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Spring/Summer 2016

President's Message

BY PAUL COWLEY

As we prepare to enjoy the summer of 2016 we continue to be met by higher water levels. These levels have been buoyed up by unprecedented snow and rain falls in the past three years. Hydrological predictive models, however, suggest that water levels overall will likely now decline over the next 50-80 years. Human nature being what it is, people will believe what they believe their eyes tell them: water levels are up and will stay up.

Distracting as our current levels are, we must continue to focus on preventing future lows by working to install compensation structures in the St. Clair River. Please read Mary Muter's article to the right on this page for a detailed update on this critical topic and visit www.restoreourwater.com and donate generously to help the Restore Our Water folk to continue this important work.

The Town Hall meetings continue to be very popular and well attended by a good cross section of residents. These get-togethers have proven to be an excellent opportunity for residents to express their opinions on key issues and for the members of Council to respond with their own views on them. I encourage you to attend the next Town Hall on May 28, from 9 a.m. to noon, in the Robert Robitaille Pavilion in Lafontaine Park.

Our own Georgian Bay General Hospital continues to rank among the top hospitals in Ontario for innovation and efficiency. That said, GBGH continues to have to raise funds to acquire essential equipment. Worse, the Province is pressuring the hospital as never before to cut critical departments and services. It is an understatement to say that GBGH needs our financial support desperately, but of equal importance, is the need for us to make its situation known by writing to the government and expressing our deep concerns over the threatened cutbacks.

I urge you to read Brian Bradstreet's comprehensive article about the crisis at the hospital. It will help you understand the issues and ways that all of us can help.

I wish everyone a healthy and beautiful summer with family and friends in this beautiful township.

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Feds Announce Funding to Manage Upper Great Lakes Water Levels

By Mary Muter, Chair, Great Lakes Project, Sierra Club Canada Foundation

Water levels are up but the problem in the St. Clair River has not gone away. In fact the latest research shows that lake level trends are likely soon to begin another decline that may be more significant than what we just experienced. We will have more news on this in the fall.

Our new federal government's budget acknowledged long standing concerns about water levels in the Upper Great Lakes and has provided hope for resolution.

It's gratifying that this government is following the International Joint Commission (IJC)'s advice to help protect and restore the finite waters of the Great Lakes. Our team has been working on this since 2002. Delaying best restoration options leaves the Great Lakes vulnerable to climate change impacts and is ultimately costly to the environment and the economy. It's important to act now before the water levels fall again as they will if the erosion in the St. Clair River is not stopped.

Our current federal government is clearly behind the IJC, who in 2013, said: "The Commission recommends that the Governments undertake further investigation of structural options to restore water levels in Lakes Michigan-Huron/Georgian Bay by 13 to 25 cm (about 5 to 10 in)." One key element of this work will be to determine the areas of the upper St. Clair River that are eroding and to cover over those areas with rock rubble to stop the erosion once and for all. That alone will stop the overall downward trendline that only Lakes Michigan/Huron/Georgian Bay of the Great Lakes have.

Over a decade of extreme low water levels have been harming wetlands and the fish communities dependent on them. Very likely related to the low water levels were the hundreds of dead and dying waterfowl and fish that washed up on our beaches. The new government in Ottawa recognizes that the problem has been exacerbated by 140 years of navigation dredging, shoreline hardening and the removal of sand supply from the St. Clair River. With this budget the IJC will finally receive the funding needed to determine the best mitigation option to restore the St. Clair River and compensate for the loss of water from the Upper Great Lakes.

We consider the 2016 Federal Budget's commitment an important step toward protecting the Great Lakes. Facing climate change impacts, we need to develop the ability to retain water in all the Great Lakes not just Lakes Ontario and Superior. Now that everyone can see that we, the IJC, and our federal government are together on measures to save the Great Lakes from future extreme levels, let's all pull together to make effective progress.

We need the US government to match this Canadian funding. Restore Our Water International Chair Roger Gauthier and I have already been to Washington to share this good news. But as you can imagine the US has a much more complex group of agencies and legislative offices than Canada and it takes a great deal of work to reach them all. We will continue our efforts. We will not be giving up until flexible outflow control measures are in the St. Clair River.

Please see page 15 for a diagram of the latest hydrofoil design for the St. Clair River from our engineer Bill Bialkowski. This design has been shared with the IJC and the US Army Corps and they are definitely interested. The hydrofoils would be raised during low water conditions to maintain levels upstream and lowered during high water supply conditions. There would be only minimal temporary effects downstream.

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May

Midland Model Train Show - May 14-15 - North Simcoe Sports & Recreation Centre, Midland Huronia Players - "Goodbye, Piccadilly" - May 27-29, June 2-5, 9-11 - Midland Cultural Centre Barrie Waterfront Festival - May 27-29 - Heritage Park **Town Hall Meeting** - May 28 - Lafontaine Robert Robitaille Pavilion, Lafontaine Park

The Big Pull - Garlic Mustard Control - May 28-29 Tiny Marsh

June

Mobi-Mat Ribbon Cutting Ceremony - June 1

Balm Beach - http://www.tiny.ca **In Water Boat Show** - June 3-5

Bay Port Yachting Centre http://www.inwaterboatshow.ca

Kids' Fishing Derby and Bike Rodeo - June 4 Midland Harbour

Legacy of Champlain - June 10 Rotary Champlain Wendat Park

Midland Butter Tart Festival - June 11

Downtown Midland - http://www.buttertartfestival.ca

Party on the Dock - June 17 - Midland Town Dock http://www.partyonthedock.ca

Aboriginal Day Celebration - June 19 Penetang Memorial Community Centre Camp Simpresca Open House - June 25 http://www.simpresca.net/

Tiny Marsh BioBlitz - June 25 - Tiny Marsh **Coldwater Studio Tour** - June 25-26 **Georgian Triangle Music Festival** - June 30-July 2 Wasaga Beach

July

Ghost Tours at Discovery Harbour

Wednesdays July-August

http://www.discoveryharbour.on.ca

Sainte-Marie by Candlelight - Thursdays July-August Sainte-Marie among the Hurons

Church in the Pines (Outdoors)

Lefaive Rd. off Con. 11 - 10:30 a.m. Sundays Canada Day Celebrations - July 1

Little Lake Park/Sainte-Marie among the Hurons, Midand; Penetang Centennial Museum/Discovery Harbour, Penetang

Island in the Sun Pow Wow - July 2 - Christian Island http://www.chimnissing.ca

Mariposa Folk Festival - July 8-10 Orillia Tudhope Park - http://www.mariposafolk.com Storytelling Festival - July 9 - Little Lake Park -

> http://www.midland.ca Georgian Bay Thunder Ride - July 9 http://www.communityreach.ca

Library Garden Tour - July 9

Midland/Penetang/Tiny/Tay - http://librarygardentour.ca Festival Du Loup - July 14-16

http://festivalduloup.on.ca **Bassmania Fishing Tournament** - July 16 Penetang Town Dock

Cupcake Festival/Sidewalk Sale - July 22-23

Downtown Penetang Tiny Township Community BBQ - July 23 http://www.tiny.ca

Collingwood Elvis Festival - July 20-24 http://www.collingwoodelvisfestival.com Urban Slide - July 30 - Penetang http://www.theurbanslide.ca

> Pirates of the Bay - July 30 Rotary Champlain Wendat Park http://www.piratesofthebay.ca



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Ontario 55+ Summer Games - Aug 9-11 Midland/Penetang/Tay

Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament & Dinner - Aug 19 Midland Golf & Country Club - http://www.tiny.ca

Tugfest - Aug 19-20 - Midland Harbour Midland Artwalk - Aug 20

Dragon Boat Festival - Aug 27 - Barrie Heritage Park

September

Annual Traditional Pow Wow - Sept 10-11 Sainte-Marie Park

Terry Fox Run - Sept 17 - Midland Town Hall Meeting - Sept 24 - Tiny Township Community Centre - http://www.tiny.ca Pumpkin Mania - Weekends Sept 24-Oct 29 Rounds Ranch - Elmvale - http://roundsranch.com

October

Pumpkinferno - Oct 1-30

Discovery Harbour - Penetang Elmvale Fall Fair - Oct 7-8 - Elmvale Fairgrounds

http://elmvalefallfair.com Images Studio Tour - Thanksgiving - Oct 7-10

Barrie/Orillia - http://www.images-studio-tour.com Thanksgiving Harvest Festival - Oct 8-9

> Sainte-Marie among the Hurons Halloween Spooktacular - Oct 29 Penetang Centennial Museum



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A Monarch Butterfly emerging from its chrysalis

For the Love of Monarchs

By Laren Stadelman

We've been seeing fewer and fewer Monarch butterflies at our cottage over the past few years, so when a friend sent me an article on raising Monarchs it seemed like a good idea. As it turned out, it was the highlight of my summer!

I learned a lot from experiencing the Monarch life cycle first-hand and I was struck by how many people were intrigued by the project. I also learned a lot about the declining Monarch population and what we can do to help.

Raising Monarchs

The Egg: Female Monarchs lay round creamy white eggs on the underside of milkweed plants. The eggs are about the size of a pin head and easy to spot once you know what you are looking for. I gathered a few milkweed plants with eggs on them and kept the plants in water until the eggs hatched. This took four days. Once the eggs hatched, I moved the leaves with the caterpillars on them into containers.

The Caterpillar: Monarch caterpillars are voracious eaters. They grow from the size of an eyelash to the size

of your little finger in about two weeks. The caterpillars need to be fed fresh milkweed leaves every day and their droppings (called frass) need to be cleaned out of whatever container you are keeping them in. It's not an onerous task but it is something to keep in mind if you are thinking of raising Monarchs yourself. I kept my caterpillars in glass bowls with netting over the top until they were about an inch long and then moved them to a larger container so they would have more room.

The Chrysalis: When the caterpillars are ready to form chrysalises they climb to the top of their container and hang upside down. After about 24 hours, they wiggle out of their skin one last time and turn into a chrysalis. I had never seen a chrysalis before and I was surprised by how beautiful it was. The chrysalis stage lasts about another two weeks and looking after them is easy: you leave them alone and wait.

The Butterfly: When the adult butterfly is ready to emerge, the chrysalis darkens, and over the course of a few hours, the orange and black colours of the wings become visible. You can actually see the butterfly inside. After the chrysalis splits and the butterfly

emerges, it unfolds its wings and hangs from the chrysalis until its wings are dry. The process is absolutely amazing!

