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Plans for NORAD ‘receive’ site draw ire

by Bonnie MacPherson

Emotions were running high as residents packed into Station on the Green Wednesday for an information session hosted by the Department of National Defence (DND).

More than 200 people attended an afternoon session with another 100-plus joining the meeting virtually. An evening session drew another near-capacity crowd to hear about plans for an Arctic Over-the-Horizon Radar (A-OTHR) system installation to be built in Clearview Township.

Last March, the DND purchased 288 hectares (roughly 711 acres) of land on the 15/16 Sideroad Sunnidale between the 6th and 7th concessions. In June, it was announced that the site would be developed as a preliminary ‘receive’ site as part of a \$38-billion plan to upgrade North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) early warning capabilities. A site in Kawartha Lakes near Coboconk will be developed as a permanent ‘transmit’ site.

“As a key component of Canada’s NORAD modernization plan, A-OTHR



Staff photo: Bonnie MacPherson

Simcoe-Grey MP **Terry Dowdall** speaks at a DND info session Wednesday.

will provide advanced early warning and long-range surveillance, enabling faster Canadian Armed Forces detection and tracking of a wide range of threats in our northern air and maritime approaches, while strengthening NORAD domain awareness in the defence of Canada and North America,” according to the Government of Canada. “A-OTHR can conduct surveillance at far greater ranges than regular radar technology as it bounces radar beams off the

ionosphere to see around the curvature of the Earth.”

Mayor **Doug Measures** told the meeting that agriculture is the Number 1 economic activity in Clearview Township, and it also plays a vital part of our culture and heritage.

“As your council we work hard to protect farmland from development but when the government of Canada steps in, this is beyond our control,”

(See 'Installation' on page 3)

Council supports rock climbing as permitted use at Devil’s Glen

by Bonnie MacPherson

Clearview Township would like to see some changes to an updated management plan for Devil’s Glen Provincial Park.

The township has been asked for comment on the proposed update from Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

The draft plan recommends changing the classification of Devil’s Glen from recreation to natural environment to reflect a focus on protection of natural and cultural heritage including sensitive wildlife and vegetation habitat. At the same time, it proposes adding rock climbing as a permitted recreational use.

Historically, climbers have been using the park even though it is not a sanctioned use. A township staff report suggested making climbing a permitted use, as it is already occurring.

Duntroon resident **Jim Campbell**

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appeared before council to argue that just because people are doing it, we should not necessarily accept that it’s okay.

“That’s a bit like 20 years ago saying everyone is smoking on airplanes, therefore it’s okay and we should keep on smoking on planes,” said Campbell, adding that the number of climbing routes has exploded in recent years, thereby creating a hazard with parked cars at the end of the 10th Line.

Adam Pearce, whose property abuts the park took exception to a part of the plan which would add another parking lot, noting “The existing parking lot is overwhelmed during the busy season, but it is also unmanaged. Garbage accumulates, people camp overnight and fires are lit and there is no infrastructure or enforcement.”

“Climbers have known for years that Ontario Parks was turning a blind eye to their unpermitted activities and the climbing community overdeveloped the area with little regard for ecological impacts,” he said.

Councillor **Rob McArthur** suggested that council recommend the province look at purchasing the four properties between County Road 124 and the park when they come on the market. That recommendation, along with a suggestion that Ontario Parks install adequate monitoring of waste management and illegal fires, and that the Niagara Escarpment Commission be asked whether a slope stability study is required for the site will be forwarded to the ministry.

Public commenting on the Environmental Registry of Ontario closes on Sept. 19.

First human case of West Nile virus in 2025 identified in Simcoe Muskoka

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit has confirmed the first human case of West Nile virus (WNV) in the County of Simcoe.

WNV spreads between birds and certain types of mosquitoes. Humans can become infected if bitten by a mosquito that has previously fed on an infected bird. Locally, the health unit’s surveillance program has shown that WNV activity remains within the usual levels for this area.

The risk of getting WNV from an infected mosquito is highest in late summer and early fall. Although most people will not become sick if bitten by an infected mosquito, WNV can cause severe illness in some people. Symptoms of WNV include fever, muscle weakness, stiff neck, confusion, severe headache and a sudden sensitivity to light. In very rare cases, the virus may cause serious neurological illness. Those experiencing symptoms should seek medical advice.

For more information about WNV and protecting yourself from mosquito bites, visit smdhu.org/WNV or call 705-721-7520, ext. 8811.

Nominations now open for 8th annual Clearview Business Awards

The Clearview Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for its annual business awards in 13 categories: best presented; business community advocate; business of the year; contributions to the arts; food, tourism, and hospitality; grower of the year; industrial excellence; new business of the year; young entrepreneur of the year; retail leadership; service provider of the year; diversity and inclusion award; and not-for-profit award.

