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Competitors sprint from the start line during the C.R.I.C. 2k Fun Run held at the Tottenham Conservation Area on Monday, June 29. The race was part of Tottenham Week. Daniel Franco was the first to cross the finish line with a time of 8.29.
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REELING THEM IN – It was a chance for bragging rights and a nice trophy at the Tottenham Community Week fishing derby held at the Tottenham Conservation Area pond and sponsored by Trevor’s Roof Repairs on Sunday, July 5. Around 50 anglers registered for the event and brought many friends. While some people tried their luck from the dam, others spread out across the pond to cast their lines. New Tecumseth Councillor Andrea Jacks and Robyn Zillmer-Caruana from Trevor’s Roof Repairs present the winners with their trophies. The smallest catch winner was Tristan Figliuzzi, Carter Cambria won most caught (10), Austin Figliuzzi won the Wild Card, and Liam McLean caught the biggest fish at 1.14 lbs.

BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

100 Simcoe County schools achieve EcoSchools certification

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Each year, Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) schools participate in the EcoSchools Canada certification program.

This is a national environmental certification program that helps schools take climate action, build environmental literacy, and

celebrate sustainability efforts happening in classrooms across the school community.

Students and staff commit to a variety of environmental learning and actions under themes of food, waste, water, energy, transport, biodiversity, climate change, outdoor learning, Indigenous ways of knowing, and health and well-being, through these

activities.

They accumulate points towards certification.

For the 2025/26 school year, 100 SCDSB schools participated in the EcoSchools certification program. This is up from 63 participants in 2024/25.

Overall, 15 schools achieved platinum status, along with 37 gold, nine silver, and 12 bronze, as a result of environmental actions, campaigns, and projects they completed this year.

The EcoSchools program brings meaningful benefits to every school. It promotes student leadership, strengthens curriculum connections through real-world environmental learning, highlights and celebrates existing initiatives, and builds a strong sense of community pride and commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship.

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From spinning milkshakes to owning multiple McDonald's locations

Alliston resident Rory MacKinnon retires after 52 years

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

What began as a quest for a kid to earn some pocket money for an overseas bagpipe competition turned into a lifelong successful career in the restaurant business for a local businessman.

After a 52-year-long tenure with McDonald's, well-known local restaurant owner Rory MacKinnon is retiring – at least from the food business.

Rory's retirement is more of a change of direction. He won't be sitting in a rocking chair on the front porch, as he plans to stay active and busy in the community.

While thousands of people have a job at McDonald's listed on their resumé, most leave to pursue other options. However, for Rory, his first job at the restaurant at the milkshake station set him on a trajectory for bigger things with the company.

He was living in Ottawa as a youth when his pipe band won a North American championship and had the opportunity to travel to Scotland to compete.

"I came home and told my parents, 'We're going to go to Scotland this summer'," Rory explained. "They said, 'You're going to need a job.' They told me there was a new McDonald's opening down the street and told me to go there and apply for a job."

Rory followed his parents' advice and rode his bike to the newly opened McDonald's, where he landed his first job.

That was June 17, 1974.

Rory impressed the hiring manager with his honesty and enthusiasm, and the manager hired him on the spot. That same night, he was learning how to make milkshakes.

"That was my first and only job interview," Rory said.

He stuck with the job and worked at the location throughout school. Upon graduating from university, he was offered a job as a restaurant manager, eventually managing seven McDon-

“What I am most proud of is my son taking over the locations and continuing with this legacy.”

—Rory MacKinnon
Previous owner of eight McDonald's franchises

ald's locations in Ottawa.

From there, his career at McDonald's took him through various corporate roles over the years, including opening the Skydome McDonald's in Toronto.

Eventually, Rory was offered the Alliston franchise and took over the restaurant in 2004.

It's a big deal to open a new McDonald's franchise. The company has many requirements that must be met to ensure its success.

The opportunity reflected McDonald's confidence in MacKinnon's ability to operate a successful franchise.

Over the next several years, Rory expanded his McDonald's ownership, taking over the Angus restaurant and opening a new location at the Alliston Walmart. He later added restaurants in Caledon, west-end Orangeville and at the Orangeville Walmart, followed by locations in Schomberg in 2016 and Shelburne in 2022.

Through the years, Rory's restaurants provided first jobs and valuable work experience for thousands of people across the region. Many employees learned important lessons about teamwork, responsibility and the workplace during their time at McDonald's.

Rory said that having several locations was made much easier with the help of his dedicated staff.

"You can do it if you have a good team," he explained.

Now that he is retiring, the business will remain in the family. Rory's son Tom has taken over the Alliston and Angus locations.

"What I am most proud of is my son taking over the locations and continuing with this legacy," Rory said.

