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Supporting an Age-Friendly Future

New Tecumseth council members and administrators joined representatives from Simcoe-Grey MPP Brian Saunderson's office to recognize a seniors' community grant for the town. The grant will support the town's efforts to create an age-friendly community. The \$20,237 grant will help with age-friendly planning and projects in the town, supporting initiatives that help seniors remain active, connected and engaged in their communities. The funding will also assist the town as it works to identify opportunities and develop plans that respond to the needs of its growing senior population.

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MPP Brian Saunderson appointed as Ontario Minister of Sport

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Brian Saunderson, MPP for Simcoe-Grey, has been appointed Ontario Minister of Sport.

MPP Saunderson was called to Queen’s Park on Thursday, Sept. 10, to meet with Premier Doug Ford.

First elected in 2022, he has represented the Simcoe-Grey riding for four years.

Minister of Sport is a fitting position for MPP Saunderson. As a former Olympic rower, he competed in the 1988 and 1992 Summer Olympics.

“I am incredibly honoured to join Premier Ford’s cabinet and serve as Ontario’s Minister of Sport,” he said. “Sports brings people together, builds stronger communities and creates opportunities for people of all ages. I’m excited to get to work and help more Ontario families experience everything sport has to offer.”

NEW POSITION – MPP for Simcoe-Grey, Brian Saunderson, has been appointed Ontario’s Minister of Sport. The post is a fitting fit for the MPP, as he is also a former Olympian. MPP Saunderson is seen here with Ontario Premier Doug Ford and Ontario Lieutenant Governor Edith Dumont during the announcement of the appointment.

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Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority plans to turn pond into a wetland

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) is inviting the community to volunteer at a kick-off event for a multi-year stream rehabilitation project in Mono on Tuesday, Sept. 22.

At this family-friendly event, volunteers will plant aquatic plants along the banks of a pond to

help create a wetland and restore a stream. As they grow, these plants will become important habitat for frogs, birds, fish and other wildlife.

“The pond is connected to Mono Centre Creek, which is a key watercourse for Brook Trout and other native cold-water fish,” said Don Little, manager of stewardship and restora-

tion services at NVCA.

“Brook Trout are an indicator of a healthy cold-water stream. In other words, if Brook Trout are present and populations are doing well, the creek’s ecosystem is most likely healthy.”

When historic human-made ponds, such as the one in Mono Centre, dam up creeks and rivers, water slows, and sediment settles to the bottom. Over time, this causes the pond to become shallower and to heat more quickly.

“The water leaving the pond is near the threshold where cold-water fish would struggle

to survive,” said the NVCA in a press release. “Rehabilitating this pond and creek will offer this ecosystem a climate resilient future.”

The volunteer event is located at the Whitetail Refuge Nature Reserve on the Bruce Trail.

“We’ll be climbing a steep hill, and it can get muddy when planting along a pond,” explained Little. “But we encourage all Bruce Trail lovers to come out with us. There’s nothing better than helping maintain the nature that you love.”

Registration is required, and space is limited. To register, visit: nvca.on.ca/volunteer



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Night work scheduled for Victoria Street reconstruction project

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Residents living near Victoria Street in Alliston are advised that, as part of an ongoing reconstruction project of the road, contractor Fermar Paving Limited is planning to begin night work operations.

A firm start date has not been announced.

To support project progress and reduce impacts on daytime traffic, some con-

struction activities will be completed overnight.

Residents and businesses in the area may experience increased construction activity, noise, lighting, and the presence of construction equipment during overnight hours while this work is underway.

For more information about the Victoria Street Reconstruction Project, go to: newtecumseth.ca/VictoriaResurfacing

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Tottenham Legion celebrates reopening after renovations

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Tottenham Legion Branch 329 celebrated its reopening on Thursday, Sept. 10, after renovations that both refreshed the building and made it more accessible.

An Ontario Trillium Foundation grant of \$193,700 made the renovations possible.

The renovations included new floors on both the lower and upper levels, new handicap washrooms, new ceilings, and painting.

Older floors in the building had developed some spots that were uneven, making it difficult for someone with mobility issues to move around. The new floors have created a safer space for members and visitors.

The Tottenham Legion is a local hub of activity which supports veterans as well as many local sports groups and causes.

Executive assistant and manager of constituency initiatives, Cathy Law, on behalf of MPP Brian Saunderson's office, was on hand at the reopening to present the official declaration of the Trillium grant.

"I offer congratulations to your organization on receiving the grant," Law said.

"This grant will be used to improve accessibility throughout the legion by renovating

washrooms, replacing flooring and lighting, and installing new doors."

Visitors were invited to tour the building and see the completed renovations.

"We are here to celebrate the official reopening of the branch, and we want to thank the Ontario Trillium Foundation for giving us the opportunity to improve the branch," said Gord Robertson, branch first vice.

"As you have seen, the improvements are remarkable. They make our legion more welcoming, open, and handicapped accessible. The mission of the Ontario Trillium Foundation is to build vibrant communities throughout Ontario by investing in community-based initiatives and strengthening the impact of the Ontario non-profit sector."

New Tecumseth Mayor Richard Norcross attended the reopening and said the legion had a lot to celebrate.

"Just a few months ago we celebrated the 100th anniversary of the legion," Mayor Norcross said.

"For a century, the Tottenham Legion has been a pillar of our community where people can come together to build the community and honour the memory of those who have served."



RENO REOPEN – Legion members, local dignitaries, and guests gathered to celebrate the reopening of the Tottenham Legion Branch 329 on Thursday, Sept. 10. The branch received an Ontario Trillium Grant of \$193,700 for renovations, which included new floors and washrooms that will make the facility more accessible.

BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

Doors Open invites residents and visitors to the county's cultural and heritage sites

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Tourism Simcoe County, in partnership with its municipal partners, has announced the return of Doors Open Simcoe County.

The event celebrates the region's rich cultural heritage and historic landmarks.

The event invites residents and visitors to discover the stories, people, and places that have shaped Simcoe County through exclusive access to some of its most treasured sites.

This year, 22 unique locations will participate, offering free public access to sites of historical, architectural, natural, and cultural significance.

