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Road Resurfacing Underway

The road resurfacing project in Tottenham is underway with crews starting work on Monday, May 11. A stretch of Queen Street from Nolan Road to the Tottenham water tower is being paved. The street is not closed, and traffic will be allowed through while the project progresses. Work is scheduled to be completed by May 30.

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County reports savings after coordinating regional insurance pool

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The County of Simcoe has received a report detailing the first 10 months of the Simcoe County Municipalities Insurance Pool (SCMIP).

This is a collaborative regional initiative designed to reduce insurance costs and strengthen risk management for the County and participating municipalities.

Within the first 10 months of operation, SCMIP delivered substantial financial savings, established strong governance founda-

tions, modernized insurance systems, and introduced consistent risk-management practices across pool members.

Overall, it is estimated that members have collectively saved \$2 million in the first year. For the county and all members, this represents a cost reduction of 10 per cent.

“This is a real win-win for taxpayers and municipalities facing tight budgets,” said Simcoe County Warden Basil Clarke. “Insurance premiums and risk management were placing long-term pressure on municipal finances. By working together regionally, we’ve created greater cost stability, reduced premiums, and

delivered meaningful savings through this innovative initiative. These are the types of administrative savings that we know residents like to see, so we can invest more of their tax dollars into infrastructure, programs and services that improve their daily lives.”

SCMIP became operational on June 1, 2025, with 18 founding members consisting of the County of Simcoe, all 16 member municipalities, and the City of Orillia.

Prior to establishing this municipally governed, not-for-profit insurance pool, each member municipality maintained separate insurance policies with private sector provid-

ers. This means each municipality had different rates, premiums, and costs.

The pooled model is designed to reduce long-term premium volatility, improve consistency in claims handling, and strengthen risk-management practices.

The Pool enters Year Two in a strong financial and operational position, fully aligned with the long-term goals of insurance stability, cost efficiency, and collaborative service delivery and within startup plans.

County staff report that guidance provided for the second year is to budget an additional 10 per cent reduction in cost for each member.

Tottenham Masonic Lodge No 467 GRC moves to Alliston after more than 100 years

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Tottenham Lodge No. 467 GRC, a respected Masonic institution with roots dating back to its 1904 Charter, has announced a significant transition after more than a century in the village of Tottenham.

Originally a “full moon lodge,” members gathered on the first Monday following the full moon, a tradition that aided local farmers travelling by moonlight along country roads.

The introduction of electricity and street lighting eventually shifted meetings to the first Monday of each month, making commutes easier for members.

The Lodge’s first meeting place was situated near the corner of Mill Street and Queen, close to the present-day Royal Bank Plaza.

In the early 1950s, Tottenham Lodge acquired a lot on Richmond Street West from the Thompson family. Through the collective effort of buying bonds, members raised

funds to construct a new lodge building, which opened its doors in 1953 at 8 Richmond St. West.

Throughout its history, Tottenham Lodge has counted among its membership prominent figures from the Tottenham area, including former town leaders, lawyers, doctors, dentists, business owners, and philanthropists. However, maintaining the aging building became increasingly challenging.

In early 2025, the Lodge decided to place the Richmond Street West property on the market and relocate its Charter, marking the beginning of a new era with meetings held at the Alliston Masonic Building on Victoria Street in Alliston.

This move brings Tottenham Lodge together with Seven Star Lodge of Alliston and Spry Lodge, which previously met in Beeton but relocated after their landlord, RBC, sold the building.

The Alliston Masonic Building now serves as the Masonic Centre for New Tecumseth, hosting three lodges and offering financial



JOINING TOGETHER – Tottenham Lodge No. 467 GRC has moved to the Alliston Masonic Building, after 100 years in Tottenham. The move brings all three local Masonic Lodges together under one roof. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

relief through shared expenses covered by member dues.

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Local student to compete at Canadian National Science Fair

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
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Many people will remember entering a science fair at school with a project like ‘Do lima beans grow better if you play music for them?’

Things have come a long way, and young students are now using some high-tech methods to build projects for their school science fair.

Twelve-year-old Jasper Clarke, a Grade 7 student at Cooktown Central Public School, will be one of seven Simcoe County students selected to go to Edmonton, Alberta, for a week beginning May 23 to May 30 to participate in the Canadian National Science Fair.

Jasper was selected for the Canadian National Science Fair after entering the Simcoe County Regional Science and Technology Fair that was held in Barrie in April.

At that event, nearly 400 students submitted around 250 projects in five categories: Animal and Plant Sciences, Computer Science and Engineering, Earth and Environmental Sciences, Human and Health Sciences, and Physical and Mathematical Sciences.

Jasper created a project that is designed to help plants grow by following the sun.

His project was called ‘Follow the Light.’

“The county science fair runs at Bear Creek (high school) every year, and there’s hundreds

of kids that bring their projects,” explained Jasper’s Dad, Kyle Clarke. “He started there in Grade 4, but for the Nationals, it’s for kids in Grade 7 to Grade 12. Seven kids are chosen to go to the Nationals. He’s the youngest one in Grade 7, there’s one Grade 8, and the rest are high school kids.”

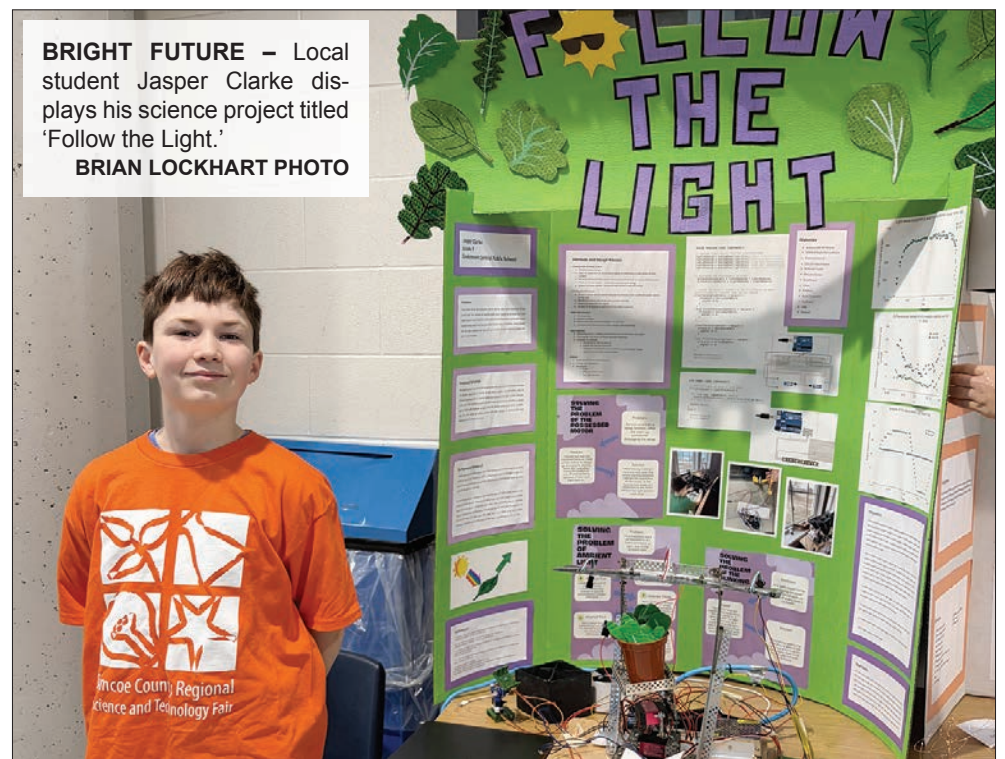
Jasper received the Linear Transfer Automation Award (junior division), the Professional Engineers of Ontario Award (junior award), and the Junior Division Computer Science and Engineering Gold Medal Award, sponsored by Honda of Canada Manufacturing.

