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Fire crews responded to a fire at Home Hardware on Queen Street in Lakefield on Thursday afternoon.

Selwyn Township commits to home retrofit loan program

BY VANESSA STARK

The township of Selwyn has committed to investing \$1.5 million for a new home energy retrofitting program for residents.

The \$1.5 million would be funded through reserves and given to residents in the form of a loan which would appear as a Local Improvement Charge.

The idea of a home energy retrofit program came about last year after the township partnered with Clean Air Partnership. In October of 2025, a motion was passed to partner with Clean Air Partnership to create an application on behalf of the Township of Selwyn for grant funding from Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Community Efficiency Financing Program (CEF) to implement a BetterHomes Selwyn program for 150 households over a four year timeframe based on a \$6 million budget.

The township is only required to provide a percentage of that total budget to qualify for the program.

According to a report presented to council at Tuesday's meeting by Angela Chittick, Manager of Community & Corporate Services/Clerk, earlier this year the township did submit a pre application to FCM which received positive feedback. Then in September, the township teamed up with CAP to apply for a grant for this project which was pre-screened and also received positive feedback.

CAP recommended that municipalities provide more than 20 per cent funding, using Local Improvement Charges (LICs) to recover costs from homeowners that participate in the program.

Chittick explained that LIC's allow the township to recover the full value of the loan and interest from homeowners who participate in the program. By providing more than the 20 per cent minimum support funding, the municipality could receive 100 per cent FCM funding for the incentive portion of the program.

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Emergency crews kept busy with two fires in downtown Lakefield

BY VANESSA STARK

On Thursday October 9, the village of Lakefield suffered a devastating fire that rocked the community.

In the afternoon, around 2 o'clock, a fire started in the upstairs apartment areas of the Home Hardware Building on Queen Street in Lakefield.

This fire was the second one of that day, happening after an early morning hood vent fire at Free Topping Pizza, also on Queen Street.

Fire Fighters worked tirelessly for days putting out the blaze at Home Hardware.

Selwyn Township staff also worked around the clock to update residents about what roads were opened and

where they were able to go during the chaos of the day.

They advised residents that due to the significant structural fire in the Village of Lakefield, Queen Street from Albert Street to Reid Street was to be closed to all traffic during the day. Other street closures included Water Street from Bridge Street to Concession Street to allow fire crews to draw water from the Otonabee River and the public was asked to avoid the area.

The Office of the Fire Marshall was called in however, due to the severity of the fire and the dangers it posed, neither firefighters nor the Fire Marshal were able to enter the building.

Due to the nature of the fire and how fast it spread, many neighboring depart-

ments were called in to assist in extinguishing the blaze.

Fire crews from the townships of Douro-Dummer, Cavan-Monaghan, Otonabee-South Monaghan, the Municipality of Trent Lakes and Peterborough Fire Services all came to help. The Peterborough Police Service and the Peterborough County-City Paramedics were also on scene.

Fire crews were on scene throughout the night and the next day. By October 10, the fire was contained though roads still remained closed with the exception of Water Street to Bridge Street being re-opened to traffic.

Businesses on Queen Street were able to open on the Friday and residents were

able to cautiously revisit the main street. The Lakefield IDA Pharmacy was the only businesses unable to open to the public over the weekend due to their proximity to the Home Hardware building.

The IDA was offering back door prescription pickups for their customers on Saturday.

During the long hours of fire suppression and damage control members from the Salvation Army, County City Peterborough Disaster Supports, local businesses, and residents came together to provide food, refreshments, and encouragement to those working to contain the fire and those affected by the fire.

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Thursday Emergency services were kept busy in Lakefield on Thursday as the second fire in as many days broke out on Queen Street in the Village. Pictured above are crews responding to the fire at Kawartha Home Hardware which started at approximately 2:00 p.m..



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Friday Fire crews saturated the Home Hardware building with water on Friday morning to ensure the fire was totally extinguished before demolition crews arrived later in the day.



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Saturday Demolition crews were set to start taking down the Kawartha Home Hardware structure on Saturday, however there were insurance issues that delayed the process. Pictured above is an insurance investigator surveying the scene with a member of the demolition team.