Doors Open Simcoe County is part of the Doors Open Ontario initiative. This is a province-wide heritage and cultural tourism program.

Each year, participating sites showcase a diverse mix of modern and heritage buildings, from museums and places of worship to trails, natural areas and private businesses.

Whether you are a history buff, architecture enthusiast, or just curious about hidden gems in local communities, Doors Open Simcoe County offers a rare chance to step inside and discover the stories that shape the region.

Doors Open Simcoe County will take place on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

List of participating sites:

- Museum on the Boyne – 250 Fletcher Crescent, Alliston
- Midland Cultural Centre – 333 King Street, Midland



- Nancy Island Historic Site – 119 Mosely Street, Wasaga Beach
- Orillia Museum of Art & History – 30 Peter Street South, Orillia
- Oro African Methodist Church – 1645 Line 3, North Oro-Medonte
- Penetanguishene Centennial Museum & Archives 13 Burke Street, Penetanguishene
- Penetanguishene Historical Walking Tour. Starts at 13 Burke Street, Penetanguishene
- Peter Dušek Gallery – 151 Mill Street, Creemore
- Quest Art School & Gallery – 333 King Street, Midland
- Seven Star Masonic Lodge No. 285 – 28 Victoria Street, Alliston
- Sir Fredrick Banting Homestead – 5116 Sir Frederick Banting Road, Alliston
- St. James on the Lines Anglican Church – 215 Church Street, Penetanguishene
- Utopia Hall – 8396 6th Line, Utopia
- Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care – 500 Church Street, Penetanguishene
- Canadian Museum of Water Interactive Hub – 333 King Street, Midland

- Coldwater Mill – 1 Mill Street, Coldwater
- Coldwater Museum – 1474 Woodrow Road, Coldwater
- First Presbyterian Church – 20 Robert Street East, Penetanguishene
- Fort Willow Conservation Area – 2714 Grenfel Road
- George Langman Wildlife Sanctuary – 2457 Bass Lake Sideroad East, Orillia
- Historic walking tour of downtown Collingwood – Meet at 44 Hurontario Street, Collingwood
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For more information about the locations that are participating in Doors Open Simcoe County go to: doorsopenontario.on.ca/pages/events/simcoe-county

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Teach a man to fish

'Give a man a fish, and he will eat for a day; teach a man to fish, and he will eat for a lifetime.'

That old proverb suggests education and skill-building enable ongoing independence and are more effective than temporary aid.

There is a lot of truth in that proverb. Obviously, the more you know, the better you can make your life turn out.

However, there is a flip side to that proverb that is seldom talked about.

There are people in this world who would prefer that you just give them a fish every day. That way, they don't have to work, they stay fed, and you provide everything for them.

Some people can be taught to fish, and yet have no inclination to actually go to the local lake or seaside and cast a line into the water. They would prefer you do it for them.

As for teaching them to fish, there are some things you just have to figure out for yourself.

If you need food and live by the ocean, it shouldn't be that hard to figure out how to catch a fish.

If you can't figure out such a simple process, the rest of your life is going to be rather difficult if you don't surround yourself with smarter people.

The late comedian Sam Kinison, known for his trademark screaming during his show, once made an observation that, while twisted into a humorous story, made a lot of sense.

He had been watching television, and a commercial for a large international charity came on the air. It showed a group of people in the desert who were apparently starving.

It even showed the stereotypical close-up of the starving kid with the flies crawling around his eyes.

Kinison declared he knew how to solve the hunger problem. He said the solution was to show up in the village with a couple of trucks and some U-Haul trailers.

"Move!" Kinison screamed. "You're living in a desert! It's all sand! Nothing will grow here! You don't have any food because you can't grow anything in sand!"

While Kinison screamed the story out for laughs, there was a lot of truth in what he was saying.

Some people just seem to lack common sense.

The West has been pumping billions and billions of dollars into developing countries for years to help them get ahead. It mostly started after the Second World War.

After 80 years of trying to teach people how to fish, there are still charities that air commercials showing some kid who has to walk 12 miles every morning to get water from a well.

How much teaching, funding, and intellectual aid do you have to provide before people clue in and decide to lift themselves up.

Many of these developing countries have a huge amount of natural resources they could tap, but fail to do so for many reasons.

A lot of people will no longer give to the big international charities because they simply don't see any good coming from their contributions.

Along with local authorities skimming from the funds, they realized that with some of these charities, the president was drawing a seven-figure salary.

People want to help a starving village, not help some charity president pay for his new yacht.

I attend quite a few events where local non-profit organizations benefit from provincial money through Ontario Trillium Foundation Grants.

You can't just apply for money and expect to receive it; there's a whole process in the grant application. There has to be a real need and a benefit to both the organization and the community.

The money that is granted goes to local organizations that help the community and provide a valuable service.

The real benefit is seeing the tax dollars you, your family, and your friends have provided used to help the community where you live. Those funds provide a tangible benefit, not some imaginary cheap fix in a place you have never been to, and likely will never see.

The whole 'teach a man to fish' concept has some good qualities, but if after teaching him to fish, he refuses to cast his line, then it's time to move on.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Torchbearers

It started off as a day almost like any other – aside from having to put a bit more attention into our outward appearances before we set off.

It was picture day at Newmarket High School and, as is the case with high school students of just about every generation, appearances were probably emphasized more than they should have been.

Even if we had no interest in buying a package of the resulting 8x10s and wallet-size numbers for parents, grandparents, and anyone else our egos might have told us would be interested in receiving a little piece of ourselves, they were images we had to live with for the rest of the year, whether we liked it or not. Our student cards were ubiquitous at the time, so you didn't want to look like you'd been pulled out of the drainpipe and stuck in front of the camera against your will – so, you persevered.

Getting the look just right seemed important at the time. The previous year, my own "look" was something of an afterthought. Unbeknownst to me, the rather raggedy blue, buttoned pull-over had a paint splatter on the sleeve, the result of trying to corral my dog amid

home renovations earlier in the day.

I had to live with that photo for the entire year and, to add insult to injury, the photo was inexplicably repeated twice in that year's yearbook.

I wasn't about to let that happen again, so I made sure everything was just right – double checking that not a single wrinkle could be found in the olive-green button-up I chose for the day.

