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Documentary aired at Gibson Centre poses questions after death of Beeton youth

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A film screened at the Gibson Centre in Alliston on Sunday, May 24, raises many questions about deaths possibly linked to the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.

Beeton resident Sean Hartman, a healthy 17-year-old hockey player, died suddenly in 2021 with no explanation. An autopsy did not reveal the cause of death.

As a minor hockey player, Sean was required to get the COVID-19 vaccine if he wanted to play the sport.

Within a couple of days after getting the shot, Sean started feeling ill.

He was found dead in his room a couple of weeks later.

Sean's dad, Dan, started looking for answers as to why his healthy young son would die unexpectedly. Everything he uncovered pointed to the vaccine and side effects, which have also possibly killed thousands of others around the continent, according to the film.

The film "The Shot: Sean Hartman's Story" examines the potential side effects of the vaccine.

Several people involved in this investigation were at the screening, including doctors, a police detective, and two families from the U.S. who lost children in a similar fashion.

When film producer Jason Lavigne and director Dean Rainey started working on the film, they hit a wall of silence. No one, on record, would discuss the possible dangerous

side effects of the Pfizer vaccine.

The more they investigated, the more they realized that people were afraid to talk, fearing reprisals.

Finally, they found doctors who would provide a medical and scientific opinion. Those doctors have since been censured by regulatory bodies.

Ottawa Police Service Detective Helen Grus, who was also at the screening, found herself in hot water after investigating baby deaths possibly linked to the vaccine.

After investigating a cluster of sudden infant deaths – three times the normal rate – with a possible vaccine connection, Grus was told by superiors to never speak of the vaccines again. She was later charged with and convicted of 'discreditable conduct' related to her investigation.

Grus will learn the result of those charges in June.

"He was perfectly healthy. Nothing was ever wrong with my son," Dan Hartman said before the screening, as to why he continues to look for answers. "I have all of his medical records. This is a boy who never smoked cigarettes, never had a drop of alcohol in his life. He was rushed to the emergency department four days after his shot. The doctor there didn't do any blood work or any tests at all. They just sent him home. That was at the beginning of COVID, and I don't think doctors understood it all back then, but so many more are waking up now. When they did the autopsy in Toronto, his cause of death



ON STAGE – Film producer Jason Lavigne, farthest left, and film director Dean Rainey, farthest right, are joined on stage by Dan Hartman and other people associated with the film "The Shot: Sean Hartman's Story" after the screening of the film at the Gibson Centre in Alliston on Sunday, May 24. The film examines the aftermath of the death of Sean Hartman, a Beeton youth, and investigates the possible connection to the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.

BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

came back as unascertained. That's extremely rare."

Looking for answers, tissue samples from Sean's body were sent to a top pathologist in the U.S. That pathologist determined a connection between Sean's death and the vaccine.

Dan has since launched two lawsuits against Health Canada and Pfizer.

When he first decided to go ahead with the lawsuits, he approached five top law firms in Toronto. None of them would be part of a

suit against a large pharmaceutical company – especially one involving a COVID vaccine.

The wall of silence and fear surrounding the vaccine was again preventing progress.

Finally, Dan found a lawyer in British Columbia who was willing to take the case.

The film is well-researched and features expert opinions.

It is rather sad as it delves into the heart-break associated with the loss of a child.

The film is also being shown at locations across Canada and the U.S.



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Auto Mayors lobby the federal government for auto policy changes

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

With the automotive industry having a huge impact in the region, a group known as the Simcoe County Auto Mayors, led by New Tecumseth Mayor Richard Norcross, is appealing to the federal government for practical policy changes that support local manufacturing, protect jobs, and strengthen Canada's long-term competitiveness.

The Auto Mayors met for a special meeting at New Tecumseth Council Chambers on Thursday, May 21, to sign a document called the Canada North Strong Initiative – a coordinated effort to strengthen Canada's automotive sector, support Canadian-built vehicles, and reinforce long-term competitiveness in a rapidly evolving global market.

The municipalities all have a significant stake in the automotive industry through direct manufacturing, parts production, and transportation. The automotive industry provides jobs for thousands of residents in the region.

The initiative comes at a critical time for the industry, following recent developments impacting automotive investment, including Honda of Canada Manufacturing's decision to halt its planned electric vehicle expansion project in Alliston.

While the decision not to proceed with the electric vehicle expansion came as a surprise, there is currently no impact on regular production at the Alliston plant.

However, the Auto Mayors want to ensure the automotive industry in the region remains strong.

"Moments like this reinforce just how important it is for Canada to remain competitive in a rapidly changing global market," Mayor Norcross said. "We need to ensure that our policies reflect how the industry is evolving, so we can continue to support our workers, our communities and long-term investment here at home."

The Canada North Strong Initiative, including the Canada North Vehicles concept, is intended to symbolize a unified Canadian automotive identity – one that reflects the strength, reliability, and performance of vehicles built for Canada's diverse and demanding climate conditions.

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New Tecumseth Mayor, Richard Norcross

The initiative aims to better position Canadian manufacturing capabilities both domestically and internationally, while advocating for policy alignment that reflects current market realities.

"The concept is simple: other countries have built clear identities around their vehicles – American muscle, German luxury – but Canada has not fully told its story," said Mayor Norcross. "Canadian-built vehicles are designed to perform in some of the world's harshest climates, making them exceptionally durable and reliable. Canada North Vehicles is about defining and promoting that Canadian identity. By working together, we can advocate for measures that strengthen manufacturing competitiveness and support local workers."

The Auto Mayors are also calling for policy adjustments that better reflect the current automotive landscape, including recognition of hybrid technologies alongside electric vehicles, and measures that ensure fair competition for Canadian manufacturers in a global marketplace.

Through coordinated advocacy, the Simcoe Auto Mayors are working to support trade-impacted communities, strengthen consumer awareness, and secure Canada's position as a leader in automotive innovation and production.

The Simcoe Auto Mayors include Rich-



STRONG MEET – The Simcoe County Auto Mayors held a special meeting at New Tecumseth council chambers on Thursday, May 21, to sign the Canada North Strong initiative. The mayors are calling on the federal government to change policies and support local automotive manufacturing. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

ard Norcross (New Tecumseth), Jennifer Doug Measures (Clearview Township), Coughlin (Springwater Township), Scott Yvonne Hamlin (Collingwood), Sandie Anderson (Adjala-Tosorontio), James Macdonald (Essa), Lynn Dollin (Innisfil) Leduc (Bradford West Gwillimbury), and Doug Rawson (Penetanguishene).

