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Growing up in Creemore in the 1980s, Laura LaChapelle was very aware of being different from everyone else.

LaChappelle is the program director for Making Change, a not-for-profit organization of community volunteers led by Black women and launched in 2019 with a goal to spark community interest and foster conversations around inclusion and diversity, with a focus on Black culture and community and anti-Black racism.

"There was a huge transition to go from downtown Toronto to Creemore ... so definitely my childhood was a unique experience," said LaChapelle, who is also deeply involved in theatre arts throughout the south Georgian Bay region, particularly with youth. "There were times when it was really, really tough, but it also was part of what made me stronger."

Making Change, in partnership with the Wasaga Beach Public Library, is hosting a Black History Month event: Mosaic of

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Aliza Blair (left) and Laura LaChapelle are part of organizing the Making Change Black History Month event in Wasaga Beach on Feb. 25, called 'Mosaic of Black Culture'. Part of the event features the Diversity Tapestry, offering an opportunity for attendees to add their handprints.

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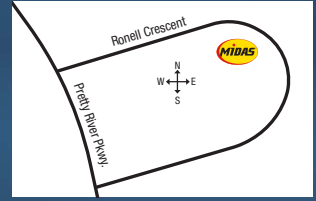


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BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT HIGHLIGHTS TOWN'S GROWING DIVERSITY

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Black Culture.

"To have an event that says, 'Hey, we're here, too' is so meaningful to that small percentage of the community," LaChapelle said. "It is an opportunity for education, for those who are of various different backgrounds, to learn about Black culture."

The event will feature an overview of Black history by Making Change speaker Debbie Opoku-Mulder, with traditional Caribbean music by award-winning steel pan performer Pan Fyah.

There will be a chance for kids to try the steel pan themselves and make their own drum to take home.

Kyle Young, the community relations assistant at the library, said the event ties in with the library's mandate to promote diversity and inclusion.

"The great thing about this event is it is for all ages," Young said. "It really provides an opportunity for people to come together and celebrate the diversity



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Wasaga Beach Public Library community relations assistant Kyle Young with one of the hand drums on display at the library during Black History Month, along with several Black-themed children's books.

that is continuing to change this community."

The library will feature a selection of Black authors and literature for Black History Month, as

well as a display of hand drums.

Attendees will also have a chance to add their mark to the Diversity Tapestry, a 15-foot-long canvas covered by the imprints of

people's hands in a variety of colours: white, beige, red, brown and black. LaChapelle said those who added their handprints to the tapestry during other events across the county did so with "real mindfulness."

"It's the natural beauty of our natural skin that we're seeing in Simcoe County," she said. "There have been some Indigenous families who have come, and it was the red paint that spoke to them, and they chose to do red handprints."

"There have been some people who picked the black handprint because they were feeling empowered by being part of this moment. It really is a personal choice of colour."

Aliza Blair is a recent arrival to the community and sees her involvement as a presenter for the educational component of Making Change as "an opportunity for me to volunteer in the community for the first time."

"I'm excited that we're putting events together all around Simcoe County to bring education and knowledge and entertain-

ment throughout the community that shows the Black community," she said.

Originally from Kenya, Blair, a realtor, grew up in Winnipeg and lived in Brampton before bringing her family to Wasaga Beach two years ago.

"I started to really think about where I needed to go in order to raise my kids. Winnipeg has a small-town community feel, and I wanted that same experience for my children," she said. "What I have found, not just for me, but for my children, is that we have felt extremely included."

The Feb. 25 event will be held in the Oakville Room at the Wasaga RecPlex from 10 a.m. until noon. Pre-registration is encouraged as seating is limited; go to www.makingchangesc.com for more.

STORY BEHIND THE STORY:
As part of Simcoe.com's coverage of Black History Month, we took a look at the Making Change event that will be making a stop in Wasaga Beach.

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WASAGA BEACH RECEIVES FIRST CHEQUE FROM GATEWAY CASINO

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Wasaga Beach's take of gaming revenue from the town's new casino has rolled in.

On Jan. 27, the town accepted its first payment under its municipal contribution agreement with the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation: more than \$152,000, representing the first 39 days of operation for Gateway Casino and Entertainment's Playtime facility.

"Thirty-nine days is a number I will never forget," Mayor Brian Smith joked as he accepted the ceremonial cheque from OLG at a ceremony recognizing the grand opening of Playtime Casino Wasaga Beach. "I'm looking forward to seeing what 90 (days) does, and I'm sure council is chomping at the bit to figure out how we're going to use these dollars."

"This is an extremely exciting day for the Town of Wasaga Beach, and an extremely grateful day."

Along with the cheque presentation, Smith cut the ribbon to of-

ficially open the casino, more than two months after the facility's soft open in late November.