I was looking pretty good in terms of a year-over-year comparison, but as important as appearances seemed then, all that was quickly tossed to the side as a triviality.

That year's picture day happened to fall on September 11, 2001, and that Grade 10 picture remains for me a tangible reminder not only of those "you remember where you were when" moments, but also a reminder of how quickly the state of our world can turn on a dime.

Outside of the wardrobe woes, the day started pretty much unlike any other.

It was clear before too long, however, that something had shifted.

We were about 20 minutes into our homeroom class that morning when another teacher came into the room

and pulled ours aside for a huddle. As the whispers started, our teacher's face seemed to turn ashen and the quieter the whispers got, the more intense the conversation seemed to be.

Nobody said anything after the huddle had concluded and the other teacher went back to her own classroom, but it was clear something had happened.

No further information was immediately forthcoming, and with the benefit of hindsight I can only imagine our teachers were waiting for further instructions from their superiors on how to tell us what happened, how to answer any follow-up questions we may have had, and have the proper resources lined up for anyone who may have needed it.

This was long before the vast majority of us had devices in our pockets that can connect us instantly to everyone, anyone around the world. Those of us who were still a year or two away from getting a rudimentary flip phone to call our very own were left with just two options, both of which were Bell payphones in our school's atrium.

At my first available moment after second period, I dug around in my backpack for a quarter and called my mom at work

for any information on why everyone was acting so strangely. Her thorough explanation of what was known up until that point was both enlightening, incomprehensible and, in a word, terrifying.

It was about an hour or so later when teachers finally shared the news with us and televisions where wheeled into the library so we could see, for better or worse, the aftermath of such a terrible and traumatic moment in our collective history unfold in real time.

Memories of the day are still as potent with me as they were in 2001 and watching ceremonies on Friday morning commemorating the 25th anniversary of 9/11 brought up a lot of emotions. Amid those emotions, however, I wondered how potent these ceremonies and observances may have been for those born within the last quarter-century compared to those of us who lived through the aftermath.

Unless they had a family member who

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Not AI doom

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OUR WORLD TODAY



Somebody was bound to sound the alarm eventually. In this case it was a young British artificial intelligence researcher called Jacob Coxon, who quit his job at the AI company Anthropic to warn the world that “if we don’t slow down the current rate of progress, there is a strong chance that we could all die in the next two years.”

“It’s not at all an exaggeration to say that the people who are involved with both founding these companies and building the tech believe there is a possibility of human extinction,” Coxon said. And the floodgates opened.

On 8 September Coxon posted his message on as many sites as possible (and also got ten friends to retweet them), but he probably needn’t have gone to all that trouble. The AI community was ready to hear that news, and four days later his former boss Dario Amodei, the CEO of Anthropic, tacitly agreed.

In a 3,800-word online essay entitled ‘We Must Pace

the Frontier’, Amodei made the same argument in more temperate language. “Addressing the risks requires pacing the rate of capabilities advancement so that risk prevention has time to keep up. We must slow the pace at which we improve the capabilities of A.I. models.” (My italics)

He also unilaterally committed Anthropic to embed independent examiners within the company with permanent employee-level access to all its systems, so that they can verify its safety measures and report on any incidents. In the secretive and highly competitive world of the ‘frontier’ AI companies, this is unprecedented.

Does Amodei mean it? It seems so, and the CEO of the other ‘frontier’ company, Sam Altman of OpenAI, immediately agreed. “We need to pace the frontier,” he wrote on X, and called the proposal for independent evaluators “a great idea”.

Even Elon Musk, a dedicated contrarian and CEO of xAI (which trails the two industry leaders), said simply “Dario is right.” It’s a good start, and a whole lot better than the response to the development of nuclear weapons 80 years ago (to pick an example not exactly at random), because the potential cost of getting AI wrong could be as grave.

US President Donald Trump missed the point as usual, saying on 10 September that he was concerned that “if we don’t win AI, we’re going to be put in a very bad position”, but this time the leading AI companies may well defy him. Their leaders are very bright people, and they understand how big and dangerous this moment is.

The risk of an actual extinction event is probably vanishingly small. As Jim Lovelock once said to me when we were discussing possible climate disasters: “The human race is a very tough species. There will probably always be a few breeding pairs.” But most of us would prefer to avoid even much smaller catastrophes, and AI is quite capable of causing those.

The trick is to keep these hugely complex computer programmes ‘aligned’. They must be ‘helpful, honest and harmless’ (the three Hs), they must do what people actually want, avoiding shortcuts and loopholes, and they must genuinely pursue the intended goal rather than faking compliance to ‘pass.’

This is not just a matter of writing code. The ‘models’ must be taught these values by working through many examples. That will take the time that it takes, and going too fast lets bad behaviour slip through. Slow down, and it will probably be fine (and very useful). Go too fast, and bad things will happen.

The leading companies are working in a fiercely competitive environment both at home and internationally, and behaving in accord with these harsh realities requires great restraint. In such circumstances it is reassuring and even remarkable that the market leaders are actually trying to slow things down.

Even an agreed ‘slowdown’ domestically will be hard to negotiate and enforce. Including China in such an agreement (it’s the main rival to the US companies, though a bit behind them) may be impossible. The whole proposal may fail, in which case we will all have to live with the consequences. But at least the key American companies are genuinely trying.

And if you are still having nightmares about the machines taking over, remember Doctor Who and the cartoon of the evil Daleks looking in despair at the bottom of a flight of stairs. Daleks move on wheels, of course, and one dejected Dalek says to another: “There goes our plan for conquering the galaxy.”

You can ensure humanity’s future just by ensuring that we never ‘embody’ our AI devices in robots capable of manipulating the physical universe.

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

The stories that keep a place alive

What happens to a community when the newspaper that has chronicled its life disappears?

It is easy to think of a local newspaper as simply a source of news: council decisions, school events, local businesses, sports, obituaries and the occasional controversy. But a good community newspaper does something more important. It becomes the collective memory of a place.

Small towns are full of stories that would otherwise disappear. The farmer who spent fifty years working the same fields. The teacher who influenced generations of students. The volunteer who quietly organized community events year after year. The local business that survived three generations. The young athlete who made it to the provincial

championships. The family that opened its home to newcomers.

