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Director of Planning & Development Township of Tiny, Ontario

The Township of Tiny is a thriving municipality, home to 13,000 permanent residents, which increases to over 30,000 residents over the summer months, as a popular destination for cottagers. Our Township is the most northerly township of Simcoe County in the Southern Georgian Bay region of Southern Ontario, occupying most of the Penetanguishene peninsula with a total area of 344 square kilometers and a 70-kilometer coastline on Georgian Bay. The Township skirts the municipalities of Midland and Penetanguishene and embraces the coastline in a sweep around the peninsula and includes the hamlets of Lafontaine, Perkinsfield, Toanche, Wyevale and Wyebridge.

With clear waters, rich forests, abundant snowfall and beautiful coastlines of sandy beaches, the Township is a four-season hidden gem. It is a close-knit community that cares about the environment, about the beautiful beaches and green spaces. We have a rich agricultural and cultural heritage and a quality of life that is unparalleled.

The Township is an environmentally focused, diverse family of communities with a focus on providing an economically sustainable and healthy lifestyle, while maintaining the special charm and rural character of the Township.

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While working to continuously improve all aspects of Planning & Development services to meet the ever-changing needs of a growing and changing community, the Director will provide strategic vision, leadership and expert guidance to the Township while ensuring short and long term plans are in place to maintain existing development and to accommodate growth.

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STAYNER GUEST HOME ISSUES COST SIMCOE COUNTY \$130,000

COUNTY HAS SPENT \$105,000 ON HOUSING AND CAR FOR FORMER HURONIA GUEST HOME RESIDENTS, AND \$25,000 ON PEST CONTROL

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The current tab to address the needs of residents of a privately-run care home in Stayner, after they were forced to move out in March when the owner decided to shut it down, has so far cost the County of Simcoe \$130,000.

That includes \$25,000 for a pesticide company to treat the personal belongings of the residents of Huronia Guest Home for bed-

bugs before the material could be moved with them to new lodgings, according to information provided to Simcoe.com by county officials.

It also includes \$105,000 in costs evenly split between temporary accommodations for 16 individuals, and half for personal care related to the medical and physical needs of the former guest home residents.

Hurononia Guest Home came under scrutiny after social-media posts in early January that documented the home's employees had not been paid for several weeks, and the food purchased for the residents to eat over the Christmas holidays was little more than several packages of bologna and a couple dozen loaves of bread.

The posts also noted the township was attempting to address a bedbug infesta-



A truck owned by pest control company Orkin sits outside Huronia Guest Home in mid-January.

tion with the owner. The posts generated a significant outpouring of support from the community, who stepped up with donations of food, clothing, and bedding.

The home's ownership announced the building would be closed by March, while behind the scenes, a team of organizations that included Clearview Township, the county, the South

Georgian Bay Ontario Health Team (SGBOHT) and the Simcoe-Muskoka District Health Unit, were able to find temporary housing for the residents, and set up personal support care, by mid-January.

County officials say one person is still in temporary accommodations, so the figure provided to Simcoe.com is not the final amount. County officials are also exploring funding sources to cover its costs.

"We continue to investigate what avenues we can take to receive funding support and costs from other levels of government and involved parties, as well as possible recourses for appropriate costs," said Jane Sinclair, the county's general manager of Health and Emergency Services.

Clearview Township also had minimal costs related to pesticide treatment of the building under the mu-

nicipality's property standards bylaw, which were charged back to the landowner, according to township chief administrative officer John Ferguson.

Township mayor Doug Measures said he was very encouraged to see the response by the service organizations, led by the county and SGBOHT.

"I couldn't be more pleased with the efforts that were put forward by county staff, because they really stepped up where it was needed to help those residents when there was no other avenue from the province, and there is no authority for the municipality to help," he said. "They were there to look after some of those fine details. It was really encouraging to see what a great team the county has, and they should be commended for stepping up in a really difficult situation and dealing with it."

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NVCA CALLS FOR MORE FEDERAL SPENDING

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It is one of the world's largest sources of surface freshwater on Earth, and it needs the protection that would come with funding from Canada's federal government.

That's according to a growing group of organizations that now includes the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, which is calling on the federal government to live up to a promise to spend \$1 billion to restore the Great Lakes.