Gateway — through its community giving program, Gateway Gives — also presented a \$5,000 cheque to the Wasaga Beach Ministerial Food Bank, as a portion of the casino's food and beverage sales at the Match Eatery and Public House.

Gateway's chief marketing and communications officer Carrie Kormos said she has been at openings of the company's casinos across the country, and "what I've seen here at Wasaga Beach truly stands apart.

"We have been warmly welcomed by this community from the day we announced our intention to locate here," she said.

Gateway's capital investment in Wasaga Beach was \$34.3 million, and the casino and restaurant employs 140 people."

Since OLG's modernization program began more than a decade ago, there has been \$1.8 billion in private sector capital investment in Ontario, said OLG's



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Wasaga Beach mayor Brian Smith wields the scissors, as Gateway Casino and Entertainment officially opened its Playtime Casino. With Smith are, from left, OLG CEO Duncan Hannay, Playtime Casino Wasaga Beach general manager Judy Dunbar, deputy mayor Tanya Snell, Coun. Ellen Timms, Coun. Joe Belanger, and Gateway chief communications and marketing officer Carrie Kormos.

director of media relations Tony Bitonti.

Since 1994, when host municipalities began receiving a share of casino revenue, gaming has put more than \$1.93 billion into

communities, Bitonti added.

Bitonti noted that the opening of Wasaga Beach's casino has been "quite significant," even in comparison with other casino openings across the province.

"It has done well, for these numbers (of revenue), and there's every indication it will continue to do well," he said. "The community has embraced it."

The town's next payment will come in mid-April, and represent revenue from Jan. 1 to March 31. Under the terms of the agreement, host communities receive their revenue 21 days after the close of the quarter; Wasaga Beach had already received its "real" cheque, prior to the Jan. 27 ceremony.

The town will now need to determine how to spend its gaming revenue. The town conducted a public engagement process in the fall, and in December, municipal staff presented a draft policy to council. Smith told Simcoe.com the final version of that policy will come to the council table for discussion in the near future.

Under the municipal contribution agreement, the town receives 5.25 per cent of the first \$65 million of slot revenue, and three per cent of the next \$135 million of slot revenue.

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SYSTEMIC RACISM HAS ALWAYS BEEN A REAL AND PRESENT DANGER

CULTURAL HEALING WILL REQUIRE MUCH EFFORT, JANIE COOPER-WILSON WRITES



JANIE COOPER-WILSON
Column

The majority of descendants of the first-generation Black people to arrive in the Georgian Bay area are able to directly trace their lineage to the Queen's Bush Settlement in Wellington county and to the Oro Black Settlement near Edgar, and indirectly to every Black settlement in Ontario, as well as to every American slave state.

New residents and tourists alike are usually under the misconception people of African descent were not visible in the northern townships until the late 1950s, when single women from the British West Indies came to Canada as part of the West Indian Domestic Scheme.

Yet, it is a well-documented fact people of African descent have been long-standing residents and an integral part of the landscape of Simcoe and Grey counties, since the earliest years of the 19th century.

The first-generation Black pioneers would have travelled along either the Penetanguishene Road (est. c. 1814), or the Garafraxa Road (now, Highway 6, est. c. 1837), the only access roads into the area.

Although, people of African descent became legally free in Canada in 1834, widespread cultural propaganda, discriminatory and marginalization

practices, firmly entrenched since the late 18th century, forced early Black residents to remain silent and keep a low profile, as they struggled to survive injustice on a daily basis.

Until recent years, the history of people of African descent in Ontario was ignored, purposely obliterated, or relegated to an occasional footnote in dusty textbooks. Regardless of the many and great advancements made to educate the public and bring about healing change, it is a sad fact there remains distinct reluctance within present-day society to accept the validity of Canada's history from the Black perspective.