These stories may not make headlines. They don't need to. They matter because they tell residents who they are and where they come from.

I spent much of my career as a journalist and small-town newspaper editor, and I learned that community journalism is as much about listening as reporting. You discover what matters by paying attention to the people around you. Sometimes the most revealing story isn't the one making the most noise; it is the quiet story about someone who has been contributing to the community for decades.

Today, local newspapers face enormous pressures. Advertising has moved online, production costs have increased,

and newsrooms have fewer journalists available to cover increasingly large areas. The loss of a newspaper, however, is about more than losing a business. It can mean losing the institution that records the ordinary history of a community.

That is why I believe local newspapers deserve our support. Subscribe if you can. Buy the paper. Advertise locally. Send in a story or a photograph. Let editors know that what they do matters.

There is enough negativity in the wider media landscape. Local newspapers have an opportunity to do something different: to tell people about the place they call home and the people who make that place worth caring about.

I was reminded of this while writing my literary noir novella, *Wayward*

Voices, which is set in a fictional Eastern Townships community and revolves around a small-town newspaper. The newspaper in the story is more than a backdrop. It is part of the community's identity — a place where truth, memory and local voices intersect.

Every community has stories worth preserving.

Someone has to tell them.

And someone has to keep the newspaper alive long enough to tell the next ones.

Frank Nixon is the author of Wayward Voices, a literary noir novella set in Quebec's Eastern Townships. More information is available at www.franknixon.com.



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Beeton Fall Fair to see road closures this weekend

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Road closures:

The annual Beeton Fall Fair will take place on Sept. 18, 19, and 20, and residents are reminded that streets will be closed during the event.

Temporary road closures will be in effect to support event activities and ensure public safety.

Motorists are encouraged to plan alternate routes and allow extra travel time while these closures are in effect.

The Town and event organizers appreciate the public's patience and cooperation as residents and visitors arrive to experience the Fair and parade.

Prospect Street from Tecumseth Street North to Second Street – Sept. 18 from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Prospect Street from Tecumseth Street North to Second Street - Sept. 19 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Second Street from Prospect Street to the north end – Sept. 19 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Parade route:

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Celebrate artistry, heritage, and craftsmanship this weekend

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

If you enjoy seeing and buying unique handcrafted items, you can discover the remarkable talent of local artisans at the Simcoe County Quilt, Rug, and Artisan Fair, to be held at the Simcoe County Museum.

Guilds from across the region will be showcasing their finest handcrafted works at the fair.

You will see time-honoured traditions, including embroidery, quilting, spinning, weaving, lace making, rug hooking, pottery, and other crafts.

As you make your way through the fair, you can also browse the vibrant merchant's market where you can stock up on materials, tools, and supplies.

You will also find a wide selection of handcrafted pieces created by the skilled artisans

who keep these timeless traditions alive.

While you are visiting, you can enjoy a stroll through the picturesque museum grounds and explore a captivating collection of heritage buildings and artifacts from across Simcoe County.

The Simcoe County Quilt, Rug, and Artisan Fair will take place from Friday, Sept. 18 to Sunday, Sept. 20, 2026, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Admission to the event:

- \$10 for adults (21-64)
- \$8 for seniors (65+)
- \$8 for youth (12-20)
- \$5 for children (4-11)
- Free for preschoolers and museum members.

The following are the participating guilds that will be showcased at this year's event:

- Huronia Handweavers Guild
- Huronia Spinners Guild
- Huronia Branch of the Ontario Hooking Craft Guild
- Orillia Sunshine Rug Hookers
- Simcoe County Arts & Crafts Association (SCACA)
- Simcoe County Embroidery Guild
- Simcoe County Lacemakers
- Simcoe County Potters Guild
- Barrie Modern Quilt Guild
- Georgian Bay Quilters Guild
- Kempenfelt Quilters' Guild
- Orillia Quilters' Guild
- Quilting Corners Guild, Alliston
- Simcoe County Quilters' Guild
- Slope to Shore Quilters' Guild



2025 WINNER – This quilt, titled Colour My World by Kathleen Kelly took first place at the 2025 Simcoe County Quilt, Rug and Artisan Fair. **SIMCOE MUSEUM PHOTO**



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Arts & Local Events

Several events coming to the Museum on the Boyne this fall

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

If you are looking for special local events this fall, the Town of New Tecumseth invites residents and visitors to take part in a full lineup of fall programs at the Museum on the Boyne in Alliston.

The 2026 fall events lineup includes guided walking tours, an immersive murder mystery evening, family-friendly Halloween activities, a quilt exhibit reception, and a P.A. day program focused on fungi and hands-on learning.

"The Museum on the Boyne is a special place where residents and visitors can connect with our local history in meaningful and memorable ways," said Mayor Richard Norcross.

"This fall lineup offers something for many ages and interests, from heritage tours and exhibit programming to family activities and seasonal fun. I encourage everyone to explore the events and enjoy what the museum has to offer."

Featured events include:

- Heritage Home Walking Tour – Oct. 3, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Step into Alliston's rich history during a guided walking tour of heritage homes and historical buildings around Fletcher Crescent and the surrounding area.

- Alliston Union Cemetery Tour – Oct. 10, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Join the Museum on the Boyne for a respectful guided walking tour exploring stories, monument artistry, symbols, and local history throughout Alliston Union Cemetery.

- Murder Mystery Night Out – Oct. 24, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Step into an immersive murder mystery experience filled with twists, turns, and chilling surprises. Participants will work together to crack the case, uncover clues, and identify the culprit. A pizza dinner is included.

- Boo Bash – Oct 28, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Families are invited to enjoy Halloween fun at the Museum on the Boyne with Halloween crafts, pumpkin painting, a scavenger hunt, and trick-or-treating around the museum.

- Quilt Exhibit Reception – Nov. 19, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Join the Museum on the Boyne for the opening of the Quilt Exhibit. The evening includes local textile history, exhibit tours, brief remarks, refreshments, and a children's interactive area.