Saying Goodbye: Butterflies shouldn't be handled for the first four or five hours after they emerge. You can release them in the afternoon if they emerge in the morning; otherwise, keep them overnight and release them the next morning. Mother Nature cooperated and all of my butterflies were released in a field with plenty of wildflowers in perfect late summer weather.

Monarch Migration

The generation of Monarchs that we see in Ontario in August is special. The butterflies migrate to central Mexico where they spend the winter hibernating. They huddle together for warmth in large clusters on oyamel fir trees. They mate in the spring. The next generation travels back north again. The Monarchs we see in early summer are the third generation of Monarchs and their children, the fourth generation, who emerge in late summer, are the ones who migrate back to Mexico once again.

Helping the Monarchs

Monarchs face a number of threats including natural predation, loss of milkweed and climate change. I was happy to read that the Monarch population made a comeback in 2015/2016. Estimates are up considerably from the past three years – but still 32% below the 22-year average and down 78% from the population highs of the mid-1990s.

There are many ways you can help the Monarchs. One of the easiest is to encourage milkweed to grow on your property. Monarchs lay their eggs on milkweed and it's all the caterpillars will eat. If, like me, you would like to raise Monarchs yourself, I am sure you will find it rewarding and you will find plenty of how-to advice on the internet.

As for my Monarchs, my fingers are crossed that they have wakened from their hibernation in Mexico. Perhaps the Monarchs that I will see this coming summer will be their great-grandchildren.

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Report on Council

Mayor: George Cornell
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ROTATING CHAIR FOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETINGS:

Chairing Committee of the Whole Meetings rotates among those who are willing to assume that role, namely Mayor Cornell, Deputy Mayor Walma, and Councillor Hastings.

STAFF CHANGES:

Early in April, Robert Scozzaro became Tiny's new IT/GIS Technician. From November to April, Henk Blom was replaced by an Interim Manager of Public Works. At the end of April, Tim Leitch became the Township's new Manager of Public Works.

LE VILLAGEOIS, LETTERS OF CREDIT AND PROPERTY TAXES:

In September 2015, a representative of Le Villageois de Lafontaine (a retirement home) asked that letters of credit be released so that the money could be used for the facility's outstanding property taxes of \$275,193.67. Le Villageois had also asked MPAC to reduce its property taxes by 50%.

The Manager of Public Works advised that the letters of credit were to be used if the Township were required to take over Le Villageois's water and sewage systems.

Since September, this matter has been considered in camera.

DAVY LANE SLOPE STABILIZATION: Also in September, Council learned that stabilizing the moving sand dune close to the shore at Davy Lane would cost \$365,817.50 plus HST. Only part of this sum is covered by the budget. The balance -- \$117,217.50 – is to be taken from the Capital Reserve.

SIMCOE COUNTY LOOP TRAIL: In October Council decided to endorse the Loop Trail initiative – a proposed 160 km. loop trail in North Simcoe using existing off-road trails. A map of the proposed route is available in the Committee of the Whole Agenda for October 26.

STRATEGIC PLAN APPROVED: In December, Council passed a new Strategic Plan. To the Vision Statement that has been in force for close to a decade, it added the phrase that appears in bold: "An environmentally focused diverse family of communities providing an economically sustainable and healthy lifestyle." For the Mission Statement, they opted for "A committed team providing extraordinary municipal services."

In spite of references to "respect" for shoreline private property and owners in the Report on the November Town Hall Meeting and in the earlier Strategic Plan, the word "respect" does not appear in this one.

Mayor Cornell emphasized that the Strategic Plan will be reviewed annually. The Strategic Plan is available on the Township's website — www.tiny.ca.

STREET LIGHTING TO RESPECT NIGHT SKY:

After representatives of the Clearwater Beach Ratepayers and the North Tiny Community Associations spoke against the three additional street lights proposed for Champlain Road as interfering with the pleasure of viewing the night sky, Council instructed staff to develop a street lighting policy. This policy has been drafted and will be reviewed by the new Manager of Public Works. Even without this new policy, all street lights in the township will gradually become "dark sky friendly" as new LED lights gradually replace old, unshielded lighting.

Many shore residents will welcome this development. See "Starry Nights: How Long Will the Skies of Cottage Country Stay Dark," *Tiny Cottager* (Fall 2005), available in Issue Archives on the Federation's website, tinycottager.org.

WORD SEARCH

BARBECUE **BUTTERFLY CAMP CHRYSALIS CLEAR CONSERVATION** COUNTY **FLOS HAMBURGERS HIGHWAY** HURONIA **ISLAND KAYAK** LIBRARY MAPLE **MILKWEED** MUNICIPAL PENETANGUISHENE SIMCOE **SKIPPING** TAY TINY **TOAD**

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SUNDAY GUN HUNTING: In October, the Ontario Anglers and Hunters argued vigorously in favour of Sunday Gun Hunting during hunting seasons. The organization's representative felt that Sunday hunting helped with livestock predation, wildlife management, economic factors, and public safety related to motor vehicle collisions involving wildlife.

In an extended deputation period on November 30, 2015, 17 written deputations were received in favour of Sunday gun hunting, and only one against. On the other hand, all 18 open deputations opposed Sunday gun hunting (one a petition with 236 signatures).

In December, Council decided to support Sunday gun hunting (Walma, Hastings, and Wishart in favour, Cornell and Hinton against).

PARKING STRATEGY AND THE WESTERN SHORE:

This January, Council heard open deputations about parking issues in shore areas including Deanlea, Bluewater Dunes, south of Balm Beach, Carusoe Bay, Wahnekewening, Cawaja, Rochelle, Edmor/Georgian Heights and, in one case, about beach capacity and the environment. These included overcrowding caused by drop-off spots, mis-information on instagram, overflow from Wasaga, parked cars overloading shore streets and the like. The Federation of Tiny Township Shoreline



Associations, asked Council to use "municipal" rather than "public" when describing shore parks to make it clear that they are not provincial. The Federation listed persistent problems, emphasized that all residents should have access to township-owned beaches and that their management should be environmentally responsible and sustainable.

At its next meeting Council decided to set the number of permits available for purchase by non-residents at 150 per year with non-residents being defined as residents of the neighbouring municipalities of Tay, Midland, Penetanguishene and Springwater (even though many attendees in January argued that no permits should be sold to non-residents). Council decided that resident permits would be made available in the usual way in 2016.

On the recommendation of Councillor Hinton, the Township's Parking Strategy has been on every Agenda of Committee of the Whole Meetings since January. Staff has prepared a report on the square footage and current parking arrangements in the five major shore parks. A pilot project replacing open with permit parking has been put in place from May 15 to September 15 between Concession Road 8 and almost as far north as Concession Road 12, roughly from the Nipissing Ridge to the shore. Residents are encouraged to communicate their views on this initiative to Council by September

NORTH SIMCOE AGRICULTURAL EXPO AGRI-COLE EVENT – 2017:

Following a deputation on January 25 (the deputation was included in the Feb. 8 Agenda), Council decided to support the proposed North Simcoe Agricultural Expo, but not to sanction it as a Township event, and appointed Councillor Hastings to its executive and steering committees.

The Expo is "to showcase agriculture and to give consumers a better appreciation of what farmers do and why they do them." It is to take place on the agricultural section of Dr. Donald Stubbs' land in Concession 2, August 17-20, 2017. In March, the Federation presented a deputation warmly supporting the initiative, with the stipulation that all conditions noted by the County of Simcoe be complied with.

STILL NO DECISION ABOUT THE MANAGEMENT OF TINY'S SEPTAGE:

At the end of February, a report from R.J. Burnside & Associates made it clear that Penetanguishene is the

see COUNCIL REPORT on page 8

Tiny's Budget Not So Tiny

Tiny Township's annual operating spending will soar by 17% or \$1.4 million in 2016 to total \$9.2 million versus 2015's budgeted amount of \$7.9 million.

Fortunately, Council plans to draw down its sizeable financial reserves by \$1.1 million to cover a significant portion of the 2016 spending increase, thereby preventing the Township's property tax levy from rising by more than 6% versus 2015. The 6% tax increase results from a combination of a 3% tax rate increase plus a 3% increase in the assessed value of properties. Residential properties comprise 96% of total taxable assessment value in the

In order for a resident to know what the total tax increase will be on their property, the County and School Board budgets need to be finalized as these budgets represent approximately two thirds of total spending that your municipal property tax supports.

The Township is only responsible for spending related to its operations, including its capital expenditures, although Tiny is the tax collector for all three entities.

Major areas of operating budget increases include policing (up \$495,000 or 25% versus 2015); roads (up \$521,000 or 24%), public works administration (up \$103,000 or 29%); and recreation programs (up \$94,000

The policing increase reflects the 2nd year of the Province of Ontario's new reallocation of the costs of OPP services across the municipalities that rely upon them for local policing. The total three year increase in annual policing cost will be approximately \$1.1 million and is being phased at 40%, 40%, and 20% over this period.

Tiny's total spending on capital projects is budgeted to fall to \$3.6 million in 2016 from \$4.5 million the year before. The Township has historically funded its capital

spending projects largely by levying property taxes to cover the expenditures rather than borrowing. It also relies on its share of the proceeds of the Federal Gas Tax (approximately \$400,000 expected in 2016) and periodically has benefitted from large Provincial and Federal government economic stimulus funds, last provided in 2009 & 2010 following the financial crisis. In 2016, the net new funds required to fund capital projects will be small as most of the funds to pay for capital projects will come from drawing down various Reserve Funds, including \$419,000 of funds surplus to 2015's originally planned capital expenditures.

This is the second year in a row that our present Council has drawn down reserves to cushion tax increases in the face of increased expenditure levels. Reserves peaked at approximately \$9 million dollars at the end of 2014 after having grown significantly over the period 2007-2014 as previous Councils took advantage of significantly rising assessed values to boost their property tax revenues even though they did not need those revenues to finance required expenditures.

Tiny Township expects that even after a significant draw down of reserves in 2016 overall financial reserves available for use in 2017 will be approximately \$7.4 million. This remains a very significant reserve position which is available to cushion the need for further tax increases in the years ahead similar to what Council is doing in 2016.