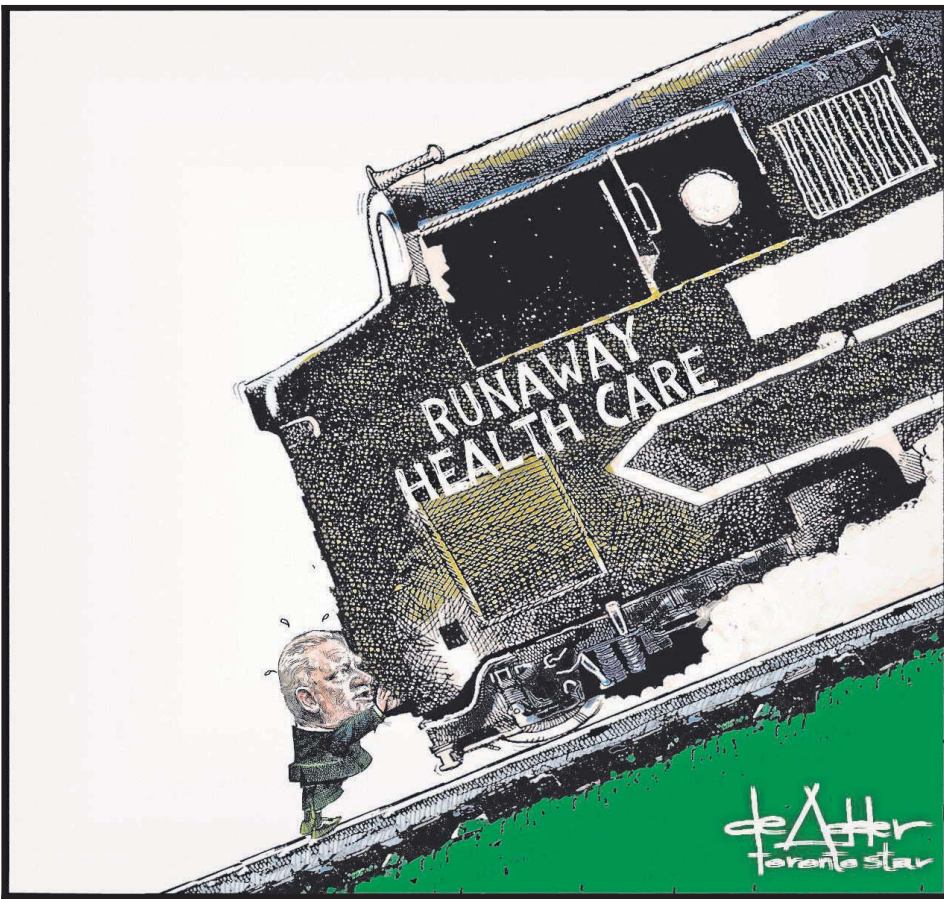
To do so requires an admission that systemic racism has always been a real and present danger within our midst. Cultural healing will require far more than sugar-coating the truth and paying lip service to the concept of equality, diversity and inclusivity; it will require honest self-evaluation of our core values and the willingness to participate in uncomfortable conversations.

The older generations have long-since passed to their Glory and their faces may have faded from the visible past. Yet, they haven't been forgotten.

The stories of their courageous lives are being revived, recorded and passed on by committed descendants, through the written and spoken word, music, song, film and dance.

The Ancestors live on through the accomplishments of their living descendants, who have aspired to and achieved excellence in every profession and the arts.

Janie Cooper-Wilson is founder and executive director of the SilverShoe Historical Society. She is also a sitting member of the Ontario Historical Society board of directors.



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- 2 **SUPPORT BLACK-OWNED BUSINESSES.** Black business owners still face prejudice as an extension of racial discrimination. It's important to seek out Black bookstores, restaurants and even Black vendors, and support them on a regular basis.
- 3 **ATTEND BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS.** When you learn about Black History Month events happening, it's important to show up to support the organizations presenting them. Local libraries, schools and museums will be having Black History Month events this year.
- 4 **LISTEN.** Learn from others about the struggles and obstacles they've faced. Ask permission first before you comment, question or share. Approach asking questions with humility and a learning mindset.
- 5 **GET COMFORTABLE WITH BEING UNCOMFORTABLE.** Reflect on what you can do differently. Are there situations where you could be more deliberate with your words? When you've learned more, you'll feel more solid in your ability to step in and speak up. The process of "unlearning" happens over time and requires an investment of energy. But embrace discomfort, make mistakes and stay engaged. Allyship isn't a one-off event. It takes consistent work over time. Not just in February.



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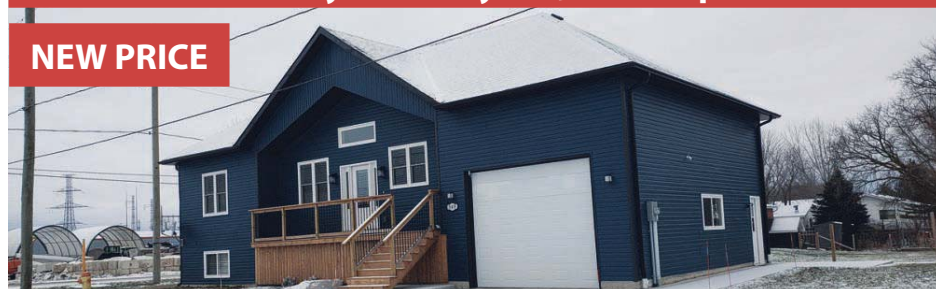
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Residents interested in learning more about and celebrating Black history and culture will have several opportunities to do so in February. Making Change is bringing a series of free interactive events to the region during Black History Month. Mosaic of Black Culture — A Family Event, featuring live steel pan

music, a make your own steel pan craft, and an overview of Black history from a local Canadian perspective, will be held in Innisfil, Angus, Orillia, Bradford, Wasaga Beach and Barrie. "With so much rich Black history right in our own backyard, our interactive event will get the whole family engaged," said Michèle Newton, co-founder and chair of Making Change. Attendees will hear traditional Caribbean music provided by award-winning steel pan performer Pan Fyah. Youth can try the steel pan themselves and also create their own drum to take home in this fun-filled family event. The event will also share an engaging overview of Black history presented by Making Change speaker Debbie Opoku-Mulder. "Making Change's mis-