- P.A. Day: Fall Fungi – Nov. 20, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Kids ages 7 to 12 are invited to a morning of hands-on learning about mushrooms and the forest's hidden heroes. Activities include multimedia crafts, felt mushrooms, and spore printing.

To register for events, visit the Town of New Tecumseth website.

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RENO REOPEN – The Museum on the Boyne is offering a full line-up of events this fall for local residents and visitors. **FILE PHOTO**

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Doors Open event at historic Fort Willow highlights the county's historical sites

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Step into history at Fort Willow Conservation Area during the organization's Doors Open Simcoe County.

Visitors are invited to discover one of Sim-

coe County's most significant historic sites through a variety of interactive and self-guided experiences.

Throughout the day, local historian Joe Cinanni will lead guided tours and share stories about the people, events, and cultural con-

nections that shaped Fort Willow's role in the region's history.

Attendees will have the opportunity to watch local craftsman Murray Van Rassel demonstrate the traditional art of carving a voyageur paddle, offering a glimpse into the skills that supported travel and trade along Ontario's early transportation routes.

Guests can further explore the site at their own pace by viewing reconstructed building outlines, interpretive signage, and audio recordings that bring Fort Willow's rich past to life. Located along the historic Nine Mile Portage, Fort Willow served as a vital transportation corridor for Indigenous peoples long before European settlement. The route later became an important link for fur traders,

voyageurs, and explorers travelling between Kempenfelt Bay and the Nottawasaga River.

During the War of 1812, the site was transformed into a military supply depot, playing a key role in supporting British forces in the region.

Doors Open Simcoe County offers a unique opportunity to experience this National Historic Site and learn more about the stories that helped shape Simcoe County and Ontario.

No registration is required, and parking is free during the event.

Doors Open at Fort Willow will take place on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fort Willow is located at the Fort Willow Conservation Area, 2714 Grenfel Road, Utopia.



CARVING HISTORY –Visitors to Fort Willow will learn the history of this important site along early transportation routes in Ontario. Local craftsman Murray Van Rassel demonstrates how to carve a voyageur paddle and will be at Fort Willow during the event on Saturday, Sept. 19.

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Drug trafficking and property crime investigation results in drug bust

Members of the Nottawasaga Detachment Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU), with assistance from the Nottawasaga Detachment and Huronia West CSCU, have arrested and charged an individual after a lengthy investigation into a commercial break and enter and suspected drug trafficking in the Nottawasaga area.

In the summer of 2026, Nottawasaga CSCU initiated an investigation into a break and enter at an automotive shop in Alliston. During the investigation, officers identified an individual who was allegedly attempting to sell online an item believed to have been stolen during the incident.

At the same time, investigators received information that the individual was actively trafficking controlled substances throughout the Nottawasaga area.

On Sept. 10, members of the Nottawasaga CSCU executed two search warrants at residences in the Nottawasaga area and arrested the accused during a traffic stop.

As a result of the searches, officers seized:

- 228 grams of suspected cocaine
- 0.9 grams of suspected methamphetamine
- Four hydromorphone pills
- \$2280.00 in Canadian Currency
- Drug Trafficking paraphernalia
- A pellet gun
- Bear spray
- A knife

As a result of the investigation, Mark Skelton, a 37-year-old resident of Essa Township, was charged with multiple Criminal Code and Controlled Drugs and Substances Act offences, including:

- Trafficking in a Schedule I substance - Cocaine
- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking - Cocaine
- Possession of a Schedule I substance - Methamphetamine



DRUG SEIZURE – Nottawasaga OPP seized 228 grams of suspected cocaine, along with suspected methamphetamine, hydromorphone pills, cash and drug-trafficking paraphernalia, during the execution of two search warrants on Sept. 10.

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- Possession of a Schedule I substance - Other drugs
- Trafficking in property obtained by crime
- Possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime under \$5000
- Possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose
- Two counts of Failure to comply with a release order

The accused was held in custody pending a bail hearing before the Ontario Court of Justice.

Anyone with information regarding illegal drug activity is encouraged to contact the Nottawasaga OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit information online: crimestoppersdm.com

Police seek public help locating federal offender wanted on Canada-wide warrant

The Repeat Offender Parole Enforcement (R.O.P.E.) Squad is requesting the public's assistance in locating a federal offender wanted on a Canada-wide warrant as a result of a breach of their Statutory Release.

Bradley Elliott is described as a Caucasian male, 42, 5'9" (175 cm), 165 lbs (75 kg), with brown hair and hazel eyes.

He has several tattoos:

- Right Upper Arm - Barbwire, "HAWK" Heart
- Left Upper Arm - Cross, "Mom"
- Right Forearm - "Crystal"
- Neck - "Bush"
- Left Arm - "Jayden" (with date of birth)
- Left forearm - "Nanette"
- Middle back "ELLIOTT", Pistols (twice)
- Right arm - Cross

Elliott is serving a four-year and one-month sentence for:

- Operation While Prohibited (three counts)
- Identity Fraud with Intent to Obtain Property
- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime - Under \$5000
- Obstruct Public/Peace Officer
- Dangerous Operation of a Conveyance
- Motor Vehicle Theft
- Unauthorized Possession of a Prohibited/Restricted Weapon
- Possession of Weapon Contrary to Prohibition Order (x2)
- Assault with a Weapon
- Personate Peace Officer



WANTED PERSON – Bradley Elliott, 42, is wanted on a Canada-wide warrant for an alleged breach of statutory release. The Repeat Offender Parole Enforcement Squad says Elliott is known to frequent Barrie, Wasaga Beach, Alliston, Bradford, Collingwood and the Greater Toronto Area.

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- Fraud Under \$5000
- The offender is known to frequent Barrie, Wasaga Beach, Alliston, Bradford, Collingwood and the Greater Toronto Area.
- Anyone who has contact with this offender or has information about their whereabouts is asked to contact the Provincial R.O.P.E. Squad at 416-808-5900 or toll free at 1-866-870-7673 (ROPE), or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), or call 9-1-1.



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Health Unit helping Grade 11 and 12 students get vaccinated ahead of deadline

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

As the new school year begins, the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is helping Grade 11 and 12 students complete their immunization records and avoid school suspensions.

Students who have not updated their immunization records by Sept. 21 may face suspension.

