We wanted to fill that gap, and not with expensive programs, but with something that is human-centred, available, and local.”

Gerynowicz continued, "It's all about connection and empowerment and helping people stay more independent. Most people want to

age at home and stay at home longer. So the issue is, how do you stay in your own home with a helping hand? Through our client nest community, you can place a call to your concierge. Everyone who has agreed to be a member has agreed to become a contributor and they have come into a system where everyone is police checked, reference checked, and it's all about being willing to lend a helping hand and be a helping hand."

While most older adults want to remain at home, many families are facing the reality that private care and retirement living are becoming harder to afford. As most Canadians over the age of 65 prefer in-home care, that is where Techie Nesters is trying to fill the missing middle.

The model combines friendly technology help, scam awareness, curated social connection, monthly gatherings, Wingmates, and practical neighbour-to-neighbour support through something called Bird Calls.

A Bird Call is a member request for help placed by telephone or email through the Techie Nesters Compassion Concierge. It might be a ride to an appointment, help carrying groceries, support setting up a telephone or tablet, help with moving a seasonal item, a friendly visit, or a small practical task that makes it easier for someone to remain independent at home.

Other members can offer support if it works for them, or simply not respond if it does not. There is no guilt, no pressure, and no obligation.

The first Kind Nest Community launched in Collingwood with 25 founding members and has now grown to nearly 150 members. They are active in nine Ontario markets with some communities established and others just getting started.

There are already early members in New

Tecumseth helping plant the first seeds of a local Kind Nest.

You can find out more about Techie Nesters **NEST (6378)**.



SUPPORTING SENIORS – Techie Nesters is an organization that helps older adults age in place by providing emotional, social and logistical support for those who need help. Members of Techie Nesters are seen here at Nestgiving, a social tradition celebrating gratitude, connectedness, and the joy of being a Nester, held recently at the Lake of Bays. The group also held a local information session at the Tottenham Community Centre in Tottenham on Saturday, July 13.

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Arts & Local Events

From game development to gourmet cinnamon rolls: Cailyn Stewart finds sweet success

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

When she started working toward a career, Roll Her Up Bakehouse entrepreneur Cailyn Stewart was studying for something entirely different from what she does now.

Cailyn operates Roll Her Up Bakehouse and makes delicious gourmet cinnamon rolls in a variety of flavours, and she's always inventing new varieties with different flavours and twists.

Cailyn didn't start out as a baker. She graduated from Georgian College with a degree in game development.

"I was looking for a game job, but at the same time I started making rolls and people wanted to buy them," Cailyn explained. "I would give samples to people in town – I live in Alliston. I started making more, and I went to a market. My first market was in December. It was a Christmas market and we did very well."

After a strong response from her first market, Cailyn realized she had a real opportunity for a successful business, given how much

people enjoyed her baking.

Her cinnamon rolls are light and tasty, and her creative skills help her explore ways to make new varieties.

"Our menu consists of apple crisp, classic, blueberry lemon zest, and every once in a while we bring back a pistachio cinnamon roll and strawberry," said Cailyn. "We also have a contest online where our customers are voting for new flavours. Some of the flavours we have seen in the in-box are strawberry shortcake, peach cobbler, Ferrero Rocher chocolate, double chocolate, and raspberry chocolate, so you can look forward to some new and fun flavours from us in the next few weeks."

Cailyn's creative background also provided a way to do her marketing and advertising. Her vendor tent is a wild pink colour that is tasteful, but certainly attracts attention.

Her pink brand and bubbly personality has resulted in her customers giving her the name Cinnamon Barbie, and she thinks it suits her well.

She brought her cinnamon rolls to the Tottenham Vendors' Market at Keogh Park on

Sunday, July 12, and had a great response from visitors who enjoyed her tasty treats.

Cailyn will be back at the Tottenham Market two more times this summer on July 26 and August 23.

You can find out more about Cailyn and her cinnamon rolls and order on her Instagram account @rollherupbakehouse.



SWEET SUCCESS – It was a sunny day at the Tottenham Vendors' Market on Sunday, July 12. Cailyn Stewart of Roll Her Up Bakehouse brought gourmet cinnamon rolls and made many new customers who enjoyed her product.
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Senior Mansfield Cubs defeat Clarksburg Blues at home

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

It was a good night for the Mansfield Senior Cubs when they hosted the Clarksburg Blues on the diamond at Mansfield Community Park on Wednesday, July 8.

The Cubs played an outstanding game on both offence and defence.

Cody Bryan started on the mound for the Cubs.

Mansfield got the bats moving early in this game, including a home run from Dylan Gervais in the first inning.

The Cubs were leading 4-0 at the end of their first at-bat.

Mansfield was leading 5-0 when Justin Fenn hit a ball high over the infield that was missed and allowed a runner to score.