Ron Sternberg



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Sunday The demolition of the Kawartha Home Hardware building began around 8:30 on Sunday morning with the priority of bringing down the structure closest to The Lakefield IDA Pharmacy. The building had to be taken down as soon as possible for safety reasons.



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Saturday Pictured above (top) is Kawartha Home Hardware manager Garnet Hinds looking over the interior damage with Lakefield Home Building Centre manager Lee Gynane. Pictured directly above is Hinds discussing the situation with owner Steve Gynane.



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Monday The demolition of the Home Hardware building continued throughout the day on Monday

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On Saturday October 11, when the fire was out, demolition started of the remaining Home Hardware structure. According to a press release from the township, applications for the demolition permits were submitted on Saturday, and due to the immediate need, the Selwyn Building Department was able to issue the permits the same day.

The release said that Priestly Demolition Inc. advised the Township that the work is being completed in a controlled and strategic manner using equipment designed to minimize disruption. Material is being handled with a grapple, which will carefully grab and place debris into bins. Vibration impacts are not expected, and dust will be minimal as the material remains saturated with water from firefighting activities. The demolition is being directed by engineering professionals and supervised by Priestly staff from a boom truck stationed above the work site. The area has been fenced off to ensure public safety

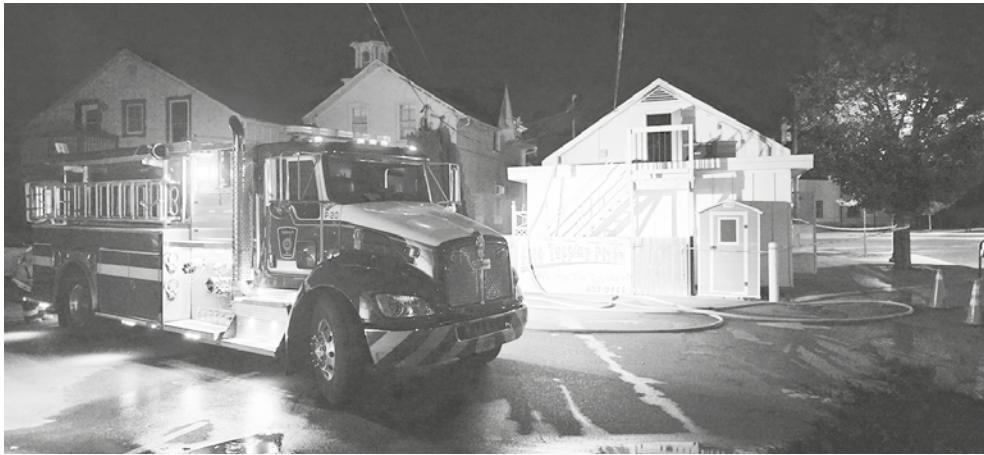
and Queen Street from Albert Street to Reid Street; and Burnham Street from Queen Street to Charlotte Street remain closed.

Mayor Sherry Senis said, “This has been an incredibly difficult few days for the community of Lakefield,” “Our hearts go out to everyone affected by these tragic events. We extend our deepest gratitude to the first responders, township staff, and community members who have shown such compassion and resilience during this challenging time.”

While the Home Hardware building in Lakefield is no longer there, they are committed to rebuilding. During the process, the Kawartha Home Hardware team will be stocking the Lakefield Home Building Centre with additional inventory to compensate for the loss of their hardware store as well as ensuring all materials and services are offered through their Bridgenorth store as well.

Emily Hoogsteen, advertising coordinator for the Home

Hardware group, said “Our thoughts and support are with everyone in our community who have been affected — especially those who have lost their homes or beloved pets. We want to extend our deepest gratitude to the brave firefighters, first responders, and emergency crews who continue to work tirelessly throughout the day and night to contain the blaze and protect our town. Your courage and dedication mean more than words can express. We also want to thank those who provided food and drink to emergency workers. It means so much. To our incredible staff, thank you for your strength and support through this difficult time. And to our loyal customers and community — your kindness, messages, and offers of help remind us what makes Lakefield such a special place. Though our store is gone, our spirit is not. We’ll continue serving you through our Bridgenorth Home Hardware location and our Home Building Centre - Lakefield, and we’re committed to rebuilding — stronger, better, and together.”