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Time will tell

We were gathered around the television set, my dad, my brother and I, to watch heavyweight champion Joe Frazier defend his title against George Foreman in Kingston, Jamaica.

Frazier was the overall favourite, despite being several inches shorter than Foreman, who also had an 8-inch reach advantage.

We were expecting a long fight.

Then, BAM! Around 1:45 into the first round, Foreman delivered a hard right that dropped Frazier to the canvas.

I still remember legendary sportscaster Howard Cosell yelling, “Down goes Frazier! Down goes Frazier! Down goes Frazier!”

Frazier staggered to the neutral corner to take the mandatory 8-count.

Everyone was shocked that Frazier was hurt so early in the fight.

As boxing matches go, this one is legendary.

Foreman knocked Frazier down two more times in the first round. Frazier was obviously in a lot of trouble.

By today’s standards, the ref would have stopped the fight after the second knockdown because clearly Frazier was hurt and not able to defend himself.

Maybe there was too much money involved to worry about a fighter’s physical condition after being knocked senseless.

When they came out for the second round, it was brutal to watch.

Foreman knocked Frazier to the canvas again. The second time Frazier hit the canvas, he was so disoriented that he swung, and his own momentum sent him down.

Foreman pinned Frazier on the ropes, and Cosell described the scenario as ‘target practice’ as Foreman pummelled a defenceless Frazier, until he again hit the canvas.

Finally, the ref waived his arms and stopped the fight.

This era and the several years previous are referred to as the ‘Golden Age’ of boxing.

It was a time when championship fights and even fights between top boxers were broadcast on prime-time television as special events.

It was a time when names like Joe Frazier, George Foreman, Muhammad Ali, Sonny Liston, Floyd Patterson, Jimmy Ellis, and Jerry Quarry were well known.

Now I couldn’t even tell you who the heavyweight champion is.

“I want to be alone,” uttered Greta Garbo in her slight Swedish accent in the 1932 film, *Grand Hotel*.

Garbo is considered by many to be the greatest movie star of all time.

I have a DVD copy of her 1939 film, *Ninotchka*, which was famously touted

as the film where ‘Garbo laughs.’ Although she didn’t laugh very convincingly.

She had a rather serious persona.

Garbo was on screen during a period called the ‘Golden Age of Hollywood,’ which ran from around 1930 to 1960. At the time, five major studios ran Hollywood, and stars like Humphrey Bogart, Cary Grant, Grace Kelly, Marilyn Monroe, and Rita Hayworth were the big draws at the box office.

It was a time of Mid-Atlantic accents from actors who were trained on the stage, spoke clearly, and you heard every word they said.

The Golden Age of Hollywood came to a close with a combination of things, including the introduction of television, the blacklisting of communists, and anti-trust legislation that attacked the five main studios.

Films and the star system changed after that era.

However, some of the greatest films of all time were made after the Golden Age, and Hollywood continues to produce great movies.

Typically, a period in history is referred to as a Golden Age when certain events create a special era that defines a culture or series of events.

It could be a time when culture is flourishing, there are breakthroughs in

science and technology, a time of economic prosperity, or political stability and good governance.

By those definitions, the 1950s were probably the last great decade that could be called a Golden Age, where all those things seemed to be in place.

So, what is happening right now that will define this era we are currently living in?

I can’t really think of anything that will define this era – but I think an era is usually defined when it’s over, not currently happening.

Science, technology, and communications have made great leaps forward over the past two decades. Maybe that will figure into the history books in the future.

I have friends, and I’ve heard some sports commentators say we are currently living in the Golden Age of NFL football. I don’t watch the sport, so I have no idea about that.

I would love to read the history books 100 years from now and see how they reflect on the first few decades of the 21st century.

Maybe we are experiencing the highest level of some achievement right now, and we just don’t know it.

Time will tell.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Superpowers and full circle moments

If you could pick one superpower, just one out of an entire menu, one that’s only limited to the barriers of your own imagination, what would you pick?

While a magic wand to wave in a new era of world peace and usher in a reality where everybody is fed and nobody is unhoused would be the ideal, superpowers aren’t necessarily required to achieve those goals; just equity, effort, determination and collaboration, albeit in a scale that can often be hard to fathom.

It doesn’t take superpowers, just existing power pointed in the right direction.

No, I’m talking about the powers that are truly out of this world.

Maybe it’s the power to take to the skies and fly like a bird, or the ability to teleport at will to wherever you want in the blink of an eye. Perhaps its superhuman strength to save someone from a perilous situation, the ability to move

with the speed of lightning, or even x-ray vision to see beyond what was previously impenetrable.

While the ability to fly, teleport, or get things done in a fraction of the time would be pretty cool, I’ve always had the same answer: time travel.

I’m not sure when the very concept of time travel first captured my imagination, but it’s been there for as long as I can remember. Being able to bear witness to pivotal moments in our collective history, however large or small the incident, and see what really happened versus the generally accepted narrative has always been intriguing – after all, history is almost invariably written by the victors.

But it doesn’t have to be the big stuff.

Growing up in Newmarket, the first house I called home was one of about two dozen built on former farmland in the equally former village of Bogartown, and there were some remnants of

the agricultural operation that was 20, 50, 100 years before a going concern – if you knew where to look. I always tried to imagine what the farm looked like when it was in full swing, the people who worked the land, and the impact it might have had on the surrounding area.

This fascination didn’t subside when we moved.

With my mom, we moved westward in Newmarket to a newer subdivision in the former village of Armitage – and, at that time, there were actually some landmarks, since demolished or moved, that were part of one of this area’s most bustling early settlements. With my dad, we eventually moved to a pre-Victorian home with a woman’s tombstone in the back yard. As you can imagine, both provided no shortage of fuel for my imagination.

Eventually, I learned there were these groovy places called museums that

one could go and actually learn about all this and more – with no time travel required, no matter how cool that might be.

It didn’t take much time to exhaust Newmarket’s Elman W. Campbell Museum as my school was only a short walk away and a regular destination for field trips, so I eventually turned southward to Aurora.