"Nearly half of Canada's population lives in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin, a region that includes our watershed," said NVCA chair Gail Little. "With accelerated growth in these areas, water availability and quality will continue to decline, putting even more pressure on the Great Lakes. It is critical that the federal government takes their commitment seriously."

The NVCA's manager of stewardship services Fred Dobbs sees the work of the NVCA firsthand, overseeing the conservation authorities stream rehabilitation projects throughout the watershed.

That includes work on the Nottawasaga River and its tributaries, as well as rivers — such as Pretty River and Black Ash Creek —

that flow from the Niagara Escarpment through Collingwood, and into Georgian Bay, which is part of Lake Huron.

He noted both the federal and provincial governments contribute some funding to NVCA restoration programs, but more would always be welcome.

"They're willing to make the connection that the work we do in the inland watershed is important to the water quality and health of Georgian Bay," he said.

"We're grateful for what we've got, but we could always use more."

In 2017, the federal government committed \$44.84 million to protect the Great Lakes through the Freshwater Action Plan. The plan includes six program areas, including preventing toxic and nuisance algae and enhancing the resilience of coastal wetlands. This commitment was renewed in 2021 with the promise of an investment of \$1 billion over 10 years to restore major bodies of water across the country. However, only 19.6 million was budgeted for the plan in 2022.

In response to questions from Simcoe.com, a spokesperson for Environment Canada said the budget allocation for 2022-23 was made to "sustain the Freshwater Action Plan, while decisions on the



Brad Pritchard/Torstar

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority's stream restoration projects over the years have included the Beeton Creek Coldwater Trout Stream Restoration project.

plan's long-term direction are being considered."

As part of the plan, the federal government announced in September more than \$3.9 million would be spent over three years with 39 new projects in Ontario through the Great Lakes Protection Initiative.

They were unable to speak to the budget allocation for the coming year, as the federal budget is not scheduled to be released until March 28.

The NVCA restoration projects on the Nottawasaga River include the flagship project, the Nottawasaga River Restoration Pro-

ject, where NVCA staff, partners and volunteers work on sections of the Upper Nottawasaga River, Pine River and Sheldon Creek to improve water quality and restore fish and wildlife habitat.

The restoration work on the Nottawasaga helps to support lake sturgeon,

Canada's largest freshwater fish and a species at risk, Dobbs said.

"The Nottawasaga, south of the Canadian Shield, is probably one of the best rivers in all of southern Ontario for supporting lake sturgeon," he said. "As far as we can tell, we probably have the largest-scale river restoration programs going on in southern Ontario right now."

NVCA vice-chairperson Jonathan Scott said the conservation authority remains hopeful the federal funding will proceed so that the work on habitat protection can continue.

"Member municipalities in the Nottawasaga Watershed have been clear about how invaluable federal investments are to the enhancement of our watercourses, environment, quality of life and economies," he said. "If the federal government commits to this funding, NVCA looks forward to protect and build resiliency for the towns of Collingwood and Wasaga Beach by reducing nutrient runoff from rural and urban areas."

STORY BEHIND THE STORY: Simcoe.com decided to connect with the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority to understand the need and impact of federal funding on the watershed.



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CATHERINE O'HARA
Column



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Starting April 1, non-profit organizations, charity groups and community organizations can apply to receive free advertising through the Metroland Gives Back program by emailing MetrolandGivesBack@metroland.com.

When a selected organization has been approved, they'll be allotted a budget and work directly with one of Metroland's media specialists on their advertising.

We're excited about this initiative and committed to doing our part to give back to the community.

However, what's most rewarding is knowing that this program will continue to allow non-profits to expand their reach to serve residents in need.

Catherine O'Hara is deputy director of content for Metroland. We welcome your questions and value your comments. Email our trust committee at trust@metroland.com.

It's about trust. Our relationship with our readers is built on transparency, honesty and integrity. As such, we have launched a trust initiative to tell you who we are and how and why we do what we do. This article is part of that project.

With inflation and the increased overall cost of living, many people are curbing their spending and rethinking how they spend their hard-earned money, including how much they can donate to the charity of their choice.

Ontario residents are feeling the pinch and so are not-for-profit organizations.

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It's an issue we hear time and again as editorial leaders continue to meet with members of Torstar's advisory councils across Ontario.