For category descriptions and to submit a nomination, visit www.clearviewchamber.com. The deadline is Dec. 19.

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Friday, Sept. 12

- **Line dancing lessons** every Friday night at Station on the Green, 10 Caroline St. E., Creemore. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. \$15 per person. Beginner friendly, bring your water bottle. Sign up at the Creemore 100 Mile Store or call/text Linda at 705-794-0638.

Saturday, Sept. 13

- **Creemore Farmers' and Craft Market** outdoor market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday until the end of October in the parking lot at 10 Caroline St. E. For info visit creemorefarmersmarket.ca.

Sunday, Sept. 14

- **Creemore Terry Fox Run** starting at 10 a.m. at the Creemore Village Green, 181 Mill St. 1-, 3-, 5- and 10-km routes. All ages and abilities are invited to walk, run, bike, rollerblade, or wheel in support of the Terry Fox Foundation. Visit run.terryfox.ca/92847 to join. Volunteers needed, please contact Patricia Cleary at pa@pcleary.com or Jeremy Mantesso at manager@creemorevillagegreen.ca. Event details are subject to change, please check the website.
- **Honeybees Maker Market** from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Duntroon Cyder House, 3079 Simcoe County Rd 124, Duntroon. Free kids' tent including face painting, craft table, and scavenger hunt. Local vendors. Live music. Raffle. Cabin Kitchen. Dogs welcome. Swap bags for first 20 attendees. Free admission. Hosted by Honeybees Maker Market @honeybeesmakermarket.
- The **Singhampton Farmers' Market** takes place Sundays until Oct. 5, from noon to 4 p.m. at Memorial Park on Hwy. 124.

Tuesday, Sept. 16

- **Pub Trivia Night** every Tuesday night from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Old Mill House Pub, 141 Mill St., Creemore. \$10 cover includes entry, answer sheets and a shot at prizes. Gather your team and put your knowledge to the test. For more info, contact 705-466-5244, visit theoldmillhousepub.com.
- The Creemore Skating Club will hold **skating registration** from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Creemore Arena parking lot. Programs offered include Pre-CanSkate, CanSkate and STARSkate. For more information and registration packages, contact creemoreskatingclub@gmail.com.

Wednesday, Sept. 17

- **Clearview Stayner Food Bank Annual General Meeting**, 7 p.m. at Jubilee Presbyterian Church, 7320 Hwy. 26, Stayner. All are welcome to attend.

Friday, Sept. 19

- **WSC Parkinson's Charity Golf Tournament**. Come out and have some fun while supporting a great cause at the Duntroon Highlands golf course, 1226 Concession 10 N Nottawasaga Rd., Duntroon. \$250 per player, includes lunch, golf, cart, practice range golf balls, silent auction, snacks and social after golf (cash bar) 11:30 a.m. arrival. 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. Purchase tickets at www.chronogolf.com/club/1240/events/1237967. \$100 tax receipt will be issued after the event.

Sept. 19-21

- The **fall fair** at the GNE Fairgrounds, 2220 Fairgrounds Rd. N. Animals, kids area, midway, demo derby, and more. For info, visit greatnorthernex.com.

Saturday, Sept. 20

- The SilverShoe Historical Society's annual **candlelight service** from 6:45 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Bethel Union Pioneer Cemetery, 2249 Creemore Ave. New Lowell.
- The HeArt of Red **Gala fund raiser** for My Friend's House, at Side Launch Brewing Company, 200 Mountain Rd., Collingwood. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Dress code is semi formal. Tickets cost \$150, which includes a \$75 tax receipt. Admission includes one drink ticket. For tickets, to see some of the 30 or so pieces of art, and to purchase the poetry book, visit myfriendshouse.ca/heart-of-red.
- The Museum of Dufferin hosts the inaugural **Earth & Fire: Clay and Glass Festival**, a one-day celebration of artistry and craftsmanship. This event invites art lovers, collectors, and visitors of all ages to explore and purchase works from a collection of handcrafted pieces. Highlights include over 30 clay and glass vendors, kids' crafts, pre-registered workshops, glass gallery tours, silent auction, and food and drink vendors. More info at www.dufferinmuseum.com/earth-and-fire-clay-and-glass.

Friday, Sept. 26

- Hear the legendary stories behind Newfoundland's musical history with **Newfoundland Songbook** by Shipyard Kitchen Party, 7:30 p.m. at Creemore Station on the Green, 10 Caroline St. E. Admission: \$45. This event is part of the Clearview Small Halls Festival.