Terry McQuitty

The Selwyn Fire Department responded to a fire at Free Topping Pizza in Lakefield last Thursday morning. The fire occurred in a hood vent and was confined to the upper part of the building.

Planning applications on hold

BY MARNIE CLEMENT

Trent Lakes Planning Applications will not be processed during the current postal strike.

Planning staff presented a report to council members on October 7 outlining notification requirements for applications and recommended they be put on hold because the majority of the planning applications are for shoreline areas where many residents are cottagers who do not live here full time.

“On this basis, staff are concerned that with posting applications to the website, while it would fulfill the minimum requirements for public consultation, it would not provide an effective means of consultation,” the report stated. “The proposed hold on planning applications would not create a backlog as there is not a substantial number of applications in the queue at the moment.”

Staff recommended that the only exception to this would be minor Zoning By-Law Amendment applications that

are required to satisfy a condition of consent as these applications have previously been circulated through processes under the Planning Act.

Eric Guay, the new Director of Building and Planning/Chief Building Official in Trent Lakes told council that the Building and By-law Department will continue to operate as usual and will distribute any Building Code Act and Property Standards orders by email, through the use of private couriers, physically posting the orders on the subject properties and will be posted on the municipal website.

Guay confirmed with the *Herald* on Tuesday that this policy will stay in place during the rotating strikes as they would not be able to guarantee time lines due to possible interruptions.

Short Term Rental (STR) applications and Building and By-law applications will continue to be processed as normal, he said, as the electronic platforms in place don't rely on the postal service to be processed.

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However, the report stated that FCM requires that the municipality confirm its funding commitment, conditional on the FCM funding, and as such a resolution setting this out it required for to move the grant application to the next review step.

The idea is that the residents will be able to pay for the loan to the township through the cost savings from the home energy. The report also stated that there would be a component of the program geared to low-income households offering a no interest loan. To do this though, the resident must qualify.

Chittick told council that if they were successful in getting this grant, they would most likely hear in the first quarter of 2026 at which point they would then start working their way through implementing the program.

Deputy Mayor Black asked staff how the interest rate would be determined for the townships contribution of \$1.5 million in loans to residents.

Chittick said, “It will actually be determined through the Green Municipal Fund, so they establish what the rate is. Typically, it's a lower interest rate, they have given us an estimate this year of 2.5 percent, but it will just depend on whatever their loan rate is. You will note as well that we're hopeful to have a program of no interest for qualified homeowners. So, then if it were able to get a full grant from FCM, the value of that interest relief would be received through a grant. But it would be a benefit obviously to the homeowner to have a interest-free loan to do some of these improvements.”

The recommendation to commit to \$1.5 million, taking the form of Local Improvement Charges, conditionally based on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Community Efficiency Financing Program (CEF) program funding, to implement a BetterHomes Selwyn program was moved by Coun. Brian Henry, seconded by Coun. John Boyko and carried.

LOW WATER LEVEL ADVISORY

Trent-Severn National Historic Site

PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO – October 8, 2025 – Parks Canada advises that, due to prolonged dry conditions and limited precipitation across the watershed, water levels on the Trent-Severn Waterway are expected to gradually recede to the minimum or below the navigable range after the close of the 2025 navigation season on October 14, 2025.

As a result, water levels may gradually recede more than usual following the end of the season for the lakes in the Kawartha sector from Lock 19 through Lock 36. The potential impacts for boaters due to the level recession below the minimum navigation level may be felt specifically in Lovesick Lake, Lower

Buckhorn Lake, Sturgeon Lake, Cameron Lake, Scugog Lake, and Balsam Lake.

Vessel owners and operators are encouraged to consider this when planning for haul-out and winterization, taking into account their draft specifications. Cottagers, marinas, and boaters are also advised to prepare accordingly.