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CLEARVIEW PULLS CONTROVERSIAL PLAN TO UPGRADE SIDEROAD

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Clearview Township has pulled its plans to redevelop Sideroad 26/27.

In a letter to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT), provided to Simcoe.com, the township's lawyer Harold Elston advised that the township would be withdrawing its appeal of a Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) decision to deny the municipality's application for a development permit to redevelop the road for year-round use.

The township will also withdraw the permit application, along with the application for an amendment to the Niagara Escarpment Plan (NEP), ending a process that began in 2015.

"We trust that this letter will suffice to allow the

NEC and the Hearing Office to close its files on these matters," Elston wrote in a letter dated March 22.

Upgrading 26/27 to year-round was part of a settlement agreement between the township, the County of Simcoe, and Walker Aggregates, and endorsed as part of the 2012 Joint Board decision to grant Walker a permit to expand its quarry operations west of Duntroon.

As part of the agreement, the portion of County Road 91 between Grey Rd. 31 and Nottawasaga 10th Line would be transferred to Walker, and closed to traffic.

Upgrading 26/27 to year-round use was intended replace 91 as a through-road for local traffic between the 10th Line and 31.

The plan to close 91, and upgrade 26/27, has proven controversial for neigh-

bours and the local environmental group, Blue Mountain Watershed Trust (BMWT). In particular, BMWT — which sided with the NEC at the OLT — took aim at the township's level of environmental assessment it undertook to support its application to upgrade 26/27, calling on the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) to require a higher standard of review.

In late 2021, at what was to be the outset of the OLT hearing, the MECP advised the township it was reviewing its environmental assessment process, and in December, informed the municipality it required a 'bumped-up' EA to be undertaken.

The development application process had cost the municipality approximately \$1.6 million in legal and other consulting fees by the end of 2022, funded



Ian Adams/Metroland

A sign at the eastern terminus of Sideroad 26/27 warns users that there is no winter maintenance on the road.

through a reserve account created as part of the settlement agreement that saw Walker provide \$7.5 million to the township to upgrade the road network around the quarry.

In a news release issued later on the 22nd, Mayor Doug Measures stated while the expenses to date have not fallen on taxpayers, "moving this matter forward would needlessly cost our taxpayers.

"What was once a practi-

cal, reasonable and cost-effective proposal to manage local traffic in the vicinity of the Duntroon Quarry ... has been met with opposition from individuals, groups, some of our municipal neighbours, and various departments and agencies of the Province of Ontario," he stated. "Over the past dozen years, the township has been faced with the rescinding of approvals granted by provincial departments and agencies,

and the introduction of increasingly onerous changes to the law and policies that govern municipal road authority and projects — events beyond the township's control that make the improvements no longer practical, reasonable, or cost-effective."

The township's statement did not address what would happen with the settlement agreement. Municipal officials did not immediately respond to questions regarding the status of the agreement.

In the release, Measures said he was "certain" a positive outcome can be reached.

"Council and I will work with local stakeholders, including Walker Aggregates, to find a solution that we are confident will protect the environment, the local road network, and the needs of our residents," he said.

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A few words from Sue

After his passing, I inherited the Business. I have been helping my Father run the Barber Shop for the past few years and, I am grateful for all that he taught me.

Having said this, I am not a Barber myself, as I pursued my career in the Travel and Tourism Industry. However, in his memory I will continue to try my best to direct and manage his Business as he would have wanted me to; a true legacy that he started in this beautiful community.

He was also the Co-Owner of Collingwood Barber Shop that was born in May of 2014. Unfortunately, with the unprecedented times throughout Covid regrettably, we were unable to carry it forward.