There, on the second floor behind the honey-hued walls of the historic Church Street School, was the Aurora Museum. I’d been to that building once before to pick up my Beavers uniform, but had no idea there was a bustling museum upstairs – but, once this revelation was, well, revealed, I had to see what it was all about.

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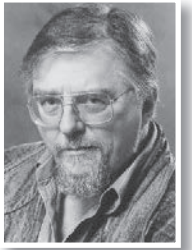
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Iran: The curious absence of nuclear weapons

GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY



Tulsi Gabbard, the recently resigned/retired/fired US Director of National Intelligence, told Congress just two months ago that U.S. intelligence agencies had concluded Iran was not building nuclear weapons. Indeed, she added, experts also determined Iran had not resumed its suspended 2003 nuclear weapons program.

However, Donald Trump said she was “wrong” His claim that “Iran would have had a nuclear weapon within two weeks to four weeks” had been his justification, however improbable, for attacking Iran on 28 February. Gabbard went silent.

When Trump started up again last week, saying that Iran has a “maximum” of two weeks to sign a deal on its nuclear activities or else he restarts his war, Gabbard backed his lies. Iran is “at the point that it can produce a nuclear weapon within weeks to months.” she said. She’s loyal to the end, but this is so stupid that it’s insulting.

How can Iran have no active nuclear weapons program in March of 2026, but be within “two to four weeks” of nuclear weapons only a couple of months later? Almost all the ‘evidence’ about Iranian nuclear

weapons is about as reliable as Donald Trump himself.

You will encounter references to this ‘nuclear weapons program’ literally every day in the media, as though it were a universally acknowledged fact, but it’s not a fact at all. It’s an allegation that feels like a fact because it has been said so many times, so loudly, by so many people. However, the ‘evidence’ is purely circumstantial, and quite possibly wrong.

Iran’s late Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, published a fatwa (religious ruling) in 2004 forbidding Muslims to use nuclear weapons: “We consider the use of these weapons to be haram (forbidden), and the effort to protect mankind from this great disaster is everyone’s duty.” This is a lot stricter than declared US military doctrine on the same issue.

We should take supreme religious leaders seriously when they speak on matters of faith and morals, and Khamenei clearly believed in the sinfulness of killing millions of people. However, he was quite vague when he discussed building nuclear weapons for deterrence only. In fact, he made a distinction between “our religious fatwa and our rational fatwa.”

The ‘rational fatwa’ says that Iran must never start a nuclear war because it would not survive it. Israel alone has 300 nuclear warheads and the United States has thousands, whereas Iran has none now and could never match those numbers. Nor, given recent performance, could Iran count on any of its (putative) nuclear-armed missiles getting through to their targets.

But if just one or two of Iran’s hypothetical nuclear missiles could strike back at Israel or the US – “revenge from the grave” – the mere knowledge of that capability could deter Iran’s enemies from attacking it at all. The ‘rational fatwa’ can therefore include building a few nuclear weapons for deterrence purposes only (provided Iran never actually uses them.)

This has led Iran to a stop-go pattern of nuclear weapons

research, like this:

Iraq invades Iran (1980), old nuclear research from the Shah’s time is dusted off.

War ends (1988), research shuts down.

Pakistan tests nuclear weapons near Iran’s border (1998), Iranian nuclear research restarts.

Leak of information about the research; operation shut down (2002).

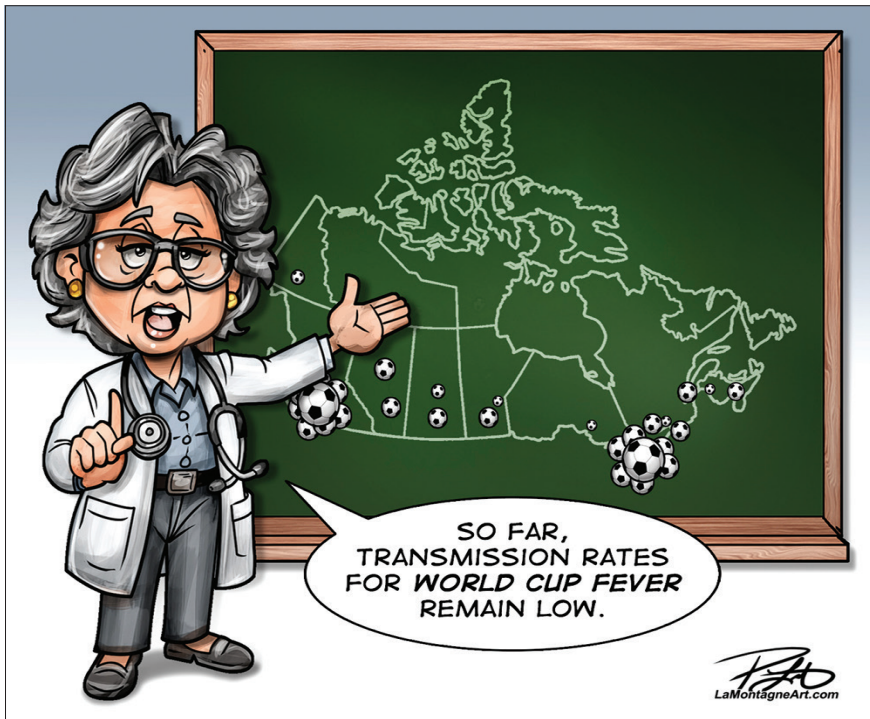
And it stayed shut down well past 2015, when all the great powers signed a deal with Iran. ‘Obama’s deal’, if you like. It guaranteed that for 15 years Iran would not enrich uranium beyond 3.67%, and Iran obeyed it to the letter until Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu persuaded Trump to tear it up in 2018.

The Iranians did nothing for a couple of years, hoping that the other signatories to the treaty could talk sense into Trump – and then they did something stupid. They started enriching uranium fuel beyond the treaty limit, though very slowly and still far short of weapons grade.

It took them four years to go from 20% to 60%, and they announced every step in advance. They weren’t trying to ‘break out’ of the treaty; they were trying to make the other countries return to it. But it certainly allowed hostile governments to claim that Iran is now actively seeking nuclear weapons.

It isn’t. Not even now. Even before the United States and Israel attacked Iran 10 weeks ago, it was at least two years of hard work away from a working nuclear weapon. Indeed, it had not even begun working on it.