Council acknowledged this as a priority in its 2016 Budget Process Goal:

'While keeping property taxes at the lowest level possible was a priority, appropriate service levels and strategic initiatives were identified and funded to ensure long-term financial sustainability'.



Township of Tiny 2016 Town Hall Meetings

Saturday, May 28, 2016 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Robert Robitaille Pavilion - Lafontaine Park 342 Lafontaine Road West, Tiny

Saturday, September 24, 2016 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon Township of Tiny Community Centre

91 Concession 8 East, Tiny



Remembering Bill Johnson (1929-2015)

BY JUDITH GRANT



To his friends and family, Bill Johnson was a vivid charcter who enjoyed life and relished a good argument Witty and never boring, he is remembered by his grandchildren as the most interesting, funny, old person they knew. He loved fishing, was an avid historian of Mayan culture, was a skilled sketcher and water-colour painter, and took a keen interest in Champlain. As an engineer, he had a long, successful career in the welding and gas industry. His broad interests made him a founder of the Culture Club, one of whose early adventures was a trip to Stratford to see Julius Caesar in the days of the tent. The memorial pamphlet distributed at the gathering celebrating his life included a quotation from Robert Service's The Cremation of Sam McGee and all of Shelley's sonnet Ozymandias.

He came to the attention of the Federation of Tiny Township Shoreline Associations in 2001, the year of the first lake water sampling program. A master swimmer and enthusiastic grandfather, he volunteered to take samples for the Kingswood Acres Beach Association along a stretch of shore north of Sandy Bay Road. He swam in the area daily anyway and he liked the idea of telling his grandchildren about this investigation into the quality of the water they swam in. Though already in his 70s, he continued as

one of the Kingswood Acres samplers for several years.

In 2002 he wrote the first of what became regular contributions to The Tiny Cottager, a practice he continued until 2014, the year before he succumbed to cancer. Some of these were memory pieces, reaching back to his early experiences in Tiny in the 1930s. They were often entwined with one or another of the strands of the area's history, such as his account of the Blondin boat works in Lafontaine and of the Township's five crosses. The family's cottage was itself a monument to Tiny's history, since it was comprised of five, old, square-timbered, variously-sized barns, reassembled on the site and linked together in a

Bill came by his love of history from his mother who chose the site in the 19th Concession at the highest point on the Nipissing Ridge from a description of the view from that spot in *The Jesuit Relations*. There "All of southern Georgian Bay was spread before us, along with Christian Island and the white light house at its southern tip." Over the years his mother guided the family to the sites of many Huron villages "where we found many priceless relics," now in the Midland Museum and called the Gladys Hall Johnson collection. She spurred his interest in Champlain, the subject of several of his *Cottager* pieces.

World War II was the focus of several other articles, most notably his crush as a boy on a neighbouring "social bombshell" ten years his senior who had eyes only for Peter Campbell, an English R.A.F. pilot who buzzed the cottages almost daily and went missing during a searchand-rescue mission a few months later on December 12, 1940. This story had a surprising postscript in the fall of 2010 when the downed plane was found in Lake Muskoka by the Lost Airmen in Muskoka Project.

We were fortunate that Bill Johnson did some of the grunt work for the volunteer swimming-water-quality program and shared a number of his passions and memories with readers of *The Tiny Cottager*. He was a big man, in every sense -- tall, vigorous, engaged with life. We miss

Note: For Bill Johnson's articles, see Issue Archives for the years from 2002 to 2014 in The Tiny Cottager Online, tinycottager.org.

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Subsequent to its successful support for last year's Tournament, the Federation of Tiny Township Shoreline Associations (FoTTSA) is pleased to announce that it is Title Sponsor for the 2016 Tiny Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament & Dinner. This year's event will be held at the Midland Golf & Country Club on Friday, August 19, 2016. 144 Golfers in a four-person scramble will enjoy a shotgun start at 11:30 a.m. Lunch and dinner are included with your Golf Registration and dinner only guests are welcome at \$35 each. Dinner is scheduled to start at 6:00 p.m. The event sold out very quickly last year and registrations accompanied with payment in full (\$135 per golfer) will be accepted on a "first come, first served" basis. The 2016 Golf Tournament Registration Form is available on Tiny's website (www.tiny.ca).

The event also provides individuals, companies and organizations with the opportunity to be a Tournament Sponsor. Sponsorships range from the \$150 Bronze to the \$2500 Diamond level. The specific benefits of each level

can be found on Tiny's website. Look for the 2016 Golf Tournament icon on the home page. All cheques are payable to the Township of Tiny and should be delivered or mailed to the Township's Office at 130 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny, Ontario, LOL 2JO, attn.: Laura Russell. The receipt of your organization's cheque will be acknowledged and individuals will receive a receipt for income tax purposes from the benefitting charities for the eligible

The 2016 beneficiaries are the Georgian Bay Cancer Support Centre and the new in-patient Youth Mental Health Services Department of the Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) in Barrie. The Georgian Bay Cancer Support Centre is a not-for-profit organization serving Tiny, Tay, Midland and Penetanguishene. It offers emotional and psychological support, education, and information as a complement to medical treatment for people diagnosed with cancer. RVH offers inpatient and outpatient services and crisis support.

Help For Troubled Youth in Simcoe Muskoka

BY DONNA DANYLUK, CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS, RVH

At last, children and youth facing a mental health crisis in Simcoe Muskoka, the last region in the province without a specialized child and youth mental health program, have the beginnings of a formal program to call on. The new Urgent Consult Clinic (UCC) at Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) offers a risk-assessment service for youth 12 to 17 in urgent need of mental health care, but not of admission to a hospital. The clinic operates three days a week, assessing up to a dozen young people who are suicidal, depressed, anxious, likely to harm themselves, angry, aggressive or engaged in substance abuse.

Since opening in October 2015, the UCC team has helped almost 100 kids and Dr. Eric Mulder, one of the psychiatrists working in the UCC, says it is having a positive impact. He believes the UCC is "preventing unnecessary hospital admissions, reducing wait times for consultation, increasing access to psychiatry, preventing suicides, linking to community services and providing early interventions."

The UCC is an important part of a larger plan. Within a year, RVH will open an eight-bed inpatient mental health unit, a day hospital program and outpatient services. Crystal Bell, manager, Crisis Intervention and Inpatient Mental Health, says that "prior to the UCC, children and

youth would arrive at our Emergency Department and we had to either send them home, encourage them to connect with their family physician, or admit them to an adult mental health unit - none of which are ideal scenarios."

"There are services in the community, but the waits can be long. The missing piece of the puzzle is this inpatient unit for children and youth," says Crystal Bell. "We know that 70 per cent of people with mental illness experienced it as a child or youth and that is why early intervention and treatment is key."

The RVH Foundation has launched Hearts & Minds an initiative to raise money to equip the eight-bed unit.

"The statistics are shocking. We know that suicide is the second leading cause of death among teens and that one-in-five children and youth are affected by mental health issues. That's heartbreaking. We also know that last year 1,700 young people came to Emergency Departments in this region facing a mental health crisis, and like RVH, many of them were not equipped with a crisis program or an inpatient youth mental health program," says Eric Dean, CEO RVH Foundation. "Hearts & Minds is focused on raising \$3 million to equip a program at RVH. When young people come here seeking help, we will be there for them. We aren't right now."

Georgian Bay Cancer Support Centre

In the town of Penetanguishene, on 15 Jeffery St, is a beacon of hope, a place to go when you have been diagnosed with cancer and desperately need some answers. Your doctor is great but you feel you can't bother him with questions because he/she is too busy. Also the doctors can't answer the emotional questions because they have not been there. Where do you go, what do you do next?

When you are ready, you walk in the door of the Georgian Bay Cancer Support Centre.

When you or someone you know and love is struggling with cancer you may think that this place is not available, believing that the Centre is only open to residents of Penetang, or that there is a charge, or that as seasonal residents they don't qualify. They think that this place is good for other people but not for them.

However, the Georgian Bay Cancer Support Centre is open to seasonal and permanent residents of Tiny as well as residents of Midland, Penetanguishene, Tay and surrounding areas. All services are free.

When you walk in the door you may not know what to ask for but staff and volunteers are there to guide you. A Member Navigator can introduce you to programs and services. The centre provides free wigs, breast prostheses, yoga, meditation and exercise classes. These help participants feel a little stronger each day, giving them a sense of accomplishment and control during uncertain times.

It's a warm, peaceful place for those living with cancer. Living is the operative word at the dining table at a soup for the soul lunch. The place is packed and everyone squeezes in. There are conversations and laughter and

I want to understand what brings people here and I am surprised that the Support Centre serves not only people with cancer but also their caregivers and family.

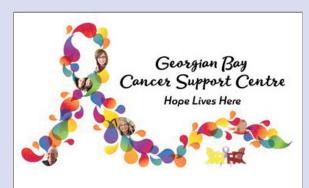
Living with cancer can be pretty isolating for both the individual and the caregiver. Often they don't know where to turn to find someone who truly understands what they're going through. Friends and family may not know how to talk to a person with cancer. Social life stops because the afflicted individual is too weak and tired. There isn't anything "normal" about this new reality.

In the Georgian Bay Cancer Support Centre, there are others with the same challenges. There are group support meetings led by a trained facilitator and partnering with someone who has a similar diagnosis. The meetings are a time for sharing. Participants may have gone through the checklist of procedures and dealt with the physical, but here is the time to look at the emotional. Time to realize that their anger and sadness won't last forever because there are people there who will tell them so. They walk out with their spirts lifted and the longer they attend the more they realize it's also an opportunity for them to help someone else and thereby feel worthwhile. Perhaps they start to realize that it's not just about getting through this period of their life; it's about turning it into a profound experience.

But the first step is walking through the door.

The Georgian Bay Cancer Support Centre does not receive funding from the Canadian Cancer Society or the Federal or Provincial Governments. It depends on donations large or small. This year I'm happy to say, they will be one of the recipients of the Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament.

2016 Beneficiaries



Photos from last year's tournament taken by Andrew Chomentowski















Balm Beach Now Wheelchair Accessible

BY HAMISH GRAN

Last August, Tiny Council approved the purchase of a portable recreation path which will improve accessibility at Balm Beach for people who are wheelchair-bound or for those who would have difficulty moving around on uneven surfaces like beach sand.

The 150 foot "Mobi-Mat" is made of a lightweight, non-skid rigid material and can be rolled up when not in use in the off-season.