The Trent-Severn Waterway Water Management Team continues to monitor conditions daily and will make operational adjustments as required to respond to changing watershed circumstances. Updates regarding water levels and flow conditions are communicated through local Conservation Authorities

Trent Lakes Council Schedule

BY MARNIE CLEMENT

Trent Lakes council has approved the council meeting calendar for 2026.

Because 2026 is an election year there are some minor adjustments to the normal schedule of council meetings on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

There will only be one regular council meeting in October 2026 to avoid a conflict with advance voting for the municipal election which will be on October 26, 2026,

An Inaugural Meeting

of the new council will be on November 16, 2026.

As the annual Ratepayers Meeting needs to be scheduled before the campaign period begins (on

May 1, 2026) and will be held on April 25, 2026,

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Thank you for your patience.



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Community comes together

Lakefield and surrounding area had some bad news this past week as one of our favorite retail outlets went up in flames. Kawartha Home Hardware (KHH) was not only a store, but an integral part of our community.

In a world filled with “Big Box Stores” KHH broke that mould. It was very emotional for many as they watched the structure burn and then be demolished all within a very short period of time.

If you don’t think a retail outlet can pull at your heart strings, you are truly mistaken.

Over the course of the weekend I heard numerous stories where people of the village shared their personal experiences with both the staff and the proprietors.

The description of KHH that struck closest to home with me was the comparison to hardware stores that existed at the turn of the century and before.

Although the store carried the latest and most modern supplies, the atmosphere and service was reminiscent of the hardware stores of old where people gathered in a social environment.

I’m sure there were a number of cottagers or seasonal residents that were upset that they could not drive directly to their cottages due to the closure of Queen Street, and even more upset that their store of choice burned down making it more difficult to purchase items needed to close the cottage for the season, but locals felt nothing but empathy for the most part.

The true compassion of the community could and can be seen by the generous nature of our residents and organizations. Within minutes of hearing the news Century 21 and the Lakefield Village Lions started making plans to accept donations for the people who lost their apartments in the blaze.

If I might make a suggestion to those still wanting to contribute, a gift card from a local business would go such a long way. This would help those who lost their belongings, but would also help local businesses that were forced to close, or were more difficult to access due to the street closure.

If we can pull anything positive from such a horrible experience it is that the generous nature of our village is alive and well.

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Cliffs of Moher in Ireland. Vanessa is back from holidays!

Vanessa Stark

Heartfelt sympathy

The Editor;

On behalf of Selwyn Township, I want to express my deepest concern and heartfelt sympathy to all of those affected by the devastating fire that occurred on October 9th in downtown Lakefield.

The fire that engulfed the historic building at 24 Queen Street – home to Kawartha Home Hard-

ware and several residential units – has caused a profound sense of loss throughout our community. This building was not only a place of business and residence, it was a cherished part of Lakefield’s heritage and identity

Our thoughts are with the tenants who have lost their homes, the employees and owners of Kawartha

Home Hardware whose livelihoods have been disrupted, and all those who have been directly impacted by this tragedy We are deeply grateful to all of the firefighters, first responders, and emergency personnel who acted with courage and professionalism to contain the blaze and prevent further loss.

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First impressions

The Editor;

We all recognize Lakefield as a charming historic village that welcomes 10’s of thousands of visitors during the months of May through October. And with free lock passes for 2025, combined with a strong U.S dollar, boat traffic through the Trent Severn waterways was the busiest I’ve seen in years.

My wife and I live at the base of Smith St., where an approximate 10 acre parkland lies. This scenic park is a green oasis with trails and swimming facilities much enjoyed by the public. This land is owned by

Parks Canada and they have always looked after cutting the grass, pruning trees and regularly maintaining the park.

All that changed this past spring. An agreement was reached between Parks Canada and the Township of Selwyn, that the township would take over the responsibility of cutting the grass, while all other maintenance would be dealt with by Parks Canada. Well you can imagine what happens when two bureaucracies make an agreement, and there are no adults in the room.

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The Accidental Columnist

A win is a win

BY MARNIE CLEMENT

This is really really difficult for me to write.

