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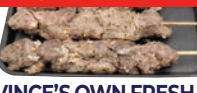
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Doors Open Ontario event coming to historic locations in Alliston

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Town of New Tecumseth is participating in Doors Open Ontario – a chance for local residents to discover local history, heritage, and hands-on experiences at two local cultural sites.

The Museum on the Boyne and the Sir Frederick Banting Homestead & Heritage Park will welcome residents and visitors for a full day of exploration, demonstrations, and family-friendly activities. Enjoy heritage interpretation, demonstrations, and community service displays.

The Museum on the Boyne will host heritage demonstrations, hands-on crafts, spinners and weavers, watercolour activities, historical interpretation inside the galleries, complimentary popcorn, and an information tent with program materials and family-friendly takeaways.

At the Banting Homestead, visitors will enjoy outdoor demonstrations, community service displays with Fire Services and EMS on-site. Ongoing craft activities will be available inside the visitor centre, along



with cotton candy and an information tent with program materials and family activities.

Admission is free, and all ages are invited to take part in this province-wide celebration of culture.

Doors Open Ontario will take place on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Museum on the Boyne (250 Fletcher Crescent, Alliston) and Banting Homestead (5116 Sir Frederick Banting Road, Alliston).



DOORS OPEN – The Town of New Tecumseth is participating in Doors Open Ontario on Saturday, Sept. 19 at the Museum on the Boyne and at the Banting Homestead from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be free admission to both the Museum on the Boyne and the Sir Frederick Banting Homestead & Heritage Park with plenty of activities, demonstrations, and hands-on experiences.

BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

Provincial government launches student family support offices across Simcoe-Grey

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Ontario government is expanding student and family support offices to all 72 school boards across the province.

This expansion is intended to help parents and families navigate educational resources and find solutions for their children.

Brian Saunderson, MPP for Simcoe-Grey, announced on Sept. 2 that all school boards in Simcoe-Grey now have student and family support offices.

This initiative aims to make school boards more accountable and focused on student success with a back-to-basics approach that strengthens student achievement and prepares them for rewarding careers.

“Our schools and educators do excellent work every day supporting students and families in our communities,” MPP Saunderson said.

“These new offices will provide parents with an additional resource when more complex concerns arise, helping families navi-

gate the education system and get the support they need. I’m pleased to see this additional support now available across Simcoe-Grey.”

Student and family support offices review concerns raised by parents to help address matters that need to be escalated following initial engagement with a child’s teacher and principal.

As part of their mandate, these offices streamline the response process for families by acknowledging inquiries within two business days and aim to provide an answer within five business days.

School boards are also expected to ensure responses to parent inquiries are conducted in a clear manner that is easily understood by a parent and include relevant and accurate information that addresses the specific inquiry.

“Parents should have a clear and consistent way to raise concerns and get answers when it comes to their child’s education,” said Paul Calandra, Ontario’s education minister.

“We are strengthening accountability across our school boards and making sure families can get the support they need when they need it. Everything we are doing is focused on improving student achievement and ensuring every student has the opportunity to succeed.”

The Ministry of Education will collect information regularly from all 72 school boards to identify patterns and trends about the

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–Paul Calandra
Education minister

types of concerns parents are raising, helping to find ways to improve processes so students and families receive better support. Student and family support offices have already been operating in supervised school boards, with 95 per cent of family inquiries acknowledged within two business days and nearly 90 per cent receiving a response within five business days or an estimated response date for more complex matters.

For the 2026-27 school year, students and teachers will return to updated curriculum, new classroom resources and stronger supports, including new tools to support financial literacy and math, and clearer expectations around attendance and assessment.

The Simcoe County District School Board can be contacted at supportoffice@scdsb.on.ca and the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board can be reached at supportoffice@smcdsb.on.ca.

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Two Essa men charged with child abduction

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Two individuals have been charged with serious offences after members of the Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police executed a search warrant at a residence in Essa Township.

Shortly before 5 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 2, officers attended a residence in Essa to execute the warrant as part of a child abduction investigation.

The operation was led by the OPP Major Crime Unit with assistance from the OPP Tactics and Rescue Unit and the OPP Emergency Response Team.

As a result, officers took two individuals into custody without incident.

Jason Demerchant, 41, of Essa Township, has been charged with:

- Abduction of a Person Under 16 Years of Age
- Luring a Person Under 16 Years of Age by Means of Telecommunication

- Uttering Threats – Cause Death or Bodily Harm

- Possession of Weapon for Dangerous Purpose

- Obstruct Peace Officer

Samuel Kelly, 20, of Essa Township, has been charged with Abduction of Person Under 16 Years of Age

Both of the accused parties were held pending a bail hearing.

The investigation remains ongoing, and the authorities will not provide further information at this time.

Anyone with information is being asked to contact the Nottawasaga OPP Major Crime Unit at 1-888-310-1122 and reference occurrence E261254092.

You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

The charges have not been proven in court.



NOW OPEN – Members of Town Council and Town staff gather at the grand opening of a new bottle station in Tottenham. Located at the corner of Mill Street and Queen Street, the station lets residents and visitors fill their water bottles with clean, fresh water. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

New bottle fill station now open in Tottenham

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Residents and visitors can now enjoy free access to safe, high-quality municipal drinking water by visiting Tottenham's new bottle station.

The station is located at the corner of Mill Street and Queen Street in the centre of town.

New Tecumseth Mayor Richard Norcross, members of council and town staff recently gathered to celebrate the official opening of the new station, which is now fully opera-

tional and available for public use.

The station was the result of New Tecumseth's Public Works team, who helped turn the project into a reality for the community.

The bottle fill station provides a contactless way to refill reusable water bottles while on the go, making it easier for residents and visitors to stay hydrated while reducing reliance on single-use plastics.

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All inclusive

Many organizations, clubs, and government agencies like to use the phrase "we are inclusive" to make people believe they allow anyone to join or become a member.

It's a nice-sounding phrase, but in no way actually reflects how most groups actually operate – not by a long shot.

It's just one of those phrases they use because if they don't, someone will question why they aren't inclusive.

The TV show Seinfeld was great at pointing out the absurdities of modern life, like groups and clubs insisting on including buzzwords in their literature.

In the AIDS Walk episode, Kramer refused to wear an AIDS ribbon during the fundraising walk. He was bullied and ostracized by other people on the walk for not wearing a ribbon.

They accused him of not being 'against AIDS' even though he was actively participating in the walk and had a genuine concern about raising money for a good cause. But he didn't want to wear the ribbon.

Being inclusive means actually inviting other people to take part in something.

A few years ago I was involved with a football club. One division was having trouble attracting new players.

They had a roster of around 21 players. For a full roster, a football team needs around 35 players to cover offence, defence, and special teams.

Playing the sport doesn't require any previous experience because players were all taught the positions on the gridiron and how things work prior to the start of the regular season.

The coaches couldn't figure out why more players weren't signing up.

In one of the few times I decided to make a suggestion that was 'inclusive,' I proposed an idea to one of the coaches.

With 21 15-year-old players on the team, those kids have a lot of friends.

I suggested that after that day's practice, the coach should ask all of those players to each approach five of their friends. Have the players say something like, "We have a short roster on our team this year. We sure could use a guy like you to come out and join our team. I think you would enjoy it and be good at it."

It was a simple and inclusive invitation. Most kids would be flattered that a friend thought enough of them to ask them to join a team.

Even if just ten per cent of those kids decided to give it a try, they would have enough to fill out the roster.

However, the coaches didn't think it was a good idea as it might attract kids who weren't good football players. So, they kept the roster small, exhausted kids by having them play both offensive and defensive positions, and lost most of their games that year.

I've also seen this happen in high school sports. Some large schools couldn't fill sports teams.

I once questioned why a school of several thousand kids couldn't field a girls' soccer team.

The reply was 'no one signed up.'

The recruitment for filling a team was to place a notice on a bulletin board stating, "Tryouts are next Tuesday."

Maybe if the coaches actually approached some kids and enthusiastically encouraged them to play, enough kids would have come out to join the team.

When I was in high school, I was relatively shy in the first couple of years. I wanted to play football; however, most of the players were from a different feeder school. I didn't know any of them, and most of them didn't seem to be enthusiastic about meeting new kids.

If one of those guys or a coach had approached me and suggested I join the team, I would have – no doubt about it.

An invitation to join would have made all the difference.

But there are a lot of clubs and organizations that don't want certain people joining their ranks or being part of their organization.

A good friend of mine attended a rather prestigious private school in Grade 7. He only managed a single year before he was kicked out for various reasons.

Out of curiosity, I went on that school's website recently and checked out their admission requirements.

Now there's a school that is elitist, snobby, and rigidly exclusive all at the same time, and yet you never hear anyone complain about the admissions department excluding poor people, those with an incorrect surname, or someone whose family just isn't up to snuff.

It's really a place to ensure your daughter meets the right kind of boy to ensure they keep all the money in the family.

I have no problem with that at all. If you want to create a group that excludes people you don't like – go ahead.

To paraphrase Groucho Marx, "I wouldn't want to join a group that would have me as a member."

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Back to reality?

Here it is.

It was unavoidable.

We tried to stave it off as long as we could.

We knew it was coming, so we tried to make the most of it while it was here.

For many, we're well and truly into fall. It's always been a curious concept to me that Labour Day is often considered the end of summer and the beginning of autumn, much like Victoria Day is viewed as the kick-off to summer – despite what the calendar says.

Most people, of course, are eager to get the summer party started, understandably so, but, at the same time, by the time Victoria Day arrives, there's generally a month so before the solstice and you've wished away almost 30 days (more or less) of your springtime, a debit you can't get back once the snow flies.

If you prefer to think summer grinds to a halt as soon as Labour Day appears on the horizon, whether at the start of the month, or a week into September as was the case this year, you're generally

discounting at least a couple of bonus weeks of sunshine.

I'm not in any hurry for the fall or winter, so forgive me if I put my blinders on for a little bit and steadfastly refuse to get autumnal until at least September 21 – maybe September 22, just to be on the safe side – and, despite being a fan, no semblance of pumpkin spice will pass my lips until then.

Stubborn? Maybe, but I think it's sensible.

Is summer over? Not yet. Is fall here? Well, we can see it on the horizon, but it hasn't yet turned onto the off ramp.

So, where are we?

Taking the change of seasons out of the equation, maybe one thing we can all agree on is the end of Labour Day signals a return to reality – however you might define it.

For some of us, it's a return to a more intense round of work, where it's harder to steal away a few hours in the afternoon to do something fun or practical, wangle an unexpected long weekend, or

simply have a bit more flexibility.

For those of us in the newsroom, it's really a kick-off to a particularly busy period ahead as our communities' municipal election campaigns truly kick into high gear. Although, it must be said, those who are vying to be a part of our 2026 – 2030 Councils hardly paused long enough to let even a single blade of grass grow under their feet, and that is something truly commendable.