Making Change photo

Making Change is bringing a series of free interactive events to the region during Black History Month.

sion is to spark conversations around diversity and inclusion," Newton said. "Through our Mosaic of Black Culture event, we

want to create opportunities to build allyship. As we learn about Black history together we can move forward in community to-

getherness." Locations and dates: • Innisfil ideaLAB and Library, 967 Innisfil Beach Rd., Feb. 11, 1 to 3

p.m. • Angus Library, 8505 County Rd. 10, Feb. 18, 10 a.m. to noon • Orillia Public Library, 36 Mississaga St. W., Feb. 18, 2 to 4 p.m. • Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library, 425 Holland St. W., Feb. 19, 2 to 4 p.m. • Wasaga Beach Public Library, 1724 Mosley St., Feb. 25, 10 a.m. to noon • Barrie's MacLaren Art Centre, 37 Mulcaster St., Feb. 25, 2 to 4 p.m. Pre-registration is required to attend each event and space is limited. To register, visit Making-ChangeSC.com. Making Change is a startup not-for-profit organization of community volunteers, led by a community of Black women. Its goal is to spark broad community interest and foster conversations around inclusion and diversity, with a focus on Black cultures, Black communities and issues around anti-Black racism.



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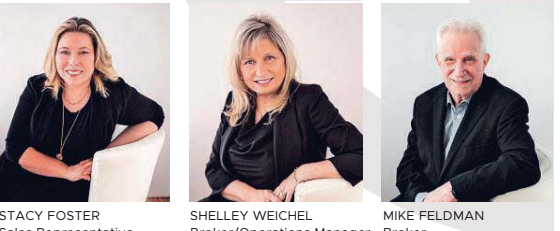
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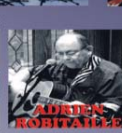
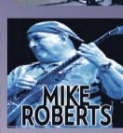
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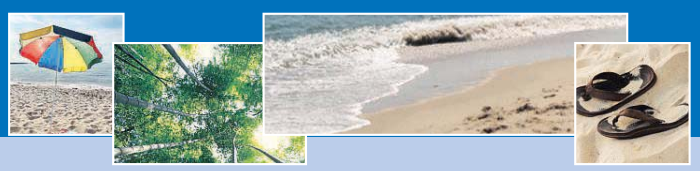
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Committee meetings are generally held monthly

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PLEASE NOTE

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This land across from Wasaga Beach's skateboard park on Mosley Street is owned by Infrastructure Ontario.

Wasaga Beach will ask the province to look at selling off or swapping properties it owns that would be better used for housing.

The issue of provincially owned lands came up at council's co-ordinated committee meeting Jan. 19 during a discussion about how the municipality should respond to an amendment to the County of Simcoe's official plan.

The amendment would be the first phase of a municipal comprehensive review of the county's official plan that would implement a land needs assessment.

This process is required by the province and would assign the county's 16 municipalities a growth target for 2051. The majority of residential and employment growth in the county is directed to primary settlement areas, of which Wasaga Beach is not considered one.

Wasaga Beach's position is that it should be considered a settlement area in the province's Growth Plan. This position is now supported by the county, says the town's senior planner Matt Ellis, and would set a population target for the town of more than 46,000 by 2051.

Having provincially owned property designated as developable land, in areas already serviced, would help in hitting that target — as well as the pro-

vincial goal to see 1.5 million homes built during the next 10 years, the committee decided.

"They're prime properties that could be developed for the town," Coun. Ellen Timms said.

The issue of so-called "orphaned" properties has come to the council table several times during the last eight years, notably during Mayor Brian Smith's first term in 2014-18.

The regulated provincial park is more than 4,500 acres. However, there are a number of lots, particularly along Shore Lane, expropriated in the 1970s when the park was created.

The lots are not contiguous to the main park, but are included in the same assessment roll number — and therefore are valued much lower than if they were a standard residential building lot.

Infrastructure Ontario also holds an 18-acre parcel on Mosley Street, across from Wasaga Beach's skateboard park, assessed at \$118,000.

Andrew McNeill, the town's chief administrative officer, said the province may not be sure what lands it owns within the town boundaries.

"There is a disconnect between (Municipal Affairs Minister Steve Clark) looking for lands to develop housing and understanding what they actually own," he said. "If we can help bridge and connect the dots for the province, that would be quite beneficial for the Town of Wasaga Beach."