US President Donald Trump has done something positive for the world by potentially working out an agreement between Israel and Hamas that has resulted in the release of the living Israeli hostages and possibly finding a way to stop the horrific situation that has been occurring in Gaza.

I say potentially because these are still early days and who knows if anything else can go sideways in this troubled part of the world.

But the hostages are free and a ceasefire agreement has been signed. More than 1,700 detainees from Gaza and 250 Palestinian prisoners have also been released.

Thirty nations signed the ceasefire deal.

It all seemed to happen so quickly after more than two years after Hamas militants entered Israel and approximately

1,200 people were killed.

Reuters, one of the world’s largest news organizations, reported last week that Palestinian health authorities say that more than 67,000 people have been killed by Israel since the attack.

I said in a column several weeks ago that I think that Israeli President Benjamin Netanyahu should be tried as a war criminal when this ends. The attacks against civilians, many of them children, have been condemned by the United Nations. The use of starvation as a tactic of war is horrific but yet it happened and many governments around the world have been hesitant to criticize the Israeli government’s shameful behaviour.

A United Nations inquiry found that Israel has committed genocide against Palestinians.

That being said, it is a miracle that a solution may have been found to this situation.

Trump may have had personal reasons for wanting this conflict to end, but no

matter what the reason, the important thing is that the ceasefire is happening at all.

This has happened at a time when multiple human rights abuses are being reported every day in the US as the US government is conducting raids and attacks against its own citizens.

But the ceasefire uniquely stands out as a positive development.

I find almost everything Trump does to be appalling and I think he is demolishing democracy in the US. There is no excuse for his attacks on the courts, revenge against people who have spoken out against him, tax breaks for billionaires while working class people lose access to programs that help them survive.

It is taking absolutely every bit of willpower I have to admit that he has achieved something historic.

Trump’s personal relationship to Netanyahu may have led the Israeli president to believe he had US support and extended this war as a result. He may have felt

able to go further than what would have been tolerated by a different US leader. His actions may have led to more hostages being killed and they may have been held longer because of him.

But that personal relationship is what likely made the difference in pushing Netanyahu to pause his war as countries and politicians around the world became bolder in denouncing what he was doing.

I do not think this achievement, which is incredibly huge, makes up for all the hate and anger Trump is creating in the US and around the world.

But I’m going to have to give credit to him for this one amazing thing.

If there are any two narcissists in the world who could ruin this moment it would be Trump and Netanyahu and I hope this does not happen.

I’m counting on the continuing pressure from the 30 countries who took part in this historic agreement to keep the pressure on Netanyahu to honour Israel’s commitment to the ceasefire.

Speaking with Spirits: Susanna Moodie and the Occult

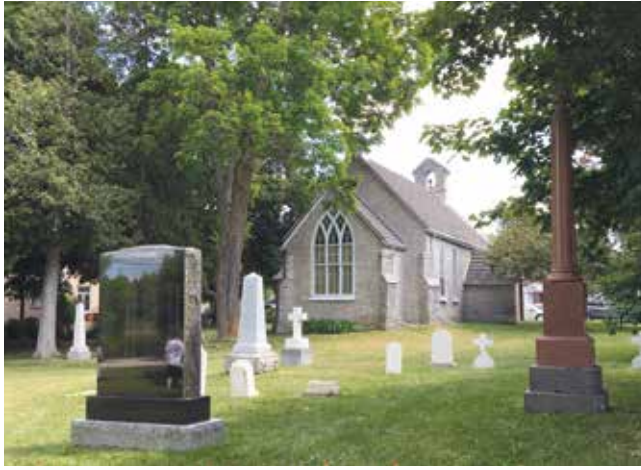
BY PATTI McALLISTER

If you are like me, October is the month when thoughts turn to Halloween, ghosts and the spirit world. Susanna Moodie, one of our local early Canadian authors who painted an enduring portrait of pioneer life in ‘Roughing it in the Bush’, revealed her interest in ‘spirit adventures’ both in her writings and letters. She and her husband, John, were fascinated by the occult and the ghoulish mystery of being able to communicate with spirits of the dead.