For our leaders who aren't spending September and October jostling for a seat at the table, it's the resumption of business that impacts all of us at Queen's Park and on Parliament Hill, the latter being in particular focus this week as Ottawa responds to American tariffs.

At the same time, while I doubt any of our local small business owners found much time to find their proverbial Zen over July and August given all the uncertainty that this month is sure to bring, it's now a crunch time as the realities of what they will have to deal with for the foreseeable future become clear. Pivots

might also be on the horizon, but, as was the case the last time we all had shift and bend, we're all in this together.

For parents, it might be a welcome return to reality as they're able to go about their day jobs without having to worry about finding something for their kids to do all day to stave off couch rot – unless, of course, you're a teacher by profession, and now it's a matter of keeping 25 – 30-plus students occupied and focused rather than just the few you might have at home.

Which brings me to students. It's a return to reality for them as well, but a reality that is undoubtedly going to be productive, an environment where you can expand your mind and horizons, and hopefully find the wherewithal to fit a few further pieces in place in the jigsaw puzzle of your future.

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'Wait for September'

Making predictions in print is rarely a good idea, and saying 'I told you so' is always rude, but rules are made to be broken. On 10 June, one week before the short-lived 'Memorandum of Understanding' (MoU) on the Middle East war was signed, I wrote a piece on that war that predicted what would happen next. It said: "The next few months should be eventful but not alarming: ceasefires made, broken and remade on the US-Iran front, while Gaza rots... Come September, however, things will probably start to get exciting, because the elec-

tions will create deadlines. Not for Iran, of course, but for Trump and for Netanyahu." I'm not claiming any great insight here. To the contrary, I'm pointing out that the probable course of events was so obvious as to be almost inevitable. The Iranians had already won just by not losing, and Donald Trump had no cards left to play. It wasn't yet clear that his cartoonish defence secretary, Pete Hegseth, had already managed to squander most of America's large stockpile of precision-

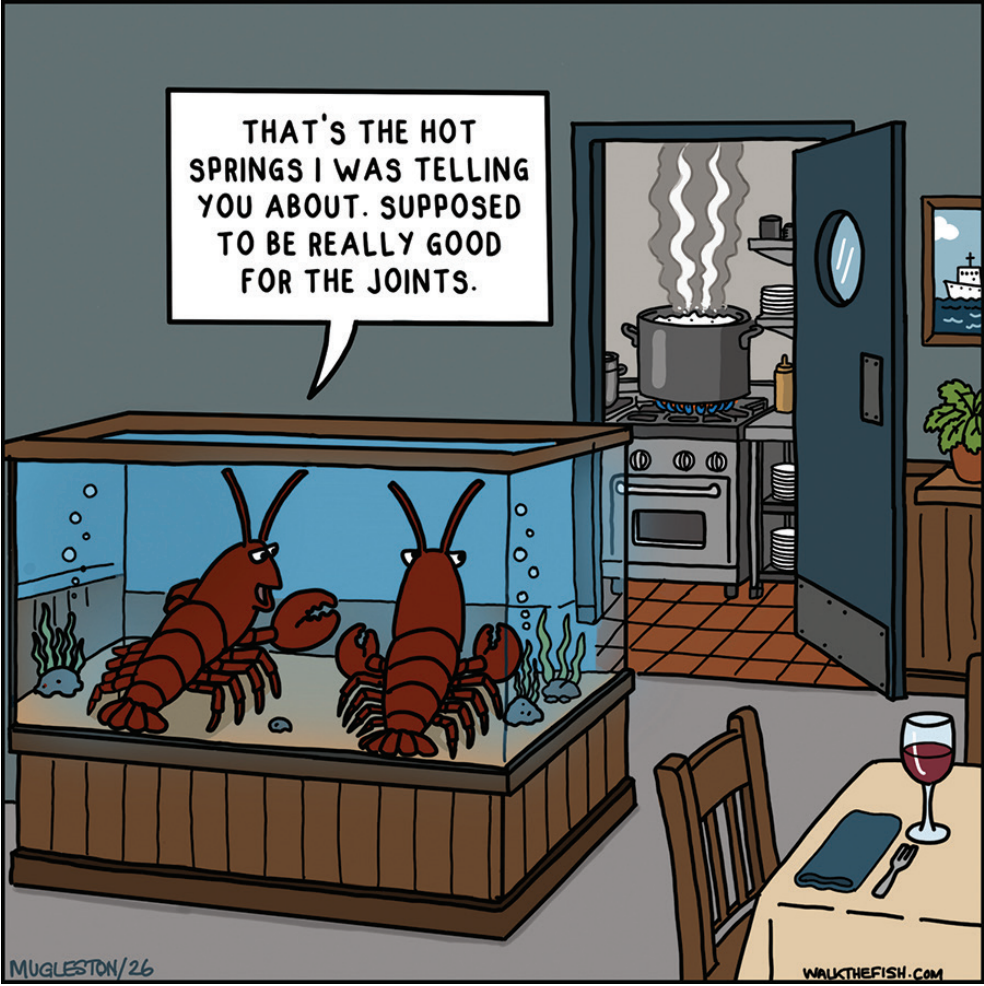
guided bombs and missiles with no visible effect on Iranian strategy, but that doesn't really matter anyway. American weapons are of no relevance so long as Iran can keep control of the Strait of Hormuz. So Trump oscillated between fantasy diplomatic breakthroughs and pointless military threats through the whole summer, while most of us got on with our lives and relatively few people were killed. However, September was bound to follow, and with it comes the prospect of national elections in both Israel (27 October) and the United States (3 November).

As things stand now, Netanyahu's coalition will lose its majority in the Knesset. He could even end up in jail. Trump's presidency is not at stake in these 'mid-term' elections but his party could easily lose control of the House of Representatives, which would open the door to impeachment proceedings. Either man would benefit greatly from a military victory right about now – and although Trump is still cross about the way Netanyahu suckered him into a surprise attack on Iran that backfired, the two do have a way of egging each other on into doubtful enterprises that neither man might risk alone. So what kind of enterprises are we talking about here? The context is military, and the lead would have to come from the United States because America has 35 times the population of Israel. There are really only two things Trump could do that might persuade Iran's rulers to compromise on their claim to control the Strait of Hormuz. One is a mass aerial onslaught on all the foundations of Iran's status as a poor but 'developed' country: industry, transport, electrical power, oilfields, water supply, desalination plants, etc. "Bomb

them back to the Stone Age," as US Air Force General Curtis LeMay once put it (referring to Vietnam). But Trump has already tried that once – "A whole civilisation will die tonight," as he declared last April – only to call it off at the last minute when the Iranians didn't waver in their defiance. He still has lots of 'dumb bombs' to carry out his threats, but he'd actually have to start the mass killing next time before anybody would take him seriously. The only remaining alternative, for a leader desperate to end a war that he should never have started, is a threat to drop a single low-yield nuclear warhead in some sparsely populated part of the target country – or maybe skip the threat, because your credibility is shot. Just explode the bomb first, and then invite the enemy for talks. This is an evergreen topic in strategic circles.



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OUR WORLD TODAY



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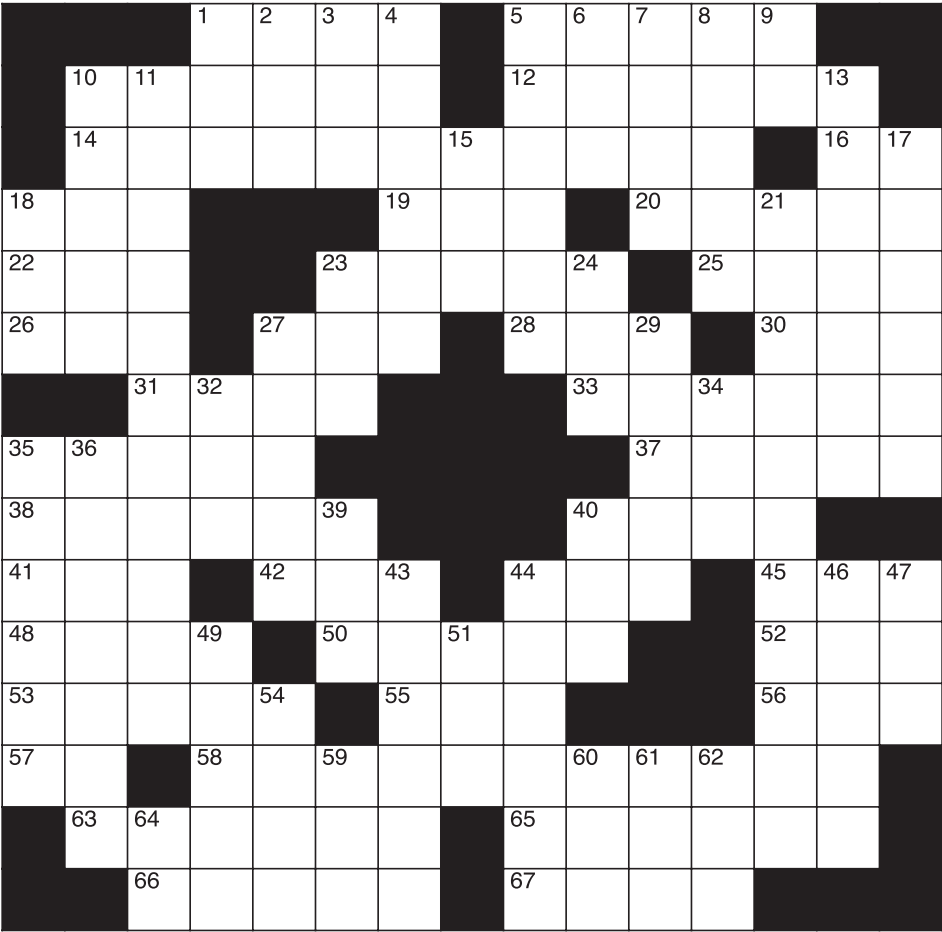
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 - 35. Rattling breaths
 - 37. Supermarket chain
 - 38. Provided with a
- quality

 - 40. Samoan monetary unit
 - 41. Swiss river
 - 42. Hill (Celtic)
 - 44. Have already done
 - 45. ATM company
 - 48. Syngman __, Korean president
 - 50. Very willing
 - 52. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
 - 53. Food listings
 - 55. Bachelor's place to crash
 - 56. Big Blue
 - 57. Sports magazine
 - 58. Relating to a place north of south of the equator
 - 63. Female follower of Bacchus
 - 65. A type of laugh
 - 66. Slovenly women
 - 67. Large jug

CLUES DOWN

 - 1. Boxing's GOAT
- 2. Zero
 - 3. Midway between north and northeast
 - 4. Concurred
 - 5. Added flavor
 - 6. Amount of time
 - 7. Eggs of parasitic insects
 - 8. S-shaped moldings
 - 9. Atomic #45
 - 10. __ d'art: small artistic item
 - 11. A godparent's "kids"
 - 13. Nocturnal burrowing lizard
 - 15. Hit lightly
 - 17. Aircrafts
 - 18. Witness
 - 21. Alluding to something
 - 23. Take to the limit
 - 24. Baglike structure in a plant or animal
 - 27. Start over
 - 29. Administered
- 32. Romanian monetary unit
 - 34. Unit of liquid capacity
 - 35. Equips with weapons again
 - 36. Disney town
 - 39. Female deer
 - 40. Title of respect
 - 43. A place to go rafting
 - 44. A way to conclude
 - 46. Type of television
 - 47. Georgia rockers
 - 49. Leonhard __, Swiss mathematician
 - 51. Slang for gun
 - 54. River in Bosnia and Herzegovina
 - 59. Bar bill
 - 60. Small, gray-headed crow
 - 61. Frozen water
 - 62. Norwegian krone
 - 64. Commercial

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

COMMUNITY VOICE

Community raffle brings ‘Good Vibes’ and generosity to CONTACT

This summer, CONTACT Community Services, in collaboration with the Friends of the New Tecumseth Library, rolled out a community raffle aimed at supporting local families and individuals. The “Good Vibes” raffle not only sparked excitement in the community but also strengthened the bond between two dedicated organizations.