Now that he is in retirement, Rory's goals have changed. He was asked to serve as a director on the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation board and will bring over five decades of business experience to the role.

Rory will also continue as a lone piper with his band, the Clans of Tecumseth Pipes and Drums, at various local events.

What started as a teenager's attempt to earn money for a trip to Scotland became a 52-year journey that shaped Rory's career and left a lasting mark on the region.



FIVE DECADES LATER – Local businessman Rory MacKinnon has decided to retire after a 52-year-long career with McDonald's. Rory owned eight locations in the region before scaling back a couple of years ago. Rory's son Tom will be taking over the Alliston and Angus locations and keeping the business in the family. His official retirement date was June 21, and he was joined by family members Tom, Logan and Marlene on his final day at the Alliston location. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS**



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

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Holding hands in public

There were many Canada Day parties held across the nation on July 1 to celebrate this country of ours.

While everyone was waving the red and white and wearing their Canada Day shirts and hats, I hope most of you took a few moments to reflect on the values that built this country.

One of the primary values is freedom. That is freedom to assemble and associate with whoever you want, freedom to move to another town or province, freedom to build a church and practice your religion, freedom to marry who you want, freedom to choose your job or vocation, freedom to express your opinion, freedom to criticize the government without fear of reprisal, and freedom of the press to report the real news – not government controlled propaganda.

We should not take these freedoms for granted and assume they will always be there.

A few years ago, I attended a hockey game where the local team was missing half of its roster during the playoffs. All of the missing players were Russian nationals who came here for the chance to play higher-level hockey and get a good reputation in the sport.

So why would they all suddenly leave at the most important time of the hockey season?

It was because the visas that had allowed them to leave Russia to play hockey were about to expire.

If they returned after the due date, they would be detained immediately and sent to jail or the army, no questions asked.

I met a lot of those Russian players in several different towns and hockey clubs around the region. They were all nice and friendly, and they appreciated playing their sport here.

Given their age, I now wonder how many of them are now dead after being conscripted and used as cannon fodder in Putin’s immoral war?

The Canada Day celebrations were attended by everyone of all ages. There were families arriving together, older people, younger people, and toddlers in strollers.

I positioned my cameras near the park entrance for the fireworks show, and hundreds of people entered and passed by my location.

I noticed a few things as I watched everyone enter – I knew a lot of people who were arriving for the show. For starters, really short skirts are apparently making a comeback.

Nothing wrong with that.

I saw many teenagers arriving as couples or in groups. Some were hold-

ing hands or sitting closely together to watch the show.

There’s nothing wrong with that either. We all experienced puppy-love and the thrill of going somewhere with your crush for the first time.

The thing is, they have the freedom to attend an event and hold hands if they want to.

In some countries, that behaviour will land you in serious trouble.

Recently in Indonesia, a man and a woman were lashed with a rattan cane in public to pay for their crime.

The crime? They were seen kissing on a TikTok livestream.

For that, they were publicly humiliated and severely beaten.

A 22-year-old local resident who witnessed the lashing was quoted as saying, “It raises awareness that such actions are unacceptable, thereby educating the public.”

I’m pretty sure this guy has never actually spoken to a real woman, and would probably be scared to death if a woman actually spoke to him.

He has certainly been brainwashed from a young age to have such a medieval and backwards thought process at his age.

In these cases, usually the people doling out the punishments are the

real perverts. This really became evident when the U.S. military released a report on when they monitored website usage in some of these backward countries, and what the totalitarian leaders themselves were watching online. In this part of Indonesia, people are routinely beaten and lashed for gay sex, gambling, drinking, men who miss Friday prayers, and women who wear tight clothing.

According to this list, just about everyone currently in Las Vegas would be getting a good beating under these archaic laws, myself included, under the gambling, drinking, and missing Friday prayers categories.

Freedom is not free. As citizens, we have to be vigilant against persons, groups, and organizations that would take that freedom away and oppress us under totalitarian laws and rule, and that includes new government hate speech legislation like Bill C-9. Modern hate speech is no more dangerous than it was 100 or 200 years ago.

We owe it to ourselves, our children, and future generations to keep our society free from outside influences that will try to force us to submit to a dangerous and oppressive regime.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Courage, conviction, and contrast

It’s strange how as often as some folks like to claim “Canada’s broken,” followed by an incongruous laundry list of reasons to justify their claim, it’s often these same folks who balk the loudest at the idea that Canada’s history is imperfect, has had some dark historic chapters, and still has its work cut out to be the best it can be.

The very idea of identifying some of the skeletons in our collective closet, ones that would be far more convenient for our shared consciousness if they weren’t there at all, and pointing out ways in which we can try to begin a healing process, is somehow seen as insulting to those who came before us. Unless it works in their favour.