The Spiritualist faith movement arose in the mid-20th century in North American society, challenging traditional beliefs dominated by Protestant and Roman Catholic churches, and embraced this claim of connecting souls of this world to those that had already reached the next. Superhuman abilities like mind-reading, clairvoyance, telepathy, or telekinesis were the core themes of the Spiritualist movement. Intrigued by the doctrine that women and men were equals, holding a stance against slavery, and with an emphasis on an individualistic experience and connection to God, many aspects of this religion appealed to Susanna. In addition, new developments in science and technology, such as electricity and the telegraph began clashing with many religious beliefs. Susanna poured over books and newspapers on Spiritualism, and her curiosity led her to write to her sister, Catharine Parr Traill, “there is a capital article in the last Albion on table turning, I read it twice with infinite glee”. Catharine was not so sure about Spiritualism and told one of her friends in a letter, “one of the offices of the released spirits (of someone who died) may be to watch over and care for those that were united to them by bonds of love or friendship during its sojourn upon earth”.

Kate and Margaret Fox are credited with the founding of the Spiritualist movement in 1848. The young sisters, who worked out a code of raps to communicate with spirits, pursued sensational and often turbulent careers as the Fox sisters, and the phenomena of ‘table rapping’ or ‘table turning’ spread throughout the United States, Upper Canada, and Europe over the next ten years. The Fox sisters had lived in Belleville up until 1848 prior to moving south to New York State. Their elder sister, Elizabeth, married and remained in Prince Edward County. The infamous Fox sisters visited Elizabeth in 1855 and 1856, causing a local stir of interest in Spiritualism and occult phenomena.

Introduced to Susanna and John Moodie in Belleville, they were both charmed by the beautiful Kate Fox with “her pale oval face, waist-length dark hair and dark purple eyes”. Soon the couple were holding multiple séances in their home and witnessing the woman’s powers with table rapping and vibration. Their piano’s strings mysteriously played an accompanying melody to John’s flute, and somehow Kate managed to identify with rap-



Christ Church graveyard

ping, the engraving on the inside of John’s ring and the dates of Susanna’s father’s birth and death. Susanna was absorbed by this magic but unconvinced of Kate’s powers. Perhaps she suspected that Kate Fox had either been lucky or had been able to pick up clues to the correct answers from her audience’s body language.

John, however, was a firm believer and regularly attended séances in the homes of various distinguished Belleville citizens where Kate Fox managed long conversations with everybody’s deceased relatives. He also visited the Fox family in New York and began to record his occult adventures. John sent his ‘Records of Spiritual Investigations’ and related letters and essays to a New York newspaper, ‘The Spiritual Telegraph’. He also invented a ‘spiritoscope’ - a wood and brass contraption that allowed spirits to spell out words quickly. Catharine Parr Traill arrived for a visit and she allowed herself to succumb and speak with her departed children using Moodie’s spiritoscope. Susanna remarked that her sister was a very powerful medium, but Catharine found the experiences as a medium so alarming that she soon distanced herself from these activities. John’s enthusiasm for Spiritualism eventually led to arguments with his wife, and Susanna, unhappy, turned back to the practice to communicate with her two dead editors, and her young son, Johnnie, who had drowned fourteen years earlier.

Professor Michael Peterman in his biography, ‘A Life, Susanna Moodie’, wrote that “the Moodies’ shared enthusiasm (for Spiritualism) carried them over a number of difficult hurdles in their later life together - Susanna’s disappointments as a writer, John’s continuing legal battle to preserve his position (as sheriff of Belleville), aging, physical weariness and their ongoing struggles to make ends meet”. According to Peterman, by participating in something the Moodies deemed grander and more consequential than the trials of everyday life, Spiritualism provided hope of a better life.

By the late 1880s, the claims of Spiritualists were

coming under increasingly rigorous scrutiny. Kate and Margaret Fox eventually publicly confessed in 1888 that they created the rapping sounds by popping their toes, rather than obtaining any real connection with the spirit realm.

The promise of Spiritualism to connect people with their lost loved ones fell out of fashion and its practice dwindled rapidly.