Jasper was inspired to build his project when he heard people speaking about the increasing cost of food, and he thought it would be a good idea to come up with a way for people to successfully grow their own.

“I was inspired to take on this design project because I was always hearing adults comment on the increasing cost of food in the grocery store, especially healthy green vegetables during the winter months. The project is a tray with a bunch of motors connected to it that use sensors to triangulate where the sun is, and that tilts the tray or plant toward the sun,” Jasper explained about his project.

Jasper has a natural inclination toward building this type of project.

“I like the coding part and the engineering of the whole design,” Jasper said. “I turn it on,



BRIGHT FUTURE – Local student Jasper Clarke displays his science project titled ‘Follow the Light.’
BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

and it automatically moves the plant toward the sun. I really like the whole engineering aspect of it, and I really like the trial and error part of it. The coding is not the thing I enjoy the most, but it is definitely interesting to learn it and figure out how it works. I feel like I understand it, and could do another project.”

Jasper said he isn’t yet sure what he would

like to do in the future, but engineering is definitely on the list.

At the National competition, students are housed at the residence at the University of Alabama, and are kept very busy the entire time they are there.

The Canadian National Science Fair will take place at the Edmonton Expo Centre.

New Tecumseth council receives annual Fire Department report, sharing response data

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

New Tecumseth council received the annual Fire Department report at its May 11 meeting detailing the activities of New Tecumseth Fire Rescue in 2025.

The Fire Department operates from three locations, with one pending: Station 1: Alliston, Station 2: Beeton, Station 3: Tottenham, and Station 4, currently under construction.

The annual report provides council with information on New Tecumseth Fire Rescue responses, training, prevention, public education, and emergency management.

In 2025, New Tecumseth Fire Rescue responded to 1,169 calls, resulting in estimated losses of \$1,251,100.

Public education and support of community events increased significantly in 2025.

Fire Rescue staff dedicated over 860 hours to public education for residents and visitors of New Tecumseth.

There were 131 routine, request and complaint fire inspections. Six fire origin, cause and circumstance investigations were completed.

There were 224 burn permits issued: 13 outdoor wood-burning appliances, 197 agricultural, and 14 recreation campfire permits.

New Tecumseth Fire Rescue (NTFR) provides fire rescue services, prevention, safety education, and training throughout the community of New Tecumseth.

NTFR is staffed by over 100 paid on-call firefighters and a team of full-time fire administration officers, including a fire chief, deputy fire chief of operations and training, deputy fire chief of strategic support and development, division chief of operations

and training, and a fire prevention officer.

New Tecumseth Fire Rescue responded to several significant emergency incidents in 2025, primarily involving residential structure fires.

These incidents included a fully involved residential fire, two additional two-storey home fires requiring interior suppression operations, and a suspicious fire at an unoccupied dwelling under construction, later

investigated as arson.

In all cases, fire crews acted quickly to contain the incidents, prevent fire spread to neighbouring properties, and coordinate effectively with policing partners.

No civilian or firefighter injuries were reported, demonstrating the department’s continued effectiveness in emergency response and operational readiness amid ongoing community growth.

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It's a funny language

Several years ago, I had a part-time job in a local place doing rather mundane, assembly-line work.

It was unusual, as half of the team there had regular jobs like mine and used this job to make some extra money and pay bills. The other half of the employees there considered the place to be their sole means of support.

It was a real mix of different people.

All in all, I liked everyone there, and we actually had a lot of fun at work.

There was one fellow I worked with who was ethnic Chinese, grew up in Jakarta, Indonesia, and graduated with a degree in electrical engineering from Nebraska State University.

My friend spoke enough English that we could converse; however, he was having trouble obtaining employment as an engineer, as he said no one would hire him because he didn't have a command of the language.

I'm not sure, but maybe being an electrical engineer requires good verbal skills to avoid electrocuting someone on the job.

I asked him, how in the world did he graduate from a university without being able to speak the language?

He explained that although he under-

stood only about 20 per cent of what the professors were saying, he understood the numbers. I guess that enabled him to pass his exams.

When we worked together, he would often come in and ask me the meaning of a new word he had heard on a television show.

I would explain the word and use it in context so he understood.

I recall one time he came to work and asked me what it meant when you refer to someone as a 'jerk.'

He was watching a TV show the previous night, and the word 'jerk' was used several times.

I explained what it meant, sort of.

That is a hard word to explain. Is a jerk an annoying person? A disagreeable person? Someone you don't want to be around?

I finally poked him in the chest a couple of times with my finger to be annoying. He laughed and said he understood.

I only speak one language, although I took French in college and have been trying to learn more of it over the past year, so I can at least ask for directions if I'm lost in Quebec.

It must be difficult for a person to

learn English as an adult. There are so many words with double or ambiguous meanings that it must be hard to understand how it all works.

I was driving through Alliston a couple of weeks ago with an out-of-town friend of mine, when I pointed out the Honda automotive plant.

To someone just learning English, how would they process that? Isn't a plant something you place in a pot to grow? Or the method of putting seedlings in the ground? What has that got to do with a place where they build cars?

There are words with several meanings, and it is often hard to explain them.

The sun goes UP in the morning, and you also look UP. You get UP in the morning, and rise UP to an occasion.

You can also put UP with something, ask someone to speak UP, find out your time is UP at an appointment, bring something UP for discussion, start UP your computer, start UP your car, and offer UP a solution. On top of that, you clean UP your house, put UP supplies, cut UP a piece of paper, and pull your car UP to the curb.

Try explaining that word to someone

who has never spoken the language.

I used to work with a Polish woman who taught me a little about her first language. That's when I learned that not all languages have articles like the word "the."