Smith noted the province owns some very significant properties "that are worth millions of dollars. The fact that they haven't been developed, they've been allowed (to get) overgrown, and not maintained ... from the time they were expropriated until now, the annual dollar value in tax revenue the town has not received from the province or someone developing those properties, it is very significant dollars," he said.

Smith also suggested a land swap with the province for municipal-owned lands the town is unlikely to use and may be adjacent to provincially owned property.

"We could put those lands on the table," Doug Herron, director of planning, said. "We have done so in the past, so it should not be a surprise to them."



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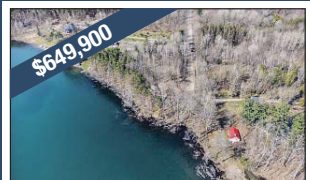
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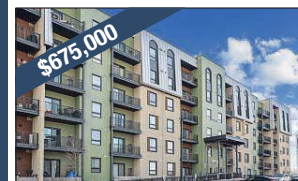
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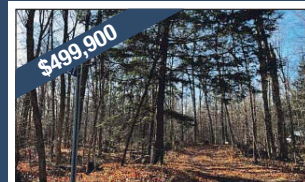
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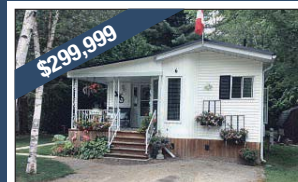
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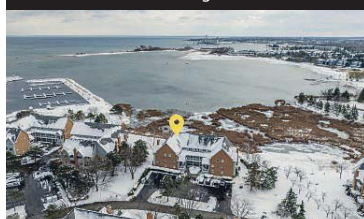
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LOCAL MAN USES POLAND EXPERIENCE TO RAISE CASH FOR UKRAINE

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Months after he returned from a stint helping people who were fleeing the war in Ukraine, a south Georgian Bay man continues to spread the word that the people of the eastern European nation still need help.

Tony Dittenhoffer has been making the rounds of local clubs, including area Probus clubs, telling the story of his time in Poland in early 2022, just on the other side of the border from Ukraine.

Dittenhoffer boarded a flight to Poland in early March 2022, soon after the Russian army crossed into

Ukraine, to do his part to help refugees who have been flooding over the Poland-Ukraine border.

He spent his days sorting and loading trucks with food, medical supplies, water and diapers at a distribution centre run by a local Catholic archdiocese, Caritas Lubelskiej.

"When I left Poland and

my circle of volunteers — and when you're in that kind of venue, you make friends very fast — I asked, 'What would you have me do back in Canada?' he said. 'Everyone readily agreed: keep up the word. Don't let people forget. Don't let them get comfortable.'

It was something he gave critical thought to for several months upon his return. And when he was offered the opportunity to speak to groups such as Probus and Rotary, he jumped at the chance.

His presentation, most recently to the Wasaga Sunbirds Probus Club in November, focuses on his experiences, and ensures the war and its repercussions on the citizens of Ukraine remains at the front of people's minds.

"(Speaking about it) was an opportunity to organize, and reflect," he said. "This isn't 'Tony's trip to Cuba.' It is really a mesh of really important ideas, and the reaction I get from people tells me it's put together in a proper format."

He also encourages people to donate, particularly cash rather than goods, as the cost to send items can be prohibitive. Dittenhoff-



Ian Adams/Metroland
Tony Dittenhoffer spent most of last March working in a distribution centre in Poland that collected donations of items for people in Ukraine.

er has been collecting for Caritas Lublin, and anyone wishing to make a donation can reach out to him at ditten.ts@gmail.com.

The ability of his presentation to raise money for the cause became apparent in his first presentation, to the Wasaga Ganaraska Hiking Trail Club.

"My friend came up to me (after the presentation) and said, 'Tony, you have to strike the iron while it's hot,' and she brought \$40 out of her wallet," he said.

Dittenhoffer never took personal risks while in Poland, but he saw many who did, travelling across into Ukraine to deliver supplies or ferry refugees back across the border.

"There never seemed to be a shortage of people willing to do those things," he said.

Throughout his time in Poland, he saw great strength in the Ukrainians he met, in spite of what their country and its people had been subjected to by the Russians.

"I found in my personal experience, Ukrainians are amazing people," Dittenhoffer said. "Never once did I ever come across someone who was getting off a bus, who just spent days under the risk of being bombed, driving late at night with their lights off, not having eaten or had a drink — never once did I ever hear, 'Why is the world letting this happen to me?'"

"It was a whole lot of dignity, and that experience just made me want to do more."