The Cubs' defence allowed no men on base in the top of the second inning.

The second Cubs home run of the game came in the second inning when Jackson Burek knocked the ball over the left field fence.

A play at first base ended the inning.

Clarksburg got on the scoreboard in the third inning when a sacrifice bunt advanced two players on base. They scored on the next hit. Another hit brought in a second Blues run.

The side ended on a double play.

The Cubs brought in another run in the fourth inning when Dylan Gervais hit a double and then rounded the bases to score on the next hit.

Jackson Burek hit to drive in a run and make it an 8-2 game. That was followed by another hit from Zac Piechocinski that allowed a run-



SLIDING SUCCESS – The Mansfield Senior Cubs host the Clarksburg Blues on the diamond in Mansfield on Wednesday, July 9. Cubs base runner Dylan Brown gets a face full of dirt but manages to steal third base. The Cubs played an all-around good game and left the diamond with an 11-2 win.

BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

ner to score.

The bases were loaded when Cam Green singled.

Cody Bryan hit to bring in another Cubs run and make it a 10-2 game.

At the end of the night, the Cubs left the dia-

mond with an 11-2 win.

The New Lowell Knights continue to lead the senior division of the NDBL with a 13-1-1 record.

They are followed by the Owen Sound Baysox, Ivy Rangers, Orillia Majors, and the

Bolton Brewers.

The Cubs will return to their home diamond in Mansfield on Sunday, July 19, when they will host the Barrie Angels for an afternoon contest.

Game time is 1:30 p.m.



TOUGH LOSS – The TNT Thunder 11U Red team take on the Everett Eagles on the diamond at Keogh Park in Tottenham on Monday, July 6. There was a lot of good hitting in this game. A Thunder player looks for the throw at third base. The Thunder had to settle for a 16-4 loss.

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CLOSE CALL – The throw to first base comes a second too late during a game between the Gruesome Devils and Dodge City in Tottenham Over 35 slo-pitch at the diamond at Conventry Park on Friday, July 10. Slo-pitch is in full swing around the region with games played nightly on various diamonds.

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Police seek the public's help in identifying post office theft suspect

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is seeking the public's assistance in identifying an individual involved in an ongoing fraud investigation.

On Sunday, March 2, 2025, at approximately 11:30 a.m., officers received a report from a victim who had gone to the post office to retrieve a package, only to learn that it had already been picked up the previous day.

The subsequent investigation revealed that an unknown individual allegedly presented fraudulent identification and signed for a package that did not belong to them.

The Nottawasaga OPP is asking anyone who recognizes this individual and vehicle or has information that may assist investigators to contact the Nottawasaga OPP at 1-888-310-1122 and reference occurrence number E250252881.

Those wishing to remain anonymous can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS

(8477) or submit information online at www.crimestoppersdm.com. When you contact Crime Stoppers, you remain anonymous and are never required to testify.

MAIL MISCHIEF – Nottawasaga Ontario Provincial Police officers are asking the public to identify the man pictured to the right in connection to an ongoing fraud investigation. Anyone with information is asked to call Nottawasaga OPP at 1-888-310-1122 and reference occurrence number E250252881.

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Nottawasaga OPP issues reminder regarding micromobility vehicle regulations

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Nottawasaga OPP is reminding residents about the rules for using micromobility and off-road vehicles in New Tecumseth.

Residents are encouraged to familiarize themselves with applicable laws to ensure the safe and legal use of these vehicles within the community.

- Human-powered scooters, rollerblades, skateboards, and bicycles are permitted on most sidewalks unless prohibited by local by-laws. Cyclists must follow Ontario cycling laws, including helmet use for riders under 18. Bicycles are also permitted on roads, bike lanes, trails, and parks unless otherwise posted.

- E-Bikes are permitted on town roads and

bicycle lanes but are not allowed on sidewalks, multi-use trails, or parks. Riders must be at least 16 years old, wear an approved helmet, and comply with Ontario E-bike regulations.

- E-scooters, low-speed vehicles, golf carts, urban mobility vehicles, electric skateboards, hoverboards, unicycles, and Segways are not permitted on town streets, sidewalks, trails or other municipal properties.

- Off-road vehicles, including dirt bikes (electric and gas powered) and ATVs must comply with town by-laws and provincial regulations. Vehicles operated on town roads must be registered, plated, and insured.

For further information, residents are encouraged to visit the Town of New Tecumseth website at: newtecumseth.ca/micromobility

Central Region OPP lay nearly 40 charges during Canada Day marine enforcement initiative

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) laid 39 charges and issued 32 warnings during a Canada Day marine enforcement initiative aimed at improving safety on Central Region waterways, according to a July 7 media release.