That's why you will sometimes hear people using English as a second language utter a phrase like 'close door,' rather than 'close THE door.' The word simply has no context for them, at least at first.

I was once standing next to a woman in a store who was from, I believe, Northern Africa, asking for a box for her purchase.

She simply could not say the word, and it came out something like 'bookus'. I think that whatever her native language was, it just didn't include any pronunciation that ended in an 'x', and that would be a tough one to learn.

Whenever I run into someone who is still learning English, I always take the time to listen to them and help them out.

After all, I may need some directions in Quebec someday, and I hope the person I ask will be just as patient with me.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Maximizing summer

After a long, arduous winter that extended far longer into May than it had any business to, there was a cause for celebration this past weekend when warm weather mercifully coincided with what is, for many, the unofficial start of the Summer Season.

Victoria Day has come and gone, leaving the early foundations of a Canadian summer in its wake, even if the season doesn't technically arrive until the Solstice on Sunday, June 21.

Now, Victoria Day means different things to different people.

Officially, it's an observance of the Sovereign's Official Birthday in Canada, pinned to the third Sunday of each May, a permanent birthday salute to Queen Victoria, the monarch that oversaw the creation of modern Canada and who is often cited as the "Mother of Confederation."

The more history-minded of us might be rather orthodox in celebrating the occasion as it was originally meant to be observed, but Victoria Day isn't necessarily everyone's cup of tea – it is, after all, National Patriots Day in Quebec.

Thankfully Victoria Day can be a choose-your-own-adventure kind of affair.

To that end, this year I have to say I opted to hop off my historical high horse to embrace the spirit of the new season.

The promise of some much-needed warmth after an unseasonably cold and consistently rainy late April and early May, had so many of us counting down the days – and looking for ways to maximize the sun and heat while the going was good.

And maximize it we did.

The weekend kicked off with a lovely barbeque hosted by a friend, which was a great opportunity to catch up, as well as meet several new people, from many different parts of the world, in fact, who offered some unique and valuable perspectives on some of the biggest issues facing our world today. All in all, an enlightening evening in the great outdoors with great company.

The outdoorsy theme continued on Sunday with a family trip to an outdoor antique market near Hamilton. An outing

that was also something of a do-over for Mother's Day celebrations, it was a wonderful morning and afternoon of treasure hunting – and, thankfully, there were no shortage of Queen Victoria portraits, busts, commemorative tea cups, and more, to satisfy my history nerdery – followed by a beautiful patio dinner.

Monday, the first Victoria Day in quite some time in which I had an actual day off, was a leisurely day in the City of Toronto, particularly the waterfront area.

The areas around Harbourfront, the Toronto Islands, and places in between, are always fascinating, and a unique place to unplug and reconnect amid a truly bustling metropolis. It's special ability to allow you to unplug, if only for a little bit, continues unabated, but some of the challenges ahead were never too far from mind.

Walking westward along the boardwalk just behind Harbourfront Centre, for instance, it was hard to miss how exposed the city's landmark Cinesphere, the iconic heart of what was once Ontario Place, has become as work continues to

controversially transform the site for generations to come.

It was also hard not to think how much this landscape will change in the coming months, for better or worse, and how so many unanswered questions surrounding the site and the deal may influence what we see down the road.

The view of the Cinesphere was blotted out from time to time by aircraft landing on and taking off from Billy Bishop Airport.

A vital transportation hub on the island, its future is being questioned as the Province of Ontario flexes its muscles to significantly expand the airport to allow for jets, despite the opposition of the City of Toronto, the residents who live on the island, the majority of residents in the city beyond the waterfront, and advocates who have been sounding significant environmental alarms.

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Taiwan: Invasion is hard

GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY



On Donald Trump's flight home from his visit to China, all the journalists wanted to know was whether he had talked to President Xi Jinping about Taiwan. China has been pushing hard for the United States to cancel its military commitment to the island state, and Trump has been hinting that he may at least downgrade it.

So the journalists popped the question, focusing on the \$14 billion US arms sale to Taiwan that is currently awaiting approval. He must have known that question was coming, but he replied as follows: "I have to speak to the person that right now is, you know, you know who he is, that's running Taiwan." (The president of Taiwan is Lai Ching-te.)

Trump couldn't even remember the man's name – and he also seemed to say that he was in two minds about delivering on the previous \$11 billion arms sale to Taiwan. So the following few days have seen a noisy debate in the US about whether Trump is selling Taiwan out to China, but it's a bit late. Any US commit-

ment to defend Taiwan militarily died years ago.

To be specific, it died on 24 February 2022, when Russia began its full-scale invasion of Ukraine and the United States did not come to its defence. True, Ukraine is not officially an American ally, but then neither is Taiwan. (Joe Biden often forgot and said that the US was committed to defend Taiwan, but his aides and advisers would quickly walk it back.)

What used to exist was an unwritten understanding that the United States would defend Taiwan against an invasion by the People's Republic of China (PRC). Initially it was only unwritten because Beijing gets cross if Washington uses those words, but by Biden's time there was real doubt that the US would fight for Taiwan. And then came the war in Ukraine.

Biden probably made the right choice. Four years later Ukraine is still standing, and there have been no direct confrontations between Russian and American troops. But if the United States won't even risk a war with Russia because it might spiral out of control and go nuclear, then it certainly won't risk one with China, which is a far more formidable opponent.

In Europe, the United States has an entire alliance to back it up (although Mr Trump is now talking about leaving NATO). It has allies in Asia too, but I can't see any of them sending troops to save Taiwan.

Actually, I can't see the United States committing its forces to another ground war in Asia either. The logistics are insane: it is 11,000 km. from Los Angeles to Taiwan, and only 300 km. from Xiamen in Fujian province to the same destination. Taiwan is on its own, and Xi Jinping regularly says that he might resort to force to 'reunite' Taiwan with China.

So is Taiwan doomed? Not necessarily, although the odds against its long-term survival as a separate country have defi-

nately worsened. Taiwan's numbers seem hopeless (23 million Taiwanese vs. 1.4 billion citizens of the People's Republic), but they have a secret weapon.

They live on a big island, with 300 km. of open ocean between them and the PRC.

"Oh God! Not another Strait!" I hear you cry, but the Strait of Taiwan works to the country's advantage. In terms of sea conditions you might as well be in the open Pacific, and the island gets hit by three or four typhoons every year. The Strait is quite shallow and easy to mine, and the beaches are a nightmare for any attacker trying to land troops.

Where the Normandy beaches of D-Day were wide and flat, Taiwan's coastline has mud flats, cliffs and heavily urbanised areas. There are only fourteen stretches along the west coast where landing craft can come ashore, and everybody in the military knows where they are.

As for paratroops, forget it. They only carry light weapons and quickly run out of supplies.