It’s created a situation where those who are clear-headed about our history are sometimes derided for perceived political stances, even when it’s just the facts, but others are given free rein to point out all the country’s short-

comings with near-complete impunity – as long as the objective is to score political points and further a distinct narrative.

It’s not a phenomenon that is unique to Canada, of course. It’s one our neighbours to the south have experienced for years, albeit with increasing intensity in the last decade or so.

It was through this lens that it was fascinating to watch one nation celebrating its 159th birthday on Wednesday, and the other marking its 250th anniversary on Saturday.

Our anniversary, admittedly, is not the biggest of milestones to celebrate, certainly not in comparison to a quarter-millennium, but our respective approaches to these occasions was an interesting study in contrasts.

In many respects, at least through these non-American eyes, it seemed the United States was not only celebrating 250 years of history – as

they rightly should – but doing so for a yearning for what once was, even if it wasn’t. It was not just a matter of looking back at history in the context of providing the foundation blocks for today, but the idea that a return to many of those halcyon days of yore would solve the issues facing the country today.

No matter the progress made in the last few decades.

No matter the hard-fought rights established in those ensuing years.

No matter the fact that those “halcyon days” were anything but for large swaths of the population.

And, for some people leading the celebration, it was seen as an appropriate venue to attempt some score-settling, partisan haranguing, and the dusting off of well-worn soundbites that somehow still strike a chord with their intended audience.

While we didn’t have a big milestone to celebrate this year – Canada could

still, however, amp things up for our 160th next year – it was still heartening to see that our leaders from all levels of government were largely focused on what’s right with Canada, while also looking to a future that, for better or worse, we’re all in together.

“Canada is a beacon of hope and opportunity for people from around the world, which is reflected in the incredible diversity of cultural, religious, and linguistic backgrounds of the people who make up our great province and country,” said Premier Doug Ford in a statement. “As we celebrate Canada, let’s recommit to working together as Canadians to continue defending the values of freedom, democracy, and justice that make our country great.

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Netanyahu's remaining options

GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY



"The graveyards are full of indispensable men," said former French Premier Georges Clemenceau about a century ago, and it's still true. Israel's precisely timed surprise attack on Iran on 28 February killed Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei and seven of his closest allies in thirty seconds, but they turned out not to be indispensable at all.

"The problem is that Israel is in love with assassinations ... and we never learn that it is not the solution. We have killed all the leaders of Hamas. They are still there. It's the same with Hezbollah. The leaders are always replaced," said Israeli intelligence analyst Yossi Melman. And so they have been again with Iran.

Prime Minister Binyamin 'Bibi' Netanyahu's 'decapitation' attack went off perfectly: the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) even managed to kill forty senior leaders in other parts of Iran at the same time. And yet all those assassinations achieved precisely nothing: the next tier of Iranian leaders just moved up, and the

population did not rise up against them.

Netanyahu has been trying to get the United States to attack Iran, Israel's most powerful enemy, ever since the early 1990s. He warned each passing US president that if he didn't act right away, Iran would have nuclear weapons in two years, or three, or five. But since it wasn't true (as US intelligence agencies always said), he never made a sale – until Donald Trump.

Trump goes all fanboy when dealing with political strongmen like Kim Jong Un, Vladimir Putin and Binyamin Netanyahu. However, even he could see that Bibi's warnings about imminent Iranian nuclear weapons were implausible, since Trump claimed that he destroyed all of Iran's enriched nuclear material by precision bombing last year.

Nevertheless, Netanyahu made the sale in the end. Trump was still high on his January takeover of Venezuela; he was easily persuaded that the people of Iran would revolt if he just gave the signal, and Netanyahu told him that the Iranian regime would magically get nuclear weapons in a week if he didn't act. (Probably neither man really believed that, but it helped.)

Even then, Trump balked for a moment at the end, but Netanyahu threatened to attack Iran without American help if necessary, and he gave in.

As US Secretary of State Marco Rubio put it, "We knew that there was going to be Israeli action. We knew that that would precipitate an (Iranian) attack against American forces, and we knew that if we didn't preemptively go after them before they launched those attacks, we would suffer higher casualties," Rubio told reporters.

Alternatively, of course, Trump could have just ordered Netanyahu not to start an illegal and foredoomed war against Iran, but that would have required a personality transplant. So the US and the IDF bombed and

rocketed Iran for six weeks, killing at least 3,500 people, with no tangible effect – while Iran just closed the Strait of Hormuz and won the war.