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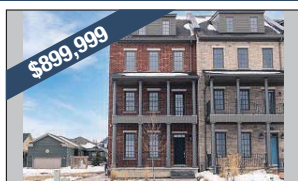
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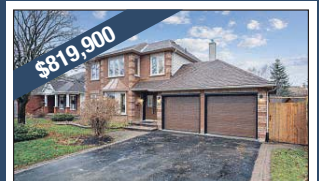
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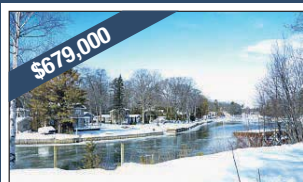
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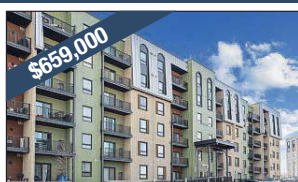
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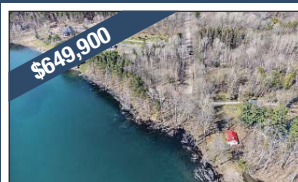
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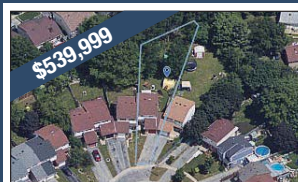
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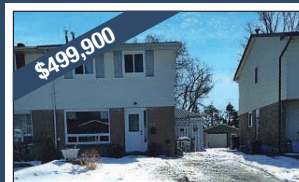
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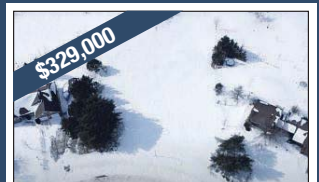
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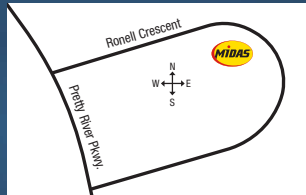
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Key Accountabilities

Reporting to the Deputy CEO (Library), the Part-Time Circulation Clerk is responsible for circulation and reference duties, assists patrons with reading advisory/reference questions and interlibrary loan requests, and may be requested to coordinate and deliver a variety of programs to all branches including; early literacy, reading recovery and adult book club programs.

Skills and Experience

- Diploma in Library Techniques or suitable alternative.
- Minimum of one to three years' experience in a library
- Experience with office machinery including mailing machine, folding machine, scanners and photocopiers
- Assists in collecting fines
- Provides reference / reader's advisory service utilizing a number resources including the Library's electronic resources and the internet
- Assists in providing customer service with respect to patrons regarding holds and overdue materials
- Excellent attention to detail, a high level of accuracy and organizational skills
- Excellent interpersonal and customer service skills

Salary:

The wage range offered for this position is \$23.15 per hour, plus vacation pay.

Note: The preferred candidate must be willing to provide consent for the Township of Clearview to conduct a criminal background and vulnerable sector check prior to finalizing an employment offer.

Interested candidates are invited to forward their resume and covering letter quoting **job # 2023-012** to the Clearview Public Library CEO **by April 11, 2023**, to: jlachapelle@clearview.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. No phone calls, please. The Township of Clearview is an equal-opportunity employer.

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Public Works Roads Operator – Seasonal, Full-Time

The Corporation of the Township of Clearview

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For the period of May 15, 2023 – September 29, 2023

Key Accountabilities

Reporting to the Foreman of Roads (Public Works), the Public Works Roads Operator is responsible for assisting the Public Works Roads Department with roadside grass maintenance throughout the township, regular maintenance on tools used and assist with traffic control, machine sweeping and transporting gravel to and from various job sites.

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Salary:

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Note: The preferred candidate must be willing to provide consent for the Township to conduct a criminal background check prior to finalizing an employment offer.

Interested candidates are invited to forward their resume and covering letter quoting **job # 2023-013** to Human Resources **by April 7, 2023**, to: hr@clearview.ca

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He walks well when he is on his leash, however, he does react when he sees other dogs while out on walks. Slow introductions to new dog friends will be vital. The GTHS team say that a family with experience with dog reactivity and a home with people older than 15 years old is best for him.

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NEWS

OVERTIME COSTS PUT 19 WASAGA FIREFIGHTERS ON SUNSHINE LIST

IAN ADAMS
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Overtime costs helped to push 19 Wasaga Beach firefighters high onto the town's submission to the Ontario Public Sector Salary Disclosure list for 2022.

Thirty-nine employees with the town were on the list, which documents employees of publicly-funded organizations — including municipalities, hospitals, and colleges — who earned \$100,000 or more in the previous calendar year.

The town's former chief administrative officer, George Vadeboncoeur, topped the list with an income of \$208,883, with a taxable benefit of more than \$1,200. Vadeboncoeur retired in November.