One big reason that everybody else stands by and let the U.S. and Israel pound Iran into the ground is that the regime is revolting: murderous, tyrannical and corrupt. But Donald Trump and Binyamin Netanyahu are vigilantes, not policemen, and their war is illegal. They are war criminals.



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10. SW Asia peninsula
12. Beating wings to escape from a perch
14. One who revitalizes
16. Indicates position
18. Dishonorable man
19. Singer King Cole
20. Short-tailed marten
22. One point east (clockwise) of due north
23. The god of the underworld in ancient mythology
25. Dirt
26. Superconducting super collider
27. Not good
28. A way to sink
30. Unwell
31. Follow orders
33. Deep ravine
35. Perfumery practice
37. Indian film director Sultan
38. Member of U.S. Navy
40. Wing-like
41. Very fast airplane
42. Slang for cigarette
44. Most cars still need it
45. Political war chest
48. Cools down
50. Diminish toward one end
52. Indigenous person of Thailand
53. Combined
55. Container
56. Expression of satisfaction
57. Thou
58. Return a favor
63. Go over once more
65. Removed
66. “Silence of the ___”
67. Comedian Rogen

3. Own (Scottish) accessory
4. Female follower of Bacchus
5. Subsides
6. Protects from weather
7. Spanish municipality
8. Supermarket chain
9. Domain name
10. Semitic peoples
11. Designs anew
13. City associated with Jesus
15. Cool!
17. Bank employee
18. Central nervous system
21. Standardized piece of text
23. A type of fever
24. Baglike structure in a plant or animal
27. Threaten persistently
29. Aspirations
32. Baby’s eating
34. Actress Thurman
35. Turn into bone
36. One who saves you
39. Consume
40. Swiss river
43. A part of a river where the current is very fast
44. Categories
46. Expressed amazement
47. It’s important in respiration (abbr.)
49. Greek war dance
51. Bland, semi-liquid food
54. Regard in a specified way
59. Taxi
60. Naturally occurring solid material
61. Feline
62. Post-burning residue
64. Elevated railroad

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

COMMUNITY VOICE

Monthly Message: My Sister's Place looks ahead to a busy spring and summer

We are in full swing of our spring and summer calendar of events, markets and festivals. This is such a fun time of year because we get to go out into the various communities we serve, share who we are and how we serve the community, share information, meet new people, make connections, and answer questions.

We attended the Tottenham Home show in April. This show features an eclectic mix of vendors, including companies of various types, food vendors, artisans, and social services. So far in May, we have been to Murphy's Farm Market twice: once for their Mother's Day Market, and last Friday, when we packed tulips for guests, with \$3 from each ticket sold that day coming back to My Sister's Place (MSP). We are thankful to Murphy's for that opportunity.

Our Trees for Shelter trees are now available by calling Dave at 705-458-9076 or by stopping by Murphy's Farm Market or Sheldon Creek Dairy. Trees are \$25 each with White Spruce, White Cedar, Red Maple and Cranberry Bushes available. The program, Plant with Purpose, will run through the Spring, Summer and Fall.

We have so many upcoming events to look forward to. This past weekend, we attended the Beeton Honey Fest on Saturday, May 23. We had a tent at the main street vendor market, giving out community awareness information and selling our Wrapped in Courage scarves, ties, and bracelets.



My Sister's Place

On Saturday, June 20, we will be in two different locations at two fun and exciting events. We will have a tent at the Krasman Pride Day, held in Alliston on Paris Street, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more info on this event, log onto www.facebook.com/events/2462256224236453/.

We will also be at Sheldon Creek Dairy's Day on the Farm. This annual event has a vendor market, farm tours, games, food, music and plenty of fun! We will have a tent selling our trees and Wrapped in Courage items, and sharing our community awareness information. For information on the event, visit <https://www.sheldoncreekdairy.ca/come-to-the-farm>.

On Saturday, July 4, we will be at Tottenham Community Week Street Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tottenham Community Week is always a fun day with lots to do and see. For more information on Tottenham Community Week, visit tottenhamcommunityweek.ca.

On Saturday, July 18, we are back at Sheldon Creek for their second Day on the Farm. This would be a great

day out for the family, learning about farm life. There is always so much to do and experience.

Our last festival of the summer is the Alliston Potato Fest. This festival is always an anticipated weekend for locals and those from out of town. With a parade Friday night to kick off the weekend, the street festival on Saturday and the midway throughout the weekend, there is something

for everyone. We will be part of the Street Festival on Saturday, Aug. 8, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information on the street festival, visit allistonbia.com/street-festival/, or for more on Potato Fest, visit www.allistonpotatofest.com.

We may add other events, so watch our social media and website for those.

We are looking forward to all these events and festivals. We hope to see you!



BEETON BRAVES THE RAIN – The annual Beeton Honey Festival took place on Saturday, May 23, in downtown Beeton. Unfortunately, the weather didn't cooperate this year, and there was steady rain all day. Some people braved the elements under raincoats and umbrellas, but the large crowds of previous years didn't happen at this year's event. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**

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Council receives report detailing Mayor's Student Bursary Program

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

New Tecumseth council reviewed the 2025 Mayor's Student Bursary Program at its May 25 meeting.

The report recommends that 12 applicants be selected through a lottery process and awarded a 2026 Mayor's Student Bursary in the amount of \$2,000.

It also recommends that the remaining 52 applicants in the application summary be awarded a 2026 Mayor's Student Bursary in the amount of \$1,000.

The funds awarded will be allocated from the Mayor's Charity Event Reserve.

This year, 64 applications were received and met the Program Requirements for the Bursary Program.

The total cost of awards will be \$76,000 with a surplus of \$10,202 in the Mayor's Charity Reserve Account.

The Mayor's Student Bursary Program provides Student Bursaries in the amount of \$2,000 each, up to \$24,000 annually, to be funded from the net proceeds of the Mayor's

Charity Event.

Additional funds may also be provided to youth groups and organizations, or to other projects that provide educational, community service, or athletic opportunities benefiting youth, as Council may deem appropriate, should there be a surplus of funds once the annual bursaries have been awarded.

The Bursary Program is available to any graduating student who is a resident of New Tecumseth and attending Banting Memorial High School, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School, or any other accredited educational institution in New Tecumseth.