Saturday, Sept. 27

- **Fall Harvest Vendor Market**, a fundraiser for St. Luke's Community Food Bank. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Creemore Legion, 27 Wellington St. W. Haircuts by Frankie the Barber, over 40 vendors, raffle baskets and more.
- Save the date for St. John's United Church's annual **Fowl Supper**, 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 192 Mill St., Creemore.

Sunday, Sept. 28

- The ACCCC Antique and Classic Car Club of Canada Nottawasaga Region, in conjunction with the Stayner Legion Branch 457, are hosting a **car show** featuring vehicles of all makes and models from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Everyone welcome, 50/50 raffle, BBQ hamburgers and hot dogs available for purchase, plus giveaways through out the day. All vehicles welcome. The Legion is located at 7149 Highway 26, East Stayner. For more information contact the branch at 705-428-3809.



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Duntroon Hall AODA renos remain in limbo

by **Bonnie MacPherson**
Plans for future renovation of the Duntroon Hall remain up in the air, following news that an application to the province's Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund has been denied.
The township was informed that more than 400 applications were received, and due to the limitations of the fund, not all could be approved. The township had been seeking funding of \$636,556 toward the cost of AODA (Access for Ontarians with Disabilities Act) renovations.
Director of Parks and Recreation **Terry Vachon** reports that the most recent estimates put the total anticipated cost of the Duntroon project in excess of

\$1,267,000.
A subcommittee of the Duntroon Hall Board is reportedly exploring other options including replacement of the existing building with a one-level structure, alleviating the need for an elevator.
During the 2024 budget process council voted to pause remaining community hall AODA renovations, including funds for architectural plans, until council has clarity on the accessibility requirements for these buildings and available funding.
With the 2026 budget process about to begin, Vachon has asked for direction from council whether renovations to the Duntroon Hall and Brentwood Hall are back on the table.

Council approves sewage plant engineering

By **Bonnie MacPherson**
Clearview Township council has approved a contract worth \$1,862,833 with RJ Burnside Consultants for design of system upgrades to the Creemore Waste Water Treatment Plant.
Director of Public Works **Dan Perreault** says this is the next logical step in the evolution of the system.
"The current system is rated to process 1,400 cubic metres per day (m3/d), but is falling far short of that. This plan would improve the system to 1,400 m3/d, allowing for limited development," he told council at Monday's meeting.
Perreault says the project will not be tendered, as Burnside has the history and knowledge for this work.
"This is for design work only," he said. "It will be a

significant upgrade but does not meet the ministry (of environment) definition of expansion as it would only improve the system to the capacity it was originally designed for."
Perreault estimates the design phase of the project will take approximately 14 months, then it will be another six to 12 months before the ministry approves the design and the project can be sent to tenders. In all, he says it will probably be four-and-a-half years before the upgrades are completed.
An additional \$495,543 has been earmarked for design improvements to the Creemore water reservoir, effectively doubling the capacity of the existing reservoir.
Both projects are to be funded from the Creemore Water Development Charge reserve account.

Strada quarry commenting period open

The Township of Melancthon has been notified that the 60-day commenting period under the Aggregate Resources Act (ARA) for the Strada Aggregates Application for a quarry operation within its existing 360-acre sand and gravel pit, is open until Nov. 10.
During this commenting period, landowners and residents will have an opportunity to provide any concerns they may have to the applicant and Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. The applicant will have an opportunity to work with landowners and residents to resolve their concerns. At the end of the commenting process, landowners and residents will have an opportunity to confirm any concerns that have not been fully addressed. The MNRF may then refer

any unresolved concerns or objections to the Ontario Land Tribunal for a hearing.
There is also an opportunity for members of the public to make comments on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) website. These comments are not generally referred to the OLT for a hearing, but may be considered by the MNRF in its own decision making process. This link can be found under Public Notices and on the Strada Aggregates page under Planning on the Township website.
An in-person public information session has been scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 9, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Horning's Mills Community Hall, located at 14 Mill St.