From July 1 to July 5, members of the OPP Snowmobile, All-Terrain Vehicle and Vessel Enforcement (SAVE) Unit conducted marine patrols on Fawn Lake, Gloucester Pool, Lake Muskoka, Lake Joseph, Redstone Lake, Haliburton Lake and Georgian Bay, working alongside local OPP detachments.

The most common offences included 14 counts of open alcohol on a vessel, 11 counts of failing to have a personal flotation device or lifejacket, and four counts of operating a vessel with open alcohol.

Other charges included failing to transfer vessel registration to a new owner, towing a person without a spotter, permitting someone under 16 to operate a personal watercraft, failing to carry a Pleasure Craft Operator Card, safety equipment violations and failing to carry a fire extinguisher.

During the five-day enforcement initiative, officers stopped a vessel that was towing family members, including youth, without a designated spotter on board, as required by law.

Police said further investigation found the operator had been consuming alcohol while operating the vessel and had open alcohol accessible on board. An Approved Screening Device test resulted in an "Alert" reading, leading to a seven-day driver's licence suspension and several charges under the

Canada Shipping Act and Liquor Licence and Control Act.

"Alcohol and boating do not mix," the OPP said, noting that operating a vessel while impaired can result in criminal charges, licence suspensions and other penalties, similar to impaired driving on Ontario roads.

Police reminded boaters that impaired operation of a boat, snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle can result in consequences for their driver's licence.

The OPP also encouraged boaters to wear lifejackets, operate vessels sober, carry required safety equipment and ensure licences and vessel registration documents are up to date.

"A lifejacket only works if you're wearing it," police said.



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Enforcement efforts will continue throughout the summer, with the OPP encouraging anyone who observes suspicious, impaired, aggressive or unsafe operation on roads or waterways to contact police.

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County of Simcoe launches survey on food waste and green cart use

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The County of Simcoe is inviting residents to share their experiences with food waste and green cart use through a short online survey that is now available to households across the region.

The survey asks about everyday habits, challenges residents may face, and ideas that could make using the green cart easier.

It takes 10-12 minutes to complete the sur-

vey. All responses are voluntary and confidential.

Feedback will help guide future education and awareness initiatives for the county's organics program.

"We are asking our residents for their insights on what's working and what could be improved," said County Warden Basil Clarke. "Their input will help us strengthen our organics program and hopefully will encourage more households to use their organics

cart and remove food waste and other organic materials from our garbage stream."

The county encourages all residents to take part in the green cart program and help build a more sustainable future for Simcoe County.

In addition to the survey, engagement teams will be attending local grocery stores, festivals, and markets throughout the summer to collect as much feedback as possible.

To take the survey, visit: simcoe.ca/organicsurvey



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Brock's Banter: Power of (Dogeared) Pages

This is a reality so many "collectors" of digital films, video games, and more are now living with as movies and shows get removed from streaming services and games get deleted or fall victim to expired licenses, thus putting the whole question of "ownership" into, well, question.

Another bonus of buying used books is supporting largely independent retailers and small businesses, while keeping "previously enjoyed" volumes out of the landfill when readers are done with them – contributing to the circular economy in ways that are not always considered.

"When you choose between new and used books, you're making a significant decision about your carbon footprint," agrees Wolfman Home Repair. "Buying

a new book typically results in about 7.5 kilograms of carbon dioxide emissions and consumes two kilowatt hours of fossil fuels, whereas opting for a used book reduces those emissions to less than one fifth of that amount. This stark difference highlights the carbon-saving power of book reuse, as it prevents books from ending up in landfills where they generate double the global warming emissions during decomposition.

"Buying used books supports bookstore sustainability and promotes a culture of reuse.... Since used books do not require new resources or manufacturing processes, they offer a nearly carbon-neutral option for readers. This approach to sustainable reading not only helps the

environment but also fosters a sense of community through book exchanges and events at community-centred bookstores. By opting for pre-loved books, you contribute to a more eco-friendly lifestyle and help minimize the overall carbon footprint associated with reading."

Our local libraries are a great place to check out the latest bestseller or the most up-to-date reference book on just about any topic under the sun, not to mention take advantage of the myriad programs and services they offer that make them true community hubs for all.

They are also, on the flipside, a great starting point in finding used books – volumes either donated for sale by patrons or discarded from the collection after not

being checked out in a while – and the money raised in these sales, in turn, helps them buy new books to take their place.

Truth be told, however, it always pains me to see books "discarded" from library collections and strewn to the proverbial wind. Obviously libraries want to keep the newest and most up-to-date books on their shelves – space is, after all, at a premium – but once they're out of the collection, there's no turning back. It does, yes, lead to the thrill of the hunt, but a hunt that can feel unnecessary, especially when the hunt yields a former library book!