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CULHAM, Ruby Alexandra (nee Pridham)

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travel our North American Continent. They first shared a life of farming in Sunnidale. They then went into the store and gas station business, "One Stop Shop" at Sunnidale Corners. After 10 years there with Esso, they semi-retired to Wasaga Beach where they both dabbled in jobs to fill the time - Ruby at Dahl's in Collingwood and Archie at Wasaga Marina. Their most wonderful life choice was made when Ruby and Archie became lighthouse keeper at Flower Pot Island, Georgian Bay. It was a place where they welcomed hundreds of family and friends and were host to thousands of tourists visiting the island. It was a place we as their family were able to make many lasting memories together and we referred to as paradise. Ruby and Archie retired from Flower Pot Island in 1988 and resided back in Wasaga Beach for a short time. They then moved to the Galleries in Collingwood. Five years after Archie passed away, Ruby chose to reside at Bay Haven Retirement Lodge where she remained until her recent passing. Ruby made the most of everywhere she lived and really appreciated the independence that Bay Haven Retirement Lodge afforded her into her remaining years and days. Ruby was able to

physically and mentally carry out all of her own affairs right up until the remaining week of her life. She remained very aware of all world current events and participated thoughtfully in conversations of the same.

Ruby will be missed greatly by all that knew her, including her many nephews and nieces. Many thanks go to the staff and owners of Bay Haven Retirement Lodge for making Ruby's remaining seven years possible in her home and assisting her to maintain the dignity and grace of her independence. Many thanks to the wonderful and exceptional care given to Ruby and Archie over the years by Dr. Gandhi. Special thanks to the doctors and staff of the surgical floor at Collingwood General & Marine Hospital for providing thorough, thoughtful and loving care in Ruby's final days.

As per Ruby's wishes, cremation has taken place and a graveside gathering of immediate family will take place "on some nice warm spring day" at the Stayner Union Cemetery. In memory of Ruby, donations to the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital Foundation in her name would be appreciated.

It is with saddened hearts that we announce the passing of our dear mother at the age of 99 at the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital surrounded by family. She was born to parents Ada and George Pridham (predeceased) of Brentwood, Ontario. Loving and devoted wife to Archie Culham (predeceased) for 63 years. Loving mother of Lynda Blackwell (predeceased), Fred Culham and daughter-in-law Elena; and Susan Faulkenham and son-in-law René. Dear grandmother to Lynda's children Jennifer (Ron) and Jamie (Alison), Fred's children Michelle, Dayana (Taylor) and Susan's children Michael (Yu) and Steven (Jessica). Dear great-grandmother to Brittlyn, Caleb (Olivia), Alex, Elizabeth, Josh, Sasha, Alexis, Mia, Angelica, Theo and Linkon.

Ruby enjoyed a wonderful life with Archie. They loved to

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In my heart your memory lingers, always tender, fond and true; there's not a day, dear friend, I do not think of you.

THOMPSON, Mary (Lush)



frugality, hard-work, and that "can do" attitude. ripening.

Mary was predeceased by her parents Tony and Alice (Archer) Lush, her siblings Jim Archer, Albert Lush, Barry Lush, Norma Barrette, and sisters-in-law Noreen Nicholson, Jean Williams, and brothers-in-law Elbourne Andrew, Wes Williams Gordon Thompson. Survived by siblings Drusilla (Fred) Holloway, Robert Lush, Terry (Sharon) Lush, and sisters -in-law Shirley Crystal, Susian Lush, June (Thompson) Andrew and brother-in-law Gaetan (Jack) Barrette.

Over the years, her passion for gardening remained unflawed, in all weather, with her sister Norma, cousin Jean Lucas and friends Sue Thompson and Joyce Hurst, Mary would be seen unapologetically devoted to their adventure. Although the types of gardens changed, as did the location as the years grew. The two sisters found comfort and companionship in a place that gave life to many wonderful treasures. It's not surprising that the passing of Norma birthed an emptiness that lingered in the garden. Left with decades of fond memories, Mary could be seen dragging her walker and oxygen tank between the rows when weeding needed to ensue, when tomatoes were falling, and when berries were

Come spring, summer, or fall, if the garden was uninhabited, you would find the ladies, with a cup of coffee, colorfully discussing something of great importance, or possibly in a ditch down the road digging out flowers or asparagus. If, neither were true, there's a possibility Mary was attempting to bribe her grandchildren with a summer swim as payment for a day of berry picking, or labour. Besides that, your last option would be behind the weekly flyers, on the phone with one of her children, convincing them she needs fifty pounds of butter.

At her request, no service will be held at this time. A Private family service will be held in the warmer weather. Date to be determined.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Mary's name to World Vision Canada sponsor a child program (<https://www.worldvision.ca/sponsor-a-child>) Mary has been a sponsor since the '70's

The family wishes to send a special thank you to the staff at the Campbell House-Hospice Georgian Triangle for their care and compassion for Mary during her final moments.