Installation will include thousands of antennas

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said Measures. "As much as we are concerned about the impact on our community, we are also Canadians, and we have a responsibility to step up."
A spokesman from DND described the Clearview site as preliminary. It is roughly half the ideal size for a receive site so the search will continue for two sites of roughly 535 hectares each. Since the acquisition of the initial parcel, the DND has been surveying area landowners to determine their interest in selling, leading speaker after speaker to inquire whether their land will eventually be targeted for expropriation.
Simcoe Grey MP **Terry Dowdall** says his office has been inundated with inquiries about the A-OTHR project since the announcement.
"The federal government has purchased this land, and they can do what they want," said Dowdall. "If none of the other owners want to sell, will Stage 1 stand on its own or will they move to take more land?"
He encouraged those with concerns to write to Minister of National Defence **David McGuinty**.
A DND spokesman responded that the size of the Clearview installation will give Canada some enhanced early warning capability and that the search will continue for suitable locations and willing sellers.
A series of studies is now underway at the site including an archaeological overview, storm water management and soil studies and other environmental assessments. Assuming test results are satisfactory, work on site clearing and levelling will begin this winter, with the site operational by the end of 2029. Ultimately, the installation will include a few thousand six-metre stick antennas and a few ancillary buildings.
The Clearview site abuts the environmentally sensitive Minesing Wetlands prompting concerns about environmental impact. Other speakers expressed concerns about the impact of radio frequency radiation on human and animal health. Still others worried that having this site located in Clearview might make us a target in the event of hostilities.
Councillor **Rob McArthur** provided an agricultural perspective.
"According to my calculations, the two receive sites plus buffer zones will add up to roughly 4,000 acres," he said. "If those 4,000 acres were planted in wheat, each acre would provide one loaf of bread per week to feed 60-100 people for a year. If the 4,000 acres were planted in corn, they would produce 5,360,000 40-ouncers."



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COLUMN

What are you powered by?

While driving home from an appointment in the city recently, I noticed a blue truck with a bumper sticker that said "Powered by Jesus." Passing the truck, I curiously glanced over to see the driver bopping along with the windows down, a passenger animatedly sharing a story beside him. As my car overtook his he turned and flashed me a big smile. I returned the smile and as I drove away I wondered, what am I powered by? Contemplating this for the duration of my drive, I ended up with a lot more questions than answers: What are you powered by? What gets you up in the morning and gives purpose to your life? What is the fuel that keeps you powered? Does what you're powered by change as we age? Is being powered by something the same as a life purpose? Is true power internal or external?

After much reflection I would say I'm powered by love and my fuel is noticing beauty, spending time in nature, moving my body, and gratitude.

When I was younger my response would have been radically different. Back then I was striving to finish school and become a dietitian. I was striving to make money, buy a house, and start a family. I was striving to fit in. I didn't know it at the time but I was powered by fear. Fear of not being enough. Fear of letting people down. Fear of failure. Fear of not being loved.

We seem to have created a world that makes us feel like we're not enough (fear) and then offers us solutions (external power) in things like weight loss pills, plastic surgery, big houses, big cars, fancy purses and jeans. The problem is the jeans wear out, the house needs updating, and the pills can make you feel sick. I love mindfulness teacher Jon Kabat-Zinn's book title *Wherever You Go, There You Are*. To me this means that no matter the external situation, you are who you are. So whether I'm dressed in \$300 jeans or a pair from the thrift store, I'm still me even though the world would have me believe I'm more powerful/sexy/skinny in the \$300 jeans. This type of external "power" is a facade that can be easily shaken with the next consumptive trend.

How do we learn to be powered authentically? It starts by asking yourself the question, if everything in my life disappeared who am I? Who are you without all the things, accomplishments, trips, and investments? If all that disappeared, what are you left with? This is your authenticity. Your true power.

When clients find their authentic source of power they experience more ease and grace, and are way less impacted by the judgements and opinions of others. Authenticity is an anchor that tethers you to your unflappable power.

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THE WAY WE WERE



The 75th anniversary of the Avening Women's Institute held at Avening Hall on July 17, 1982 recognized life members Margaret Morby, Florence Emerton, Frances McLaren, Iva Woodward and Audrey Timmons. Photo from the collection of Myrtle Carruthers.

POEM

Rick's Reply

Some years ago, a Saturday in Creemore, in the A.M.

I met a friend at Caroline and Mill.

We shot some bull and chewed the fat amidst the weekend mayhem.

No worries, as we both had time to kill.

So Rick, my pal the printer, worked at putting words on paper.

He was never at a loss for words himself,

And as for me, I must admit to being a wordsmith shaper.

Verbosity? We two were both top shelf.

Some twenty minutes into it across the curbs came Larry.

With Larry jokes might number in the dozens.

We'd once found out our common roots – a town in County Derry,

And since that day we'd called each other cousins.

Our banter and our badinage, our persiflage and patter, Like badminton, but using words as birdies.

Then Larry, seeing the time, became like Wonderlands Mad Hatter

And said that we should all get off "oor hurdies".

He hustled heading uptown – claimed a need to tend to errands.

POET LAUREATE



Tim
ARMOUR

We watched him 'til he disappeared from vision.

Still talking as he walked away, he dribbled verbs and gerunds,

But we were shtum. Were both above derision.