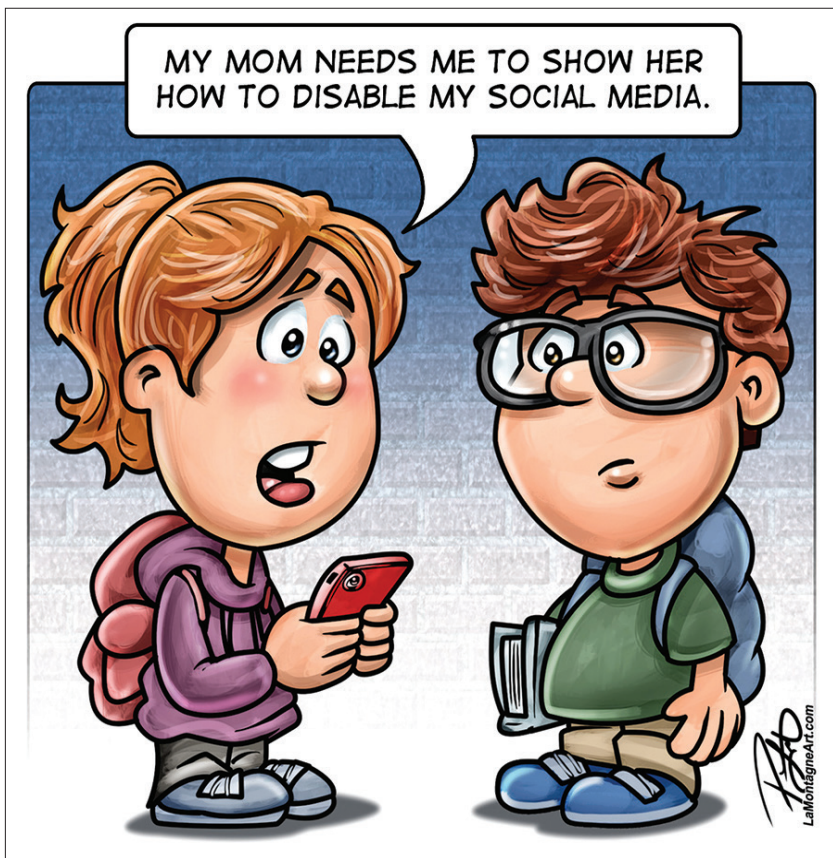
Donald Trump can walk away from this fiasco humiliated before the rest of the world but relatively undamaged at home. People who vote for him don't follow or care about what happens in the Middle East unless the war starts up again. Whereas Netanyahu's political survival, and maybe even his freedom, depend on his getting the war going again.

The Israeli election is due by October, and voters blame Netanyahu for failing to prevent the Hamas atrocities in 2023 and also for not winning the war against Iran. The latest opinion polls show his Likud-led coalition and the likeliest opposition coalition neck and neck, with neither winning enough seats for a majority in the Knesset (parliament).

To stay in office and avoid jail (as he faces criminal corruption charges), Netanyahu needs a military victory. For that, he needs the war to restart. And that means he must defy Donald Trump, who wants the Strait of Hormuz fully open and some face-saving deal with Iran before he has to face American voters in the November mid-term elections.

Netanyahu can't really win a new war, but he needs at least to look like he might win it when Israelis vote in October, so he's doubling down on all his scariest themes. He told Channel 14 last week that he decided to attack Iran twice (June 2025 and February 2026) to save Israel "from annihilation by atomic bombs, which were already in their possession."

That's utter nonsense, but it's all he has left. Can he really restart the war and bring Trump along, or even do it without him? Probably not, but he's certainly going to try.



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- Eurasian shrubs
- Periods of inactivity

CLUES DOWN

- Hard things to kick
- Collective of countries
- Letter of Hebrew alphabet
- One-time Alabama running back
- One's sense of self-esteem
- Of the teeth
- Treat with care
- Type of whale
- Curved structure
- Emits coherent radiation
- One of the Gospels (abbr.)
- Smallest interval in western music
- Netherlands seat of government
- Gives to charitably
- Lout
- Pastas
- Release from restrictions
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CLUES DOWN

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- Dark or dusky
- Pacific Northwest tree
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- Touch lightly
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CONTACT and Friends of the New Tecumseth Library come together

In a world that continuously challenges our resilience, the power of community support shines even brighter. CONTACT Community Services and Friends of the New Tecumseth Library are thrilled to announce a fabulous partner fundraiser: the Good Vibes Raffle.

This exciting raffle not only promises unique and exciting prizes but also aims to raise vital funds to support local families in need while contributing to the purchase of much-needed laptops to create a Lending Laptop program at all three New Tecumseth Library branches!

Tickets for the Good Vibes Raffle are only \$10, providing affordable access for community members to participate in a heartwarming cause that directly impacts their neighbours. The funds generated from ticket sales will be channelled into two significant areas: assisting families facing hardships in our community and enhancing the technological resources available at the New Tecumseth Libraries.