CONTACT’s Community Hope Chest benefitted from the proceeds of this raffle by raising funds to help our most vulnerable community members in times of urgent need. The Hope Chest is an ongoing initiative that continues to support families, individuals and seniors who are struggling with life’s most basic needs.

The Friends of the New Tecumseth Library are excited to have raised funds toward their new laptop lending library at all three locations. This program will be beneficial to many local community members and library patrons.

Successful fundraisers require the collective effort of many supportive, community-minded businesses, enthusiastic volunteers, skilled ticket sellers, and generous community members. They all play a vital role in making a fundraiser like this impactful.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to Canadian Tire Alliston for their unwavering support. Their generous donation of a Blackstone 4-burner griddle was a hit, igniting lively BBQ-inspired discussions at the ticket table and helping to sell many tickets. Congratulations to Mike P., the lucky winner of this fantastic prize!

Didn’t win the grill but still want to get something special? You can do so much local shopping at canadiantire.ca.

Gift cards were a hit this year, providing winners with the chance to pick their own rewards. We were thrilled to offer two “choose your own” gift prizes: \$500 in Uber Eats / Rides, compliments of Uber and \$500 from Amazon, courtesy of a generous leader from Friend of the New Tecumseth Library. We hope Jennifer L. and Dave T. are enjoying their shopping sprees!

A special shoutout to Iron Butterfly, a local blacksmith based in Lisle, for their creative contribution: a custom outdoor firepit adorned with a maple leaf. We’re sure winner Allen F. is looking forward to many bonfire evenings this fall!

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Municipal and School Board Election



Notice of Election

Municipal Elections Act, 1996, s 40

Pursuant to the requirements of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, notice is hereby given to the Municipal Electors of the Town of New Tecumseth that the next Municipal and School Board Election will be held on **Monday, October 26, 2026**. The new term of Council will begin November 15, 2026 and end on November 14, 2030.

Municipal and School Board Elections in the Town of New Tecumseth will be held for the offices of:

Municipal Offices

- Mayor, one (1) to be elected at large
- Deputy Mayor, one (1) to be elected at large
- Councilor – Ward 1, one (1) to be elected by ward
- Councilor – Ward 2, one (1) to be elected by ward
- Councilor – Ward 3, one (1) to be elected by ward
- Councilor – Ward 4, one (1) to be elected by ward
- Councilor – Ward 5, one (1) to be elected by ward
- Councilor – Ward 6, one (1) to be elected by ward
- Councilor – Ward 7, one (1) to be elected by ward

School Board Trustees

- School Board Trustee, Simcoe County District School Board, one (1) to be elected
- School Board Trustee, Conseil scolaire Viamonde, one (1) to be elected
- School Board Trustee, Conseil scolaire Catholique Mon Avenir, one (1) to be elected

* The School Board Trustee, Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board has been abstained.

Qualification of Electors

In accordance with section 17(2) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, a person is entitled to vote if on voting day they:

- Reside in the municipality or is the owner or tenant of land there, or the spouse of sub-owner or tenant,
- Are a Canadian citizen,
- Are at least 18 years of age, and
- Are not prohibited from voting or holding office under the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, or otherwise by law.

Voting Method

Electors will be able to cast their ballot by paper or online (internet) voting for this election. **Paper ballot voting will only be available during the advance voting period.** There will be no paper ballot voting on Election Day. Online (internet) voting will be the only form of voting on Election Day.

Online (internet) voting will open Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 12 p.m.

Online (internet) voting will close Monday, October 26, 2026 at 8 p.m.

Online (internet) voting is available 24 hours a day/7 days a week during this voting period.

Paper ballot voting locations will be available during the advance voting period at the locations, dates and times specified below for all electors.

Date/Time	Location	Wards
Thursday, October 15, 2026 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Alliston Memorial Arena 49 Nelson Street, W. Alliston, ON	All Wards
Monday, October 19, 2026 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Beeton Memorial Arena 22 Second Street Beeton, ON	All Wards
Wednesday, October 21, 2026 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Tottenham Community & Fitness Centre 139 Queen Street, N. Tottenham, ON	All Wards
Saturday, October 24, 2026 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Alliston Memorial Arena 49 Nelson Street W. Alliston, ON	All Wards
	Beeton Memorial Arena 22 Second Street Beeton, ON	All Wards
	Father FX O'Reilly Catholic School 235 Queen Street, N. Tottenham, ON	All Wards

Online (Internet) Voting Location and Support

An electronic voting kiosk for online voting will be available at Town Hall, 24 Tupper Street W. Alliston, from Monday, October 19, 2026 to Friday, October 23, 2026 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Election Day Online (Internet) Voting Location and Support

Electronic voting kiosks for online voting will be available on **Election Day, Monday, October 26, 2026**. The following locations will be open as Voter Assistance Centres:

Date/Time	Location	Wards
Monday, October 26, 2026 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Memorial Branch Library 17 Victoria Street, E. Alliston, ON	All Wards
Monday, October 26, 2026 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.	D A Jones Branch Library 42 Main Street W. Beeton, ON	All Wards
Monday, October 26, 2026 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Pam Kirkpatrick Branch Library 139 Queen Street, N. Tottenham, ON	All Wards
Monday, October 26, 2026 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Town Hall 24 Tupper Street, W. Alliston, ON	All Wards

Voter Letters

Each elector on the Voters' List will receive a Voter Information Letter (VIL) by October 6, 2026. The VIL contains important information such as voting dates, locations and hours for paper ballot voting in addition to other information should you wish to vote by internet.

If you do not receive a VIL, you may not be on the Voters' List. Please register yourself at www.newtecumseth.ca/2026election or come to Town Hall to receive your VIL in person. Advance Voting locations (paper ballot voting) and Voter Assistance Centres on Election Day will also be able to provide a VIL to qualified voters.

Voting Proxies

There will be no voting proxies for this election.

Accessibility

The Town of New Tecumseth is committed to ensuring that all voters have an equal opportunity to vote. Accessible voting technologies will be available for both paper ballot and online (internet) voting.

Election Information and Updates

For further information regarding the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election, please visit the Town's dedicated Election webpage at www.newtecumseth.ca/2026election

Questions may also be directed to elections@newtecumseth.ca or by phone at 705-435-3900.

Declared before me at the Town of New Tecumseth, this 26th day of August, 2026.

Pamela Little

NVCA continues wetland protection efforts with recent 100-acre acquisition

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority has acquired 40 hectares (100 acres) in the heart of the Minesing Wetlands, adding another important piece to more than 60 years of conservation efforts to protect one of Southern Ontario’s most significant and largest wetland systems.

As a Ramsar Wetland of International Significance, Minesing Wetlands is an internationally recognized ecological area and a regional biodiversity hotspot. It provides critical habitat for a diverse range of wildlife, offers exceptional opportunities for bird watching and paddling, and provides important natural benefits to communities throughout the Nottawasaga watershed.

Beyond its ecological and recreational value, Minesing Wetlands functions as important natural infrastructure. The wetland filters pollutants and nutrients while absorbing and storing excess water during heavy rainfall, spring snowmelt, and periods of high groundwater.

By slowing and storing water, Minesing Wetlands helps reduce peak flows and contributes to flood protection for downstream communities, including Wasaga Beach.

For upstream communities, the wetland helps reduce erosion by slowing the movement

and reducing the volume of water entering downstream rivers and streams.

These natural functions provide significant environmental and community benefits, helping to build watershed resilience while protecting communities and infrastructure from the impacts of flooding and erosion.

“This acquisition is another example of what can be accomplished through a long-term commitment to conservation,” said Kyra Howes, director of conservation services with NVCA.

“Minesing Wetlands was not protected all at once. It has been built piece by piece, property by property, through the efforts of many organizations, landowners and conservation partners. Each protected property strengthens this interconnected landscape and helps ensure the wetland continues to provide its ecological and community benefits well into the future.”

NVCA has been working to secure the core of Minesing Wetlands for more than 60 years. Over that time, NVCA has worked with numerous conservation partners, including the Nature Conservancy of Canada and Ducks Unlimited Canada, to protect portions of the wetland.

“Minesing Wetlands is one of the great natural gems of our watershed,” said Jonathan Scott, NVCA chair.

“This acquisition may be a small piece of the larger Minesing puzzle, but every piece mat-



PROTECTING NATURE – The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority has acquired 40 hectares in the Minesing Wetlands. The Wetlands are an important natural feature in the region and provide habitat for wildlife as well as flood and waterway control.

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ters. By protecting these lands today, we are helping ensure that the wetland can continue providing flood protection and critical benefits to wildlife, the environment and our communities for generations to come.”

NVCA encourages landowners within Mine-

sing Wetlands and in the watershed to consider the long-term future of their properties.

If you are interested in exploring options for conserving your land, NVCA staff are available to have a conversation about the opportunities available.

OPP foot patrol in Angus results in drug trafficking charges for two individuals

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Two individuals have been charged by members of the Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police and suspected illicit drugs seized following an investigation while conducting proactive foot patrols.

Shortly after 1 a.m. on Sept. 4, officers were conducting foot patrols in the area of Brentwood Road in Angus when they

observed a vehicle that had come to a stop.

As officers approached and spoke with the occupants, they developed grounds to continue their investigation, which resulted in the arrest of two passengers.