It is with great sadness that the family announces Mary's sudden passing. Mary Thompson (Lush) made her final journey to join her beloved sister, the morning of January 20, 2023, and peacefully exited knowing she had created a lifetime of loving memories with her family and friends.

Leaving behind her husband, of 63 years, Lloyd Thompson, children Terry Ann Thompson and Linda (Hendrik) Thompson -Tempelaar, and Morgan (Jeannie) Thompson, grandchildren Daniel (Charmine), Cassidy, Sabrina, Tabitha, Stephen and Kevin, and great-grandchildren Daniel -Torrance and Christopher.

Born in Elmvale, at the family farm, on November 7, 1940. Mary was the fourth of eight children to join the Archer-Lush household. The cultivation of agriculture in her formative years resulted in a lifetime of

Friends may visit Mary's online Book of Memories at www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com

And while you lie in peaceful sleep, your memory we shall always keep.



We are sad within our memory,
lonely are our hearts today; for the one we loved so dearly has forever been called away.
We think of you in silence, no eye may see us weep; but many silent tears are shed
when others are asleep.



ALLWOOD, Thomas William

Royal Navy Veteran and Royal Canadian Legion Member

Thomas William Allwood passed peacefully at Grey Bruce Health Services, Meaford Hospital, on January 24, 2023. He is reunited with his beloved wife Margaret (nee Collison) (2006). Loving father of Thomas (Carolyn) of Markdale, Carol (Dave Ostler) of Innisfil, Bob (Skye Graham) of Brampton and Jane (Gary Seers) of Brampton. Loved and remembered by his seven grandchildren and his thirteen great-grandchildren. Thomas William is the last surviving member of his family, predeceased by his parents George and Phyllis and his eight siblings. He has left this Earthly Coil on whose Seas he once traavelled. In his 96th year; a life well lived. He will be missed. The family will receive friends at Fawcett Funeral Cremation Reception Ltd. (1 Highland Drive, Flesherton) on Saturday, January 28th from 11.30 a.m. until the time of funeral service at 1:30 p.m. A live stream link is available on the funeral home homepage starting at 1:20 p.m. Spring interment in the Markdale Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the Grey Bruce Health Services Foundation would be greatly appreciated.

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SCOTT, Jessie Adam (nee Gillespie)

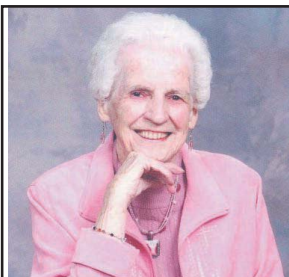
Peacefully surrounded by the love of her family at Sara Vista Long Term Care Home on Sunday, January 29, 2023 in her 93rd year. Jessie, of Wasaga Beach, was the beloved wife of Bill for almost 68 years. Loving mother of Andy (Mary) and Susan (Walter). Cherished grandma of Brayden, Cameron and Connor. Lovingly remembered by her sisters Irene, Isobel and Norma, her extended family and friends. Jessie was a feisty, strong-willed lady with a great sense of humour who loved lawn-bowling, playing the drumsticks and was an ardent Bingo player. She loved to travel, especially back to Scotland to spend time with her sisters. As Jessie always says: "And That's The Story!" Special thanks to all the staff at Sara Vista Long Term Care Home for their excellent care and compassion. Cremation has taken place and a private family service was held. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Jessie to a charity important to you would be appreciated by the family.

To sign her Book of Memories, please visit www.carruthersdavidson.com



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Heavy are our hearts today, memory brings you back once more, to the time when you were with us, to the happy days of yore.



HEALEY (nee Walkinshaw), Marion Isabel

Passed away peacefully with family by her side on Sunday, January 29, 2023, at the age of 100. Predeceased by her husband Charles. Marion will be remembered as the proud and loving mother of Garry (Bev), Steven (Tammy) and the late Carol Webster. Forever cherished by her grandchildren Gregory (Melanie), Steven (Tomoni), Rob and Jessica and her three great-granddaughters Sierra, Sophie, and Maddie. Marion was predeceased by her brothers Donald, Frank and Lloyd and sister Bernice. She will be remembered with fondness by many nieces, nephews, and her dear friend Pearl Simmons. The Golden Girls will meet again one day. Funeral service will be held at Fawcett Funeral Home on Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at 1 p.m. Spring interment at First Presbyterian Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to Hospice Georgian Triangle - Campbell House would be appreciated.

Friends may visit Marion's online Book of Memories at fawcettfuneralhomes.com



And have you gone,
forever gone and left us here to weep.
Till we are called to follow you,
and in the grave to sleep.