The shadowy border between life and death still attracts many followers where the grief-stricken, the curious and the desperate seek to communicate with the dead. The little graveyard that surrounds Christ Church tells many stories of the 108 souls buried there from 1855 - 1886.

It is Christ Church Community Museum’s mandate to maintain both the church and the cemetery, and we are fundraising to repair damage to some of the 40 tombstones and markers that remain today. If you would like to support this initiative, there are several ways to donate:

1. E-transfer to cccmLakefield@yahoo.com
2. By a cheque made out to Christ Church Community Museum. Please mail cheques to: CCCM, Box 1542, Lakefield, Ontario, K0L 2H0

All donations gratefully received. Tax receipts will be issued for donations \$20 and over.

Heartfelt sympathy

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The damage to this iconic structure was extensive and we learned that the building needed to be demolished, and I thank staff for their expedience in making this happen because of the safety concerns. I have spoken with the building owners who assure the replacement will honour what was.

While this news is difficult to accept, we are reminded that the true heart of Lakefield lies not in its buildings, but in the strength, compassion, and resilience of its people.

In the days since the fire, we have already seen our community come together in remarkable ways – offering shelter, supplies, donations and emotional support to those in need. This spirit of unity embodies what makes Lakefield and the rest of Selwyn so special.

The Township will continue to work closely with local agencies, business owners, and residents to ensure that those affected receive the support they need and that our downtown remains a vibrant and welcoming place for all.

Together, we will rebuild, recover, and honour the history that binds us as a community.

*Sherry Senis
Mayor, Selwyn Township*

First impressions

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Most of the early spring we had to keep on top of both groups because no maintenance was being performed. The property was now becoming an eye sore, with both parties pointing fingers at the other. Then the March 31 ice storm hit.

In all due respect, that was a major weather occurrence, and we all knew the cleanup was going to take a long time throughout the County. Within a couple months most of the damaged trees were removed. However, left behind were still a few downed trees, and numerous large piles of shavings/sawdust. Also neglected this year were two large patches of the property which were not being mowed. These parcels are now infested with Dog Strangling Vine, a foreign noxious weed that has spread to surrounding residential properties, including our own. There are also no garbage receptacles on the property.

So, here’s my point. When all these visitors on boats emerge from the lock and the canal, the first thing they see is the Parks Canada property. Noticing the unkempt and messy parkland, and the run down and boarded up 2000 sq ft abandoned Parks Canada building. I’m sure they wonder if the village is even worth stopping and spending some money here. They know that just north of here are some of the most picturesque sections of the waterway.

Is this how we want to portray our village? Do either of the above mentioned groups even care? Are there any adults in the room?

Marcel Van Der Mark

Publishers call on Government of Canada to adopt Buy Canadian advertising policy

Open letter to government;

The Alberta Weekly Newspapers Association, BC and Yukon Community News Media Association, Hebδος Québec, Manitoba Community Newspapers Association, National Ethnic Press and Media Council of Canada, News Media Canada, Ontario Community Newspapers Association, and Saskatchewan Weekly Newspapers Association call on the Government of Canada to adopt a minimum 25 per cent set aside of the federal advertising budget to support news media.

“Advertising set-asides are a payment for a service – not a subsidy – that can provide substantial revenue to local news organizations and help community journalism thrive,” said Steve Waldman of the U.S.-based not-for-profit Rebuild Local News. “It is money the gov-

ernment is already spending — not new money — so it does not require enlarging government budgets or raising taxes.”

“At a time when our sovereignty and economy are under threat, we call on the federal government to Buy Canadian,” said Lisa Sygutek is the publisher of the *Crowsnest Pass Herald* and chair of the Alberta Weekly Newspapers Association. “Taxpayer-funded federal advertising dollars should be spent in communities across Canada; they shouldn’t flow to Big Tech companies in California whose algorithms amplify disinformation and drive division.”