Taiwan could not win a war against China, but a seaborne invasion against entrenched opponents is the most difficult military operation of all. If the Chinese regime will not use nuclear weapons against fellow Chinese (which one assumes they will not), it's perfectly possible that Taiwan could stay largely unconquered for weeks or even months.

Taiwanese certainly can't do that now – they have long been free-riding on the imaginary American 'guarantee' – but they could do it in two or three year's time if they are willing to spend the money and the US remains willing to sell them arms. (Nobody else will.)

They still couldn't 'win', but they could probably negotiate a lot better terms for a ceasefire. Look at what the Iranians did.



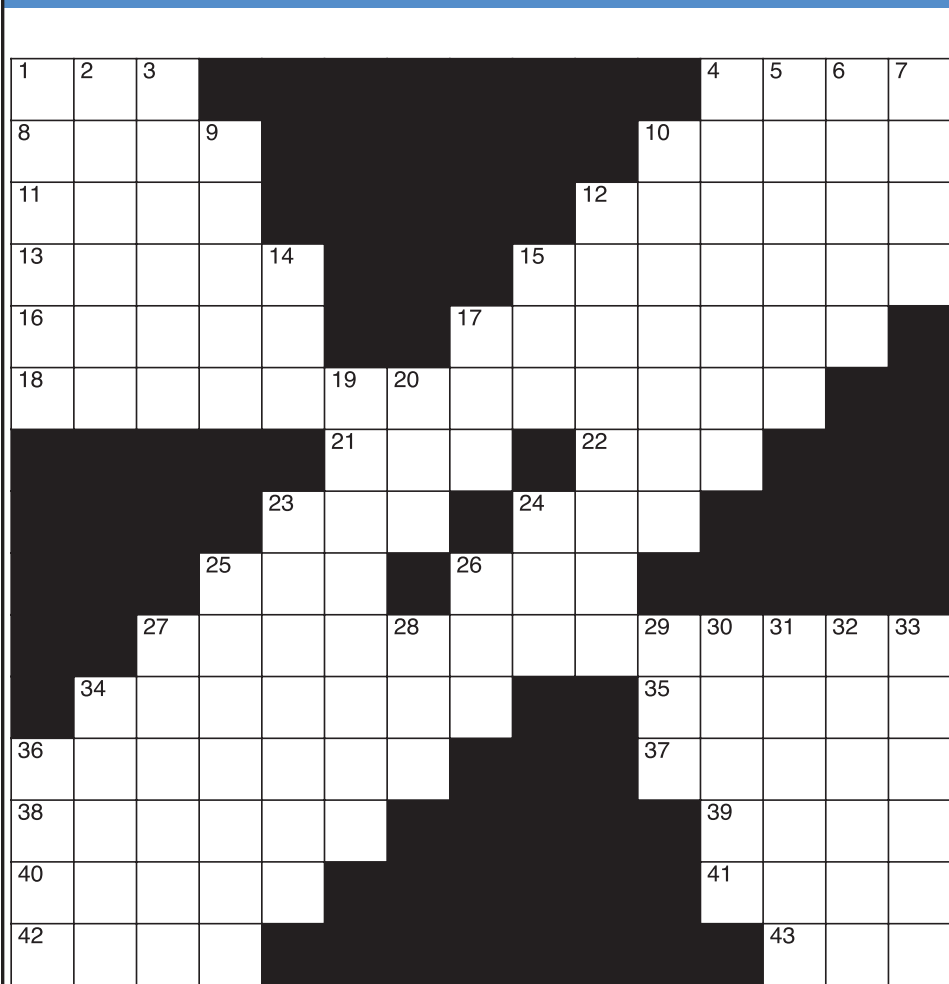
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COMMUNITY VOICE

Monthly Message: From garden to table – sharing fresh food with our community

From garden to table: Sharing fresh food with our community

As the warmer weather arrives and gardens begin to take shape across our community, there is a sense of excitement that comes with planting season. Seeds are being sown, soil is being turned, and plans are being made for the months ahead. It is a time of growth, not just in our gardens, but in how we support one another.

At the Alliston Food Bank, we see firsthand how powerful that growth can be when it is shared.

Each year, we are incredibly fortunate to receive fresh produce from local residents who choose to donate from their gardens. These donations come in all forms. A few extra tomato plants, an overflowing zucchini harvest, fresh herbs, leafy greens, or root vegetables pulled straight from the ground. No matter the size, every donation makes a meaningful impact.

Gardening has a way of bringing abundance. Often, more than we expect. One plant can produce far beyond what a single household needs. That abundance creates an opportunity. An opportunity to share, to give, and to support neighbours in a very real and tangible way.



What many people may not realize is that food banks often experience a significant decline in donations during the spring and summer months. From April through September, contributions tend to slow down, even as the need in our community continues.

To put this into perspective, in December 2025, we received over 16,000 pounds of food. In April 2026, that number dropped to just 2,200 pounds. While the holiday season brings an incredible outpouring of generosity, the need does not disappear once the season ends.

This is where gardens can play such an important role.

If you are planning your garden this season, we encourage you to grow with inten-

tion. Plant an extra row. Add an additional tomato cage. Tuck a few more seeds into the soil, knowing they are meant for someone else. It does not take much to make a difference, but collectively, it can have a significant impact.

Fresh produce is one of the most requested and appreciated items we can offer. It brings colour, flavour, and important nutrients to our shelves. More importantly, it allows individuals and families to prepare meals that feel fresh, balanced, and nourishing.

There is also something deeply meaningful about receiving food grown by someone in your own community. It creates a connection. A reminder that people care, that they are seen, and that they are supported.

Garden donations are not about perfection. They are about generosity. Slightly misshapen vegetables, extra herbs, or surplus produce are all welcome and appreciated. What matters most is the intention behind it.

Donating is simple. When your garden begins to produce more than you need, you can bring your fresh items directly to the Alliston Food Bank during our operating

hours. We will ensure they are handled safely and shared with those who need them most.

Whether you have a large backyard garden, a few raised beds, or even containers on a deck or balcony, you can be part of this effort. Gardening for the food bank is something anyone can take part in, regardless of experience or space.

If gardening is not something you can do, you can still support by sharing this idea with others. Encourage friends, family, and community groups to plant a little extra. Together, we can create a steady and reliable source of fresh food during the months when donations are at their lowest.

At its heart, this is about neighbours helping neighbours. It is about turning something simple into something meaningful.

As we move into the growing season, we invite you to think of your garden as more than just a personal space. Think of it as an opportunity to give back, to support your community, and to help ensure that everyone has access to fresh, healthy food.

From all of us at the Alliston Food Bank, thank you for helping us grow something truly special.