The system was first used by the military in several countries to facilitate beach landings and relief efforts in disasters like the Indonesian Tsunami. It has since found new civilian uses.

Mobi-Mats were installed in Wasaga Beach in 2011-13 and are regarded as a resounding success.

Lisa Belcourt of the Accessibility Advisory Committee welcomed the support of Council for this initiative in a press release: "The Committee is thrilled that this project has been approved and implemented by the Township of Tiny and is confident that it will provide improved access and quality of life for many residents and visitors to the area."

The Mobi-Mat will have its official ribbon cutting on Wednesday, June 1st at 2 p.m. at Balm Beach, during National Access Awareness Week. The Mat will be installed, maintained and stored each year by Township Public Works staff.



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best prospect for partnership management of Tiny Township's septage. However, the County of Simcoe is studying whether it should play a role in septage disposal on a regional basis and this may slow Tiny's decision. A new piece of information is that once the Ministry of the Environment prohibits the spreading of untreated septage, municipalities would have five years to eliminate the practice. At the end of April, no decision about a municipal partner had been taken and the Septage Advisory Committee decided to wait for an update from the Minister of the Environment regarding the spreading of septage on fields.

TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITY POLICY:

In February, following an earlier presentation by Rogers Communications regarding a new telecommunications tower and a deputation by the Thunder Beach Association asking that towers be naturalized to minimize their visual impact, Shawn Persaud (Planning & Development) drafted the Telecommunication Facility Policy that is now available on the township's website. It includes "the use of design features, colour and landscaping...to screen telecommunication towers from view...whenever possible." It prefers towers to be dark, but "Where Transport Canada requires a telecommunication facility to be lit or where lighting is required for security purposes, the lighting should be to the minimum number of lights and the lowest illumination allowable. All outdoor illumination should be dark-sky friendly (i.e. full cut-off lighting; no up-lighting, or have reflectors installed to direct the light downward)."

SEWAGE SYSTEM REINSPECTION REPORT:

Sewage system reinspection, which was begun in 2002 and has been managed by C.C. Tatham and Associates ever since, has settled into a six-year cycle of inspections of each lot in the township. Although Tatham is now in its third pass over Tiny, the program continues to discover malfunctioning systems and to compel their owners to bring them into compliance with the Ontario Building Code.

Reinspections in the Thunder Beach and Balm Beach areas in 2015 exposed 165 initial deficiencies. Most frequent were root intrusions into the leaching bed area (30 lots) and vehicles parking or driving on the septic tank or leaching bed (23 lots), and the least frequent were instances of holes dug into the surface of the leaching bed (1 lot), water pooling on top of the holding tank (1 lot), and a deficient grey water pit (1 lot). In addition, 272 systems had slightly less than the minimum setback from water sources (dug or sand point wells, drilled wells, or the lake).

This summer, reinspections are slated for Woodland, Deanlea and Bluewater Beaches plus those in wellhead protection areas that are due this year.

In March, Council authorized Tatham to continue the program for another four years.

WYEVALE PARK MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTA-

Wyevale Park's Master Plan is moving forward by stages. Proceeds from the sale of lot 29, Plan 51M-361 (\$75,000) are to be used for its implementation. In addition, Council approved \$295,000 for the first stage of the Master Plan - construction of the soccer fields - in the budget. Options for this work have been presented by R.J. Burnside & Associates. The design of the selected mid-level option (Surface Drainage and Irrigation) is to be completed in detail and tendered. The total estimated cost is \$518,670. The anticipated shortfall of \$150,000 is to be taken from the Wyevale Park Master Plan Implementation Capital Allocations in the 2016 Budget.

SPECIAL OCCASION PARKING PERMIT PRO-**GRAM:**

In April Council decided that Special Occasion Permits (for weddings, family reunions, and the like) are to be issued only in Permit Parking Areas on a first come, first served basis at a cost of \$15 plus HST per day, per vehicle. Residents would be eligible to receive up to five permits, for a maximum of three days per permit, twice a year. Once the Pilot Parking Program has been assessed, this Program may be changed.

ICE/WATER RESCUE VEHICLE:

According to Fire Chief Tony Mintoff, the budgeted ice/water rescue vehicle did not meet all the township's requirements. A rescue hovercraft is more suitable in all seasons for the township's 70 kilometer shoreline. A slightly used demonstrator model was available at a significantly reduced price of \$61,000, but \$16,000 above the budgeted \$45,000. In April, Council decided to approve the purchase without using the Township Procurement processes, the shortfall to be sourced equally from the Fire Reserve and the 2016 Departmental Budget.







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Georgian Bay General Hospital Needs Our Help!

BY BRIAN BRADSTREET

The Province of Ontario's poor financial position, following years of deficit spending, is coming home to roost.

Residents and taxpayers are being asked to accept major medical service cuts at Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) in Midland.

The proposed cuts at GBGH were outlined in a recent Ontario government sponsored consultant's report based upon a hospital-wide operational review. The report outlines 108 recommendations!

Some of the report's recommendations are quite concerning including eliminating the hospital's obstetrics department, running the operating room only three days a week, reducing the number of vital intensive care and acute care beds, and closing the Penetanguishene site.

The report set off alarm bells at GBGH and immediate resistance by a concerned North Simcoe community including its elected political representatives.

Professional staff at GBGH have also expressed serious concerns for patient safety. Former Chief of Medical Staff, Dr. Martin McNamara, had this to say about the potential loss of the obstetrics department:

"There are a lot of docs upset about the potentential loss of obstetrics. It's certainly not something we want to see leave the area," said MacNamara. "Imagine all the deliveries go to the emergency room and the emergency doctor has to do them. It's kind of scary."

This latest initiative by the Ontario Ministry of Health continues a long standing policy of reducing costs even if it means reducing quality of care.

For example, for years in Ontario, government funding has only covered the cost of basic hospital operations. It has not covered the cost of hospital equipment (everything from beds to diagnostic equipment) and it only covers part of the cost of capital expansions and improvements. So community financial support has historically been critical to ensuring that GBGH has the physical means to provide all residents with a caring environment, fast diagnosis, and state of the art treatment that saves lives and allows people to return to their daily life (including the beach!) as soon as possible.

A great example of the community coming together to financially help out is the Emergency Department (ED) expansion currently underway. The original ED was built in 1976 to handle 18,000 visitors a year. Today GBGH deals with 46,000 visits per year.

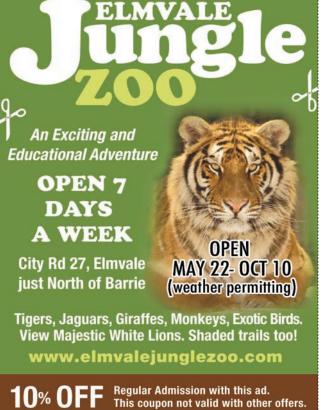
Of the \$15,000,000 ED expansion now under way (Phase 1 of 3 is now complete), the local community will have contributed over \$4,500,000 to the cost. The Hospital Foundation has already raised \$4.2M of that. Cottagers have contributed substantially but the lion's share of donations contributed have been by the permanent residents and businesses in North Simcoe.

In addition to the new ED, GBGH is also raising \$1,600,000 for a new CT Scanner, as the current scanner is on its last legs. This is a very important diagnostic tool with close to 50% of its daily use being utilized in the ED. The Hospital Foundation has currently raised \$550,000 towards this goal.

For Tiny cottagers, GBGH is our "Hospital Away From Home" as it is the place we will go first if we need immediate medical care (cardiac trouble, physical injury, water related accidents, severe allergic reactions etc.) If you call an ambulance, it will automatically go to GBGH.

Having a strong and capable local hospital is very important to cottagers as well as to permanent residents. In fact, Emergency Department use at GBGH swells significantly from May to October as the population of the region doubles as cottagers arrive.

Given the size of this peak summer demand and the capital intensive nature of emergency facilities it is impossible, and certainly not fair, that year-round residents provide the bulk of donations supporting GBGH's ED expan-



sion.

So we encourage our fellow cottagers to help out at this critical time in GBGH's history!

How can we help?

1) Give as an individual by contacting the GBGH Foundation at 705-526-GIVE (4483) or go online to give at www.526GIVE.ca. You may direct your donation to the part of GBGH you wish to support. Also if you wish, the hospital will publicly recognize your gift.

2) Hold a fund raising event. Consider holding a garage sale, sports tournament, or a dinner on the beach to raise funds.

3) Give as a Cottage Association – possibly by holding an event in support of GBGH.

4) Get involved, learn more, contact the Foundation office to see how you can help. Or attend one of their Breakfast of Champion meetings or contact concerned citizens' groups for updated information like:

gbgh.advocates@gmail.com or visit www.carenotcuts.ca

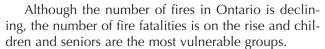
5) Write a letter to the *Tiny Cottager* detailing your own personal stories about how GBGH's Emergency Department helped you or your family. Such stories may move others to help support the hospital. Address your email to editor@tinycottager.org.





Fire Safety Is Everyone's Responsibility Pt. 2

By Fire Chief Tony MINTOFF (CO-WRITTEN WITH MARY JANE PRICE)



Let's start off the summer season by reviewing the most common causes of fires in dwellings: careless cooking, heating appliances, electrical wiring, and careless smoking.

The first line of defence in surviving fire is having working smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in your home or cottage. The Ontario Fire Code requires that smoke alarms be installed and maintained in working order, on each floor of a residence and outside each sleeping area.

Smoke alarms are most effective when installed on ceilings, but they can be installed on walls. Most people don't realize that there is a dead air zone where the ceiling meets the wall which delays the activation of the alarm. This is why the alarm should be installed between 4 and 12 inches (100-300mm) from the ceiling. If a device is lower than 12 inches the smoke can bypass the alarm because smoke moves quickly up to the ceiling. Ceiling-mounted alarms must also be kept at least 4 inches from any wall because of the dead zone, and should not be located close to ceiling fans or ceiling-mounted heating vents or air returns which would dissipate the smoke. A smoke alarm usually beeps 3 long beeps, followed by a pause, and keeps doing it until you address the problem.