An hour later he returned and found us still there gabbing.

"My God," he said, "have you got nothing better to do than spend your whole day lost in blethering and blabbing."

Rick answer's like he'd scored an empty netter.

"There's lots of things I could be doing that truly are more pressing,

And I'll get to them someday soon ideally.

These pressing needs have weight indeed, I shouldn't mind confessing,

But are they better? No, I'd say. Not really."

Now Rick and Larry both are gone before their time by cancer

And few recall the details of their labours.

What stays fixed in my memory is Rick's inspiring answer,

And wasting time with these two friends and neighbours.

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See the Salmon Run this fall along Silver Creek

The Blue Mountain Watershed Trust's See the Salmon Run event on Saturday, Sept. 27 offers a chance for people to see massive Chinook Salmon fight their way up Silver Creek on their annual spawning run.

Every year, the mighty Chinook salmon return to our local watersheds to complete an epic journey.

Participants are invited to do a 20-minute self guided nature hike through the woods along Pretty River. Pause at three interactive stations where conservationists from NVCA, Georgian Bay Forever, and others will educate about salmon migration and stamp your child's fish "passport." Also, pick up a map, hop on your bike (or drive), and follow a scenic 25 km route along roads and trails to other salmon-viewing spots in Thornbury, Collingwood, and Nottawa. End the journey with lunch, and live music by Deep Tracks.

There will also be a giant inflatable salmon, crafts, and interactive games hosted by Elephant Thoughts and the Clearview Library. Plus lots more educational opportunities courtesy of Clearview Fire, the Georgian Triangle Angler's Association and more.

The event at 11 Buist St., Nottawa, is open to the public 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and promises to be both educational and a whole lot of fun for



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all ages. Attendees are encouraged to wear boots and dress for the weather.

Admission is free for children aged five and under, \$5 for ages 6-10, and \$10 for those 11 and older. Youth 10 and under will receive a free lunch. Others will be able to purchase food and beverages on site. Bring cash for on-site food purchases. More information and tickets are available via www.seethesalmon.ca. For updates, maps, and sneak-peeks, follow us on Instagram and Facebook @watershedtrust.

All proceeds support the work of the Blue Mountain Watershed Trust, a grassroots, all-volunteer organization supported by donations and fundraising. The organization exists in order to raise awareness of and protect watercourses in the region.



Above from left: the Illustrious Sir **David Rawn** past potentate for Rameses Shriners, **Mike Laceby** board member of Rameses to Shriners Hospital Canada in Montreal, **Caressa Brown** who was a Shriners child from the ages of seven to 22 and club president **Wayne Balon**.

Right: **Roger Zeggil** is recognized for 50 years with Manito Shrine Club by president **Wayne Balon**.



Shriners mark hospital's 100th anniversary

Manito Shrine Club held its annual family night Sept. 4 when it welcomed two guest speakers in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Shriners' Hospital for Children Canada in Montreal, **Caressa Brown**, a local Shriners kid, and **Mike Laceby**, Secretary for the Board of Governors for Shriners Hospitals for Children.

The club made two cheque presentations at the event: \$5,000 to the hospital in Montreal and \$50,000 to the transportation fund at Rameses head office which is used to help a Shrine kids and their family members to get to Montreal, and currently supports three local children. The club has donated more than \$100,000 so far this year.

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Geoff Davies appointed hospital board chair

Geoff Davies has been appointed chair of the board for Collingwood General and Marine Hospital (CGMH).

“This is a defining moment for CGMH,” said Davies in a press release. “With strong progress toward our future hospital, we are focused on elevating quality, developing our team, and creating the capacity our community needs – today and for generations to come.”

Davies, a professional engineer, brings a wealth of leadership experience from a 30-year career as a senior consulting engineering executive, specializing in large-scale power utility projects, client relations, and fostering organizational cultures rooted in quality and safety. A long-time resident of the region, he concluded his career overseeing the expansion and redevelopment of Creemore Springs Brewery before serving as head of supply chain for Molson’s craft beer division. His dedication to community service is equally strong, with past board roles varying from the Canadian Nuclear Association to Ray’s Place.

Davies has been a key leader on the CGMH Board since 2019, contributing across multiple committees, including leading the hospital development committee as chair, where his



Geoff Davies


leadership helped secure Ministry of Health approval of CGMH’s early planning submission for a new hospital serving South Georgian Bay.

“Geoff combines a deep passion for this hospital with proven experience leading change. His leadership comes at exactly the right time, as we strengthen the care we provide today and take bold steps toward making our new hospital a reality,” said CGMH president and CEO **Michael Lacroix**.