The next four on the list were captains with the Wasaga Beach Fire Department, including Kevin Pike (\$183,387); Glenn Hyland (\$174,779); Kelly McGuire (\$162,338), and Jason Cameron (\$160,260).

Firefighter Donald Bishop, also a training officer with the department, was sixth on the list with a salary of \$158,646. Their



CRAIG WILLIAMS

boss, Chief Craig Williams, was next on the list with a wage of \$152,166.

Williams said the "primary contributing factor" for higher salary costs for the department was the medical leave absence of four firefighters.

"These absences created a total of approximately 19 months of overtime, which was required to maintain the minimum staffing requirements found in our collective agreement (four firefighters on duty 24/7)," he said.

Williams said all four have since returned to work.

Other factors contributing to higher salary costs in the fire department include overtime required for COVID-19 isolation, the addition of a one-time statutory holiday for Queen Elizabeth's passing and a collec-

tive agreement requirement to cap the firefighter's overtime bank, resulting in a payout of banked hours, Williams said.

Former chief Mike McWilliam, who retired in early September, was also on the list at \$135,772.

Clearview Township had 13 employees on the so-called Sunshine List, starting with chief administrative officer John Ferguson. Ferguson, who joined the municipality in early 2021, was the township's top earner in 2022 with a salary of \$179,532.

Others on the list for the township included director of public works Mike Rawn (\$138,435); director of finance Kelly McDonald (\$131,324); public works manager Todd Patton (\$122,913); and deputy director of public works Dan Perreault (\$121,939). Former fire chief Roree Payment, who had been on leave since March 2022, also made the list at \$121,589. Payment left in January and recently was hired on as deputy chief for Tiny Township.

The township's interim chief, deputy chief Scott Davison, was paid \$105,688.



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KEITH, Michele Frances
(nee Brophy)



Golf and Country Club. After graduation from C.C.I. in Collingwood, Michele would become an RNA, training at Toronto General Hospital before doing a pediatric tour and placement at the Hospital For Sick Children, which was her true passion. After retiring from nursing, Michele worked as a Dental Receptionist and Assistant for her dear friend, Dr. Jeff Rubenstein, in Thornhill, before returning home to Collingwood and becoming the friendly face behind the desk for Dr. Peter Kemp.

Michele valued every moment spent laughing with family and friends and her incredible sense of humour, generous spirit and compassion for others will be missed by all who knew her.

Family and friends were received at the Chatterson Funeral Home, 404 Hurontario Street, Collingwood on Sunday, March 26, 2023, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Funeral service was held at the All Saints' Anglican Church, 32 Elgin St in Collingwood on Monday, March 27 at 10 a.m. The ceremony was live streamed and archived for those unable to attend. Click on the WEBCAST link under the Photos & Video tab. Spring Interment First Presbyterian Cemetery, Collingwood.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Campbell House Hospice or SickKids Foundation would be appreciated.

To leave a message of condolence or to share a memory of Michele, please visit www.chattersonfuneralhome.com.

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Passed away peacefully with family by her side at Campbell House Hospice, Collingwood, on Thursday, March 23, 2023, in her 81st year. Predeceased by her husband Bill, Michele will be remembered as the proud and loving mother of Jennifer (Mark), Dee Dee (Alex), Jill (Rick) and Bill (Erin). Forever cherished Gramma of Alexander, Michael, Alison, Ashley, Madison, Abby, and Jeremy. Michele will be sadly missed by sisters Carol Collins and Diane Martin. Dear sister-in-law to Helen and Greg Taylor, Nancy and Peter Case. Predeceased by sister Shirley Pellkofer, brother and sisters-in-law Joe Pellkofer, Jack Martin, John Keith and Barb Keith. She was beloved "Auntie Mike" to numerous nieces and nephews.