MARK, John Jean
February 28, 1935 - January 15, 2023
(Captain - Retired)

Passed away peacefully at home, after a very lengthy illness, with his loving and devoted wife by side, as always. John joined the Brampton Fire Dept in 1967 and never looked back. He served a long, proud and illustrious career with the dept for more than 30 years. John is survived by his dearly loved and cherished wife of more than 68 years, Marilyn (Mairse); his daughter Joanne and his son Kevin (Roxanne). He is also survived by his

sisters-in-law Patti (and the later Peter) Large; and Anne (and the late Georgie) Wretham; the Wretham boys - Mark (his godson), Adam and Jeffrey; the Large children - Matthew, Patrick John and Katie; his own Bobby Mark; and many other nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephew; too numerous to mention. John's family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to Jennifer, the Duffney family, the Belben family, Delena, Mary and of course, our very own, very special, much-loved 'Poppa' Bill, for all their help and kindness to us over the years. Last, but certainly not least, John's family would like to give a very special and sincere thanks to his brothers of the Wasaga Beach Fire Dept., who, like John and his wonderful and brave crews before them, were always there to answer the call.



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WHITE, James (Jim) Albert Gordon



Passed away after his lengthy battle with dementia at the Georgian Manor in Penetanguishene on Tuesday, January 24, 2023. Jim White, of Elmvale, dearly loved husband of Shelley (nee Milligan) was in his 71st year. Treasured father of Cindy (Louise), Victoria (Cody), Jennifer (Ashwin) and Braydon (Nicole). Forever missed by his

grandchildren, Kieron, Quinn and Emma. Predeceased by brother Gary, and sister Sandy, and lovingly remembered by his sister Elaine and many family and friends. Jim was a small business owner (SMS Window Cleaning) and was a true outdoorsman with a fondness for camping and fishing. He enjoyed a good game of golf and was an avid fan of the Toronto Maple Leafs and the Toronto Blue Jays. Their games were made better when he could enjoy a glass of rum 'n' coke while watching. A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2023, at the Elmvale Legion from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. with eulogies beginning at 2:00 p.m. If you wish to make a donation in his memory please consider the Alzheimer.

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Card of Thanks - Wood

It is difficult to express my sincere gratitude to friends and family for supporting me with encouraging cards and phone calls as I continue to recover from my accident, and for sending me kind wishes on my recent birthday. The many beautiful Christmas cards that John and I received were appreciated by both of us. John spoke every night to me and read your messages to me.

The loss of John so soon after I returned home has been difficult, but the many thoughtful gestures of sympathy, has meant the world to me and will always be remembered. Thank you to Shawn and his staff at Carruthers & Davidson Funeral Home for attending to all the details to honour John's wishes. John will be deeply missed.

N. Joan Wood.

What are you celebrating? Share your special event with a photo and a message in our Announcements section!

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A sweet little flower, nipped in the bud, no grief or sorrow knew; just came to earth to win our love and then to Heaven withdrew. No stain was on your little heart, sin had not entered there; and innocence slept sweetly on that pale white brow so fair. You were too pure for this cold earth, too beautiful to stay, and so God's holy angel bore our darling one away.

Time may heal the broken-hearted, time may make the wound less sore; but time will never stop the longing for the loved one gone before.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1. Mom's fellow
- 4. Love seat
- 8. Push
- 12. Keats poem
- 13. Challenging
- 14. Rant
- 15. Inhibited
- 17. Farm measure
- 18. Model
- 19. Levees
- 20. Pale
- 23. Recipe instruction
- 25. Pasture sound
- 26. Supplies
- 31. Runaway groom
- 33. Hi-fi
- 34. Infamy
- 36. "___ About You"
- 37. Oceanic movement
- 38. Talking bird
- 39. Expect
- 42. Annoy
- 45. Submarine sandwich
- 46. Cleanliness
- 50. Kitchen hot box
- 51. Actress Tuesday ___
- 52. Hawaiian handout
- 53. Affirmatives
- 54. Mineral resources
- 55. Greeted
- 16. Undercover agent
- 19. Stained
- 20. Final word in prayer
- 21. Alone
- 22. Owl's comment
- 24. Sample
- 26. Worthiness
- 27. Parched
- 28. Service branch
- 29. Scrawny
- 30. Soft drink
- 32. Love tonics
- 35. Creepier
- 38. Chess pieces
- 39. Sailor's greeting
- 40. "___ Only Just Begun"
- 41. Realm
- 43. Not busy
- 44. Jar tops
- 46. "Tea for ___"
- 47. Kind of tree
- 48. Catch sight of
- 49. Have a seat

DOWN

- 1. One of Snow White's seven
- 2. Lemon refresher
- 3. Hideaway
- 4. Scram!
- 5. Rowing blades
- 6. Most liberated
- 7. Total up
- 8. Grassland
- 9. Hat stand
- 10. Monster of folklore
- 11. Poor marks

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