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NVCA releases report highlighting modernization and efficiency

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority has released its 2025 Annual Report, showcasing a year of aggressive modernization and operational efficiency designed to meet today's challenges, including provincial conservation authority reform, while ensuring local accountability remains secure.

As the province moves forward with the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency and the creation of the Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority, NVCA is doubling down on its commitment to its 18 member municipalities.

The report highlights that transparency and modern service delivery are not just provincial requirements, but essential tools for maintaining the trust of local communities and stakeholders in the Nottawasaga water-

shed. **Responsive Local Service:** With the introduction of online permit applications and digitized workflows, the average permit review time was reduced to 17 days. This ensures that local landowners and builders receive faster, more predictable results.

Precision Safety Data: Information and equipment updates allowed NVCA to provide municipalities with higher-quality local flood risk data, facilitating more effective emergency response and urban planning.

Watershed Impact: More than 84,000 trees were planted, and 26 kilometres of streams and shorelines were restored. This proves the NVCA remains a high-performing guardian of the local environment.

Education: Close to 13,000 students participated in programs, reinforcing NVCA's role as a vital community hub.

As the province moves forward with the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency and

conservation authority amalgamation, collaboration, transparency, and modern service delivery are important, but local accountability is essential.

"Our 2025 progress was built on a service-first mindset," said Jennifer Vincent, CAO of NVCA. "Through prudent discretionary spending, we have modernized much of our operations to meet municipal needs while maintaining our critical role in flood management and watershed resilience. As provincial changes are implemented, our primary focus remains the interests of our member municipalities and their residents."

Jonathan Scott, Chair at NVCA, added, "Under Jennifer's capable, collaborative leadership, NVCA has sharpened its operational focus and clarified priorities. In an era of reform, we have built a culture of service excellence that is both lean and effective. The 2025 report demonstrates that NVCA is not merely reacting to provincial changes but is



leading the way in showing how a modern conservation authority can deliver faster, better, and more transparent results for its residents, municipalities, and stakeholders alike."

As the provincial landscape continues to evolve, the 2025 Annual Report serves as a roadmap for NVCA to remain a reliable, transparent, and locally driven partner in watershed resilience.

County seeks community members to serve on Joint Compliance Audit Committee

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The County of Simcoe is inviting residents to serve their community by applying to become a member of the Joint Compliance Audit Committee for the 2026-2030 term of Council.

The county is currently recruiting up to seven qualified volunteers to serve on the committee, which is established under the Municipal Elections Act and formed jointly with Simcoe County's member municipalities and the City of Orillia.

The committee plays a key role in maintaining financial transparency and accountability in municipal elections.

It is responsible for reviewing applications submitted by electors who, on reasonable grounds, believe that a candidate or third-party advertiser may have contravened campaign finance requirements under the Municipal Elections Act.

The committee also reviews reports of over-contributions in donations received from local municipal clerks and determines whether applications should proceed to an audit or legal action.

Following an initial meeting in 2026, the committee convenes on an as-needed basis when applications are received. Committee members receive per diem compensation for their time.

To be eligible for appointment, applicants must reside within one of the County of Simcoe's 16 member municipalities or the City of Orillia.

The following individuals are not eligible to serve on the committee:

- Employees or officers of any local municipality
- Members of Municipal Council
- Individuals who are candidates in the 2026 municipal election
- Individuals registered as third-party advertisers in the 2026 municipal elections

Experience in any of the following areas is considered an asset:

- Accounting and auditing – accountants or

auditors with experience in preparing or auditing financial statements

- Legal – lawyers with experience in financial matters or election law
- Academic – college or university professors with expertise in political science of local government administration
- Other individuals – those with knowledge or expertise in municipal/government administration or campaign financing rules of the Municipal Elections Act

Interested applicants are encouraged to submit a letter of interest outlining their qualifications no later than June 5, 2026, to: County Clerk, County of Simcoe, 1110 Highway 26, Midhurst, Ont., L9X 1N6.

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Stevenson Memorial Hospital recognizes Excellence in Nursing

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
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Imagine looking up into the night sky, and the Autism Heroes Road Trip arrived in Adjala-Tosorontio and Alliston on Tuesday, May 5, escorted by supporters, police, and fire trucks.

Adam McEachern, an Alliston resident and York Region police officer with two neurodiverse children, Caleb and Jenssen, is cycling and running from Windsor to Ottawa to raise funds for Kerry's Place Autism Services in Toronto.

The journey that began on April 30 will cover almost 1000 kilometres, with the plan to arrive in Ottawa on May 17, ending at the city's Terry Fox statue.

McEachern is running between 20 and 25 kilometres and cycling 35 to 55 kilometres each day.

Since 2020, McEachern has completed three 24-hour events and one 12-hour endurance event, raising around \$100,000 for Kerry's Place, Autism Ontario, and Special Olympics Ontario.

The Road Trip made a stop at the Adjala-Tosorontio Administration Centre on Tuesday, May 5, then continued on to the New Tecumseth Administration Centre in Alliston.

The stop in Alliston gave McEachern the opportunity to sleep in his own bed for one night rather than the motor home that had been accompanying him on his journey.

In the evening, a special fundraising spa-

ghetti dinner – Carboost 2026 - was hosted by the Kiwanis Club of South Simcoe.

"I don't like biking and I don't like running," McEachern joked about his journey and the physical endurance required. "This is the fifth event. I've done four other extreme fitness events. This whole thing started several years ago from a conversation I had with Caleb. Caleb had been shown a video about Terry Fox, and he became fascinated with him and his journey. He couldn't understand why he would do something so hard, when other people wouldn't do it. I told him sometimes you have to do hard things, and things are bigger than yourself."

Running and cycling long distances require a lot of determination and physical preparedness.

"I've been training my whole life," McEachern said. "For this event, I trained two to three hours every day, doing between 40 and 60 kilometres of cardio a day plus regular training. Starting in Windsor, we had a route where we could hit as many towns as we could. I start the day off with some biking, around 20 to 30 kilometres, then put on the shoes and run for ten kilometres, then back to the bike. It depends on the road and the weather."

A group of supporters were at the Adjala-Tosorontio administration to greet McEachern when he arrived.

Another group was waiting in Alliston when he arrived to congratulate and support him in his effort.



AWARDING EXCELLENCE – Stevenson Memorial Hospital celebrated National Nursing Week with the presentation of the 2026 Award of Excellence in Nursing. Katherine 'Kat' Whissell, RN was honoured as this year's recipient of the award which was presented on Wednesday, May 13. Presenting the award to Kat, are Marnie Lightfoot, VP Clinical Services and CNE, and Laura Breedon, Manager Emergency and Mental Health Services. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

Alliston Humane Society seeks community support with annual Woof Walk Fundraiser

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
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The Alliston & District Humane Society is once again hosting its annual Woof Walk and inviting local residents to bring their canines out for a walk and some fun at its Concession Road 4 location.