As a result of the investigation, officers located and seized a quantity of suspected cocaine, fentanyl, and a pill bottle with unknown pills.

Also seized were a handgun holster and

two cell phones.

Two individuals were arrested and charged.

Justice Europe, 33, of Orillia, has been charged with:

- Possession of a Schedule 1 Substance for the Purpose of Trafficking – Cocaine
- Possession of a Schedule 1 Substance for the Purpose of Trafficking – Fentanyl
- Fail to Comply with Probation Order

Bonny Ash, 36, of Barrie, has been charged with:

- Possession of a Schedule 1 Substance for the Purpose of Trafficking - Cocaine
 - Possession of a Schedule 1 Substance for the Purpose of Trafficking – Fentanyl
- Both accused were held in custody pending a bail hearing before the Ontario Court of Justice in Bradford.
- The charges have not been proven in court.

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Arts & Local Events

Leisa Way brings music from the 70s to her new show at Gibson Centre

BY CONSTANCE SCRAFELD

Leisa Way dug deep into 70s music to research her latest show, and she was amazed herself when she began to realize the depth of the decade of music the 1970s actually produced, music that is still so familiar, it is hard to believe the 70s are fifty years ago.

A long time Orangeville resident, delighting audiences here with many of her other shows, “This is the most entertaining show I’ve done,” Way pronounced in an interview with the Citizen last week.

“When I got into the research, 1971 could have filled a show.”

Way began reaching out to her singers to ask each, “What are your favourites from the 70s?”

Then she found a source, a gem of information and writing the show began organically from suggestion to finish, as she described it. The 70s decade brought such a wide variety of music, from Pink Floyd to Led Zeppelin, Joni Mitchell, and Elton John.

Way commented, “Everybody was defining music differently. It was a time when Country artists moved with pop songs.”

Audiences have already had the pleasure of seeing this show at Port Stanley and other venues.

“They really, really had fun,” she said. “Audiences were singing along with every song – they all had such a good time.”

Happily, Get Down Tonight is showing at the Gibson Centre in Alliston next week on

Sept. 10. The Centre’s press release calls it “An electrifying live concert experience!”

Making the show wonderful with Way are Bruce Ley (piano, electric guitar, lead vocals and many arrangements), John Collin (drums), Mark Dunn (bass & lead vocals), Jeremy Fox (lead guitar and vocals) and Jerome Ransome (lead vocals).

As with so many of Way’s iconic shows, she and the band are taking Get Down Tonight to other towns. To discover their schedule of shows on their tour now until Oct. 26, you can go to Way-to-go Productions for a full list and how to buy tickets.

Over the years, Way has written, produced, and performed in more than 14 shows delving into the music and life histories of much-loved performers, for sold-out shows in theatres across the country.

Yet, this new show about the 70s has become her own personal favourite for the musical revelations she shares that surfaced during that decade.

In addition, for the first time, Way has introduced a shift in the way she delivers the music and the stories.

Remembering the show is kept at two hours to rejoice in such a choice of songs, Way was determined to give the show to the music.

To illustrate, she talked about the show’s opening medley. With all the fresh creativity that was the strength of the time, Way praised the pure craft of how her band sings the demands of the harmony, bringing the history in by their singing it, “What my band has done



BACK TO THE 70s: Leisa Way and the Wayward Wind Band perform Way’s newest show, Get Down Tonight (The Ultimate 70s Soundtrack), featuring, from left, Mark Dunn, Jerome Ransome, Leisa Way, Bruce Ley, John Collin and Jeremy Fox. The show comes to the Gibson Centre in Alliston on Sept. 10.

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with these songs, without dropping a beat is just amazing.”

There is a personal aspect to Get Down Tonight, for Way. When she was young, early in the 70s, her sister was 12 years older, and Way liked to sit on the floor listening to all the music of Elton John. Way’s sister died a few years ago.

She said, “When I started writing the show, I realized how much this music meant to me.”

Bruce Ley has been a major part of all the shows as arranger, vocal, piano and guitar, but last year during a performance of the Gordon Lightfoot show, Early Morning Rain, a moment came when he reminded us all of who he really is – a rock star.

Way recalled that during that Lightfoot show Ley sang Sundown and, she related, “The audience went crazy!”

To include Lightfoot in the 70s show, Bruce

Ley’s performance of Sundown is a must.

Way remarked, “The audiences just love him. We’ve worked together for over 20 years now, and this is my favourite moment on stage with Bruce in all that time.”

Watching this show during rehearsals for three months before their first live show, Way felt so grateful to be in the room.

As to the audience’s reaction to this 70s show, she was excited to confirm, “I’ve never seen audience reaction as I have for this show.

“My purpose is to bring joy and help people to feel better,” Way said.

“And for young people to know about this music, this particular band understands how much the audience is having so much fun!”

Way is taking her Get Down Tonight 70’s to several towns, with performances running to Oct. 26. To learn more, visit: waytogoproductions.com



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Hospital foundation seeks entries for holiday cards contest

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

If you are an artist, or think you have talent for creating nice images, Stevenson Memorial Hospital is looking for artwork for its 2026 holiday cards.

They are hoping to receive submissions from around the community, including families, local artists, students, and anyone with a special connection to the hospital.

There is no cost to enter. Four winners will be selected by age group, and each winning piece will be featured on the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation's holiday cards.

Age groups are 0-5, 6-13, 14-17, and 18 and above. If the artist is under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must provide permission for the submission to be used. Artists of all ages and skill levels are invited to submit an original piece of artwork inspired by the holiday season, the community, or Stevenson Memorial Hospital.

There are several guidelines for submissions. Artwork should be 8.5 by 11 inches and must

be created by the person submitting it.

All visual art mediums are welcome, including drawing, painting, illustration, collage, mixed media, digital art, and photography.

AI-generated work will not be accepted.

Bright, cheerful colours are encouraged. Do not include words, lettering, names, logos, or messages within the artwork.

Holiday-themed artwork is encouraged, but so is creativity.

Artwork that incorporates a Stevenson Memorial Hospital, healthcare, or community theme is especially welcome.

Only one submission per person is allowed.

In addition to being featured on a holiday card, winners will receive a prize.

The selected artists will be contacted directly and will receive recognition from the foundation.

The submission deadline is Sept. 30, 2026.

To submit artwork, visit the Stevenson Memorial Hospital website or use this link: form.jotform.com/262433686431055



CALLING ALL ARTISTS – Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation is inviting artists of all ages and skill levels to submit original artwork for its 2026 holiday cards. Four winners will be selected by age group, with submissions due Sept. 30. **STOCK PHOTO**

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Community Voice: Raffle brings 'Good Vibes' and generosity to CONTACT Community Services

For more information about Iron Butterfly, check out their Instagram page @ironbutterflyblacksmith.

Creemore Springs Brewery and Georgian Bay Leisure teamed up to offer a dozen beers a month for a year, along with a very cool cooler. Brenda P. is set to host some legendary gatherings with this awesome prize!

Check out the wide variety of delicious beers and outdoor products: creemoresprings.com and facebook.com/georgianbay.leisure distributors.

Our friends at Trillium Ford Lincoln made a double impact by donating two exciting

prizes to the raffle. Congratulations to winners Marixe B. and Michelle W., who will enjoy Gold Standard Detailing Services and some cool swag.

Look out for their sparkling clean cars around town! Check out Trillium Ford Lincoln: trilliumford.com

Perfect Szn Eatery & Pub in Bradford also stepped up to support the raffle, providing a delicious gift basket that includes a pound of wings a month for a year. Anna M. is in for a delicious treat with this tasty prize! Check out all Perfect Szn has to offer at perfectszn.ca

Last but certainly not least, a massive thank

you to Brayford Sod for their generous donation of a skid of sod (83 gorgeous rolls!). There were many hopeful ticket buyers with their fingers crossed for this prize! Congratulations to Wendy M. on her winning ticket; we hope you enjoy your new yard! Here's more information if you are still thinking about that prize: brayfordsod.com

We also send a huge round of applause to All Ways Travel in Alliston: bookallwaystravel.com and Sandra Phekoo from Co-Operators Insurance: cooperators.ca/local/phekoo-financial-services for providing 'sales incentive' prizes for our ticket sellers!

The competition was fun, friendly, and maybe a bit fierce among volunteers, staff and attendees to help spread the 'Good Vibes' in all corners of the community.

To everyone who bought a ticket, sold a ticket, donated a great prize and helped make this fundraiser a huge success in our community, thank you. Your support is vital in helping local organizations continue to make positive change for people in need in our community.

This week's Community Voice column was provided by Brenda Pufek, Director of Development at CONTACT Community Services.

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Construction projects happening across Simcoe County District School Board

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Design and construction crews have had a busy summer at schools across the Simcoe County District School Board.

In addition to standard maintenance and upgrades, construction is at various stages on capital projects, including new schools and additions funded by the Ministry of Education.

Here are the projects currently underway across the region:

Tottenham Elementary School

Located on McGahey St., this new, two-storey Tottenham elementary school is expected to include a 426-student capacity. Estimated construction completion is fall 2028.

Alcona Elementary School

This new elementary school is located at 1206 Corm St. and is expected to include 619 pupil places. Estimated construction completion: fall 2027

Angus Elementary School

Located at 152 Greenwood Dr., this new elementary school is expected to include 593 pupil places. Construction is well underway. Estimated construction completion: fall 2027

Barrie Southeast Elementary School

The new elementary school on Dean Ave. is expected to include 662 pupil places. Estimated construction completion: fall 2027

Barrie Southeast Elementary School #2

Located at Thicketwood Ave. and Ball

Gate, this new elementary school is expected to include 616 pupil places.

Estimated construction completion: fall 2028

Baxter Central Public School addition

The addition and renovation at Baxter Central PS will result in the addition of 141 new elementary student spaces. Construction is expected to begin in fall 2027.

Estimated construction completion: fall 2029

Emma King Elementary School addition

This project is expected to add 184 elementary student spaces, bringing the total for the school to 599.

Estimated construction completion: 2027

Nantyr Shores Secondary School addition

The addition at Nantyr Shores SS will add 414 student spaces to the school. Once complete, the school will have 1,650 student spaces.

Occupancy is planned for Semester Two of the 2026-27 school year.

Nottawa Elementary School addition

This project includes an addition of 144 elementary student spaces, bringing the school total to 380. Construction is expected to begin in fall 2027.

Estimated construction completion: fall 2028

Orillia Elementary School

The new elementary school in Orillia is located at 2001 Bass Lake Side Road and is expected to include 334 pupil places.