In recent years, the economic landscape has shifted dramatically, leaving many families struggling to make ends meet. By participating in the Good Vibes Raffle, individuals not only engage in an exciting opportunity to



win prizes, but they also contribute to a fund that can help lift up their neighbours in need.

Furthermore, the library plays a pivotal role in fostering education, literacy, and community connection. In an age increasingly dominated by technology, the demand for digital resources is higher than ever. The funds raised through this raffle will directly support the acquisition of laptops, equipping patrons with the essential tools they need to succeed both academically and professionally.

The Good Vibes Raffle features an exciting array of prizes that reflect the generosity of our community. Participants will find something for everyone, ensuring that the excitement of winning is mixed with the joy of giving back. Below is a sneak peek of the prizes up for grabs:

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The big draw takes place during The Alliston Potato Festival on Saturday, August 8, at 3 pm, at The Clothes Line store in Alliston. You don't even need to be there to win! Winners will be contacted and announced on


social media.

By purchasing a ticket for the Good Vibes Raffle, you are investing in your community. Your contribution can make a significant difference in the lives of families in need, offering them hope and support during challenging times. Additionally, your support helps the New Tecumseth Library enhance its resources, fostering education and growth for individuals of all ages.

The CONTACT Good Vibes Raffle is more than just a chance to win exciting prizes; it's a commitment to uplifting those around us and strengthening the bonds within our community. With your support, we can create a ripple effect of positivity that extends far beyond the boundaries of this raffle.

Join us in making a difference, and let's spread those good vibes together.

This week's Community Voice column was written by Brenda Pufek, manager of community engagement and development at CONTACT Community Services. CONTACT is a non-profit organization serving South Simcoe and the surrounding regions in Ontario. To learn more about CONTACT Community Services' upcoming events, visit: contactcommunityservices.ca/upcoming-events



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CELEBRATING CANADA – It was a big Canada Day party at Riverdale Park in Alliston on Wednesday, July 1. Hosted by New Tecumseth-Gillimbury MP Scot Davidson, the party featured a free barbecue, activities, and entertainment. There was a special fly-by by a Canadian Armed Forces Hercules aircraft. Hundreds of people turned out to show their national pride and have a fun day in the sun.

BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTOS



Ontario opens applications for Simcoe County's head of council, eliminates warden

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

What began as a quest for a kid to earn soThe Government of Ontario has opened the application process for the County of Simcoe's head of council position.

The position was previously known as warden or county chair.

Applications are due by July 13, 2026, at 11:59 p.m.

As outlined by the province, heads of council help guide municipal priorities, chair council meetings, represent the region

at official events, and support coordination among local municipalities.

The head of council will ensure decisions are carried out and that local government remains accountable and transparent.

The province's public appointments secretariat is now accepting applications for this provincial appointment.

To be considered, applicants must meet the eligibility requirements under the Municipal Act 2001, including being eligible to vote in a lower-tier municipality within the County of Simcoe.

The role of the head of council includes:

- Leads county council and supports its strategic direction
- Chairs council meetings and guides decision-making
- Represents the county at regional and provincial events
- Supports collaboration across all lower-tier municipalities
- Promotes accountability in local government

Qualified individuals are encouraged to review the posting and apply through the

province's Public Appointments Secretariat.

The appointment of a full-time Head of Council became legislation as part of the Better Governance Act 2026, passed by the Ontario Government on May 7, 2026.

Prior to this provincial change, the role of Head of Council was selected by county council from among its 32 members.

The Better Governance Act also reduced the size of county council from 32 to 17, which includes 16 mayors and a full-time Head of Council.

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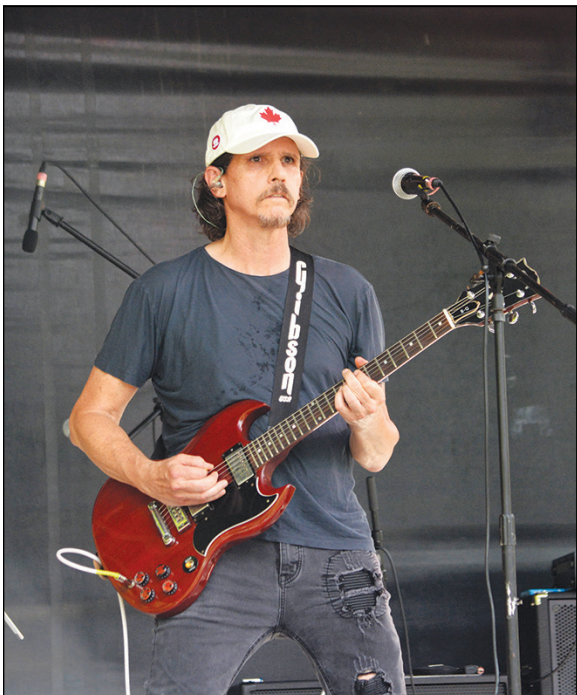
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NATIONAL PRIDE – It was a big party at the Tottenham Conservation Area when the Town of New Tecumseth celebrated the nation’s 159th birthday on Wednesday, July 1. There was music, lots of vendors, food, and games for the kids. The day was capped with a fireworks show over the Conservation Area pond. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTOS**