Student applicants must have high enough scholastic achievement to gain acceptance into the post-secondary program they choose.

Student applicants must provide proof of acceptance into either a university, college, or apprenticeship program, a copy of the current year transcript to confirm a high standard of scholastic achievement, and information relating to community programs, organizations, and volunteer activities that they have been involved in, along with their hobbies, interests and any employment information.

An application must also include personal letters of reference supporting the bursary application, and a 500-word essay on their educational aspirations and goals, any extracurricular activities, and how the bursary would assist in their future educational aspirations and/or goals.

The application deadline for 2026 was May 4.

In 2026, an unprecedented number of applications were received through the bursary program. As a result, the Review Task Force determined that awarding 12 bursaries in the amount of \$2,000 each, as per the program's requirements, with the remaining 52 eligible applicants receiving \$1,000 each, would best align with the program's intent.

This distribution allows the Town to provide meaningful financial assistance while ensuring that all eligible students who have applied receive support.

In total, 64 applications were received. This includes 19 from St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School, 42 from Banting Memorial High School, 2 from Alliston Learning Centre, and one from Unity Chris-

tian High School.

The Student Bursary Review Task Force met on May 7, 2026. The Task Force consists of the Mayor, Director of Recreation, Facilities and Culture, the Deputy Clerk, plus one member from the Tottenham, Beeton & District Chamber of Commerce, and one member from the Alliston District Chamber of Commerce.

The Task Force agreed that a lottery system is the fairest and most equitable method for determining which 12 students will receive the maximum award.

Council could deny or amend the Review Task Force's recommendations.

The 2026 opening balance of the Mayor's Charity Reserve Account was \$89,705, which includes funds generated from the 2025 Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament in the amount of \$34,653.

Student bursaries will be paid directly to the post-secondary institution or apprenticeship program specified by the student, or in special circumstances, it will be paid to the student or family member for reimbursement of post-secondary school expenses paid.

Town of New Tecumseth to Host Women in Arboriculture Ontario TreeFest on June 20

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of New Tecumseth announced it will host Women in Arboriculture Ontario (WAO) TreeFest 2026, a unique, one-day event celebrating and supporting women in arboriculture on Saturday, June 20.

WAO TreeFest brings together women-identifying arborists and climbers in a supportive and educational outdoor environment.

Taking place in the Tottenham Conservation Area, the free event will feature tree-climbing opportunities, live demonstrations, workshops, and networking sessions designed to build participants' skills and confidence.

"Hosting WAO TreeFest is an incredible opportunity to showcase our urban forest and welcome visitors to our community," said New Tecumseth Mayor Richard Norcross. "It strengthens our commitment to environmental stewardship while supporting women

in a dynamic and growing industry."

In addition to educational programming, the event will include a tree planting initiative to help restore areas impacted by Emerald Ash Borer and support natural regeneration in the conservation area.

WAO TreeFest also contributes to the local economy, attracting participants and volunteers who stay, explore, and support local businesses during the event weekend.

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Arts & Local Events

Simcoe-Grey festivals to receive nearly \$260,000 from province

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The province of Ontario is investing \$259,270 through the 2026 Experience Ontario program to support ten festivals and events in Simcoe-Grey.

In total, the provinces are delivering more than \$20 million to help municipalities and even organizers deliver high-quality programming and experiences for people of all ages.

“From Ontario’s charming towns to its dazzling urban centres, festivals and events

bring people together, create lasting memories and showcase the best of our communities,” said Stan Cho, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming. “As we work to protect Ontario, these homegrown experiences play a vital role in celebrating our shared identity, bolstering main street businesses and ensuring our province remains a place people are inspired to explore, and proud to call home.”

Simcoe-Grey MPP Brian Saunderson announced that the following local events are receiving funding support:

- 2026 Stonebridge Wasaga Beach Blues festival - \$20,000

- Blue Mountain Film & Media Festival - \$55,00
- Collingwood Fashion Week - \$20,000
- Barrie Fair 2026 - \$20,000
- Clearview’s Small Halls Festival - \$19,270
- Creemore Arts Fest 2026 - \$20,000
- Wasaga Beach Hootenanny and Mayor’s Rodeo - \$20,000
- Collingwood Pride 2026 - \$55,000
- Sidelaunch Days - \$20,000
- Frost and Flavour Festival - \$ 10,000

“Festivals and events are an important part of community life across Simcoe-Grey,” said

MPP Brian Saunderson. “They support local businesses, attract visitors, and showcase the people and communities that make this region such a special place to live and visit. This investment will help local organizations continue delivering experiences that strengthen our economy and bring people together.

Since 2018, the Experience Ontario program has supported more than 2,700 festivals and events across the province.

Tourism plays a critical role in the Ontario economy. In 2024, visitors to Ontario spent \$33 billion and supported more than 300,000 jobs.

Southlake Run hosted by Nature’s Emporium crosses milestone \$520,000 fundraising mark

BY BROCK WEIR

Community participation in the 2026 Nature’s Emporium Run for Southlake made it a record-busting spring for supporting local health care.

The numbers have been crunched and this year’s fundraiser raised more than \$520,000 for the Southlake Health Foundation, the most the event has raised in its 24-year history.

“We are beyond thrilled with the enthusiasm, the participation, and willingness to fundraising for leading-edge care close to home at this year’s Nature’s Emporium Run for Southlake,” said Jennifer Ritter, President & CEO of Southlake Foundation. “This event continues to be galvanizing for our communities and inspires runners and walkers from across York Region and Simcoe County to lace-up and raise funds for a cause that means so much to us all.

“We often say at Southlake that if you don’t have your health, nothing else matters, and that’s a message that resonates with so many.”

Added Dr. Paul Woods, President & CEO of Southlake Health: “The overwhelming support of our communities show Southlake

Health is truly inspiring, and I’m grateful for everyone who walked, ran, and fundraised during this year’s event. As Southlake continues to transform care across northern York Region and southern Simcoe County over the decade ahead, our communities’ ability to empower change through their caring support will be vital.”

The Nature’s Emporium Run for Southlake has its roots in Aurora, first hosted as the Hartwell Challenge, in memory of Councillor and runner Bob Hartwell, who died while running a marathon.