Estimated construction completion: fall 2027



NEW SCHOOLS – There are currently 13 construction projects in the region, with new schools and school additions being built within the jurisdiction of the Simcoe County District School Board. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

Shanty Bay replacement school

The new Shanty Bay elementary school is expected to include 190 pupil places. Demolition of the existing building is complete, and construction on the new building has begun. Students are being accommodated at Johnson Street PS, operating as an independent school with its own administration, office staff, and educators.

Estimated construction completion: fall 2027

Warnica Public School replacement school

The new Warnica PS is expected to

include 665 pupil places. Construction is anticipated to begin late 2027.

Estimated construction completion: fall 2029

Wasaga Beach Secondary School

The new secondary school in Wasaga Beach will be located at Sunnidale Rd. and Sun Valley Ave.

In addition to 1,145 pupil places, the school will feature a triple gymnasium and state-of-the-art technology classrooms, including a cosmetology classroom and construction and transportation technology shops.

Estimated construction completion: 2029



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Suspension deadline approaches for students who haven't updated immunization records

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

With school back in session, the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) is reminding families of students entering Grades 11 and 12 to review and update their immunization records by Sept. 21.

Those who do not comply may be suspended from school.

In many cases, students may already have received the required vaccines, but that information may not have been reported to the Health Unit.

More than 5,600 students received reminder notices by mail in May. Approximately 4,000 of those students still do not have up-to-date records on file with the Health Unit.

Parents are required to report immunization information to the Health Unit each time their child receives a vaccine.

The Health Unit's goal is to work with families so students can remain in school without interruption.

Under Ontario's Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA), public health units must have one of the following on file for every student:

- An up-to-date immunization record
- A medical exemption for a student who cannot receive a vaccine
- A statement of conscience or religious belief affidavit for those who choose not to be vaccinated

Parents must contact the Health Unit to speak with an immunization nurse to begin

the affidavit process.

If the Health Unit has not received the required information by the deadline, students will be suspended from school on Sept. 22, as required under ISPA.

Information about immunizations given by a health-care provider is not automatically shared with the Health Unit.

Students who have already received their vaccinations must report the information online at smdhu.org/ImmsOnline

Families who are unsure of what is missing, need help submitting records, do not have a health-care provider, or need a vaccination appointment can contact SMDHU for support.

Immunization nurses will contact families in the coming weeks, and clinics will be offered at each high school in September before the Sept. 21 suspension deadline.

Families may also use CANImmunize, a free mobile app that provides a digital way to organize immunization records and share them with SMDHU.

Families are encouraged to submit information early to allow time for processing.

For help reviewing a record, understanding documentation options, reporting vaccinations or booking an appointment at a health unit clinic, visit smdhu.org/ImmsOnline or call the immunization team, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at 705-721-7520, ext. 8827, or toll-free at 1-877-721-7520.

Staff are available to answer questions and help families complete the process.



SUPPORTING CARE – The Township of Essa's annual golf tournament raised \$48,000 in support of three local organizations: Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation, Royal Victoria Hospital, and Matthews House Hospice. Liana Maltby, Abbey McLinton, Pieter Kiebrink, Dr. Ted Vandevis, Essa Mayor Sandie Macdonald, Kara Harris, Deputy Mayor Mibael Smith, Henry Sander, Chris Rankin, and Mibael Mibael gather for a cheque presentation on Thursday, Sept. 3, at the township administration office. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

Golf tournament raises \$48,000 for health and hospice care

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Township of Essa celebrated another successful golf tournament this year, raising \$48,000 in support of three local organizations.

The tournament was held at Bear Creek Golf & Country Club and will benefit Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation, Royal Victoria Hospital, and Matthews House Hospice.

Following the tournament, representatives from the Township of Essa gathered with representatives from each beneficiary on Thursday, Sept. 3, to present a cheque for \$16,000 to each organization.

"Essa is fortunate to have strong connections to all three of these organizations, and our residents rely on each of them for healthcare and hospice services," said Essa Mayor Sandie Macdonald. "It is wonderful to see the success of our golf tournament continue to grow each year. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event possible, from our staff, sponsors, and golfers to the dedicated teams at Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation, Royal Victoria Hospital and Matthews House Hospice. We are proud to support the important work they do in our communities."

The annual golf tournament brings together members of the community, local businesses and supporters for a day on the course while raising important funds for organizations that provide essential services throughout the region.

"On behalf of Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation, we are incredibly grateful to the Township of

Essa and everyone who participated in this year's golf tournament," said Dr. Ted Vandevis, CEO of the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation. "A gift like this makes a real difference to our community and helps us continue building a stronger future for healthcare at Stevenson Memorial Hospital. We are proud to be one of three organizations benefiting from this year's tournament and grateful to share this support with Royal Victoria Hospital and Matthews House Hospice."

The Township of Essa's golf tournament is an example of the impact that can be made when a community comes together in support of local organizations.

The \$48,000 raised through the fundraiser will help support healthcare and hospice services that are relied upon by residents across South Simcoe and the surrounding communities.



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ROUNDING THE BASES – A player makes it safely to third base during a Tottenham Ladies Lob Ball game between Affordable Optima and The Nickel 9ers at Keogh Park in Tottenham on Tuesday, Sept. 1. Ladies lob ball still has a couple of weeks of regular-season play left to go. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**



SAFE ON THE PLAY– A player makes it safely to third base during a final-season game between two teams in the U10 division of Tottenham Beeton Minor Softball at Country Park in Tottenham on Tuesday, Sept. 1. The league has wrapped up a successful 2026 season. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**

Senior North Dufferin Baseball League championship starts this weekend

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The entire North Dufferin Baseball League (NBDL) senior division season will come down to two teams battling it out for this year's Strother Cup championship in a series that will get underway this weekend.

The defending champion New Lowell Knights will meet the Bolton Brewers to decide which team is the 2026 senior champion.

New Lowell will arrive at the final series as the league's second-place team this year.

The Knights led the first half of the season in first place before being eclipsed by the Owen Sound Baysox, who finished the season in the top spot.

After winning their opening round series, the Knights were up against the Ivy Rangers in the second round.

They dispatched the Rangers in a five-game series that ended with an 11-6 New Lowell win in the final match-up.

It was a bit of a surprise that Bolton will compete in the final series this year.

The Bolton team had a come-from-behind win when they went up against the first-place

Owen Sound Baysox in the second round of playoffs. The Brewers finished the regular season as the fifth-place team.

The Baysox were expected to win the series, but the Bolton team put in a huge effort, winning the first two games and then wrapping it up with a 7-2 win in Game 4.

The final series will be a best-of-seven contest expected to produce a lot of good games, with highly skilled players doing their best in the bid to win this year's title.

NBDL senior division championship series schedule:

- Game 1 - Starts at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 12 in New Lowell.
- Game 2 - Sunday at 1 p.m. on Sept. 13 in Bolton.
- Game 3 - Saturday at 1 p.m. on Sept. 19 in New Lowell.
- Game 4 - Sunday, Sept. 20 at 1 p.m. in Bolton.
- Game 5 - Saturday, Sept. 27 at 1 p.m. in Bolton (if necessary).
- Game 6 - Sunday, Sept. 28 at 1 p.m. in New Lowell (if necessary).
- Game 7 - Sunday, Sept. 28 at 1 p.m. in New Lowell (if necessary).

Sandra Phekoo and Co-operators donate \$15,000 to Stevenson

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Sandra Phekoo Financial Services Inc. and Co-operators Alliston recently provided a \$15,000 donation to the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation's Because of You campaign.

The gift will support the redevelopment of Stevenson Memorial Hospital and the construction of a new hospital that will provide modern healthcare services for generations to come.

"Sandra Phekoo and Co-operators have shown their commitment to our community through this generous gift," said Melody Craggs, director of campaign and philanthropy for the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation (SMHF).

"Support like this brings us one step closer to making our vision for a new Stevenson Memorial Hospital a reality. We are incredibly grateful for their investment in the future of healthcare close to home."

For Sandra Phekoo and Co-operators, supporting the Because of You campaign is an opportunity to help ensure local families have access to the care they need for years to come.

"In the Eastern Ancient Indian culture, there is a concept called 'seva' which means selfless service, which goes beyond charity," Sandra said. "I truly believe small acts of selfless service

is transformative and can change the world. When we give without expectations, we discover that true meaning of fulfillment, that is found in not what we acquire, but in helping others."

This fall, there are two ways to make the public's support go further.

Thanks to the Morningview Foundation, new donations to SMHF will be matched



SUPPORTING STEVENSON – Sandra Phekoo, Centre, of Sandra Phekoo Financial Services Inc. and Co-operators Alliston, presents a cheque for \$15,000 to the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation. The donation supports the hospital's redevelopment campaign. Representing the Foundation are Melody Craggs, Director of Campaign and Philanthropy, and Lisa Cooper, Community and Events Officer.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

dollar-for-dollar up to \$1.34 million annually for the next three years.

From Sept. 1 to Dec. 16, every \$1,000 in new donations also gives you an opportunity

to have your name on a patient room in Stevenson Memorial Hospital's future facility.

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Ontario Provincial Police urge drivers to slow down as schools reopen

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

As students across Ontario return to the classroom on Sept. 8, the Ontario Provincial Police is reminding motorists to slow down, stay alert, and use extra caution as school zones get busier and traffic increases during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up.

One of the most important responsibilities drivers share is ensuring the safety of children boarding and exiting school buses.

When approaching a school bus displaying flashing amber lights, motorists must stop. Amber lights indicate the bus is preparing to load or unload passengers and will soon activate its red overhead warning lights.

Once a school bus has stopped and its

red overhead warning lights are flashing, drivers must stop, as required by law, and remain stopped until the red lights are no longer flashing and the stop arm has been withdrawn.

On roads without a physical median, traffic travelling in both directions must stop. On roads separated by a physical median, only vehicles travelling behind the bus must stop.

Pedestrians play an important role in road safety. Students and parents are encouraged to use designated crosswalks and intersections whenever possible.

Before crossing the road, look left, right, and left again. Make eye contact with drivers and ensure vehicles have stopped before stepping into the roadway.

When crossing guards are present, always follow their instructions.



BACK TO SCHOOL – With students returning to classrooms across Ontario on Sept. 8, the OPP is reminding motorists to slow down, stay alert and follow the rules around school buses, crosswalks and school zones.

FILE PHOTO

OPP commander issues statement following charges against two officers

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Two OPP officers from the Southern Georgian Bay OPP detachment have been charged following an investigation by the SIU earlier in August.

The detachment covers Midland, Penetanguishene, Tiny, Tay, and Georgian Bay Townships.

Sgt. Blake Hamilton and Const. Zahid Javed have both been suspended with pay after Ontario's Special Investigations Unit laid charges. They were charged in separate SIU investigations.

Javed is facing three counts of sexual assault and three counts of breach of trust following an SIU investigation involving allegations from three women. The alleged offences occurred between August 2024 and October 2025.