COMMUNITY CELEBRATION – It started out wet, but by late afternoon the sun came out and so did the crowds at the Tottenham Community Week Street Party on Saturday, July 9. After not taking place last year due to a shortage of volunteers, the week-long event returned as even bigger and better this year. The street festival featured games, entertainment, vendors, and plenty of smiles as people made their way down Queen Street.

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Beat the heat this summer: Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit offers guidance

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

With summer underway and a recent week of high temperatures, there are likely more hot days ahead, which can leave many people feeling rather uncomfortable.

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is reminding residents to be aware of signs of heat-related illness and to take steps to stay cool and healthy.

Extreme heat can cause serious, life-threatening health problems.

To stay safe, go to cool places such as air-conditioned spaces, shaded areas, or public buildings like libraries and malls. Take breaks from the heat, drink water often – even if you

are not thirsty – and limit alcohol and caffeine consumption.

Avoid strenuous activity and plan outdoor tasks for cooler times of day. Keep your home cool by closing blinds during the day and opening windows at night if it is cooler outside.

Use air conditioning if available, and do not rely solely on fans to cool down.

When outdoors, wear light, loose-fitting clothing and protect yourself from the sun with a hat and sunglasses.

Check on family, friends, and neighbours, especially those at higher risk. If you live alone or need extra support, arrange for someone to check on you regularly.

While anyone can be affected by the heat,

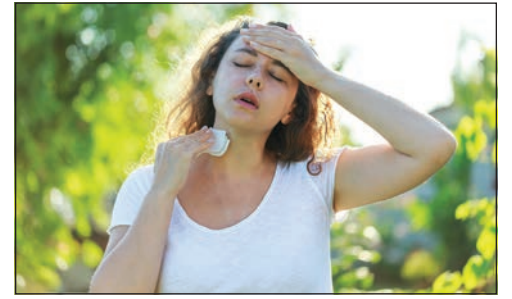
people at greater risk include infants and young children, older adults, and those with chronic health conditions.

Excessive heat can make you sick quickly. It can cause dehydration, heat cramps, heat rash, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke. It can also worsen existing health conditions such as lung and heart problems.

It may affect mental health, causing changes in mood or behaviour.

Early warning signs include headache, nausea, irritability, weakness, fatigue, light-headedness or dizziness. Some people may become disoriented or confused.

Mild to moderate symptoms can quickly become severe.



If you develop symptoms, act right away by moving to a cool place, drinking water, and cooling your body.

If symptoms worsen or you are unsure what to do, contact a health-care provider or call 811, or visit Health811.

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Brock's Banter: Courage, conviction, and contrast

Let's also continue to keep fighting to protect our country, its communities, and its workers, unlocking new opportunities that will make Ontario and Canada more prosperous and more secure."

Many of you spent Canada Day this year wisely enjoying air conditioning as Mother Nature delivered a scorcher. It was understandable, and I admit I fully indulged in it, but it was still a shame not to be able to celebrate the day communally under the sun, as is the tradition for so many families.

But it was a great chance to see the festivities from the Nation's Capital on TV. Until it wasn't, and Mother Nature scattered the crowds – those who were brave enough to show up, anyway – with torrential storms.

She was, however, kind enough to hold off on unleashing her fury until after the Prime Minister delivered the traditional Canada Day speech at the noontime show – and, again, those clear contrasts in nation, leadership, and where we are headed, couldn't

have been in sharper focus.

Drawing on the Artemis II mission and the participation of Canadian astronaut Colonel Jeremy Hansen, Carney chose the theme of strength and bravery in his remarks.

"From such great heights, Colonel Hansen brought back home a perspective on the values that make us who we are and the values that can propel us to achieve extraordinary things – courage, connection, and conviction," said the PM. "He showed courage in the face of the possibility of never returning; courage to take a calculated risk to achieve what had never been done before; showed connection because that mission was only made possible by everyone working together within a family, within a team, within a community. He showed conviction about what we are capable as a country, about the need to take risks in order to do big things. Courage, connection, and conviction: they're what it takes to reach the dark side of the moon. And they're what

it takes to make the greatest country in the world even better. And we can do it."