The Hartwell Challenge took place in Aurora for more than a decade, first at the Aurora Community Centre where participants fanned out on routes throughout the neighbouring streets, then at the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex, where participants took over Wellington Street East. For the last decade, the event has been hosted on Newmarket’s Davis Drive, home base for Southlake.

Two decades on, Aurora was well-represented in this year’s fundraising stakes, with Aurora Montessori School taking the School Challenge Cup and the Town of Aurora itself securing the Community Spirit Award.

The top municipal fundraiser this year was the Town of Newmarket, taking the Mayor’s Challenge from last year’s winners in East Gwillimbury.

As the Southlake Run looks ahead to its 25th anniversary, the value the event brings to the community is clear to the title sponsor.

“As a community-based business, we believe the Nature’s Emporium Run for Southlake brings our values as a business to life – supporting health, encouraging well-

ness, and creating space for our community members to show up for one another,” said Nature’s Emporium CEO Steve Hollingsworth. “It’s an absolute honour for Nature’s Emporium to partner with Southlake Health Foundation, its volunteers, the participants, and our communities, to support leading edge care close to home through this event. We’re so grateful to everyone who gave their time and their generosity to make this year such a success.”

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Tottenham Conservation Area welcomes visitors for 2026 season

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
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The Tottenham Conservation Area is now open for the 2026 season, welcoming residents and visitors to enjoy another year of outdoor recreation and to connect with nature.

The popular local spot offers walking trails, open green spaces, and picnic areas designed for a wide range of users.

With a continued focus on environmental protection and sustainable use, the site provides a serene setting for leisure, exploration, and community enjoyment.

The beach is a popular place for swimming and paddling.

The frisbee golf course provides a challenging adventure for people who enjoy the sport. The frisbee golf course attracts not only local players, but also people from

outside of the area who come to the park to play a round and have some fun.

Disc golf discs are available for rent at the gatehouse for \$5.90 plus HST.

“The Tottenham Conservation Area continues to be an important local asset,” said New Tecumseth Mayor Richard Norcross. “Opening for the 2026 season ensures residents have ongoing access to natural spaces that support well-being, conservation, and outdoor recreation.”

The park opened on May 15 and will welcome visitors daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

SEASON OPENER – The popular Tottenham Conservation Area is now open for the 2026 season. The Conservation Area offers walking trails, green spaces, a beach, and disc golf for local residents and visitors.

BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO



Contractor and vehicle sale scams on the rise, police share tips to protect the public

The Central Region Headquarters of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is advising community members to be cautious of two separate types of scams currently impacting residents across the province: door-to-door contractor scams and the emerging “dirty oil” vehicle sale scam.

Contractor and paving scams

As warmer weather approaches, the OPP continues to receive reports of individuals going door-to-door offering to pave driveways, repair roofs, or complete other home improvement projects. These offers are often presented as a limited-time or “one-day-only” deal.

The individuals may appear legitimate,

sometimes using flyers, websites or claiming affiliation with a known company. However, they often use false names, fake identification and unmarked vehicles. Victims are typically asked for cash up front and are left with poor-quality work, incomplete repairs, or no service at all. These scams commonly occur between April and October and often go unreported.

“Dirty oil” vehicle scam

Police are also warning the public about a new fraud targeting individuals who sell vehicles privately online.

In this scam, suspects pose as potential buyers and arrange to view a vehicle. During the interaction, one suspect may distract the

seller while another tampers with the vehicle by placing oil in the engine compartment, tailpipe, or other areas. When the vehicle is started or driven, the oil creates smoke and the appearance of serious mechanical failure. The suspects then pressure the seller into accepting a significantly reduced price, claiming the vehicle is no longer worth its original value. In some reported cases, victims have lost thousands of dollars after being convinced their vehicle had suddenly developed major issues.

Prevention tips

The OPP reminds residents that these scams can be avoided by taking simple precautions:

- If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is

- Be cautious of unsolicited offers for home repairs or services

- Take your time and do not feel pressured into making immediate decisions

- Always research businesses and review contracts carefully before agreeing to any work

- Avoid paying cash up front for home repairs

- When selling a vehicle, meet in a safe, public location and consider bringing another trusted person with you

- Do not allow strangers to distract you or access your vehicle unsupervised

- If something feels wrong, trust your instincts and end the interaction

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Risk of ticks is higher than normal in Ontario this year: Health unit

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The risk of contracting ticks is higher than normal in Ontario this year, and residents are being urged to remain vigilant when venturing out into natural areas.

Reports indicate that there are 40 per cent more Lyme disease-carrying ticks in Ontario this year.

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is offering advice on how to avoid ticks this summer and reduce the risk of contracting Lyme disease.

Wooded trails and grassy areas can be home to blacklegged ticks, which may carry Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses. These illnesses can be serious but are preventable.

You can reduce your risk of tick bites by taking a few precautions.

Wear light-coloured, long-sleeved shirts and pants and closed-toe shoes.

Use an insect repellent containing DEET or icaridin. Stay on marked trails when walking or biking in natural areas.

After spending time outdoors, it is important to check for ticks that may have come

into contact with you.

You should conduct a full-body check on yourself, your children, and your pets as soon as possible.

Use a mirror or ask for help to check hard-to-see areas.

Shower within two hours of coming indoors to help wash away loose ticks.

Ticks must be removed within 24 hours to help prevent infection.

You can kill any ticks on clothing by putting the clothes in a dryer on high heat for at least 10 minutes before washing.

If you find a tick, remove it promptly and check for others. If a tick has been attached for 24 hours or more, speak with a health-care provider about whether preventive antibiotics are appropriate.

Early symptoms of Lyme disease can include fever, chills, headache, muscle and joint pain, and fatigue. Some people may also develop a red rash that expands within three to 30 days after a bite.

When detected early, most cases can be treated successfully.

If you experience symptoms, seek immediate medical attention.



RISING RISK – The risk of running into a tick is increased this year, with reports showing 40 per cent more Lyme disease-carrying ticks present in Ontario this year. **STOCK PHOTO**

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DOUBLE WINS

The St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School Stingers varsity girls' slo-pitch team take on Our Lady of the Bay on the diamond at Coventry Park in Tottenham during a scheduled double header. The Stingers won this game 18-3. In their second game of the day, the Stingers won 10-3 over St. Joseph's.