In May, the Health Unit mailed reminder notices to more than 5,600 students.

Under Ontario's Immunization of School Pupils Act, Health Units must maintain

immunization records for students and enforce suspension when required information is missing.

Students attending a school clinic should bring a record of their immunization dates. Public health nurses will review records, confirm whether immunizations are up to date and provide any missing vaccines.

Students who received vaccines from a health-care provider, but whose records have not been updated with the health unit, should bring their yellow immunization card to the clinic.

Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

staff can update records and help obtain missing immunization records.

Immunization appointments are also available at health unit offices and can be booked at smdhu.org/ImmsOnline

The health unit will also offer drop-in clinics at its offices from Sept. 21 to 25.

Students will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis at the following locations and times:

Barrie (15 Sperling Dr.), Collingwood, Cookstown, Midland and Orillia - Monday to Friday: 9 a.m. to noon and 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.



Honeywood Arena project gets \$500,000 to support proposed upgrades and new change rooms

The Township of Mulmur received a donation of \$500,000 from Robert and Marnie Donaldson in support of the proposed upgrades and change room addition at the North Dufferin Community Centre (Honeywood Arena).

This significant contribution represents a major step forward in the community-led effort to secure the future of the arena, enhance accessibility and modernize this community space.

In 2024, after receiving more than 1,000 responses to a community survey, Mulmur council made the decision to support the community's overwhelming desire to keep the North Dufferin Community Centre operational with critical repairs to the roof, ice pad and coolant system.

Since that time, the community has worked to raise the funds necessary to complete additional improvements to the facility. The total cost of the future upgrades is estimated at approximately \$4 million.

To date, fundraising efforts have secured approximately \$900,000, and Mulmur Township continues to actively pursue grant opportunities and additional funding sources with the goal of completing the project without relying on municipal tax dollars.

Robert and Marnie's donation to the Honeywood Arena follows another significant contribution made by the Donaldsons in 2025 for the development of a multi-use recreational court in the village of Terra Nova.

Together, the Donaldson donations demonstrate their ongoing dedication to supporting community recreation and enhancing the



HUGE FUNDING BOOST – Robert and Marnie Donaldson present a \$500,000 donation to Mulmur Mayor Janet Horner in support of proposed upgrades and a change room addition at the North Dufferin Community Centre, also known as Honeywood Arena. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

quality of life in Mulmur, helping to ensure the Township remains a place where residents can live, work, and grow together.

"On behalf of Mulmur Council and the entire community, we extend our sincere gratitude to Robert and Marnie Donaldson for their extraordinary generosity," said Mulmur Mayor Janet Horner.

"Their commitment to preserving and enhancing this important community asset will have a lasting impact on residents, families, and visitors for years to come."

The township extends its sincere gratitude to everyone who has contributed to the fundraising campaign to date. Every donation, whether large or small, brings the community

one step closer to achieving its goal of revitalizing and enhancing the North Dufferin Community Centre. Residents, businesses, and community partners are encouraged to continue supporting the campaign if they are able, as every dollar makes a meaningful difference in helping bring this important community project to life.



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Beeton Lawn Bowling Club benefits from Ontario Trillium Grant

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

After 94 years as a local club in Beeton, the Beeton Lawn Bowling Club has been well maintained and has provided a lot of fun and activity for local residents.

However, after almost a century, the club was in need of some repairs.

The Club applied for an Ontario Trillium Grant and was awarded a \$13,400 capital grant.

Executive Assistant & Manager of Constituency Initiatives, Cathy Law, representing MPP Brian Saunderson's office, made the official presentation to the Club on Thursday, Sept. 10.

The funds will be used to provide upgrades to an aging electrical system in both the clubhouse and equipment shed buildings. The upgrades will provide more efficient and safer electrical feeds as well as brighter building facilities.

"The impact of the Ontario Trillium Foundation grant cannot be overstated," said Robert Foster, club president.

"The 2026 grant supported the purchase of required upgrades to the electrical system and lighting, and greens equipment. Several previous OTF grants have given us funds to do such things as install an irrigation system necessary in today's climate."

Foster added, "Good green playing conditions are the club's main asset, without which there would be no lawn bowling club. Other OTF grants over the years have provided greens lighting, an irrigation system, renovated washrooms and replacement of old playing equipment."

The club acknowledged the support it receives from the town and its members.

"The Beeton Lawn Bowling Club's continued presence in the community is in part, due to the excellent relationship and support of the



IMPROVEMENTS INCOMING – The Beeton Lawn Bowling Club celebrates receiving an Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant on Thursday, Sept. 10. The \$13,400 grant will be used to upgrade the club's electrical system, lights, and equipment shed. Members of New Tecumseth Council and Club members are joined by representatives from Simcoe-Grey MPP Brian Saunderson's office on the club's green. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**

Town of New Tecumseth," Foster said. "In addition, a key contributor to the club's continuing success is our volunteers. Our club is run solely by volunteers who provide in excess of 600 man-hours annually."

The club has received several Trillium Grants over the years, which have all made valuable contributions to the club's upkeep.

"We applied for this grant in February and were approved in July," explained club grant

coordinator, Walton Prime. "What this grant is for, is to replace all of our electrical service here - it is all being upgraded. Also, our equipment shed needs to be upgraded."

New Tecumseth Mayor Richard Norcross, who is a big supporter of the Club, attended the presentation.

"The Beeton Lawn Bowling Club has been a valued part of our community for an incredible 94 years, bringing people together through

friendship, sport and tradition," Norcross said. "This Ontario Trillium Foundation grant is a wonderful investment in the club's future, helping ensure this community treasure can continue to welcome residents of all ages for many years to come."

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North Dufferin Baseball League senior championship series tied

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The North Dufferin Baseball League senior championship series is tied after the opening games over the weekend.

In this year's championship, the New Lowell Knights are up against the Bolton Brewers.

The series got underway on Saturday, Sept. 12, in New Lowell.

In Game 1, the first three innings were highlighted by strong pitching and solid defensive play.

It wasn't until the fourth inning that any scoring took place, with both clubs scoring a single run.