Born and raised in Collingwood, Mikey was a natural born athlete and fierce competitor. 45 consecutive years of competitive softball would prove to be just a warm up for her 30 plus years of golfing at The Blue Mountain

BURGESS (nee Freethy), Helen Anne



Died peacefully on Sunday, March 26, 2023, at Campbell House Hospice, Collingwood at the age of 88. Helen of the late Sam Burgess and daughter of the late James and Mabel (nee Cook) Freethy. Helen was a kind and beautiful soul whose generosity and love for her family was evident to all. She was a woman of strong faith and was a devoted member of the Stayner Evangelical Missionary Church. She quietly supported many causes in her community and was a longtime volunteer with Meals on Wheels. She will be deeply missed. Friends are invited to join her family on Saturday, April 1, 2023, at the Stayner Evangelical Missionary Church, 202 Ontario Street, Stayner from 12 noon for the Funeral Service at 1 o'clock. Reception to follow in the church auditorium. Graveside service at Ebenezer Cemetery to follow at approximately 4 p.m. If desired, a donation to the Stayner Evangelical Missionary Church or Hospice Georgian Triangle Foundation for Campbell House would be appreciated by Helen's family.

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



A wonderful person, friend and aide, one who was better God never made; a wonderful worker, so loyal and true, one in a million – that person was you.

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WATT, Joan Cora



teen and a half great-grandchildren and special great-great-grandmother of one. Lovingly remembered by her siblings Robert (Nora), Muriel Ellis and Dorene Williams (the late Harold). Predeceased by her brothers Stanley and Kenneth. Sadly missed by her cuddly canine buddy "Harlow". Joan will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

Of Stayner, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, on Thursday, March 16, 2023 in her 93rd year.

Beloved wife of the late Alex Watt. Loving mother of Patricia McCarthy (the late Lawrence), Carol Watt, Sandy Preston (Dave), Lorraine Watt and David Watt. Cherished grandmother of Daniel (Heather), Laurel (Dave), Kelly (Kelvin), Shelby, Nicole, Julian (Katelin), Jason (Tanya), Amanda (Scott), Jesse (Jenn), Alex (Katie) and Christine.

Dear great-grandmother of six-

At Joan's and the family's request, cremation has taken place. A celebration of Joan's life will be held on Sunday, April 9, 2023 from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. (Eulogy and speaking will commence at 2:00 p.m.) at Station on the Green, 10 Caroline Street East, Creemore, ON

As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Canadian Red Cross /Alzheimer Society/ Highlands Youth for Christ would be appreciated by the family.

Cremation arrangements have been entrusted to the Steven R. Bridge Funeral Home, Angus, 705-424-1114



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BOEM, Jeanne Madeline
(nee Savoy)

Died peacefully on Sunday, March 26, 2023 at the Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre, Barrie at the age of 87. Jeanne, of Wasaga Beach, beloved wife of the late Gino Boem (1998). Loving mother of Marc (Helen) and Adrian. Cherished grandmother of Valerie, Joseph, Paul and Madison. Predeceased by her brother Marcel (Iris) Savoy. Jeanne will also be missed by the extended Boem family, her many friends and neighbours. Jeanne was a kind woman with a strong personality. Gino and Jeanne operated Boem Refrigeration for many years serving the entire region. She was an avid bingo player and enjoyed gaming at the local casino. A woman of strong faith, she was a regular attendee at St. Noel Chabanel as well as St. Patrick's churches. She will be missed. Friends will be received at the Carruthers & Davidson Funeral Home -Stayner Chapel on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 from 7 to 9 p.m. Vigil prayers will be held. The Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday March 30, 2023 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 215 Pine Street, Stayner at 1 o'clock. Reception to follow. Spring interment Wasaga Beach cemetery. If desired, a donation to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by Jeanne's family.