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Baysox swing to 2-0 series lead over Knights

by Scott Anderson

The Owen Sound Baysox hold a 2-0 lead over the New Lowell Knights after posting 5-4 and 7-2 victories on the weekend in the North Dufferin Baseball League senior championship series.

Game 1 was played Saturday afternoon in New Lowell and needed extra innings to determine a winner. Game 2 followed Sunday afternoon in Owen Sound.

Owen Sound opened the scoring Saturday, plating one run in the first inning and two more in the second. New Lowell responded with a run in the fourth and added two in the fifth to tie the game.

After seven regulation innings, the eighth remained scoreless. In the ninth, Owen Sound pushed across two runs to take the lead. The Knights, in a do-or-die situation, replied with one run and left two runners stranded in the final frame.

Baysox batters found success at the plate. **Robert Doyle** hit a triple and a double, while **Steve Barrett** added two doubles. **Kevin Zettler** and **Adam Shaver** each contributed two singles. **Ryan Bartley**, **Ryan McNeill**, **Bryan Post**, **Greg Slater** and **Paul Van**



David Anderson photo

Ryan McNeill, of the Owen Sound Baysox, slides into third base during Game 2 of the NDBL championship series in Owen Sound.

Cedar also singled.

New Lowell recorded seven hits, including doubles from **Steve Bowman** and **Sean Connor**. Connor also singled, as did **Chris Rettie** and **Chris Greer**. **Brandon Norrie** chipped in with two singles.

Nick Hodgson pitched all nine

innings for the Knights, allowing five runs on 12 hits. He walked four, hit one batter and struck out four.

Owen Sound's **Bartley** also went the distance, giving up four runs on seven hits, walking two and striking out six.

In Game 2, the Baysox offence powered the win with two home runs

- a three-run shot in the first inning by **McNeill** and a two-run homer from **Van Cedar** in the fifth.

Owen Sound added two more runs in the fourth inning.

The Knights were held scoreless until the fifth, when they plated one run and added another in the seventh.

Tristan Cabral doubled for New Lowell, while **Norrie**, **Kurt Roy**, **Jake Nicholson**, **Nic Guthrie**, **Dale Lighthouse** and **Jesse McIntyre** each singled.

McNeill added two singles to his home run, while **Bartley** also hit two singles. **Shaver** doubled, and **Post** and **Slater** each singled.

Nate Kramer took the mound for Owen Sound, allowing two runs on seven hits, walking six and striking out two.

Norrie started for the Knights, pitching four innings and giving up five runs on seven hits. He walked one and struck out four.

Chris Esson pitched the next two frames, allowing two runs on two hits.

The best-of-seven series resumes this weekend with Game 3 on Saturday in New Lowell and Game 4 on Sunday in Owen Sound. Both games are scheduled for 1 p.m.

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Theatre Collingwood launches Elevate Donorship Drive with Bravo Bear

Theatre Collingwood has launched its Elevate Donorship Drive, a \$50,000-campaign to support year-round live theatre, the Porchside Festival, and expanding education programs for all ages.

Leading the charge is a charming new fundraiser: limited edition Bravo Bears.

With only 50 available, each bear represents a step forward in helping Theatre Collingwood grow its impact in South Georgian Bay. Generously donated by **Dave Finley** of Talbot Promo, the Bravo Bears cost \$20 each.

With an annual budget of nearly \$300,000, only about half is covered by ticket sales. The remainder must come from fundraising and grants. Community support bridges this gap, sustains high-quality programming, and fuels new initiatives like the Teen Drama Intensive and the Young

Creatives after-school program, where local artists mentor the next generation of performers.

“We’ve already raised nearly \$29,000 in individual donations this year, and selling every Bravo Bear will bring us another \$1,000 closer to our \$50,000 goal,” said **Erica Angus**, Executive Director of Theatre Collingwood. “These bears send a powerful message: supporting the arts can start with something small, while inspiring young people to discover the magic of live theatre.”

Theatre Collingwood has been a cultural pillar in the community since 1984, evolving from a grassroots group of volunteers into a major arts organization known for its live theatre programming, outdoor summer festival, youth drama camps, seniors’ workshops, and the creation of original productions. Its impact spans generations and



strengthens Collingwood’s cultural identity while contributing significantly to local tourism.

The Elevate Donorship Drive invites individuals, families, and businesses to support in ways that are meaningful to them – through one-time donations, monthly gifts, or corporate sponsorships. Every contribution helps expand programming, create employment for professional artists, and offer life-changing arts education to local youth. Donors enjoy exclusive

benefits including waived ticket fees, reserved seating, behind-the-scenes access, and special recognition.