The annual Woof Walk is a fundraiser to support the shelter and the homeless animals in the community.

It will be a fun-filled day which includes the dog walk around the facility's ponds and the beautiful property, a free barbecue lunch, dog games, a vendor's market and door prizes.

You can tour the new expanded shelter. The

facility recently opened a brand new addition that was needed to support the growing population of animals on site.

All funds raised from the Woof Walk will be used for animal health care and veterinarian costs.

Participants can fundraise by collecting online donations on CanadaHelps or by col-

lecting funds using the printable pledge form. You can build a team and walk with family or friends.

The Woof Walk will take place on Saturday, June 6. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. with the walk getting underway at 11:30 a.m.

The Alliston & District Humane Society is located at 5545 Concession Rd 4, Everett.

Tottenham resident wins over \$75,000 in Sault Area Hospital Foundation's 50/50 draw

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
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A Tottenham resident won it big in a hospital foundation 50/50 draw.

Maciej Grabowski won the \$75,650 jackpot in the Sault Area Hospital Foundation 50/50 draw on April 30.

Maciej's lucky number – A-607667544 – was drawn electronically, and he was called immediately.

Maciej could hardly believe the good news.

After taking the number and asking for it

to be repeated, he was overwhelmed with gratitude.

As a regular supporter of the SAHF 50/50 draw, Maciej said he never expected to get the winning call.

"I didn't believe it at first. Everyone told me to sleep on it, but I could barely sleep that night," he said.

Maciej moved to Canada from Poland 37 years ago and built a life for his family through hard work and determination.

He did whatever it took to make sure his children had the opportunities to succeed – including working two jobs to support them

through university.

"I always said that my top priority is my kids' education," he shared. "I wanted them to have a better life and this win can make it happen. It feels like a weight has been lifted off my shoulders. Now I can help them focus on their education without worrying as much."

Maciej wasn't the only winner this month. Another person won \$10,000 on April 16.

"Stories like Maciej's show how far the impact of our 50/50 extends," said Teresa Martone, Executive Director for Sault Area Hospital Foundation. "While this month's jackpot is making a big difference for a family in southern Ontario, it also supports the patients and families who rely on Sault Area Hospital right here in our community. It's a reminder that we can all win when we support local healthcare."

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BIG WIN – Tottenham resident Maciej Grabowski (left) won \$75,650 in the Sault Area Hospital Foundation 50/50 draw on April 30. Maciej said he plans to help with his children's education with the winnings. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

Together, let's make every day, a better day, in Simcoe-Grey!



CLEAN UP CREW – The Rotary Club of New Tecumseth took to the streets of town on Monday, May 4, to pitch in and help clean up the litter that had accumulated over the winter. Crews were busy in Alliston, Tottenham, and Beeton, picking up discarded items and litter from the streets. Rotary members Jeff, Anzy, John, and Navajit were busy on a stretch of Queen Street in Totten, filling several large bags that will be picked up by town crews and disposed of. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**

How to protect yourself against Lyme disease

Now that spring has arrived, so has the danger of encountering ticks when hiking or being in places where they thrive.

If you spend time outdoors in forests and wooded areas, or areas with shrubs, tall grass, and leaf litter, you should be aware of ticks and Lyme disease.

Lyme disease is caused by the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi*. It is a tick-borne disease transmitted to humans and pets through the bite of an infected blacklegged tick.

Not all ticks carry the bacteria that cause Lyme disease. However, it may only take one bite from an infected tick to make you sick.

If a tick is attached to your skin for less than 24 hours, your chance of getting Lyme disease is extremely low. You cannot tell if a tick is infected with the bacteria that cause Lyme disease by looking at it, so treat all blacklegged ticks the same.

Lyme disease does not spread from person to person. The disease can be effectively treated in its early stages, and sometimes medication can be taken after a tick bite to prevent symptoms from starting.

If left untreated, more severe, long-standing symptoms and complications may occur.

Blacklegged ticks are present in Simcoe and Muskoka. Locally acquired blacklegged ticks have tested positive for the bacteria that cause Lyme disease.

If you get bitten by a tick, you must identify the species. If it is determined to be a blacklegged tick, contact your health care provider as soon as possible, as there may be medication that can prevent symptoms from developing. It is important to seek medical attention if you develop symptoms within 30 days of a suspected tick bite. Symptoms of Lyme disease can include a skin rash, sometimes shaped like a bullseye, fever, chills, fatigue, headaches, stiff neck, muscle and joint pain, swollen lymph nodes, and facial paralysis.

To prevent tick bites, wear long-sleeve shirts, pants, and closed-toe footwear when in areas where ticks may be present.

After being outdoors in a possible tick area, you should do a full body check to find any ticks that have attached to you.

If you find one tick, check the rest of your body. If there is one, there is a good chance there are more. If you find a tick, remove it as soon as possible and save it in a sealed container for identification.

OPP recognizes the strength and resilience of victims during Survivors of Crime week

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
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The Victoria Day long weekend in Canada. The Ontario Provincial Police are recognizing the strength and resilience of victims and survivors during Victims and Survivors of Crime week, which was observed May 10 to 16, 2026.

They also acknowledge the dedication of individuals who work tirelessly to support those impacted by crime.

Across Ontario, the OPP works closely with Victim Services personnel and community-based partners to provide timely, trauma-informed assistance to individuals and families during some of the most difficult moments of their lives.

These partnerships rely on committed professionals and volunteers whose compassion and expertise help bridge the gap between emergency response and long-term recovery.

Central Region OPP along with Victim Ser-

vice community partners recognized individuals on May 14, whose contributions and commitment have positively impacted communities throughout the region.

This provides an opportunity to recognize Victim Services workers, OPP members, and dedicated community members and organizations who have gone above and beyond in supporting victims and strengthening communities.

OPP members are often the point of first contact for victims and survivors. Through col-

laboration with Victim Services professionals and volunteers, the OPP helps ensure support extends beyond the initial police response.

This collective approach reflects a shared commitment to victim-centred policing, compassion, and community safety.

Victims and Survivors of Crime Week also serves as an opportunity to recognize the people who, through their daily work, help victims navigate the aftermath of crime and access the support they need to move forward.



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TOP OF THE PACK – The Banting Memorial High School Marauders senior girls' soccer team take on the Barrie North Collegiate Vikings on the soccer pitch at Banting on Wednesday, May 13. The Marauders won the game 3-0 and are in first place in the SCAA standings with a 5-1 record. Teams will now head into the playoffs with the semi-finals getting underway in Barrie on May 20. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**

Baysox take early lead in North Dufferin Baseball's senior standings

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
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The Owen Sound Baysox have taken an early lead in the North Dufferin Baseball League senior division standings after going undefeated in their first four games of the season.