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Astros win their own Victoria Day weekend tournament

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

It was a good weekend for baseball when the Lisle Astros hosted their annual Victoria Day weekend senior baseball tournament on May 17-18, on the diamond in Lisle.

In addition to Lisle, teams included the New Lowell Knights, Orillia Majors, Creemore Padres, and the Caledon Cardinals.

The tournament opened on Saturday with New Lowell winning 8-0 over the Caledon Cardinals, and an Orillia Majors 8-0 win over the Creemore Padres.

The New Lowell Knights lost their first game against the Astros 9-7.

A consolation game took place on Sunday morning, with the Creemore Padres facing the Caledon Cardinals.

The Caledon team took an early 4-0 lead.

The Padres scored five runs in the fifth inning to make it a 6-4 game.

Caledon responded with two runs in the sixth to tie it up.

The Padres scored the winning run on an errant throw into the dugout that allowed the runner to score from third base.

In the championship game, the Lisle Astros and Orillia Majors met to vie for the tournament title.

The two teams traded runs early before a decisive 11-run third inning gave Lisle a 16-4 lead.

The Astros added another run in the fourth. The Majors attempted a comeback with three runs in the top of the fifth. The rally ended on a line-drive catch by Lisle first baseman Kris Allary to give the Astros a 17-7 win.

The Lisle team last won its tournament in 2024. No tournament was held in 2025.



TOP TEAM – The Lisle Astros from the North Dufferin Baseball League won their own Victoria Day weekend senior baseball tournament, held on the diamond in Lisle on May 17 and 18. The Astros left the diamond with a 17-7 win over the Orillia Majors in the final game. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**



SQUEEZED OUT – The Banting Memorial High School Marauders varsity girls' slo-pitch team compete against the Bradford District High School Bucks at PPG Park in Alliston on Thursday, May 21. The Marauders played a good game but were squeezed out by a single point, losing 7-6. A play at second base puts a Bradford base runner out by a split second. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**



SENIOR SUCCESS – The Banting Memorial High School Marauders girls' senior soccer team host Nantyr Shores Secondary School on the soccer pitch at Banting on Wednesday, May 10, for the Simcoe County Athletic Association (SCAA) final. Banting won the game 1-0. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**

Alliston Curling Club celebrates 125 years in the community

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Alliston Curling Club is celebrating 125 years as a local organization, and on Saturday, May 23, it held a special day to recognize this achievement.

There was an afternoon celebration followed by an evening dinner.

As a sport, curling is among the most popular in Canada.

“Today we are celebrating the 125th anniversary of the Curling Club’s inception,” explained Alliston Curling Club’s treasurer and former president, Susan Froud. “We are having an all-ages event this afternoon, and then tonight we are having a dinner dance party.”

The Club currently has around 300 members, including about 220 adults and the rest youth.

“We have around 35 juniors that play in our Sunday league,” Froud said. “We’re trying to promote the sport at the grassroots and getting our kids involved.”

The club got its official start back in 1901, when teams played on the Boyne River, where a dam once created a pond.

The current curling club was built in 1956.

Over the past few years, the club has made improvements to the facility to maintain it and keep it current.

“We’ve been rebuilding since COVID,” Froud explained. “We have some renovations planned for this summer. We got a Trillium Grant, and we have already done some renovations. We are working on a new accessibility project.”

Alliston Curling Club President Shawn Evans offered some history of the club.

“In 1900, a wood rink was built close to

In 1938, they organized and started curling in the old skating rink. By 1945, the annual membership fee was \$5. It wasn’t until 1950 that the building next to us, the Alliston Memorial Arena, was opened, and curling had the opportunity to organize.

Alliston Curling Club President Shawn Evans

the present location of Alliston Memorial Arena,” Evans explained. “The rink was constructed so hockey could be played in the centre of the rink with two curling sheets – one on each side of the hockey arena.”

He added, “In 1938, they organized and started curling in the old skating rink. By 1945, the annual membership fee was \$5. It wasn’t until 1950 that the building next to us, the Alliston Memorial Arena, was opened, and curling had the opportunity to organize.

The Alliston Curling Club resumed operation in the new hockey arena. From 1950 to 1956, the Club operated one day a week in the Memorial Arena. By 1956, the membership was growing, and enthusiasm mounted, and curlers convinced themselves they could build their rink. In 1956, the Town of Alliston sold this land to the Curling Club for \$200. Within one year, the Alliston Curling Club had built a new indoor ice rink.”

The Alliston Curling Club is always looking for new members and offers introductory sessions to help new players learn the sport.



MILESTONE EVENT – The Alliston Curling Club is currently celebrating 125 years as a local organization. The club held a special day on Saturday, May 23, to celebrate this milestone in the club’s history. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**



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Alliston Tennis Club to host introduction to sport for new players

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Alliston Tennis Club is offering young first-time players or those interested in learning the sport the opportunity to come out and see what it's all about.

The Alliston Tennis Club Rogers First Set Try Day is open to kids ages 5 to 16 and is designed to be a fun and engaging introduction to tennis for new players and those with little experience.

Participants will learn the basics of tennis, including serving, rallying, and scor-

ing, in a supportive and friendly environment.

This includes a hands-on introduction to tennis fundamentals, play-based activities to build confidence and excitement, and a focus on learning to serve, rally, and score.

No previous experience is required, and all equipment will be provided.

This is a great opportunity for children to discover the joy of tennis and start learning the sport.

Kids will learn from tennis instructor Peter Simko.

The Alliston Tennis Club Rogers First Set Try Day will take place on Friday, June 5, 2026.

There will be two sessions, at 4 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Sessions will take place at the Alliston Tennis Club at G.A. Wright Athletic Field at 251 Albert St. East in Alliston.

Kids must register to attend.

You can register online at <https://app.firstset.ca/#/ActiveEvent/74804031-a515-4f2d-9360-b081feca9840> or contact instructor Peter Simko at psimko62@yahoo.ca for more information.



LEARNING THE GAME – The Alliston Tennis Club will host introductory sessions for kids who want to learn to play tennis or are new to the sport. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

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Brock's Banter: Superpowers and full circle moments

My mom and I made the short trip one weekend and I tried to take everything in like a sponge. Amid the artefacts on the walls and in display cases were recreated scenes of what life of yore was like, and this rather static history was soon brought to life by curator Jacqueline Stuart who had the unique ability to make an otherwise mundane school desk as interesting as a war relic.