Hamilton is facing two counts of sexual assault and two counts of breach of trust relating to alleged offences involving a woman in Tay Township in December 2025.

The arrests caused considerable concern among residents who live in the region.

Acting Chief Supt. Coyer Yateman, commander of the OPP Central Region, stated

on Aug. 27, addressing the charges and the potential impact on affected communities.

"The OPP acknowledges the significance of the recent charges laid against members of the Southern Georgian Bay Detachment," the statement says. "We recognize the seriousness of these reports and understand the impact they may have. Accountability, professionalism and integrity are fundamental to maintaining public confidence. The OPP remains committed to these principles. Police officers are necessarily held to a higher standard due to the authorities granted to them. When concerns are raised

about the conduct of our employees, they are taken seriously and thoroughly investigated. No member of our organization is above the law."

The statement goes on to say, "As the matter is before the courts, and in consideration of those who came forward, the OPP is unable to discuss specific details or evidence related to the case. We will continue to respect the independence of both the judicial process and the Special Investigations Unit's mandate."

The charges against Hamilton and Javed have not been proven in court.

Motorcyclist sustains life-altering injuries after collision on River Road in Mulmur

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), along with Dufferin County EMS attended a serious single motor vehicle collision in Mulmur on Sept. 5.

At approximately 12:20 p.m., officers attended River Road in Mulmur for the report of a serious collision involving a motorcycle with driver and passenger.

As a result of the collision, the passenger on the motorcycle sustained life-altering injuries and was transported to a local hospital and then later transferred by air Ornge to a Toronto area trauma centre.

River Road between Prince of Wales Road and 15 Sideroad in Mulmur was closed for several hours as officers continue their

investigation.

The investigation is continuing and anyone who may have witnessed the collision is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP 1-888-310-1122.

If you had witnessed the collision and wish to speak to victim services, Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services can be reached at 905-951-3838.



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Our World Today: 'Wait for September'

From the very beginning of the nuclear era, strategic theorists have struggled to find ways to make nuclear weapons 'useful'. That is to say, usable for purposes beyond mere deterrence against an attack by another nuclear power.

Never mind the hypocrisy of two countries that have had nuclear weapons for several generations (60 years for Israel, 80 years for US) dropping a nuclear bomb on a country that has never had one, on the grounds that it might get one some day. Just consider what Iran would do next.

It would do nothing. Absolutely nothing, except to make clear the horror of what the Americans and/or the Israelis had done. Every American alliance would be wrecked, every deal would be null and void.

The Good Old Days when 'international law' meant something (not much, but something) may be gone, but neither the United States nor Israel has a real nuclear option against Iran. The tricky bit is how to ensure that people like Donald Trump and Pete Hegseth understand that they don't have that option.

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Brock's Banter: Back to reality?

As the new school year begins, however, I can't help but hope that as students, teachers, and support staff alike return to this familiar "reality" that it actually reflects the real world.

"The Government is putting more resources directly into classrooms," said Ontario's Ministry of Education in a back-to-school statement on Tuesday morning. "For the first time this school year, eligible elementary homeroom teachers have direct access to \$750 annually to purchase classroom supplies, in addition to existing funding that school boards receive for classroom and school supplies. Following an open and competitive procurement process led by Supply Ontario, Staples Canada was selected to deliver the new Classroom Supplies Fund. An online portal for eligible teachers includes 220 core products identified through feedback from more than 23,000 Ontario teachers. These core products are offered at prices significantly lower than those found at Staples in-store and online. If a teacher happens to find a product that costs more on the portal, Staples Canada has set up a dedicated customer service line to respond to any price differences and will ensure prices are matched."

This is all well and good, and a step in the right direction, but no matter how discounted the products in the portal might be, in a classroom where there are 30-plus students to one teacher, a situation that is far from exceptional, this breaks down to roughly \$25 per student. Good luck with that.

It's nothing to sneeze at, don't get me wrong, but having spoken to numerous teachers since in-class lessons resumed

in our post-COVID world, perhaps a \$750 grocery gift card from one of the Weston-owned businesses that are so popular with the Provincial government would maximize classroom impact.

When we're talking about a return to reality, another reality – albeit one that some might find rather uncomfortable – is teachers these days, particularly those in elementary school, can't limit themselves to teaching the traditional Three Rs, no matter how much the Ministry of Education pushes the idea of a "back to basics" classroom environment.

Students are facing challenges from every direction, whether in school, at home, or in the community at large. As a result, teachers are increasingly being called upon to help students navigate these new realities and find the resources students need to take on the challenges that await them. They have students arriving to school hungry and without the fuel they need to absorb the "basics," however they are defined, leaving it up to educators, support staff, and the wider school community to band together to provide this additional layer of student support.

And given the challenges that lie ahead for all of us, it seems unlikely to me that this reality is going to ease up any time soon.

Summer is still here for the next little while, but this week's return to reality is inescapable.

At the same time, however, the reality each person is returning to this week is anything but uniform – and recognizing that reality is the first step towards a brighter future.

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She was also a founding member of Hillside Pentecostal Church and a long-time member of Alliston Pentecostal Church where the congregation became an important part of her life and legacy. She gave generously of her time, gifts, and energy to the life and ministry of the church.

Ruth was promoted to Glory on Monday, August 24, 2026 at Stevenson Memorial Hospital.

Visitation will be held at Alliston Pentecostal Church, 7810 Hwy. 89, Alliston on Saturday, September 26, 2026 from 10 a.m. until time of funeral service at 11:00 a.m. Family Interment Relessey Cemetery, Mono.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Drury Funeral Centre, Alliston, 705-435-3535

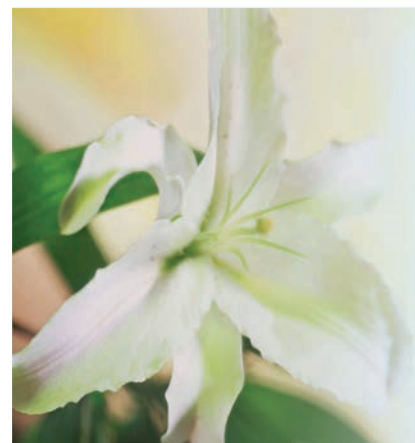


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CELEBRATING THE 170TH BEETON FALL FAIR



A message from the Mayor



Mayor Richard Norcross,
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It is my absolute pleasure to celebrate the 170th anniversary of the Beeton Fall Fair.

For 170 years, the Fair has been more than an event. It has been a tradition that brings neighbours together, showcases local talent and agriculture, and reminds us of the strong community spirit that makes Beeton such a special place to call home.

As New Tecumseth continues to grow, events like the Beeton Fall Fair become even more important. They connect us to our roots, create lasting memories for families, and strengthen the sense of belonging that helps our community thrive. Whether you are attending for the first time or continuing a family tradition that spans generations, the Fair offers an opportunity to come together and celebrate all that makes our community unique.

Thank you to the dedicated volunteers, organizers, sponsors, exhibitors, and participants whose passion and commitment have kept this cherished tradition alive for 170 years.

Enjoy the Fair!

- Mayor Richard Norcross



Beeton Fall Fair celebrates 170 years of harvest history

The Beeton Fall Fair returns Sept. 18 to 20 for a milestone celebration of agriculture, community and tradition.

This year marks the fair's 170th anniversary, with the theme "170 Years of Harvest Roots." Generations have gathered at the Beeton Fairgrounds to showcase crops, livestock, baking, preserves, crafts and other achievements. The 2026 fair will honour that history while offering a full weekend of family fun.

Agriculture remains at the heart of the fair, with homecraft and agricultural exhibits, farm animals and local 4-H members sharing the skills they have developed through hands-on learning.

Weekend highlights include live music Friday night, Saturday's parade, Buck's Magic, character visits, Cow Patty Bingo and the Garden Tractor Pull. Sunday features the Classic Car, Truck, Antique Tractor and Motorcycle Show, the Human Truck Pull and the Demolition Derby.

Admission prices:

Friday: \$15 beginning at 5 p.m. or \$10 after 9 p.m.

Saturday: \$20 for the full day or \$10 after 5 p.m.

Sunday: \$15

Save with advance passes, available at Beeton Foodland:

One-day Family Pass: \$50 for four people

Weekend Pass: \$35 per person

Purchase your passes early and enjoy everything the Beeton Fall Fair has to offer! Admission includes entry to the grounds, shows, exhibits and unlimited use of the Party Tyme Treats & Amusements attractions, with no separate midway tickets required.

General fair hours are:

- Friday, Sept. 18: 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 19: 9:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.
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Join the community in celebrating 170 years of this proud Beeton tradition.



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Students can enter artwork, posters, crafts, printing, cursive writing and creative writing. Several classes celebrate the fair's 170th anniversary and the theme, "170 Years of Harvest Roots." All entries must be the student's original work.

Blue School Tags are required and are available at local elementary schools, the Fair Office and New Tecumseth Public Library branches. Homeschool entries must also include the student's full name, address and phone number.

Entries can be delivered to the Beeton Arena on Thursday, Sept. 17, from 7 to 9 p.m., or Friday, September 18, from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Creative Writing classes have additional deadlines, so check the Fair Book carefully.

Visit beetonfair.com and look under "Competitions - School Class 39" in the 2026 Prize Book for classes, rules and prizes. Encourage your young creator to enter and proudly display their talent at the fair.



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CELEBRATING THE 170TH BEETON FALL FAIR



Beeton Fall Fair celebrates 170 years of harvest history

By Brian Lockhart

It is a tradition that brings people of all ages together for a weekend of fun and memories that will last for years.

The theme of this year's Beeton Fall Fair is '170 Years of Harvest History.'

The Beeton Fall Fair was first held in 1856, when locals arrived by horseback, in buggies, or on foot to meet their neighbours and celebrate the fall harvest.

This year, the fair will take place from Friday, Sept. 18 to Sunday, Sept. 20, at the Beeton Fairgrounds.

The fair offers exhibits, demonstrations, competitions, and rides, so there is something for everyone.

One of the big highlights of the fair is the Saturday morning parade down Main Street in Beeton.

Starting at 10:30 a.m., this is a terrific opportunity for families, businesses, and organizations to come together and celebrate the fair. Enjoy music, talented bands, floats, and vintage tractors.

In the arena, there will be many competitions, with items on display for visitors.

There will be everything from culinary arts to needlecraft, flowers, and a photography competition.

Of course, garden vegetables and plants are always mainstays of a rural fair.

In this rural community, the 4-H competition is huge and celebrates the hard work, dedication and talent of young people in the community. Members of the 4-H club will bring their prize animals to the fair.

They will lead the animals into the judging ring and demonstrate their animal care knowledge.

There will be plenty of things to do for the younger kids at the fair.