On the other hand, a CO alarm usually beeps 4 short beeps, followed by a pause, and continually repeats. Carbon monoxide (CO) alarms are required to be installed and maintained in every dwelling unit that has a fuel-fired appliance, wood-burning fireplace, or attached garage. These CO alarms are only required to be installed **outside sleeping areas. Battery operated CO alarms can be installed anywhere** (on a wall, a table, a bookcase for example) because the density of carbon monoxide is very similar to that of air, which means it mixes readily with air, as opposed to smoke which rises to the ceiling. Models that simply plug into an electrical receptacle near the baseboard are acceptable and easy to install.

For either type of alarm, the manufacturer's user guide, included in the packaging, will tell you what the audible and visual indicators mean. If you have thrown out the guide; most are available online as a download.

Although manufacturers usually recommend changing batteries every year, fire departments recommend that batteries be changed twice a year, at the **beginning** and end of daylight savings. Of course, this does not apply to the 10-year sealed units. A single "chirp" every 30-60 seconds normally indicates an end-of-life battery for CO and smoke alarms.

For seasonal residents, it would be wise to include fresh batteries in your "opening the cottage kit" to ensure that both smoke and CO alarms are operating on opening day when things are hectic. **The life expectancy of alarms is greatly reduced if they are exposed to very cold or hot temperatures** (under 40 degrees and over 100 degrees Fahrenheit), which is often the case in cottages closed for the winter. Very hot temparatures (over 100 degrees F) also shorten battery life.

The majority of cooking fires occur because the cook leaves the kitchen and forgets that they are cooking. Keep combustibles clear of the cooking area at all times, and don't store combustibles on the stove, even when it is not in use. Always keep a lid close by to place over a pot or pan as it is the easiest and safest way to extinguish a fire. Never try to carry outside a flaming pot or pan, because the moment you encounter moving air from a window or open door the flames will blow back at you. Leave the pot in place, cover it, and turn off the heat source. Never try to extinguish a stovetop fire with water. If you throw water on oil, you will be splattered with boiling oil and suffer severe burns. A small portable ABC extinguisher in a nearby closet or drawer can be invaluable if other efforts fail.

Heating appliances should be serviced/cleaned annually prior to the start of the heating season. Fireplaces and woodstoves should have their chimneys cleaned and inspected at least annually to remove any creosote build-up which can ignite and cause a fire. Also, decorative materials such as Christmas stockings should not be placed on or near fireplaces that are in

use and combustible materials such as curtains and furniture should be kept clear of any heating appliances or devices. Plugged chimneys used for heating appliances are the most common source of carbon monoxide poisoning in homes.

Butting cigarettes, etc. in flower planters or other combustible receptacles often causes smouldering fires that become structural fires after the occupants have retired for the night. Use ashtrays or douse butts in water.

Electrical fires are caused by overloading circuits, extensive use of extension cords, running cords under carpets, amateur alterations to electrical systems, improperly terminated aluminum wiring, overheated electrical appliances, and frayed cords. For the safety of your family look this summer for such deficiencies in your residence.

Any resident can request a Home Fire Safety Audit. A team of two firefighters will visit the applicant's home or cottage to conduct a free fire safety inspection. This inspection will identify any fire safety issues; offer advice as to how to eliminate or correct them; check to determine if all required smoke and CO alarms are in place, properly located, and in working order. If they aren't in working order, they will install these devices at a much lower cost than retail prices.



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Volunteer Water Sampling – An Important Community Service

BY JUDITH GRANT

Ever since the summer of 2001, the Federation of Tiny Township Shoreline Associations has run a volunteer program to sample and check the quality of the swimming water in Georgian Bay and Farlain Lake. The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, which began its sampling program in Tiny in the 1960s or 70s, monitors water at the township's public beaches; Awenda Provincial Park does its four beaches; and Camp Marygrove checks its swimming water. Together, the sample results provide a sense of the general quality of Tiny's swimming water.

The Federation got involved to keep an eye on the privately owned and public stretches of shore that are not monitored by public bodies.

Until 2006, the volunteer program took place every year, but after that it moved to every second year.

In 2014, the information amassed by the Federation and official bodies (sample results, reports from special investigations conducted by the Severn Sound Environmental Association and by Allan Crow of Environment Canada and also from research undertaken by academic groups) was gathered together in an article in the Spring 2014 *Tiny Cottager*: this article is available in Issue Archives, tinycottager.org. The startling results of the 2014 summer's volunteer sampling were discussed in an article in the Fall 2014 issue, which is also available in Issue Archives. These articles are also filed under Water Reports (see the list on the right side of the main page of tinycottager.org).

As noted in the first of these articles, the volunteer program has proven its worth in many ways. We have learned a great deal about the conditions that cause high E. coli counts (very rarely dangerous itself, the presence of E. coli indicates that dangerous pathogens may also be present). Several of Tiny's Councils have been persuaded to hire professionals to study problem areas of shore, and to undertake recommended actions. Through research it has been learned that though the sources of E. coli are many (cattle, pigs, wild animals, birds, and humans, in that order), the prevalence of pathogens dangerous to human health is greatest in cattle and least in birds. Surprisingly, we have discovered that some authorities set the danger line higher than the 100 E. coli per 100 mL of water that moves the Health Unit to recommend that a beach be posted: other provinces in Canada use 200, the USA uses 236, and Europe uses 900, discrepancies that may explain the Health Unit's recent decisions not to post warnings when the geometric mean of E. coli counts in samples at a beach are not much above 100 (see the sample results for 2014 on the *Tiny Cottager* website under Water Reports).

Now, as we approach the summer of 2016, it is time for beach associations to find volunteers willing to wade out to chest depth in the lake first thing on Monday mornings (Tuesday after a long weekend) in July and August and take a sample of the water at a designated spot in the way mandated by the Health Unit. These volunteers undertake a task essential to our ever-growing understanding of factors affecting the quality of swimming water in Tiny Township. As always there will be a training session ahead of time and supplies (bottles and forms) will be distributed at it. The task of sampling can be shared by a couple of people, but it must be done carefully and in the approved manner and places. Beach associations will be contacted in late May or early June about participation.









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Tiny Residents Win 2015 SSEA Awards

BY LINDA ANDREW

Congratulations to Terry Breckinridge and Pierre Paul Maurice!

On November 17, 2015 both of these Tiny residents received awards at the Severn Sound Environmental Association 2015 Partners Reception held at the Midland Public Library. North Simcoe MP Bruce Stanton, former MPP Garfield Dunlop, area mayors, Councillors, SSEA board members, community groups and volunteers were in attendance.

The SSEA works with many organizations, individuals and businesses to monitor environmental quality and to implement stewardship projects to protect the Severn Sound watershed.

The 2015 Bob Whittam Environmental Award was presented to Terry Breckenridge. This Award was set up to honour Bob Whittam -- an avid naturalist and tireless volunteer well known in the area. Terry was honoured for spearheading a restoration project designed to remediate a severe gully that was eroding badly and affecting the quality and habitat of the Wye River. Terry is a keen angler, active in the Georgian Bay Hunters and Anglers and with a deep interest in the health of the Severn Sound ecosystem.

Bob Whittam wrote: "Congratulations Terry! Your work on the banks of the Wye River is close to my heart. You have not only remediated a badly eroding section of the Wye but you also navigated the eroding funding base for such projects. Well done on the bureaucratic front with DFO (Department of Fisheries and Oceans) and with your local partners. Thank you!"

The 2015 SSEA Source Water Protection Award was presented to Pierre Paul Maurice.

This award is presented to a landowner who has assisted in the promotion of source water protection in the Severn Sound Source Protection Area. Pierre Paul operates an extensive farming business in the Lafontaine area. He promotes the importance of source water protection in his community and helps educate the SSEA researchers about

farming practices and possible effects on groundwater supplies. His understanding and support has been essential to the success of ongoing studies at the SSEA.



Mayor George Cornell, Former M.P.P. Garfield Dunlop, Terry Breckenridge, Bruce Stanton M.P. and Keith Sherman (SSEA)



Bruce Stanton, Colin Elliot (Source Water Protection), Paul Maurice, Dave Richie (Tay Township SSEA), Gail Wood (Nottawasaga Conservation) and Garfield Dunlop.

Help Conserve North Simcoe's Natural Legacy

BY MICHELLE HUDOLIN, BIOLOGIST & HLC ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

Most seasonal and year-round residents of the Township of Tiny treasure the natural beauty of this area and appreciate the variety of habitat types that are found here, such as woodlands, forested bluffs, creeks, waterways, wetlands, dunes, and natural shorelines. While the Township has several large protected areas, including Awenda Provincial Park and Tiny Marsh, many valuable natural heritage areas are in private ownership.

The Huronia Land Conservancy (HLC) is a non-profit, charitable organization committed to the long-term protection of natural and archaeological heritage lands in north Simcoe. As a land trust, the HLC works cooperatively with private property owners and other partners to secure important conservation lands and care for significant heritage properties; local landowners can achieve long-term protection of the natural environment while receiving significant tax benefits.

The HLC is funded by memberships and donations, with support from volunteers and various businesses and organizations. The HLC can provide information and help you explore options for protecting the natural features on your land. Over the past two years, the HLC has conducted a landowner outreach program and completed breeding bird surveys on 73 private properties and 2000 hectares in the Township of Tiny, Midland and Penetanguishene providing the owners with information on notable species and habitats on their lands.

The Huronia Land Conservancy has recently received a donation of 43 acres (17.5 hectares) of land near Waverley that is designated Provincially Significant Wetland and provides habitat for Species At Risk. In order to accept this generous gift, the HLC is seeking donations to help cover the legal and property transfer costs, and to establish a stewardship fund to provide for the long-term management and protection of the property. Show your love of nature and help us reach our goal of \$45,000. Become an active member of the HLC or make a tax-deductible donation.

Editorial Note: Although the Hogg Creek Wetland project referred to above, near Waverley, is in an adjoining

municipality to Tiny Township, the efforts and scope of the HLC include and benefit residents across municipal boundaries within the Huronia region, so that future HLC projects in Tiny Township should also be of interest and benefit to warrant support from contributors across Huronia. We encourage Tiny Cottager readers to support this worthwhile initiative. To learn more about the HLC, visit www.huronialandconservancy.com or email info@huronialandconservancy.ca to find out about special events and volunteer opportunities. We look forward to working together to build a conservation legacy!