This experience played no small part in stoking a love of history, whether it's history around the corner or around the world.

On Monday, I was back behind those honey-hued walls of the Church Street School, which now forms the historic heart of the Aurora Town Square complex. While the Aurora Museum remains a vital component of the whole, albeit in a much smaller configuration compared to my first visit, the building has evolved,

changed, and grown over time.

Things may have changed, but Monday night's Community Recognition Awards offered something of a full circle moment.

There, a few steps away from the former museum space, I was once again with my mother and, once again, with the lovely Jackie Stuart, more than 30 years after I first crossed that threshold.

I was honoured to be on hand not just to cover the event itself for our newspapers, but to also receive the Community Leadership Award, while Stuart received the Town of Aurora's Heritage Award – an annual award I was surprised to learn has not caused Jackie to have to invest in a second mantle to hold 'em all. Long overdue!

The Community Recognition Awards is always one of my favourite events of the year. Not only does it give this writer a chance to shine a further light on the

people that make communities like ours tick, but in a world that can often feel increasingly dispiriting and challenging, there's nothing quite as encouraging as learning about the wonderful things people do to give back and make the world around them, local or further afield, that much better.

It's hard to leave the event without feeling like you have a bit of extra wind in your sails and inspired to take on whatever lies ahead.

Truth be told, however, after covering this event each year for almost 15 years in various capacities, this year's ceremony was decidedly different as I was actually on the receiving end of one of these things and on the other side of the camera. In fact, being on the "other side" for a change was remarked upon more than once in the evening.

But no matter how odd it felt, it was truly

an honour to be, as the Town of Aurora's slogan suggests, in the best of company.

Being in this job, many of the evening's honourees were already familiar to me, and I've had the privilege of writing about the good they do before – but there were plenty more whom I was able to meet for the first time, and learn more about what drives them to make a difference.

These community superheroes are driven by a passion to make a difference rather than any superpower, and that's always worth a reminder.

It was a wonderful evening, and one that left me even more buoyed than it usually does, and I thank those who nominated me for the award and to everyone at the Town who came together to truly put on a night to remember.

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Tow truck driver charged with impaired operation in Alliston

Nottawasaga Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers have arrested and charged a tow truck operator with impaired driving following a traffic complaint.

On May 9, shortly before 4 p.m., police received a report of a suspected impaired driver operating a tow truck on Victoria Street in Alliston. Within minutes, officers located the vehicle, which had stopped in a nearby parking lot. Police located and began speaking with the driver, conducting an

impaired driving investigation.

As a result of the investigation, a 43-year-old of New Tecumseth, has been charged with operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)

The accused party was released and is scheduled for a future court date at the Ontario Court of Justice in Bradford to answer to the charge, had their drivers licence suspended for 90 days, and their tow truck impounded for seven days.



Nottawasaga OPP lay charges in Essa after receiving a suspicious person report

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
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Members of the Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police have arrested and charged an individual following a series of incidents involving suspicious behaviour at resident properties in Essa Township.

Officers responded to multiple calls for service on May 27, between 9 p.m. and midnight, after residents reported a suspicious person who was observed attending residences and looking into windows before leaving the area.

Shortly before midnight, police received an additional report that an individual matching the previous description attempted

to gain entry to a residence by kicking the door. However, entry was not gained into the residence.

Officers located the individual later that night. The suspect was placed under arrest without incident.

As a result of the investigation, Jamie Mulholland, 37, of New Tecumseth, has been charged with:

- Break and Enter a Dwelling House with Intent to Commit an Indictable Offence
- Two counts of Trespassing at Night
- Mischief – Destroy or Damage Property
- Possession of a Weapon for a Dangerous Purpose

The accused individual was held pending a bail hearing. The listed charges have not been proven in court.

OPP express gratitude for community support following death of on-duty officer

The Ontario Provincial Police issued a statement expressing gratitude to the communities served by the Northumberland OPP detachment and beyond for the outpouring of compassion and support following the tragic on-duty death of Sergeant Brandon Malcom.

Sgt. Malcom died as a result of a motorcycle crash while on duty on Highway 401 on Monday, April 27. Sgt. Malcom had been an auxiliary member of the Toronto police and a

member of the Canadian Armed Forces. He joined the OPP in 2020.

“In the days since Sergeant Malcom’s passing, the OPP has been deeply moved by the kindness shown by members of the public,” the statement said. “From messages of condolence and memorial tributes to the thousands who lined highways and bridges, attended processions, or paused to honour his life and service, these acts of support have not

gone unnoticed. The presence of community members, first responders and partner police services standing together during a time of loss has been a powerful reminder of the bond shared between police officers and the people they serve. These gestures of solidarity have provided comfort and strength to Sgt. Malcom’s family, friends and colleagues during an incredibly difficult time.”

The OPP ask that ongoing respect and pri-

vacy be extended to Sgt. Malcom’s loved ones as they navigate this loss.

“This is a difficult time for all who knew and loved Sergeant Malcom. The support and kindness shown by our community means a great deal,” said Inspector Mike Cavanagh, Northumberland Detachment Commander. “As we continue to grieve, the outpouring of care provides us with solace and strength. Thank you.”

Stray calf assisted by police officers and community members after falling out of moving trailer

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers proved that policing duties can sometimes include a little “herd control” after assisting with an unexpected livestock incident on Highway 10 in Mono.

While on general patrol earlier this month, Dufferin OPP officers observed the rear door of a livestock trailer become dislodged, caus-

ing a young Charolais calf to fall from the moving trailer and roll safely to the side of the roadway, suffering minor cuts and scrapes.

The calf quickly moved itself out of traffic and sought shelter nearby. Thankfully, officers were already in the area and, with the help of several caring community members, were able to keep the calf calm and safe while

coordinating with the driver of the trailer.

Officers radioed ahead and the farmer promptly returned to retrieve the young calf, which fortunately suffered only minor injuries before being reunited with the rest of the herd.

“No two calls are ever the same in policing, which is what makes the profession such a diverse and unique career. From emergency

response calls to assisting stranded livestock, officers never know what a shift may bring,” reads a Dufferin OPP press release.

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