“As chair of the board, I’ve seen how Theatre Collingwood brings people together and uplifts our community,” said **Marie Rounding**. “This campaign is about securing the future of the arts in Collingwood for our kids, our seniors, and everyone in between.”

“The Bravo Bears are a small but mighty symbol of what we can achieve together,” said Angus. “Whether it’s through a donation, a sponsorship, or by hugging one of these special bears, we invite everyone to be part of this next chapter.”

To make a donation, purchase a Bravo Bear, or learn more about becoming a recurring donor, visit www.theatrecollingwood.ca, call 705-445-2200, or drop by Theatre Collingwood’s office.

FUN & Games

Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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FRED'S FUNNIES

Why do fish swim in salt water?

Because pepper water makes them sneeze.

Canadian Criss Cross by Walter Feener

- ACROSS**
- Like beds that haven't been slept in
 - Inside part of the hand
 - Become established
 - Fields of study
 - Category in a baby contest
 - Put on the line
 - "___ before beauty"
 - Winter requirement, in Canada
 - Greek cheese
 - British lockup
 - Damage beyond repair
 - ___ Pérignon
 - Program problem
 - There are four of them in a year
 - Of the stomach
 - It may be a guided one
 - Like poorly made gravy, sometimes
 - "___ we there yet?"
 - It may be thrown by hand in a pub
 - Risk doing
 - Kind of oil
 - Carefully arranged
 - Kind of horse
 - Like a lottery winner, perhaps
 - Talk idly
 - Detect automatically
 - Kermit's colour
 - Animal with hooves
 - Constellation part

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- DOWN**
- Streak of light in the sky
 - Didn't go hungry
 - Satellite TV receiver
 - Opposite of exit
 - Is more unhealthy looking
 - Museum display
 - Table extension
 - Manage
 - Coffee additive
 - Urge a dog to attack
 - It's used for batting practise
 - Beavers make them
 - Severely simple
 - What some old cabins are made of
 - It gets hit on the head
 - Surprise visit by the police
 - Run before a gale
 - Calumny
 - Spice made from nutmeg
 - Some golf clubs
 - Spent time in prison
 - What a young boy might be called
 - Groom with one's bill
 - January to December
 - Sharp flavours
 - Store opening time, usually
 - Like some apples
 - Compass heading
 - Light afternoon meal

Weekly blast of Trivia on the Green

What is the local name for the hill on Fairgrounds Road north of County Road 9?

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- PRESENTS -

SEPT 19TH – FINAL SALUTE: MILITARY ESTATE SALE

Decades of collecting, now marching to the auction block.



Bruce Parker’s Final Salute Military Estate Sale showcases an extraordinary single-consignor estate packed with military history. From the fine threads of wartime uniforms to switchboards and field gear, ammo, grenades, firearms, holsters, manuals and printed publications – rumour has it, an operational armoured vehicle might be part of the lineup!

Inspired by his uncle, Bruce Parker’s love and interest in military history was instilled in him from a young age. What began with hunting shops for the latest airplane models later turned into scavenging “junk stores” for parts of the real things. His collection reflects his devotion to remembering Canada’s contributions through warring times and to the honorable men and women who served. It is through his collection that we may remember them and him.

It’s not every day a collection like this reports for duty! Lots begin closing at 5pm on Sept 19th.

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At-home kit from public health gives more options for STI testing

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) is announcing a new partnership with GetaKit, an online service that delivers free and discreet at-home, self-testing for HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

The collaboration supports SMDHU’s ongoing efforts to reduce stigma surrounding HIV and STI testing, promote early detection and treatment, and ensure equitable access to sexual health services.

“GetaKit is designed to support individuals who may face barriers accessing traditional health care, to take control of their sexual health,” said Dr. Colin Lee, associate medical officer of health. “This service offers a convenient testing option that can be delivered straight to someone’s door. GetaKit allows people to test for serious infections that are easily transmissible and can significantly impact reproductive and overall health if left untreated.”

In addition to HIV testing, GetaKit allows individuals to test for other STIs, including chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, and hepatitis C. For these tests, online or mail delivered requisition forms are provided by a licensed physician,

ensuring proper authorization and confidentiality.

The service also provides recommendations for preventive care, such as vaccinations and HIV prevention strategies.

GetaKit also offers resources and support to help individuals understand their results and access appropriate care.

Residents of Simcoe-Muskoka can access GetaKit by visiting www.getakit.ca.

The platform offers personalized guidance to help users select the most appropriate tests based on their individual needs.

Test kits are discreetly packaged to ensure privacy, and lab requisition forms can be printed, sent directly to a chosen local laboratory or delivered to a person’s address.