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The Big Pull 2016

BY ANNE MCARTHUR

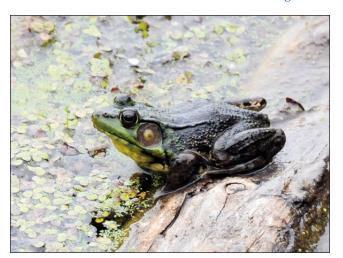
Saturday and Sunday, May 28 and 29 – 9 a.m. to noon

Garlic Mustard is an aggressive weed that is invading a few areas of Tiny Marsh jeopardizing the existing native flora.

Please come out and help get rid of this weed!.

Park at the Nature Interpretive Centre on the Tiny-Flos Townline between County Rd. 6 and Crossland Rd. and follow the signs.

The plants are easily pulled, no equipment is needed, but you may want to wear gloves. Also wear long sleeves, long pants, closed boots, and a hat. Bug spray may also be a good idea. For more information, call Kate Harries at 705-322-2545 or email info@mtmconservation.org



Tiny Marsh BioBlitz

By Anne McArthur

Once again, Tiny Marsh (500 Tiny-Flos Town Line) will host a BioBlitz on Saturday June 25, 2016. Last year, in its inaugural event, over 130 people of all ages came out to participate in a variety of walks to record all the species they could find within the marsh.

There will be a series of outings ranging from one to three hour walks led by a group of experts with knowledge in a variety of fields – birds, butterflies, pollinators, amphibians, mammals and plants. Participants can come for just one outing, or take in many walks throughout the day. Outings will start at 6 a.m. and continue on till midnight. The cost of \$10 per person or \$25 per family includes participating in as many outings as you would like, a BBQ lunch and a t-shirt.

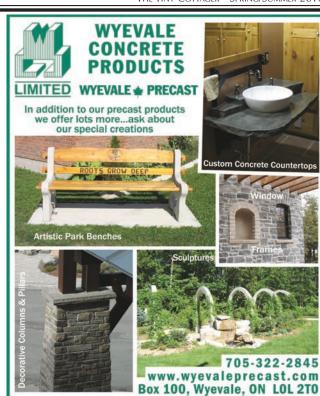
This is a great way for families to enjoy the natural beauty of Tiny Marsh. To register, call Ellen Hartwick 705-527-0568 or email bioblitz@mtmconservation.org. No experience or equipment is required although binoculars may be helpful.

Tiny Marsh is Ontario's first provincially owned and managed wildlife area, consisting of approximately 600 hectares of marsh and 300 hectares of field and forest. This area is recognized as an Important Bird Area.



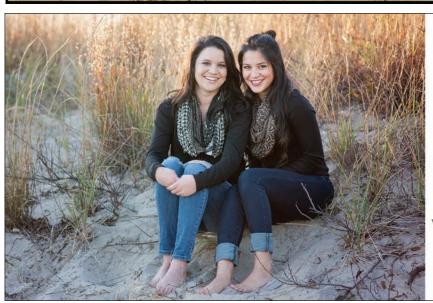


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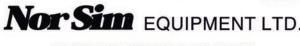












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Recommended Summer Reading

For cottagers (as opposed to lawyers or real estate agents), openings are always so much better than closings. And some openings seem to go so well together: cottage spring opening; opening the fireplace damper and a good bottle of wine in the evening when it's time to relax; and sitting down to open a good book. Which gives us the perfect opening to suggest one of the ones recommended

Al Taylor, Kingswood Acres

The Water of Life, by Daniel Marchildon

This one had me with the title of the first chapter: "Elizabeth, Lighthouse Point". I was hooked. It's the story of how whiskey ("Uisge beatha", Scots Gaelic for whiskey, meaning "the water of life") arrived on Georgian Bay.

The story begins in Scotland in the 1400s, spanning generations of distillers, legal and otherwise, with sidebars of Etienne Brule, Ste. Marie among the Hurons, and many other names you will recognize from this area.

I found the book exciting and learned a good deal about whiskey, as the story goes back and forth between past and present, with a surprise ending and a helpful glossary of terminology and Huron words. Not since The Orenda by Joseph Boyden has a book on Georgian Bay so captivated me from beginning to end. A great read, especially with a snifter of Glenfiddich!

[Editor's note: The award-winning original French publication of this book was mentioned in an article featuring the author in the spring 2013 issue of The Tiny Cottager.]

D.F. Andrews, Wahnekewening Beach

Masters of Empire, Great Lakes Indians and the Making of America, by Michael A. McDonnell

Much of what has been written of the history of First Nations peoples and Europeans in North America has focused on the adventures and exploits of the Europeans: explorers, adventurers, missionaries and government officials. This book presents the other side of the history, focusing on the First Nations, and the Odawa nation in northern Michigan and Manitoulin, in particular.

The Odawa, through intermarriage and political savvy, dominated political events and European expansion from 1600 on, exploiting trade with both the French and the British. Through intermarriage with other tribes and with the French, they expanded their influence from northern Michigan through Montreal and Quebec, throughout southern Ontario and well into the Ohio Valley. It was the Odawa who guided the "explorations" of the likes of Radisson. It was the Odawa who controlled the trade in the upper Great Lakes, shaping the history of the region. They were a formidable economic and political force for cen-

The book is fascinating, though long and at times repetitive: a small price for the enlightenment and understanding it gives.

Joe Martin, Addison Beach

The Devil in the White City, by Erik Larson

I am departing from my normal practice of recommending baseball books to suggest a fascinating book by a fascinating author, Erik Larson. Larson writes non-fiction in an almost fictional style and brings drama to real world events. Prior to a visit to Berlin a few years ago we read his In the Garden of the Beast, a terrifying story of the American ambassador's family in Hitler's Berlin.

This led me to The Devil in the White City, an earlier work of Larson's which many people recommended. It combines the history of the 1893 Columbian Exposition in Chicago with a killer (the "Devil") who plied his murderous trade during the Chicago World's Fair, making Jack the Ripper look like a good guy.

The sub-title of the book is Murder, Mayhem and Madness at the Fair that Changed America. While The Devil has no Tiny Beaches references, it does bring out the fact that two of his murders, of two little girls, were committed "in the very center of the city of Toronto, without arousing the least suspicion of a single person there". For anyone who likes Chicago and has nerves of steel, this is a very good read.

Bob Chisholm, Farlain Lake

Champlain's Dream, by David Hackett Fischer (Pulitzer Prize winner)

This book is the story of Samuel de Champlain, the visionary adventurer from France who made a New World in Canada. During his many travels in the early 1600s he spent a year living with First Nations people in Huronia, exploring by canoe and on foot areas which we now know as Wyevale, Perkinsfield, Penetanguishene, Midland, Port McNicoll, Victoria Harbour, Waubaushene and Orillia, to name a few. Champlain was not only an explorer, he was a soldier, master mariner, cartographer and artist, who documented his travels and experiences in meticulous detail.

This book should be especially interesting to anyone in the Huronia area. I have no hesitation in recommending it: a long read, but once you get started, you will have a hard time putting it down.

There is a pamphlet entitled "Route Champlain" showing the route travelled by Champlain in the Midland area, with details of twelve plaque locations commemorating his visits here. (It may be available at La Cle de la Baie en Huronie, 63 Main Street, Penetanguishene.) I plan to take a day this summer and go on a little adventure to find all twelve plaques. Have a good read.

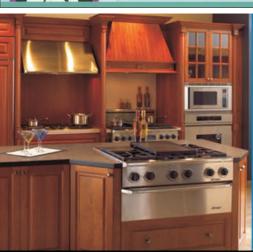
[Editor's note: loyal readers may recall that Champlain's Dream was first reviewed in these pages by Jack Ellis in the 2010 inaugural Recommended Summer Reading column. However, it is absolutely worth another mention.]

Jack Ellis, Rowntree Beach

Dark Territory: The Secret History of Cyber War, by Fred Kaplan

Sorry, folks -- this is not a "fun on the beach" story. *Dark* Territory is just the most important book I have ever read on global security. Anyone interested in the future of life and warfare on this planet will be well-rewarded by reading this informative and well-researched book. You don't have to be a "techie" to learn a lot from it. I recommend it

Ever since the earliest development of the Internet almost 40 years ago, it has been the darling technology of academia, the military, industry and government. Our society now depends on it almost totally: the use of interconnected services exploded over 100 times in the last two decades and now covers over one third of the world's population. The benefits of cyber developments have, however, a sinister mirror in a "Dark Web" where underground criminality, financial frauds, human trafficking and actual cyber attacks can and have taken place. These can disrupt vital infrastructure such as power networks, military assets, and much more throughout the world. Kaplan explains the history and development of cyber warfare in a cogent and readable style, focusing on just what can and cannot be done to defend against it. This book is an eye-opener: always gripping, sometimes disturbing, but also reassuring.



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Agent Storm: My Life inside al-Qaeda and the CIA, by Morten Storm, with Paul Cruickshank and Tim Lister

This gripping and well-written book provides insights into one of the toughest existential questions of our time: why would anyone join the terrorist networks that commit such absolutely heinous atrocities amongst us as well as in the deserts of the Middle East? You won't be disappointed in this book: a first person account which is the most informative I have ever read about what goes on in the world of jihadis and radical Islam.

Morten Storm grew up as a big, rough and ready teenager from a broken home in the small Danish city of Korsor, pulled off minor crimes in his teens, was jailed,

made rowdy friends, some of whom were Muslims, and joined a biker gang. The story of how he converted to Islam, and then self-radicalized as a jihadi, is gripping and incredibly complicated. Eventually, he began to question jihadi practices, especially the indiscriminate killing of civilians, de-radicalized himself almost as swiftly as he had radicalized in the first place, made contact with the Danish secret service, then MI6 and the CIA, serving as a paid undercover agent.

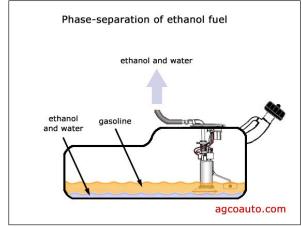
This book is a real page-turner and a must-read, giving incredible insights into the present jihadi movements, what they are capable of, and how they carry it out! Not to mention the "Keystone Cops" antics of the spymasters!

How to Protect Your Small Motors against Ethanol Separation

BY BOB CHISHOLM

In June 2015, my 4 horsepower 2-cycle outboard motor started on the second pull and I continued on to visit friends at the other end of the lake. It was the first time out for the boat this year. On the return trip, the motor wouldn't run. After several pulls, it would start but conked out within a few seconds. After several tries, it got going and brought me home, but something was wrong.