Noting that courage is "the ability to act despite fear" rather than the absence of fear itself, he pointed to the courage demonstrated year in and year out by members of the Canadian Armed Forces around the world, the staggering number of police officers this year alone who lost their lives in the line of duty, and those first responders preparing to head out to fight dangerous wildfires.

"If courage is how we must face the world, connection is how we accomplish what can seem impossible," he continued. "Jeremy Hansen has observed that while individuals can feel powerless in the face of global challenges, humanity's true strength lies in our ability to collaborate. That is how the Artemis team accomplished what had never been done before. That's what a united Canada makes possible...."

"One hundred-and-fifty-nine-years-ago,

Canada saw the light of day. It was not perfect. It offered a foundation, a starting point, founded on a deep conviction: the conviction that we can always do better. Every generation of Canadians inherits something that was built by the generations before – a railway, a seaway, a charter of rights, a path towards reconciliation, a country that's more prosperous, more just, more inclusive than the one they inherited from their parents.... None of us builds on empty ground. We build on those platforms raised by those who came before us. And our job, our duty even, is to raise it higher still for those who come after."

A study in contrasts indeed, and one that instilled me with Canadian pride.

All too often we, as Canadians, define ourselves by what we aren't rather than by what we are, and that's a shame as we have much to be proud of – but last week, I think we can be forgiven for indulging in a bit of that definition. Just a little.

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SAFELY ON THE BAG – The throw to second base comes just a fraction of a second too late during a house league game between the U11 TNT Thunder Navy team and the Evertt #2 team. The game was played at Keogh Park in Tottenham on Thursday, July 2. It was a high-scoring game with the Evertt team coming out on top 20-12.
BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

PGA-sanctioned amateur event to be held at Bond Head

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Beeton area golfers will have the opportunity to participate as a team in a local qualifier of the PGA Scramble that will be held at The Club at Bond Head.

Now in its 11th year, the PGA Scramble presented by BMW is the largest grassroots amateur golf program in Canada, taking place at over 185 locations.

The winners of each local qualifier are invited to participate in one of 13 Regional Finals later this summer.

From there, Regional Final winners will be awarded the chance to participate and win a National Championship at the prestigious Cabot Links Golf Course in Nova Scotia in the fall.

There will also be two guaranteed spots at the National Final for all-female teams.

The program has steadily grown every year, with last year featuring over 12,000 participants from coast to coast.

The Club at Bond Head competition is open to teams of four eligible amateur golfers who all have an up-to-date Golf Canada handicap and are 19 years of age and older.

The competition will take place on Monday, July 20.

Registration for The Club at Bond Head event closes on July 10, 2026.

To register or see a full list of local qualifiers in your area, visit: pgascramble.com/local-qualifiers

GRASSROOTS GOLF – The Club at Bond Head will be hosting a PGA Scramble on Monday, July 20, for amateur golfers with a Golf Canada handicap. Last year's winners are seen on the course in Edmonton, Alberta.
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OPP reminds residents of rules and regulations regarding E-bikes

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Members of the Ontario Provincial Police are reminding the public of the rules and regulations governing E-bikes before taking to the road or trail this summer.

As the use of E-bikes continues to grow across communities, it is important for riders to recognize that E-bikes, also known as power-assisted bicycles, are subject to Ontario's Highway Traffic Act and Ontario Regulation 369/09.

To be legally operated, an E-bike must meet the following requirements.

- Be equipped with operable pedals
- Have an electric motor rated at 500 watts or less
- Have a maximum assisted speed of 32 km/h
- Weigh no more than 120 kg, including battery
- Be equipped with two independent braking systems
- Have the battery and motor securely fastened to the frame
- Have all electrical terminals properly

insulated

- Meet all Ontario equipment standards

E-bike riders must also:

- Be at least 16 years of age
- Wear an approved bicycle or motorcycle helmet
- Follow the same rules of the road as cyclists
- Refrain from riding on controlled-access highways

Riders should also be aware that municipalities may have additional bylaws or restrictions in place that limit where E-bikes can be used, including on certain pathways, trails, or waterfront areas.

Always watch for posted signage and follow local regulations.

Unlike motor vehicles, E-bike operators are not required to have a driver's license, vehicle registration, license plates, or insurance.

As more residents turn to E-bikes as a convenient and environmentally friendly mode of transportation, the OPP encourages all riders to prioritize safety, remain aware of their surroundings, and respect the rules of the road.



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Simcoe County Museum offers after-hours programming throughout the summer

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

If you are looking for a fun activity this summer, the Simcoe County Museum is once again offering a line-up of evening experiences for all ages.

The Museum After Hours program will be held on Tuesday evenings through July and August.

These relaxed after-hours events invite visitors to explore the museum

in a whole new way.

Whether you arrive with family or friends, Museum After Hours offers a welcoming, playful environment that combines education and entertainment for everyone.