The Knights scored five runs in the sixth inning. After capitalizing on a walk, a hit-by-pitch, and a base hit, Tristan Cabral doubled to drive in three runs. Chris Greer singled to bring in two more runs.

New Lowell pitcher Brandon Norrie limited Bolton's opportunities in the seventh inning to secure the 6-1 win for the Knights.

In Game 2 of the series held in Bolton on Sept. 13, the Brewers started things off early when they scored six runs over the first two innings.

The Knights did not get on the scoreboard until the fourth inning when they scored their lone run before Bolton added three more runs in the fifth inning.

New Lowell added three runs in the sixth inning after Bolton replaced starting pitcher Paul Cota with reliever Matteo Stother.

The Brewers responded with a home run by Josh Hickey and another run from Logan Hart in the bottom of the sixth to maintain a commanding lead.

Zack Hayward hit a solo home run in the seventh inning for the Knights.



READY TO TAG – Brett Chater of the Bolton Brewers prepares to tag out Brandon Norrie of the New Lowell Knights at second base during Game 1 of the North Dufferin Baseball League championship series, Sept. 12, 2026. The series is tied with each team winning one game. **DAVID ANDERSON PHOTO**

The Brewers won 11-5 to tie the series, ensuring it will go at least five games. With the competitive nature of this series with two talented teams, there's a good chance this series could go the full distance.

The series continued with Game 3 on Thursday, Sept. 17, in Bolton.

Game 4 will take place in New Lowell on Saturday, Sept. 19, with a 1 p.m. start.



END OF A SEASON – The throw comes just in time for the out at first base during a Tottenham Ladies Lob Ball game between Bombshell Studio and Calm Healing Place at Coventry Park in Tottenham on Monday, Sept. 7. The league had playoff games all week to end the season.

BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

Alliston Hornets season starts this Friday

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

It's hockey season, and the Provincial Junior Hockey League (PJHL) schedule gets underway this week, with the first games being played on Sept. 15.

Locally, the Alliston Hornets will open the season with a home game at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre on Friday, Sept. 18.

The Hornets will face the Penetang Kings at 7:30 p.m.

There are no changes to the North Car-

ruthers division team lineup this year.

In addition to the Hornets, returning teams include the Penetang Kings, Orillia Terriers, Midland Flyers, Huntsville Otters, Muskoka Bears, Stayner Siskins, and the Innisfil Spartans.

The Hornets return after reaching the Division championship last season. Last year ended with a 7-6 overtime loss in Game 6 to the Stayner Siskins, who claimed the Division title.

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20-year-old suspect in Essa abduction case released on bail

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

One of two suspects arrested in Essa Township on abduction charges on Sept. 2 has been released on bail.

Samuel Kelly, 20, and Jason Demerchant, 41, were both charged with Abduction of a Person Under 16 Years of Age. Demerchant was also charged with 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 and obstruct peace officer.

The two men were arrested during an early morning raid at a house in Essa Township.

Police allege a 15-year-old girl was lured to the house, provided with cannabis and

alcohol, and her location was concealed from authorities who were trying to locate her.

Details regarding the raid and arrest have been guarded to protect the victim's identity. Police have not said more suspects are being sought, citing an ongoing investigation.

Kelly spent a week in jail before a Bar-

rie court granted him bail. He was released to his mother's custody and remains under strict house conditions with a \$6,000 surety.

Kelly is scheduled to return to court virtually next month.

Demerchant will make his next court appearance from jail.

The charges against Kelly and Demerchant have not been proven in court.

Nottawasaga OPP investigating serious collision in Adjala-Tosorontio

Members of the Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a serious motor vehicle collision that occurred on County Road 1 between Concession Road 2 and Concession Road 3 in Adjala.

On Sept. 4, 2026, shortly before 11:00 p.m., officers responded to a single vehicle collision involving an older model black Honda Civic 2 door sedan. The vehicle was travelling on County Road 1 when the vehicle left the roadway and ended up in the

ditch. Both occupants of the vehicle sustained serious injuries and were taken to a local hospital before being transported to trauma centres in Toronto by ground ambulance. Both occupants are recovering from the collision

Anyone who witnessed the collision or has dashcam footage is asked to contact the Nottawasaga OPP at 1-888-310-1122 and reference occurrence E261286400 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or: crimestoppersdm.com

South Simcoe Police investigating collision involving child on bicycle, seeks witnesses

South Simcoe Police responded to a report of a 10-year-old child who had been struck by a vehicle at the intersection of Webster Boulevard and Rankin Way in Innisfil on Sept. 14, at approximately 4:35 p.m.

Police and emergency services attended the scene.

Initial information indicates the child was riding a bicycle when a black Nissan Rogue exiting a parking lot struck them.

The collision caused the child to become trapped underneath the vehicle, and the vehicle continued travelling for a short distance before coming to a stop.

The driver remained at the scene and is cooperating with police.

The child was transported by air ambulance to a trauma centre with serious injuries and is currently in stable condition.

Members of the South Simcoe Police Service Technical Collision Reconstruc-

tion Team attended the scene and are assisting with the investigation.

The circumstances surrounding the collision remain under investigation. At this time, no further information is available.

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision, or who may have information or dashcam footage captured in the area at the time of the incident, is asked to contact the South Simcoe Police Service at 905-775-3311 or 705-436-2141 and reference

occurrence number PR26028265.

Information can also be provided anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or online at www.crimestoppersdm.com.

Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to call display, and callers remain anonymous. Anonymous callers will not be required to testify in court, and information provided may lead to a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

South Simcoe Police warn the public of an increase in spoofed calls and promotional scams

South Simcoe Police continue to see an increase in reports involving fraudsters impersonating telecommunications companies and offering fraudulent promotions for free or discounted phones, tablets and other electronic devices.

In these scams, victims receive unsolicited calls from individuals claiming to represent companies such as Rogers or Fido. The caller may offer a special promotion and arrange for devices to be delivered to the victim's home. After delivery, the fraud-

ster may claim there is a problem with the order or device and instruct the victim to return the items or arrange for someone to collect them.

Victims may later discover unauthorized charges on their accounts, while the devices are no longer in their possession.

These scams can appear very convincing. The public is reminded to take time to independently verify any unexpected promotion before providing information, accepting devices, or returning them. A

legitimate-looking caller ID does not mean the call is genuine, as phone numbers can be spoofed.