I took the motor and gas can to my Suzuki dealer. The regular gas in the plastic container was purchased about a month before and was mixed with oil as required. Initially the mechanic couldn't find anything wrong. After a day or two they found that the motor would run on one of their tanks using their gas. To test my gas, they filled a glass jar from my tank and found that the ethanol had separated from the gas and it sank to the bottom of the jar. It was easy to distinguish the ethanol from the gasoline.



This ethanol separation impaired the gasoline and clogged up the carburetor, as I understand it, and the motor wouldn't run properly.

At the dealership they called the problem "ethanol separation". Apparently this has become a big problem with small motors using regular gasoline. If regular gas sits in a container for weeks without being used, moisture (water) from the air may get into the gas and act as a catalyst to separate the ethanol. It takes only a spoonful or less of water to cause the ethanol to separate. One Internet source states that the water and the ethanol actually combine and separate from the gas.

At the marina, they cleaned the carburetor and disposed of all the gasoline in my tank and rinsed it out. They recommended using high octane/premium gasoline which they said has no ethanol in it. Also, that premium gas should be used in all small motors including outboards, lawn mowers, 4-wheelers, chain saws, powered whippersnappers, etc, etc. for the reason that the regular gas which



they use often sits around in containers for weeks and water can accumulate through condensation and break down the gas mix.

The next step was to find gas without ethanol in it. I could not establish if the brand which I usually buy sells any gas without ethanol in it. The notice on their pumps stating "may contain up to 10% ethanol" appears to apply to all grades of their gas. However, I did find one source. Shell "V-Power" which is 91 octane does not contain ethanol. Their newer pumps have a sticker on them which states this clearly. Now I use their V-Power for the outboard

I had the same problem two years ago with my four cycle Honda lawnmower. The local Honda dealer told me the problem was with the gas and the carburetor had to be cleaned. As I think back, that could have been because of ethanol separation. Now my lawnmower gets ethanol free gas as well.

It appears that cars using regular gas do not experience this problem. Perhaps it is because they are constantly using fresh gas. Maybe it is because they have fuel injection instead of carburetors. Maybe both. I don't know.

As an experiment, I filled a 500 ml jam bottle with regular gas and put in a tablespoon of water. Within an hour the ethanol had separated and it sank to the bottom, clearly visible.

I was not aware of this ethanol separation problem until recently. There is lots of information on the Internet about ethanol separation.

I am not connected with Shell in any way, other than buying gas for my outboard motor and lawnmower. There may be other oil companies which sell ethanol free gasoline. Shell happens to be the only one I know of

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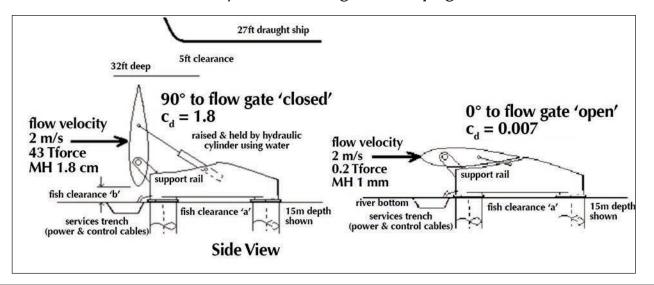


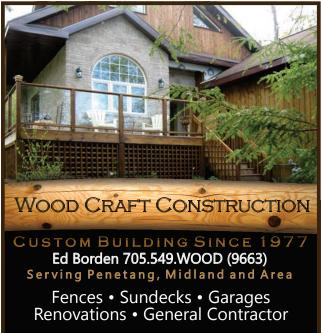
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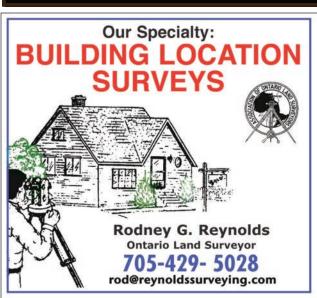
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Edmor-Georgian Heights: Past, Present & Future (Pt. 2)

BY DOUG GARDNER (PAST PRESIDENT)

(For Part One see the Fall, 2015 Tiny Cottager)

Little did I know in 1945 that the purchases and development of Lot 26 for a Youth Camp (Camp Douglas) would provide a stepping stone for Ed & Morrison Doan's 'Edmor Beach' Plan of Subdivision 894 in Lot 27. My father and I felt like explorers and early settlers. In later years, Bill Collett considered me a pioneer.

I wished Camp Douglas to commence operations in the summer of 1946. Many of the challenges and tasks had to be resolved and completed in time. Negotiations with the Township to extend Conc. 4 and with Ontario Hydro and Elmvale Telephone Co. would take time.

Immediate access to the property was a priority. With permission, the portion of the old bush road westerly through Hickling's Lot 25 into Lot 26 was accessed from the end of Conc. 4 opposite the Deanlea Beach Road. Within two weeks this bush road was restored, widened and extended to the building site of the Camp.

My father, being a knowledgeable builder, undertook the construction of the camp buildings, the ordering and delivery of building materials, and the required local labour to assist him (Vic Campbell who now owns and operates the Wyevale Concrete Products, Cec & Elwood Blow from the Wyevale area).

I undertook to negotiate with the Township, Ontario Hydro, and the Elmvale Telephone Co. Negotiations were hampered by the fact that the war had just ended in 1945 and they were all affected by lack of funds, equipment, materials, and manpower. Not to be discouraged, I offered suggestions and assistance. We agreed on a plan.

The Township permitted me to extend the Conc. 4 Road through the undeveloped Conc. 4 Road Allowance to Lot 26. I was allowed to take the line of least resistance in cutting a swath wide enough for a two track one lane road to Lot 26. I then extended the road south into and through Lot 26 to connect with the old bush road extension leading to the camp site. This was accomplished with the help of Watt Webb and Bill Horsfall with a horse-drawn scoop, dump truck, axes and shovels. The beginning of the Lot 26 private road is today where Tiny Beaches Rd. S. is a left turn off Conc. 4 Road, and identified with black & yellow directional signs.

In the fall of 1946, the Lot 26 private road was extended to the property line between Lot 26 & 27. My

father chose to build a log house here from logs acquired from the property. Bill Clements (Sr. & Jr.) and John Pye recall driving in on the bush road and the one lane road from 1947-1949. Bill Collett recalls the log house as the first to be built, and he recognizes it as the "Homestead" to this day on Lot 18, R.P. 1075, Georgian Heights at 1612 Tiny Beaches Rd. S.

The Township became interested in this Lot 26 private road. They had contemplated for some time developing a road to connect Conc. 4 Road with the Woodland Beach (Conc. 2). If I was interested in dedicating the Lot 26 private road to the Township, they would construct a proper road and maintain it. They would hopefully in time extend the Township road (James St.) through Lot 27, and develop a connecting road from Woodland Beach. I agreed, and today, it exists as Tiny Beach Rd. S. Ontario Hydro would provide the necessary hook-up, connections and lines from Deanlea Beach. In return I was to make a swath through the bush, cut and place cedar poles where stipulated.

Elmvale Telephone Co., made the same arrangements. The existing telephone line along the Conc. 4 Road ended at Deanlea Beach Road. Connections would be made at the last pole. I was to make a swath westerly from this point along the edge of the Conc. 4 Road Allowance to and into Lot 26, and cut, place poles as directed. The Camp was supplied with a wall-mounted party line phone, hand-cranked to reach the telephone operator and people on our line. I remember the Camp telephone number was 2 long, 3 short.

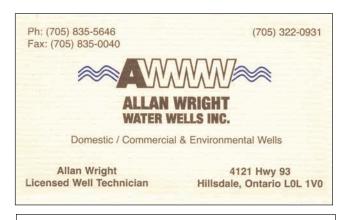
Camp Douglas, complete with road access, hydro and telephone, operated 1946-50, and then I arranged to have the Camp moved physically to Algonquin Park where it operated 1951-1958.

The Doan property in Lot 27 was developed into a Plan of Subdivision in 1947, and registered in September, 1947 as Edmor Beach, R.P. 894. Lot owners who bought before 1951 remember the Camp. There was no hydro or telephone to Edmor Beach in 1947.

John Pye recalls that he was the first to build at Edmor Beach in 1948. Orpha Hickling believes that she bought two lots on Balmoral Ave around 1948-1950, but didn't build until 1954. A Cec Campbell from Wyevale bought more then one lot along Balmoral Ave in 1947-1948, and resold one lot to Les McKay of Elmvale which Shirley Richardson (daughter) inherited. The Richardson property was next to the Orpha











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Hickling property.

The Bates cottage was built in 1950 according to Gladys & Sharon Bates, and at that time, the township main road ended at their lot. They recall around the same time, perhaps 1952, a lumber/logging road existed across the road from their cottage lot, and there was a sawmill back in the bush. Probably in Conc. 3 Lot 26, because in February 1952, I sold the south half of Lot 26 to a C. Alldred for timber interests. Alldred planned to cut logs and put in a sawmill. To this day, the Alldred family still own it.

The Gardner log house "Homestead" in Lot 26 received hydro around 1949, but the Clements, Bates did not receive hydro until June 1951 and it came from the north (Lot 26). The hydro ended at the Bates. John Pye and others recalled the use of coal oil lamps, wood stoves, or pressurized camping stoves for cooking.



The log house then and now

The Bates believe that Clements, Baileys, and Copelands built around 1950-1951. Jack Irvine claims that he built in 1954. No one recalls any established road from Woodland Beach in 1951.

In the fall of 1950, I applied to the Township to put a subdivision in Lot 26. I was given permission to proceed and obtain a surveyor. It was going to be a time consuming task. Rules and regulations had changed evidently since 1947. Lot 1 in R.P. 894 Edmor Beach was owned by Bill Schaeffer, Bank Manager in Elmvale. Bill Schaeffer and I were both interested in trading-off beach frontage land for road frontage land in Lot 26 as it would enhance both properties. These negotiations had to be completed before the surveyor proceeded, and this wasn't completed until March of 1952. The Plan of Subdivision and the Subdivision Agreement were then completed in September 1952, and registered as Plan 1075 Georgian Heights in early October 1952. R.P. 1075 Georgian Heights clearly states that the Plan of Subdivision is part of the North Half of Lot 26 in Conc. 3, and part of Lot 1 ascending to R.P. 894. I developed and registered the other part of the north half of Lot 26 (Georgian Heights Estates) as R.P. 51R-10144 in March 1981.