I'm so thankful that used book stores help give these volumes a new lease on life and firmly believe every community should have at least one.

Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority releases highlights from June board meeting

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority has released highlights from its June 2026 board meeting, including updates and upcoming events.

Draft levy for budget

With the upcoming amalgamation of conservation authorities, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks directed the current Conservation Authority Board to pass the 2027 budget before Feb. 1, 2027.

As a result, Conservation Authorities are adjusting their processes to accommodate the anticipated direction and the timing of the October municipal elections.

NVCA's Board of Directors approved a draft levy increase of \$129,055.12 and directed staff to finalize the 2027 budget and business plan for approval at the September 2026 board meeting.

Boundary adjustment and apportionment for levy

The Board approved adjustments to NVCA's operational and asset levy apportionments to reflect municipal boundary changes between Barrie, Springwater, and Oro-Medonte that took effect on Jan. 1, 2026.

As assessment data currently reflect pre-boundary-adjustment municipal limits, manual changes are required to ensure levy costs are fairly allocated among the affected municipalities. These adjustments will continue through the 2027 budget cycle.

Upcoming events

- Camp Tiffin: Led by NVCA's environmental educators, Camp Tiffin is an outdoor camp designed to enhance a child's knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of the natural world. Camp Tiffin takes place at the Tiffin Centre for Conservation until Sept. 4.
- Tiffin Nature School: Children ages 2.5 to

6 are invited to explore and connect with the natural world. The school helps develop children's innate curiosity, offering immersive outdoor experiences that inspire discovery and growth.

Tiffin Nature School takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays through the summer. You can register for both Camp Tiffin and Tiffin Nature School by visiting the NVCA's website.



OBITUARIES

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Aitchison: William Dawson

Peacefully passed away at Southlake Health Newmarket, on June 23, 2026. Dawson Aitchison at the age of 92 years, beloved husband of Shirley Aitchison (née: Matson).

Loving brother of the late Golda Brydon (the late Jack) and loving brother-in-law of Lois Archibald (the late Ken) and Ruth Matson (the late Larry). Dearly loved uncle of the late Rick Archibald, Joanne Burns (Jim), Scott Archibald (Diane), Dave Archibald (Maureen), Lea Steenhoeck (Rick), Kyle Brydon (Carolyn), Steve Matson (Sandy), Mark Matson, and Jan Gracey. Sadly missed by special friend Sam Dupuis. Forever in the hearts of his great nieces and nephews, great great nieces and nephews, extended family, and friends.

Memorial Service will be held at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham 905-936-3477 on Saturday, July 18, 2026 in the chapel at 1pm. A Reception in the funeral home's Cliffside Hall will follow. In Dawson's memory, donations to St. Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church (116 Church St., Schomberg, ON, L0G1T0) or the charity of choice would be appreciated. Condolences and memories may be left for the family at

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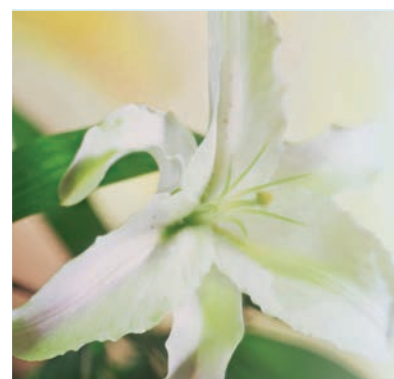
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After that date, the estate will be distributed, having regard only to the claims of which the Estate Trustee has received notice.

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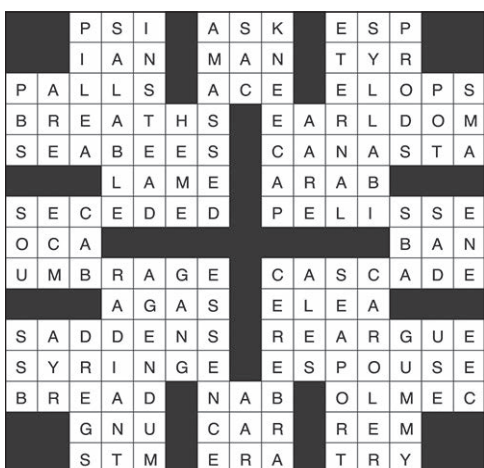
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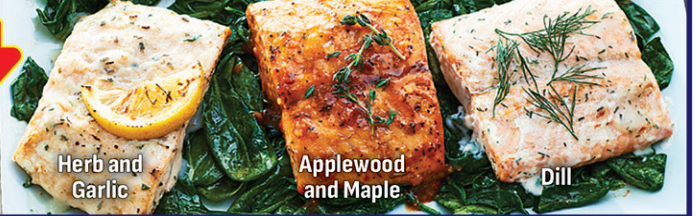


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