South Simcoe Police remind the public to:

- Be cautious of unsolicited calls offering free devices or exclusive promotions.
- Never provide personal, banking, or account information to an unexpected caller.
- Verify promotions directly with the company using the number on your bill or its official website.

- Never call a number provided by an unsolicited caller.

- Do not allow an unknown person to collect a package or device from your residence.

- Review your accounts regularly for unauthorized charges or suspicious activity.

If you believe you have been targeted, contact your service provider directly and report the incident to police and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at: antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca.

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Brock's Banter: Torchbearers

Unless they had a family member who lost a loved one that day, was it just a ceremony commemorating just one more in a long line of tragedies that have befallen our world? Was it an anniversary of an event that might seem as remote to them as events related to the Second World War, for instance, may have seemed to our generation? Or did it mean something else entirely to them?

It was an odd realization that my generation – broadly speaking, of course – will be the last to have living memories of the day, as well as of how different our world was on September 10 of that year.

We are seeing with increased frequency these days how easy it is to repeat the mistakes of our past when there are few people left to share their memories of what happened when the mistake was made the first time around.

Those of us in this line of work are fortunate enough to meet people every day who trust in us to share their stories. From my perspective, it has always been a particular honour to share the stories our veterans have so generously shared with us.

As our Second World War veterans continue to pass into history one by one, they are to be commended not only for their work serving King and Country but finding the power within themselves to share their experiences, often memories that lost no difficulty in reliving through the passage of

time, to ensure that what they fought for – and against – is not forgotten.

As their numbers dwindle and we see global affairs unfold as they are, I'm sadly not sure we can say that with confidence anymore.

It's now incumbent upon us to carry their torch and be their legacy keepers.

In some respects, however, we already do that more than we realize.

This Sunday, Terry Fox Runs will take place in countless communities across the country, not only raising money for cancer research, but carrying on the legacy of Terry Fox, whose iconic Marathon of Hope continues to capture the public's imagination more than 46 years before he set off on his mission.

He may not have been able to complete the mission himself, but, collectively, Canadians have completed it several times over in his name, whether they witnessed him run through their communities firsthand all those many years ago, heard these memories second-hand from parents or grandparents, or learned about him through any number of school events that also keep his legacy alive.

His is a legacy we continue to learn from – and because we make a concerted effort to do so. Our veterans' legacies have been immortalized for us to learn from.

Some things are too important to let them be forgotten.



HUNTING SEASON – With hunting season approaching, hunters should be aware of the requirements for hunting both small and big game in the province. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

How to be prepared for hunting season

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

With the fall hunting season approaching, you should be aware of the legal requirements for hunting in Ontario if you plan on bagging a deer this season.

Before you can hunt in Ontario, you will need an Outdoors Card, hunter accreditation on file with the Fish and Wildlife Licensing Service, federal firearms accreditation – for example, a Possession and Acquisition License for firearms, and all required licenses and tags for the game you wish to hunt.

To hunt in Ontario as a resident, you must be at least 16 years old (15 with written parental consent), have completed the Ontario Hunter Education Program (or Ontario-recognized equivalent accreditation), and have submitted valid documentation to have hunter accreditation added to your Fish and Wildlife Licensing Service account.

You must follow all federal firearms regulations and carry appropriate documentation with you if you are hunting with a gun, have a valid Outdoors Card, and have the required hunting license(s) and tag(s) for the game you wish to hunt.

Ontario residents who are 12 to 14 years old are eligible to participate in Ontario's Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Program. This program helps develop their hunting skills under the direct, immediate supervision of a quali-

fied, licensed mentor.

You must follow all rules related to hunting in Ontario, including where and when you can hunt, the type of firearm that can be used, and the clothing you are required to wear when hunting.

A hunting license is required to hunt in Ontario. All licenses are specific to the game you wish to hunt and will be listed on your license summary.

Licenses expire on Dec. 31 of each year, unless otherwise stated.

When hunting, you are required to carry a valid Outdoors Card and a license summary listing valid small or big game. A license summary can be carried in a paper or digital format.

You should also carry your firearms accreditation if you are hunting with a gun.

If hunting big game, you will require associated tags. All big game species have tag requirements.

Tags can be purchased online using the Fish and Wildlife Licensing Service, at a license issuer, and at participating ServiceOntario locations.

It is the hunter's responsibility to know the tagging requirements for the species being hunted.

A full list of hunting requirements and obligations is listed on the Province of Ontario website.



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Hogan: Gary Francis

It is with sorrow that we announce the peaceful passing of Gary Francis Hogan at Bethell House on September 10, 2026, in his 76th year.

Gary was the loving husband of Lenore Ruth (Bagshaw) for nearly 49 years and soulmate for over 57. He was the proud father of Dr. Mary (Clayton) Pickering, Colleen (Geoffrey) Hastings and Noel (Nicole), and "Pa" to Thomas and Leo Hastings as well as Rory, Patrick and Cedric Hogan.

Gary was predeceased by his parents Leo and Margaret (née Blaney), brother Michael (Marianne) and sister Janis (Ronald Weldon), and will be remembered by his nieces, nephews and extended family.

Gary treasured his community of Connor and relished his many friends and neighbours.

Visitation was held at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham, 905-936-3477, on Monday, September 14, 2026, from 5:00–8:00 p.m.

Funeral Mass was held Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Church in Achill, 2458 Concession Rd. 4, Loretto, Ontario, immediately followed by interment at St. James Cemetery in Colgan.

Donations are gratefully appreciated in honour of Gary to the Bethell House in Inglewood or Headwaters Hospital in Orangeville. Online condolences and memories may be left for the family at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com.



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3 Varieties



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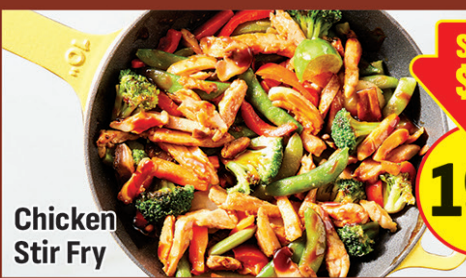


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