My father and mother had hoped to retire and live in the log house that he built to near completion. They had hoped that members of the family would join them from time to time for holiday periods. My mother became ill and passed away in 1949 before she could enjoy it. My father partially furnished it by 1950. He enjoyed it until 1951, when he suffered with heart problems, and passed away early in 1952. The joint ownership agreement provided for me to acquire his interests which included the log house. Before my father passed away, he expressed the wish that I allow family to use it until such time that it won't be feasible. I completed the log house, upgraded the water system and facilities with a septic system. I arranged for family members to use it for many years until I found it necessary to make other plans for maintenance and occupancy.

When I moved my Camp to Algonquin Park, I retained my Camp Administration building because it was quite suitable as a cottage. When I put the subdivision in, it was located on Lot 30. It was purchased by Mr. Walker's father (Lloyd), and retained by the Walkers.

The Walkers recently purchased Lot 27 & 28 from Harold Smith and have built on Lot 28.

Harold Smith initially bought 3 lots, 27, 28, and a beach lot on which he built a cottage. The Triggs purchased it from Harold Smith in 1966.

In the fall of 1952 there was guite a response to my initial advertisement of lots for sale. The first to respond were Jack and Marion Busch and they purchased lot 16. At the same time, Ed and Sybil Goldring responded and purchased lots 19 & 20. The Buschs lived in a tent while they built their cottage shell in 1952 & 1953. They borrowed hydro from the pole located in my lot 18.

As the word spread about Georgian Heights, it seemed no time at all until most of the lots were sold. At the time, the Township had no building department or a building inspector to enforce the building code. The subdivider or his agent had to take on this responsibility. Plans and location of buildings, etc., had to be submitted to me for approval. Violations had to be brought to the attention of the Township for correction.

The Township extended the Conc. 4 Road to James Street around 1965-1966. When the Township extended Conc. 4 Road Allowance to put in a parking area closer to the beach, cottage owners rallied in opposition. June Triggs and the Buschs recall how hard the community fought this parking area.

It was around 1978 that the residents of Edmor Beach-Georgian Heights became organized and formed the Ratepayers Association for greater clout. The executives included a President (Iris Pelligrino), a Secretary (June Triggs), two Vice Presidents (Bill Collett and Bill Clements Sr.), and a Treasurer (John Pye). The Association was active for a period of time, and then finally only to surface in time of need.

In 1990 and 1991, I energized the community and the Association to take a stand on a matter of an illegally constructed second family residence on a lot within our area. The Association's executive supported my concern to the point that I was added to the executive as Spokesperson. In 1992, I was nominated and elected President of the Association for a three year period (as per our Constitution).

The Association has a hard working elected executive, and a number of faithful Committee Members that meet twice a year (Fall & Spring). The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is held in early July. In 1993 the Association initiated a Social Event (hot dogs, corn, soft drinks) which was organized by the 2nd Vice President Don Stefano with the help of volunteers. It was a great success. Our membership has increased to represent over 100 individuals. We must be on the right track.

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The Wyebridge Tragedy

BY BONNIE REYNOLD

Behind the Church of the Good Shepherd in Wyebridge is a small limestone tombstone in memory of Daniel Dewell. He was born October 2, 1849 in Darlington Township and died May 17, 1882 in Wyebridge. He was only 31 years old at that time and left a wife and six children to mourn him. The circumstances regarding Dewell's death (in the November 9th, 1882 edition of the *Barrie Northern Advance*) are described in great detail. The article refers to this as the Wyebridge Tragedy and details the "Murder Trial" of Henry York and the deceased Daniel Dewell. Below is a summary of the article.

Colin Mcdougall, Council for the Crown introduces the following evidence at the trial.

Mrs. Mary Jane Dewell (nee Downer), wife of the deceased man, was the first witness called. deposed that on the tenth of May last her husband, who was working on York's farm, went out for a time and came back in about an hour with his face and clothes covered in blood and a cut on his forehead. He had on at the time a gray cloth suit and an old black hat. Mrs. Dewell identified a produced hat as the one worn by her husband. When her husband came in he took off the hat and she saw he had been struck with some heavy instrument, as the blow had cut through the hat and into the head. He had not been ill before and was thirty-one years old at the time. The blood had run down on his vest and coat. He complained of great pain in his neck, shoulders and across the spine. He seemed not in full use of his limbs. That same day he went down to the magistrates and had difficulty in reaching home. The following day he tried to work, but was very ill. The next day he was worse, and the following day he was delirious and unable to leave his bed. On Sunday Dr. Bowman was called in, but he continued to worsen until he died on the 17th of May. Mr. Dewell left to mourn him his wife (Mary Jane Downer) and six children - Thomas Henry (11), Margaret Frances (9), Eliza Annie (7), Harriet Cecelia (5), John Vincent (3) and Daniel Herbert (1).

Samuel Brock, a magistrate, lived about two miles from Dewell. Dewell came to his house on the 10th of May, with his head bandaged up. There was a fresh cut down his forehead. Dewell made a complaint to him. Brock saw the prisoner (Henry York) on the following day. York said that he and Dewell were quarreling about a lease between them. Dewell was in the act of striking York and he hit back at Dewell with a little tap with the axe. The witness (Brock) said that they were sitting on a log and Dewell was using awful language, and the first he knew Dewell was in the act of striking him, and he warded off the blow with the axe and struck him a little tap. This is what York had told him. Brock asked Dewell what damages would be required to settle the case and Dewell asked for \$20.00, which was paid all but a dollar.

Christopher Varty, a hotel keeper in Wyebridge, was acquainted with both the prisoner and the deceased (Dewell). He had known York for sixteen years. He had spoken with York at his hotel prior to the death of Dewell. York said that he had trouble with Dewell about a piece of ground. He thought that he had the right to clear said property and plant potatoes. Dewell had ordered him off the ground and abused him. Dewell struck at him at about the same time as he struck back with the axe. The two blows passed each other and his took effect. York said that Dewell had used strong language toward him, but it was after the blow had been struck. (I think I would use strong language too if someone hit me over the head with an axe.)

W.E. Cronkite, a resident of Wyebridge was also acquainted with both parties. He saw York about twenty minutes after Dewell died. Said that York shook hands with him and said, "I am going boys; read your bibles and you will never get into the same fix I am in.

I thought it was all right, but the temper never left me, and in an evil hour I did it". That was all the conversation that took place while he was in the room. Rev. Mr. Dobbs (Anglican minister) was in the next room at the same time, and the door was open.

James Murdock also visited York and heard the same thing. One of York's daughters was also present and started to cry. York said to her, "stop crying: I'm not dead yet though I did it, but I soon will be and then it will be all right".

Wm. Rutledge, Coroner, held an inquest on the body of Dewell. He was not a physician by profession. A post mortem examination had been made of the body at his request, by Drs. Bowman, Spohn and Blackstock.

Dr. Bowman stated that he was called to see Dewell before his death. He found him suffering from concussion of the brain. Saw a wound on his forehead. Examined the wound and found it had been produced by some blunt instrument. He believed that the blow caused the concussion. On the following day he was suffering from inflammation of the lungs. The next day Dewell was a great deal worse and delirious at intervals. Bowman said that in his opinion the direct cause of death was the inflammation of the lungs, but that the inflammation would not have caused death but for the concussion of the brain. The skull was fractured at the base which was most likely caused by the blow. The brain concussion would thus render a person more liable to inflammation of the lungs.

Dr. Spohn had also visited Dewell and found him suffering from the concussion and lung inflammation. Drs. Spohn and Blackstock came to the conclusion that Dewell would die and told both he and his wife that it would be very soon. Dr. Blackstock and Dr. Spohn were both magistrates and took Dewell's ante mortem statement. Both Doctors conducted the post mortem examination and concluded that Dewell most likely died from the blow, and would have recovered from the inflammation if that was all he had.

Mr. Macdougall, the Crown prosecutor, offered the deposition of Dewell as evidence. He contended that Dewell, at the time of making the deposition, believed that he was about to die.

His Lordship decided not to receive the evidence.

Dr. Wells, from hearing the evidence, was of the opinion that death resulted from inflammation accelerated by the brain injury. There was no evidence to show that the inflammation was sufficient to cause death. This concluded the case for the crown.

Mr. McCarthy held that it had not been proved that the blow caused the death: but the evidence of the physicians was almost conclusive that death resulted from a different cause. Macdougall argued strongly against this view of the case and said that the deceased had been quite healthy and would have likely overcome the attack of inflammation if the attack was not superceded by the blow to the head.

His Lordship held with Mr. McCarthy that it had not been proven that death resulted from the blow and dismissed the case

His Lordship said to the prisoner (York) "Happily for you this Court is compelled to dismiss the charge on technical grounds. Whether you are more guilty than what has appeared in evidence, is known only to yourself. You are discharged."

The prisoner replied "Thank your Lordship. I am innocent; as clear as the sun at noonday."

He then stepped out of the box, the court was cleared, and the end of the Wyebridge Tragedy was reached

Many relatives of Mary Jane Downer (Daniel Dewell's wife) are still in the area today. In fact, Mary Jane was the aunt of Arthur Downer, Reeve of Tiny Township 1948-1953.







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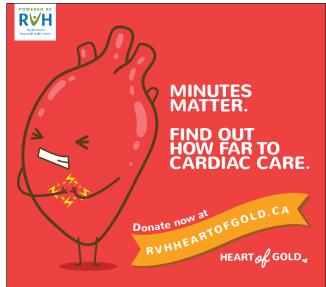
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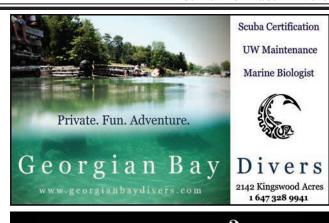
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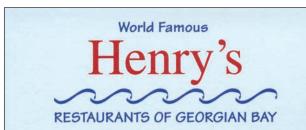






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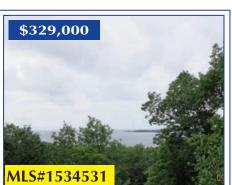
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