The Baysox have averaged eight runs per game to start the season for a very strong showing.

In terms of averages, the Barrie Angels have averaged 11 runs per game, but most of that is a result of the team scoring 21 runs in a single game against the Clarksburg Blues on May 10.

The Angels are currently in second place in the division, having won all three games played so far this season. They have allowed 15 runs against in their games this year.

In the number three spot, the defending champions, the New Lowell Knights are also undefeated.

The Knights have won all three times they have been on the diamond this year.

The Lisle Astros are in fourth place, followed by the Midland Mariners, Creemore Padre, Bolton Brewers, and the Caledon Cardinals.

The season is still in the early going with most of the team having only one or two games behind them, so it's way too early to really see a pattern emerging this year.

The senior division has a 22-game regular season schedule before heading into the playoffs.

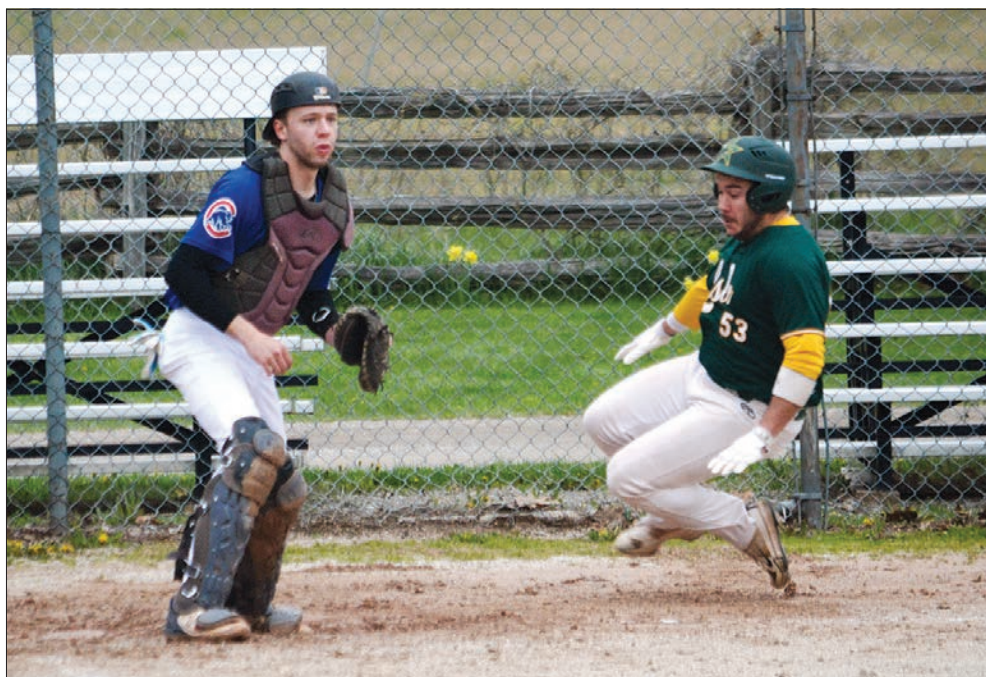
In the NDBL Junior division, the Creemore Padres have moved into first place after winning their first three games.

The Padres are the defending junior division champions and are hoping to repeat this season.

In second place, the Barrie Cats have won one, and lost one.

They are followed by the Aurora King Jays, Orillia Royals, Innisfil Cardinals #1 team, the Innisfil Cardinals #2 team, the Caledon Nationals, and the Owen Sound Baysox.

The juniors have a 16 game regular season schedule before moving into the playoffs.



SEASON UNDERWAY – The North Dufferin Baseball League 2026 season is underway. In the senior division, the Barrie Baysox have taken an early lead in the standings. A Lisle Astros player slides into home during a game against the Mansfield Cubs in Mansfield on Wednesday, May 13. This game ended with a 12-1 win for the Astros. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**

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Brock's Banter: Maximizing summer

A quick ferry trip across the water only highlights both the environmental significance and the fragility of the island itself as a brief walk along the beach near the airport reveals a shoreline that has been nothing short of decimated by the winter elements, a problem that gets worse with each passing season, and little done to address it.

The start of summer – officially or unofficially – was a busy one, and that's a pace that is only set to continue until it, well, doesn't.

As the end of May approaches, it often feels like it is crunch time for so many people in the community to get stuff done, cramming in just about every announcement, gala, school fair, fundraiser, and more into a very short period of time, the idea being that once June

wraps up, the entire community either decamps to a cottage or tunes out to enjoy the slower pace of the season and all that comes with it.

While I believe that has long been an outmoded idea as the economic realities of cottage ownership, vacation planning, and even weekend getaways are what they are, it's an idea that persists – and that's a shame, particularly in an election year.

Whether it's the transformation of Ontario Place, the potential expansion of Billy Bishop Airport, and the environmental precariousness of the island its attached to, all of these decisions, or lack thereof in the case of island restoration, are all three issues that rely and have relied on something that all too many of us take for granted today – the

simple vote. And at all levels of government.

The approach of summer might seem like a time to slow down where you can, take in all the season has to offer, and recharge your batteries. While that's all well and good, it's important in a municipal election year like this to stay engaged, consider your own priorities, the future you want for yourselves and others, and the best possible paths to achieve those goals.

Municipal politics has never been the "sexiest" politics offered by our three levels of government but, at the end of the day, it's the level of government that has the most immediate impact on your lives.

To that end, it's essential to stay in the loop rather than go into the voting booth

uninformed – or, worse, not at all.

On the other side of the coin, if you're running for a leadership position in our communities, you're gearing up for one heck of a job interview.

Summer might be a great time to attend events, shake some hands, get your faces out there, and gain some new name recognition, but it's also a great time to be used wisely in getting your positions out there, listen to what voters are saying, and show how you'll be able to foster what the community is looking for.

Economic circumstances largely beyond our control will likely make the arguable summer exodus a thing of the past, at least for the time being.

The only thing we can do is make the most of it – for now and in the future.

Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit encourages cottage owners to check their water systems

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Warmer weather is here and for many people, that means heading north to the cottage.

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is reminding residents and seasonal property owners who use private water systems to test their drinking water as part of the spring cottage opening routine.

Water quality in private systems, including wells, cisterns, and lake supplies, can change over time, particularly after winter.

Weather, water use, and environmental conditions can all affect water safety.

"Water that looks, smells, or tastes nor-

mal, can still contain harmful bacteria, such as E. coli," said Karen Kivilahti, the Health Unit's Manager, Safe Water. "Contaminated water can make people very sick and in some cases can be life-threatening. Regular testing is the only way to know if your water is safe."