The Tot Lot will take place on Saturday, from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hosted by the Beeton & District Agricultural Society, this event offers a variety of engaging ac-

tivities for children of all ages, and it's free of charge.

Children will have the opportunity to participate in a range of creative and interactive experiences. Activities include painting a school bus, expressing their creativity in the Art Tent, and guessing the number of jelly beans in a jar.

The Kids Zone also features a large sandbox filled with clean sand toys and a Toddler Play Centre for the youngest attendees.

The Garden Tractor Pull is always a popular event at the fair.

Taking place on Saturday at 2 p.m., the pull features a 400-foot dirt track and is hosted by the Ontario Truck and Tractor Pulling Association.

Competitors bring a diverse range of machines to test their pulling power against a specially designed sled. The goal is to pull the sled farther than your competitors.

The K-9 Dog Show will take place on Saturday at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. You can see highly trained dogs demonstrate agility and obedience as they run around a specially designed course.

There will be plenty of musical entertainment over the weekend. On Friday, the music kicks off with the Beet'n Booms at 8:00 p.m. on the south ball diamond. Van Hillert will take the stage at 10:30 p.m. with a mix of rock, pop, and country.

On Saturday, Good Company, featuring Brian and Susie Good with special guest Lou Moore, will perform from noon until 2 p.m.

Back by popular demand, Cow Patty Bingo will give one lucky winner a prize — if the cow chooses their square. Participants can follow the cow and hope it does its business on their lucky spot.

You can also participate in regular Bingo with the Lions Club. Hosted by the Tottenham & District Lions Club,

there will be ten games with cash prizes up to \$500.

Sunday is always a popular day at the fair for those who enjoy classic vehicles and a lot of loud action.

This is the day the fairgrounds turn into a showcase of horsepower and history with classic cars, trucks, antique tractors and motorcycles on display during the Classic Car, Truck, and Motorcycle Show.

If you like vintage motorized vehicles, this will be an opportunity to see vehicles from all eras.

The show will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Closing out the weekend is the super popular demolition derby.

This is a fan favourite for anyone who likes their entertainment loud, chaotic, and full of crashing metal.

The demolition derby takes place at the North Fairgrounds Ring from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

You can buy tickets to the fair at the gate, or you can buy your advance tickets at the Beeton Foodland to save time at the gate and take advantage of exclusive pricing that won't be available on-site.

A Family Day pass is \$50, with a weekend pass at \$35 per person.

The Beeton Fall Fair has been a cherished local community tradition for decades and provides a weekend of fun and memories for the entire family and community.



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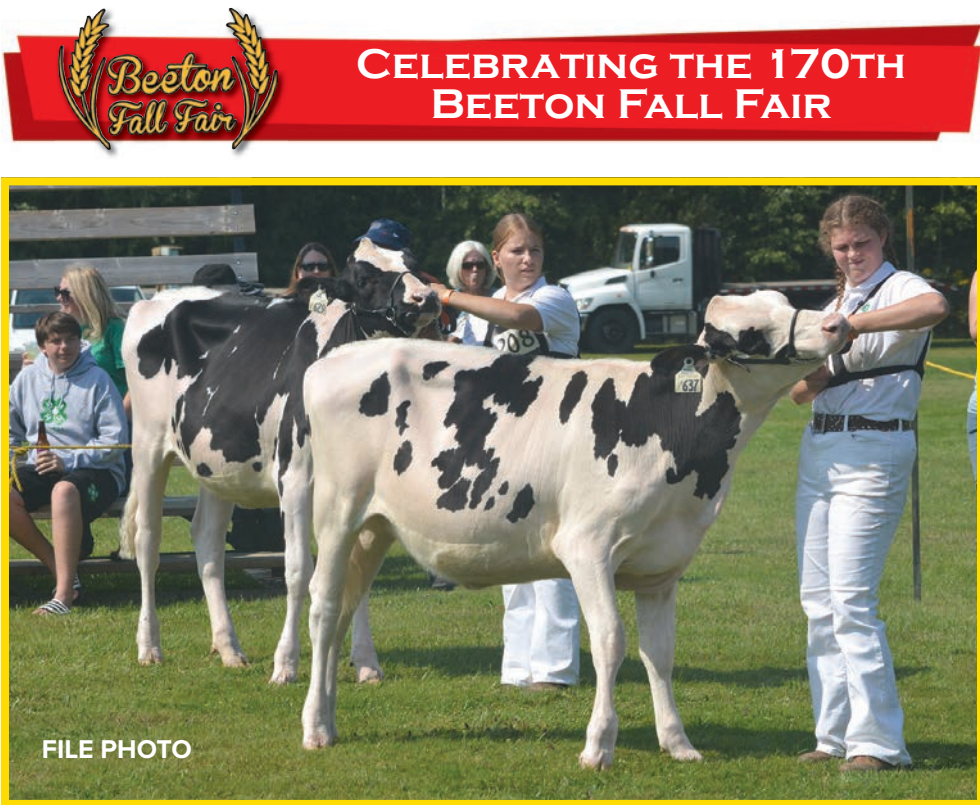
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Beeton Fall Fair to showcase 4-H Youth Achievement Day with animals and projects

The Beeton Fall Fair will once again host Achievement Day for several local 4-H clubs, giving members the opportunity to share months of learning and hard work.

Guided by the 4-H motto, "Learn to Do by Doing," members build practical skills through hands-on projects and support from volunteer leaders. At the fair, they may present animals, demonstrate proper care and handling, or display projects involving crops, gardening, food, crafts and other skills.

Ontario 4-H welcomes youth ages nine to 21, while the Cloverbud program introduces children ages six to eight to hands-on activities. Along with agricultural knowledge, members develop confidence, leadership, teamwork and responsibility.

Fairgoers are encouraged to watch the members in action and celebrate the young people, families and volunteers helping keep agriculture strong in our community.

Check the fair schedule for 4-H show times during the Beeton Fall Fair, Sept. 18 to 20.

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10 a.m.	Vendor / Food market	Fairgrounds
10am-4pm	Tot Lot	Fairgrounds
10:30 a.m.	Party Tyme Amusements	Amusements
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Parade	Main Street
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

noon	"Bubba The Clown"	Fairgrounds
Noon to 2 p.m.	The Goods, special Guest Lou Moore	Fairground Stage
12:30 p.m.	Beer Garden opens	Fairgrounds
1 p.m.	4-H Line Dancing	Arena
1 p.m. - 2 p.m.	Registration for Spelling Bee	Beeton Arena Stage
1:30 p.m. —2 p.m.	"Team K-9" Dog Show	Fairgrounds
2 p.m.	Cow Patty Bingo	Fairgrounds
2 p.m.	(OTTPA) Garden Tractor Pull	Beeton Arena Stage
3 p.m. —3:30 p.m.	Team K-9" Dog Show	Fairgrounds
4 p.m.	Bike draw	Fairground Stage
5 p.m.	Exhibit hall closes	Beeton Arena
5 p.m.	Collect exhibits & prize money	Arena
6 p.m. doors open, 7 p.m. start	Tottenham Lions Bingo	Arena upstairs
6:30 p.m.	Fairground Stage	
8 p.m. (dusk)	Movie in The Park TBA	Park

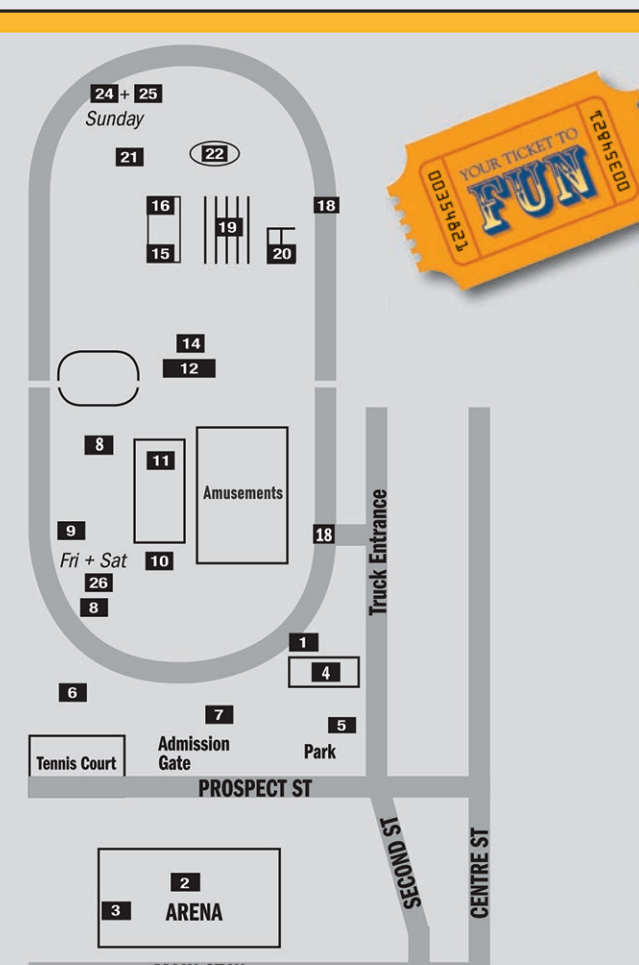
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8 a.m.	Gates open	Fairgrounds
9:00 a.m. —11:30 a.m.	Classic Car, Truck & Motorcycle Registration	Fairgrounds
10 a.m.	North food booth opens	Fairgrounds
10 a.m.	Vendor market	Fairgrounds
10:30 a.m.	Party Tyme Amusements	Amusements
11:30 a.m. —2 p.m.	Classic Car, Truck & Motorcycle	Fairgrounds
12 p.m.	Truck vs Human Tug-O-War	East track
12:30 p.m. —5 p.m.	Beer Garden opens	North fairgrounds ring
1 p.m. —5 p.m.	Demolition Derby	North fairgrounds ring
4 p.m.	Grand in Your Hand Draw	North fairground

BUSKER SCHEDULE

HALL TENT	
10am	Wes Martyn
11am	Frank Gordon
Noon	Sean Bourke
1pm	Nick Dougerty
2pm	Evan Scott Hughes
3pm	Jim McCallum
4pm	Olivia Dempsey

PARTY TYME AREA	
Noon	Olivia Rogers
1pm	Julianna/Zolton
2pm	Copper Creek
3pm	Sean Derraugh
4pm	Sarah & Aislynn



1 Fair Office	14 Food Court
2 Homecraft Exhibits	15 Rabbits
3 Arena Stage	16 Poultry
4 Rotary Hall - Volunteer Reg.	18 Human Truck Pull
5 Movie Stage	19 Dairy Ties, Poultry, Sheep
6 Concession Booth (Saturday)	20 Cow Patty Bingo
7 Admission Gate South	21 Dog Show
8 Classic Auto Show	22 Livestock Ring
9 Beer Garden	24 Demo Derby
10 First Aid	25 Beer Tent (Sunday)
11 TOT LOT	26 Main Stage
12 Vendor Area	

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**Sunday's Main Event –****Where Metal Meets Mayhem**

The Demolition Derby returns as one of the most anticipated events of the Beeton Fall Fair weekend, delivering high-octane excitement as drivers compete for prizes and bragging rights.