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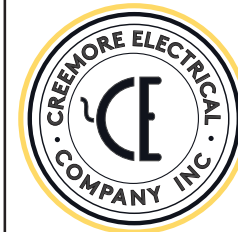
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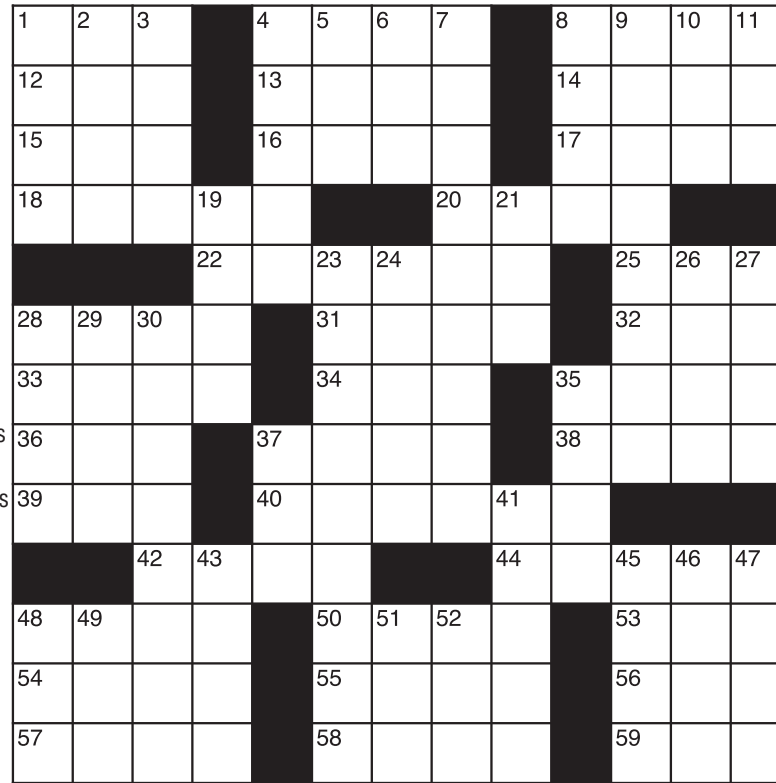
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1. Toward the stern
4. Discontinue
8. Begone, cat!
12. Mushy stuff
13. Time of day
14. Traveler Marco
15. Be in the wrong
16. Years long past
17. Exclusively
18. Tightly packed
20. Large containers
22. Robin Hood, e.g.
25. Subside
28. Take a sharp breath
31. Beep
32. Bread grain
33. Astounds
34. Cereal grain
35. Baker
36. Feather accompaniment
37. Land measure
38. "The ___ Wing"

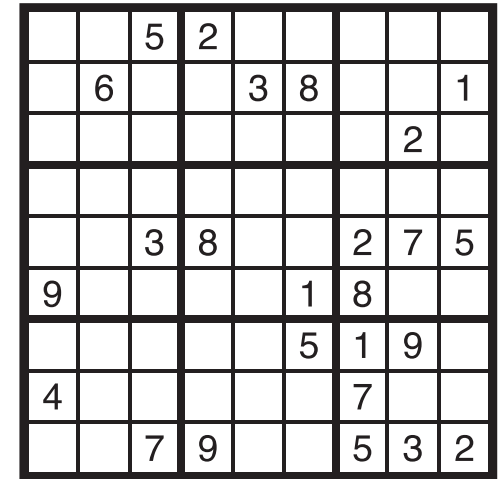
39. View closely
40. Pamper
42. Christmas word
44. Not a child
48. Swing loosely
50. A ways off
53. Neither here — there
54. General's assistant
55. Army vehicle
56. Twosome
57. High-school student
58. Finishes
59. Weird

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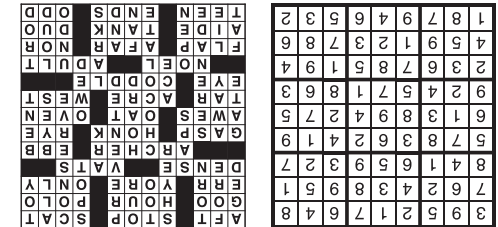
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2. Fairway cry
3. Tattered
4. More retiring
5. Overly
6. "___ House"
7. Barred
8. Notice
9. Manage wisely
10. Full amount of
11. Doll, e.g.
19. Drains
21. Noah's transport
23. Ice-cream flavor
24. Stockpile
26. Quick farewells
27. Inclination
28. Entrance
29. On vacation
30. Romantic ballad
35. Was in the red
37. Head of a suit
41. Certain songbirds
43. Store sign
45. Remove fasteners from
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47. Walked
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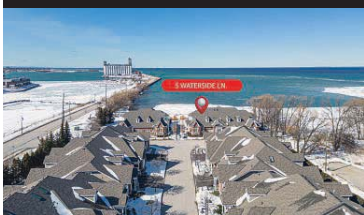


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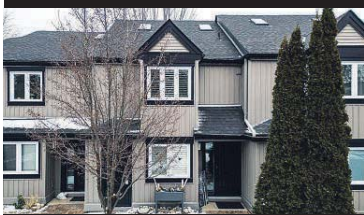


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