Test results are typically available online within three to seven days.

GetaKit is available to residents aged 17 and older, with HIV self-testing specifically available to those aged 18 and older.

For more information about GetaKit and other sexual health services offered by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, visit smdhu.org/GetAKit.



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CELEBRATION OF LIFE



Celebration of Life for **Hilton Smith** at Devil's Glen Country Club on Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025. Arrival time 1:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. Celebration begins at 2 p.m. followed with light refreshments and social time.

DEATH NOTICE



MORE, Jessie Viola (née Westecott) Peacefully, on Monday, Sept. 8, at Bayhaven Retirement Home, Jessie Viola More passed away in her 95th year. Jessie was predeceased by her beloved husband Allen, her son Paul More, and her daughter Judy Schaffer. She will be deeply missed by her grandchildren Dan Lindsay, Lisa Lindsay, Derek More, and Sarah More, as well as her cherished great-grandchildren Jessica, Jonathan, Dakota, Grayson, Landon and Trace and great-great-grandchildren Ethan and River. She is also fondly remembered by her daughter-in-law, Alma More. Born in Honeywood to parents Richard and Elizabeth Westecott, Jessie was predeceased by all of her siblings Carl Westecott, Luella Allen, Anne Bates, and Mabel Berry. As per her wishes, a private family burial will take place at Creemore Union Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Fawcett Funeral Home.

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ZONING BY-LAW BEFORE
NOVEMBER 5TH

Clearview Township is rewriting our Zoning By-law, and we want to know what you think. As part of the Zoning By-law Review process, the Draft Zoning By-law is now available on the Township’s website for public comment until November 5th.

The purpose of these changes is to bring our Zoning By-law into conformity with Provincial Policy and our new Official Plan. The effect is to create a new Zoning By-law for the whole Township. There are a few key issues which are being reviewed through this process:

- Agricultural Policy Changes
- Additional Residential Units (ARUs)
- Accessory Buildings
- Live-Work Units

We want to hear your thoughts about our Draft
Zoning By-law

Comment or Submit Questions Online until
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Submit comments using our online survey by visiting
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Attend the Open House on
Wednesday, September 24th at 2:00 PM

The Open House will be held in the Council Chambers at
the Administration Centre, 217 Gideon Street, Stayner.
Ask questions to the project team
and tell us what you think.

Learn more about the key issues, review the draft by-
law and engage in the process by visiting our website at
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Attend the Public Meeting on
Wednesday, October 29th at 5:30 PM

The Public Meeting will be held in the Council Chambers
at the Administration Centre, 217 Gideon Street, Stayner.

For more information about this matter, including
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Form 6

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

Municipal Act, 2001
Ontario Regulation 181/03, Municipal Tax Sale Rules

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLEARVIEW

Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on October 16, 2025, at the Township of Clearview Municipal Office, 217 Gideon Street, Stayner Ontario.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Township of Clearview Municipal Office, 217 Gideon Street, Stayner.

Description of Land:
Roll No. 43 29 010 002 11439 0000; 8 MURRAY CRES., STAYNER; PIN 74028-0082 (LT); PT LT 26 CON 2 NOTTAWASAGA PT 42 R535; CLEARVIEW; File No. 24-03
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$13,900
Minimum tender amount: \$7,354.22

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 percent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/ money order payable to the municipality.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the land to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. The assessed value, according to the last returned assessment roll, may or may not be representative of the current market value of the property.

Pursuant to the Prohibition on the Purchase of Residential Property by Non-Canadians Act, S.C. 2022, c. 10, s. 235 (the “Act”), effective January 1, 2023, it is prohibited for a non-Canadian to purchase, directly or indirectly, any residential property, as those terms are defined in the legislation. Contraventions of the Act are punishable by a fine, and offending purchasers may be ordered to sell the residential property.

The municipality assumes no responsibility whatsoever for ensuring bidders/ tenderers comply with the Act, and makes no representations regarding same. Prospective bidders/tenderers are solely responsible for ensuring compliance with the Act and are advised to seek legal advice before participating in this sale.

Transfers of properties that contain at least one and not more than six single family residences and are transferred to non-residents of Canada or foreign entities, are subject to the Province’s Non-Resident Speculation Tax (NRST).

This sale is governed by the *Municipal Act, 2001* and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and any taxes that may be applicable, such as a land transfer tax and HST.

TAKE NOTICE: Where a refund is claimed by a qualifying first-time Homebuyer under the Land Transfer Tax Act, the Municipality requires the purchaser to retain legal counsel to complete the transfer.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender, visit:
www.OntarioTaxSales.ca
or if no internet access available, contact:

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