**Paws, speed and teamwork:****Team K-9 returns to the fair with dog shows**

Some of the Beeton Fall Fair's most energetic performers are returning on four paws.

Team K-9 Dog Shows will take place Saturday, September 19, at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Fairgoers can watch talented dogs and their handlers race through a fast-paced display of agility, skill and teamwork.

The performances show what patience, trust, communication and consistent training can achieve. Each dog's personality also adds a little unpredictability and plenty of fun to the live show.

Both performances are included with regular fair admission. Arrive early for a good viewing spot and get ready to cheer on these four-legged athletes.

**See traditional spinning in action at the Beeton Fall Fair**

Have you ever wondered how soft fibre becomes yarn?

Members of the Nottawasaga Handweavers and Spinners Guild will demonstrate traditional spinning on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 9 a.m. to noon inside the arena.

Watch the spinning wheels in motion, ask questions and learn about the patience and skill behind this time-honoured craft. It is a fitting connection to this year's theme, "170 Years of Harvest Roots."

Furry friends and surprise guests are coming to the fair

Young fairgoers can enjoy character visits at the Beeton Fall Fair on Saturday, Sept. 19.

From 11 a.m. to noon, watch for a cheerful red furry friend and his big blue, treat-loving pal as they stroll the fairgrounds, greet children and pose for photographs.

The fun continues from 1 to 2 p.m. when two more surprise characters arrive. Their identities are being kept secret, so children will have to visit the fair to discover who they are.

Bring the family, charge your phone and keep your eyes open while exploring the fairgrounds - a favourite character may be waiting around the next corner.

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Music takes centre stage at the Beeton Fall Fair

Live music is coming to the Beeton Fall Fair, Sept. 18 to 20, at the Beeton Fairgrounds. Performances will take place on the South Ball Diamond, just outside the Beer Gardens.

The Beeton Boomers open the weekend Friday from 8 to 10 p.m. with rock favourites from the 1960s through the 1990s. Van Hillert follows from 10:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. with a crowd-pleasing mix



of rock, pop, country and classic hits.

On Saturday, Good Company, featuring Brian and Susie Good, takes the stage from noon to 2 p.m. with special guest Lou Moore.

Whether you enjoy classic rock, country or familiar sing-along favourites, take a break from exploring the fairgrounds and enjoy some live music with family and friends.

Keep your eyes open:

Magic is coming to the Beeton Fall Fair

Magic may be closer than you think at the 2026 Beeton Fall Fair.

Comedy magician Buck Macleod of Buck's Magic will stroll the fairgrounds on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 11 a.m. to noon and again from 1 to 2 p.m.

Buck brings close-up illusions, clean comedy and audience participation directly to small groups and families. Cards, coins and everyday objects may behave in unexpected ways — sometimes right in a fairgoer's hand.

There is no stage or seating to find. Simply watch for Buck as you explore

the fair. If you spot a crowd laughing and asking, "How did he do that?" you have probably found him.

The Beeton Fall Fair runs Sept. 18 to 20 at the Beeton Fairgrounds, 72 Prospect Street.



Pull together your strongest team for the Human Truck Pull

Think you and four friends have what it takes to move a full-sized truck using strength, teamwork and determination?

The Human Truck Pull returns to the Beeton Fall Fair on Sunday, Sept. 20. Teams of five will pull a full-sized tractor-trailer farm truck for 100 feet, with the fastest team claiming the win and a year of bragging rights.

Gather your strongest friends, family members, co-workers or neighbours, choose a team name and prepare to pull together. Teams can register in advance by contacting Heather Brethet at heather_brethet@hotmail.com. Those arriving without a team can also ask about joining the competition at the fair.

Not ready to pull? Come cheer on the competitors and see which team has the strength and teamwork to move the truck the fastest.

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Beeton Fall Fair spotlights local talent at annual Homecraft competitions

You do not need to be a professional baker, artist, photographer or gardener to enter the Homecraft competitions at the Beeton Fall Fair. You only need something you are proud to share.

The 2026 Homecraft Division offers classes for all ages and experience levels, including junior exhibitors, adults, seniors and exhibitors with special needs. Categories include plants and flowers, baking, preserves, needlecraft, handcrafts, photography, art, antiques, vegetables, grain, hay and seeds.

There is no exhibitor fee, and entries can earn ribbons and prize money. First-time exhibitors are especially encouraged to choose a class and give it a try.

Visit beetonfair.com and select "Competitions" to view the 2026 Fair Book, entry forms, rules and instructions. Printed Fair Books are also available at local libraries and Beeton Foodland.

Exhibits can be dropped off Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m. or Friday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Be sure to check your class requirements before arriving.

Homecraft exhibits will be open for viewing Friday from 5 to 9 p.m., and Saturday until 4 p.m. Find your class and let your talent become part of the fair's 170-year tradition.

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Small tractors bring big power to the Beeton Fall Fair

Do not let their size fool you. The machines in the Beeton Fall Fair Garden Tractor Pull deliver plenty of power, noise and excitement.

The pull returns Saturday, Sept. 19, at 2 p.m. on the fair's 400-foot dirt track. Hosted by the Ontario Truck and Tractor Pulling Association's Garden Tractor Pulling Division, the event features lawn and garden tractors, super stock diesels and modified machines built for serious horsepower.

Each tractor pulls a weighted sled that becomes harder to move as it travels down the track. Power, traction and careful control can make the difference between winning and falling just short.

Participants range from young drivers to experienced competitors, making garden tractor pulling a true family tradition. Admission to the pull and bleacher seating are included with regular fair admission.

Arrive early, find a seat and get ready to feel the rumble Saturday at 2 p.m.

B-I-N-G-O!

Try your luck at the Beeton Fall Fair

Get your dabber ready! Bingo comes to the Beeton Fall Fair on Saturday, Sept. 19, upstairs in the arena. Doors open at 6pm, Early Bird starts at 7pm.

Hosted by the Tottenham & District Lions Club, the event will feature ten games with a variety of patterns and cash prizes. Most regular games offer \$30, the Lion's Special offers \$60, and the final full-card jackpot could reach \$500 with 60 or more players. With fewer than 60 players, the jackpot will be \$250.

There is no admission charge to enter

the bingo area, but players must purchase game books. An Early Bird three-view strip is \$2. Regular options are a double-strip book for \$8, a three-strip book for \$10 or a six-strip book for \$20.

Players must be 18 or older, and identification may be requested. Bring your own dabber and remember to call "BINGO!" loudly enough to stop the game. If more than one player wins, the prize will be divided evenly.

Come enjoy some friendly competition while supporting the Tottenham & District Lions Club.

Pick your square for Cow Patty Bingo

It may be the only bingo game where the star has four legs and no concern about keeping the audience waiting!

Cow Patty Bingo returns to the Beeton Fall Fair on Saturday, Sept. 19, at 2 p.m.

Choose a numbered square, then watch to see where the cow makes her first "deposit."

Registration begins Saturday morning in the farm animals area and continues until the event starts. There is no fee to participate, and the person holding the winning square will receive a prize.

Come early, choose your square and bring your sense of humour. The timing of the big "drop" is entirely up to our bovine star!



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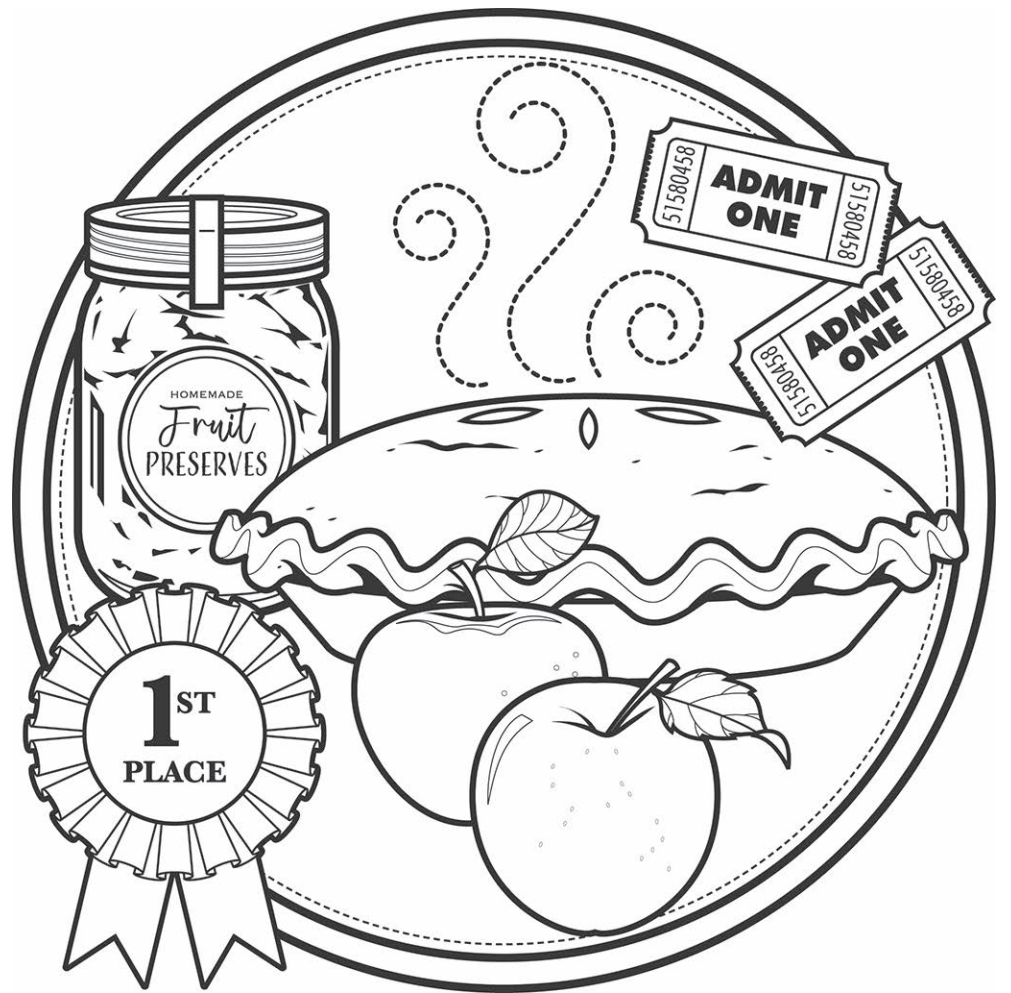
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