From tours to trivia and a little bit of everything in between, you can see what's going on by visiting the museum website at museum.simcoe.ca – to see what is happening

each week.

Simcoe County Museum After Hours will take place on Tuesday evenings in July and August from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The cost is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$6 for youth, \$4 for children, and free for preschoolers and museum members.

The Simcoe County Museum is located at 1151 ON-26, Minesing.



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Essa man dies following single-vehicle collision in Orangeville

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers, along with local EMS and fire services, responded to a serious single motor vehicle collision in Orangeville, involving an Essa man.

Emergency crews were dispatched to the area of Broadway between Diane Drive and

Blind Line for a single motor vehicle collision involving a passenger vehicle, on the afternoon of June 30.

The driver, an adult male, was transported to a local hospital and subsequently airlifted to a Newmarket-area trauma centre due to the severity of his injuries.

As a result of the collision, on July 1, 2026, the driver, a 44-year-old male from Essa, was pronounced deceased.

Members of the OPP Technical Collision Investigation (TCI) unit attended the scene to assist with the investigation.

The investigation remains ongoing.

Anyone with information or dashcam footage related to the collision on June 30 is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

To remain anonymous, please contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or visit the website: ontariocrimestoppers.ca.

Alliston driver charged with impaired driving after being found asleep at wheel

Nottawasaga Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers charged an Alliston resident with impaired driving following a traffic complaint.

The Nottawasaga OPP responded to a report that the driver had stopped and was asleep at the wheel at the intersection of Young Street

and Industrial Parkway in Alliston on July 4, shortly after 10 a.m.

Officers arrived on scene, detected an odour of cannabis and initiated an impaired driving investigation.

As a result of the investigation, the driver was arrested and charged.

Khadeen Clarke-Reynolds, 32, of Alliston, has been charged with operation while impaired - drugs and driver - fail to properly wear seat belt.

The accused was released from custody and is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Bradford at a future date to

answer to the charges.

In addition, the accused received a 90-day Administrative Driver's Licence Suspension (ADLS), and the vehicle was impounded for seven days.

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

Automated License Plate Recognition leads to multiple charges in Adjala-Tosorontio

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

An Orangeville driver received several charges following a traffic enforcement investigation in Adjala-Tosorontio.

Shortly before 10 a.m. on July 1, Nottawasaga Ontario Provincial Police officers uti-

lized their Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) system while on patrol along County Road 1.

The ALPR system identified a license plate that was not authorized for the vehicle it was attached to.

As a result, a traffic stop was conducted.

Further investigation revealed several Highway Traffic Act and Compulsory Automobile Insurance Act violations.

As a result of the investigation, an Orangeville driver was charged with several offences, including using a licence plate not authorized for the vehicle, operating a motor

vehicle without insurance, failing to surrender required insurance and vehicle documents, failing to obtain proper vehicle permits, operating an unsafe vehicle, having an insecure load and obstructing a licence plate.

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

Central Region OPP issues bridge-jumping warning after one death, teen seriously injured

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is warning people never to jump from bridges into waterways after two recent incidents in Central Region left one person dead and another seriously injured.

A 38-year-old man died after diving from a bridge and being struck by a boat travelling on the waterway on June 21 in West Guilford. While he did exit the water and make his way to a nearby residence to receive assistance, he was later pronounced deceased at the scene.

On July 4, a 15-year-old was seen attempting to jump from a bridge in Peterborough when a boat was passing underneath it. The youth struck the vessel and landed in the water.

Police said the youth did not surface immediately, and his friends who were on the bridge jumped in to assist him.

"First Responders arrived on scene and assisted removing the youth from the water. The youth was transported to a local hospital but was later airlifted by ORNGE Air to a

trauma centre in Toronto," reads an OPP media release. "The bridge remained closed while officers conducted their investigation."

On July 6, the OPP issued a reminder regarding the dangers associated with bridge jumping. "While the water below may appear safe, significant hazards often exist beneath the surface. The height of a bridge can cause severe injuries upon impact with the water, and hidden dangers such as shallow depths, rocks, debris and strong currents may not be visible from above," said the OPP in its reminder. "The risks are further increased when vessels are operating nearby. Boat operators may not see a person entering the water in time to avoid a collision, creating a serious danger for everyone involved."

In addition, individuals who jump from bridges also place themselves, other members of the public, and emergency responders at significant risk, according to the OPP.

The OPP reminded the public that the risks

exist regardless of whether warning signs are posted.

"For your safety and the safety of others,

stay off bridges, wear a lifejacket, and enter the water only from designated, safe locations," the OPP said.

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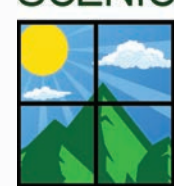
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