Free drinking water testing is available through the Health Unit, with sample bottles and drop-off locations across Simcoe Muskoka.

Residents can pick up bottles at designated locations Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 a.m.

Samples should be collected just before drop-off and must be tested within 48 hours.

It may take 24 hours for the sample to reach the lab.

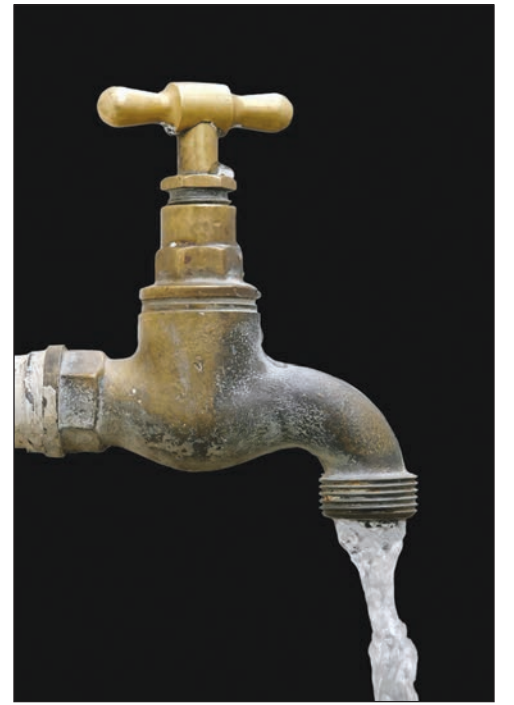
Each sample requires a separate form. Paper forms are available at the health unit or forms can be completed online through the Public Health Ontario portal.

Samples must be submitted between Monday and Thursday before 4:30 p.m. Submissions are not accepted on Fridays.

Testing is conducted by Public Health Ontario, with results typically available within a few days. Results can be accessed online or received by phone, mail, email or in person when a paper form is used.

Residents are encouraged to test their drinking water when opening their cottage for the season and to continue testing regularly throughout the summer.

"A safe summer begins with safe water," said Kivilahti. "Regular testing can help protect you, your family and your guests and provide peace of mind all season long."



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Rapid fire response from South Simcoe Police saves dozens of animals

On May 6, at approximately 11:10 p.m., South Simcoe Police were notified of a barn fire on Innisfil Beach Road in Innisfil after smoke and signs of fire were observed inside the barn through security cameras.

Concerned for the safety of the animals and the risk of catastrophic damage to the structure, the owner, who was away from the farm at the time, immediately contacted emergency services for assistance.

“Police Constable Colin Niewels of the South Simcoe Police Service arrived on scene within minutes of receiving the call.

Upon arrival, he observed a large amount of smoke emanating from the barn,” reads a press release from South Simcoe Police.

“Drawing on his experience growing up on a local farm and handling livestock, Cst. Niewels entered the smoke-filled barn, located the source of the fire, and extinguished it before it could spread further through the structure.”

Innisfil Fire and Emergency Services attended the scene and worked to clear smoke from the barn while extinguishing remaining flames surrounding the structure. Addi-

tionally, neighbouring farmers assisted with evacuating the animals from the barn as a precaution while emergency crews responded to the fire.

Fire crews remained on scene to ventilate the structure and ensure there were no remaining hot spots.

No foul play is suspected and the fire is deemed not suspicious.

“Thanks to the rapid response, teamwork, and coordinated efforts of police, fire, and community members, all 45 sheep and 16 cattle were safely protected, and the fire was

contained before causing catastrophic loss to the animals or the barn. The barn remained intact and there were no damages or injuries reported,” said South Simcoe Police.

“The South Simcoe Police Service commends Constable Colin Niewels for his quick thinking, courage, and decisive actions in protecting both the animals and property during this incident. The service also recognizes the prompt actions and coordinated response by Innisfil Fire and Emergency Services and the neighbouring farmers whose immediate assistance prevented a devastating loss.”

South Simcoe Police investigate theft of roughly \$300,000 in merchandise from 400 Market

South Simcoe Police are requesting assistance from the public in relation to a theft which occurred at the 400 Market located at Industrial Park Road in Innisfil on the morning of May 3.

South Simcoe Police responded to a report that a vendor from the 400 Flea Market had been robbed in the parking lot.

Initial information indicated that six suspects arrived in a light-coloured van and stole approximately \$300,000 worth of merchandise from the victim. The suspect vehicle was identified as a 2008 blue Toyota Sienna. Through the investigation, officers located the suspect vehicle parked in a lot at Innisfil Beach Road and Industrial Park Road, a short distance from where the incident occurred.

Police have obtained video footage and are releasing the following image in an appeal for public information.

The suspects involved are described as follows:

- Suspect 1: Driver – wearing a black baseball cap, blue medical mask, white collared jacket, black joggers.
- Suspect 2: Passenger 1 – wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, blue medical mask, black joggers.
- Suspect 3: Passenger 2 – wearing a black hat, blue medical mask, black hoodie with white design on shoulders and back, black joggers.
- Suspect 4: Passenger 3 – wearing a black baseball cap, blue medical mask, black coat, black joggers.
- Suspect 5: Passenger 4 – wearing a white hat, blue medical mask, blue coat, grey joggers.
- Suspect 6: Passenger 5 – wearing a black hat, blue medical mask, black coat, blue jeans.

This incident appears to be isolated, and there is no ongoing risk to public safety. Members of the South Simcoe Police Criminal Investigative Services – Crimes Against Persons Unit are actively investigating this incident, and it remains ongoing.

Investigators are asking anyone who may have information, surveillance camera footage or dash camera footage from May 3, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. in the area of Innisfil Beach Road and Industrial Park Road, to contact 905-775-3311 ext. 1461 or email investigations@southsimcopolice.ca.

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Mulmur youth charged with impaired driving related charges after rolling vehicle: Dufferin OPP

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers charged an 18-year-old Mulmur resident with impaired operation-related offences following a motor vehicle collision late in the evening on May 13.

Officers were dispatched to the area of Centre Road and 5th Sideroad in Mulmur for

a vehicle that had rolled over. Upon arrival, officers observed that there was nobody inside the vehicle however, they were able to locate the driver walking down the road a short time later. While speaking with the driver, officers initiated an impaired driving investigation.

As a result of the investigation, the 18-year-

old Mulmur man has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
 - Having care or control of a motor vehicle with liquor readily available
 - Novice driver - B.A.C. above zero
- The accused is scheduled to appear before

the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville at a later date to answer to the charges.

In addition, the individual's driver's licence was suspended and the vehicle was impounded.

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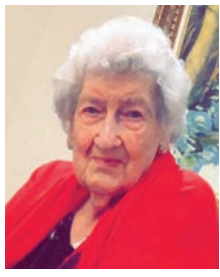
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