“Because we are trusted by our communities, Canada’s ethnic news publications are uniquely positioned to help the Canadian government reach the nearly 25 per cent of Canadians whose mother

tongue is not English or French,” said Maria Saras-Voutsinas, executive director at National Ethnic Press and Media Council of Canada. “This is smart policy that is working in other jurisdictions, including Ontario and New York City.”

“More than 85 per cent of Canadian adults turn to newspaper content each week, and they trust our content more than social media and online search,” said Benoit Chartier, president and editor-in-chief of *Le Courrier de Saint-Hyacinthe*, chair of Hebδος Québec, and vice chair of News Media Canada. “According to a recent study, advertising in trustworthy environments lead to a 25 per cent lift in brand rating. News publishers in aggregate are seen as 35 per cent above the baseline level of trust across information environments.”

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Fall CAR CARE & DRIVING

Tips to winterize your vehicle



The elements pose a unique challenge to motor vehicles, and that's particularly notable when seasons change. Though the shift from spring to summer or even summer to fall may not be too significant, drivers who want to safeguard their vehicles would be wise to take certain measures to prepare their cars or trucks for winter weather.

Winterizing a car can be an important part of vehicle maintenance. That's particularly true for vehicle owners who live in regions where winter is marked by especially cold temperatures and/or significant snowfall. As fall gives way to winter, drivers can take these steps to winterize their vehicles.

- Address tires and tire pressure. The experts at Kelley Blue Book note the danger of aging and/or poorly inflated tires, particularly in winter. Icy, wet and/or snow-covered roads can be dangerous to traverse, so it benefits drivers to examine their tires prior to winter. Worn down treads reduce traction and make it more difficult for vehicles to stop, which is already challenging on roads where ice is present. It's equally important to keep tires properly inflated, as KBB reports each 10-degree dip in temperature can lead to a one-pound loss in air pressure. Poorly inflated tires can decrease performance and safety on the road.

- Check the battery and replace it, if necessary. Another step to winterize

a car involves the battery that helps to keep the vehicle running. The automotive experts at Firestone note that sinking temperatures force the chemical reaction within vehicle batteries to slow, which reduces the amount of power the battery can generate. In fact, Firestone estimates a battery can lose as much as 60 percent of its strength in freezing temperatures. Firestone urges drivers to get a battery assessment test prior to winter to ensure the battery is healthy enough to endure the coming months. If the assessment indicates the battery is weak, replace it prior to winter.

- Check fluid levels. Routine vehicle maintenance at an auto body shop or car dealership typically involves checking and topping off fluid levels. Book such an appointment in advance of winter to ensure the ve-

hicle has coolant, which KBB notes is formulated to resist freezing. Without sufficient coolant, a vehicle engine can suffer significant damage. Windshield washer fluid also should be filled to ensure the windshield can be sufficiently cleaned of salt during and after snowstorms. A pre-winter oil change also can help the vehicle run smoothly throughout the colder months.

- Inspect belts and hoses. KBB notes cold weather weakens belts and hoses, which can become brittle and fail in low temperatures. Belts and hoses should be checked prior to winter. Engines can overheat, electrical system problems can emerge and power steering may be compromised if belts and hoses are allowed to fall into disrepair.

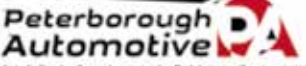
Winter can be a challenging time of year for

cars and trucks. Various strategies to winterize a car before the mercury drops can make it safer to be on the road when the weather turns cold.

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The Buckhorn Community Centre hosted the annual Harvest Craft Show over Thanksgiving weekend. For many this is a great way to pass the time while the turkey is in the oven. Pictured above (L) are Nancy Casserly of Near North Studio in North Kawartha with her patriotic knitting. For those interested Casserly also teaches knitting at the NKCC. In the centre is local artist Michael Dumas who was happy to chat with the patrons and on the right is Orin Mollyneaux of Satin Creations posing with some of her "creations".

Spooky All Hallows' Eve at Lang Pioneer Village

Lang, ON – You are in for a frightfully good time as the historic village transforms into an array of haunting scenes during Spooky All Hallows' Eve, taking place on Friday & Saturday, October 24 & 25 at Lang Pioneer Village Museum. From 6 pm to 9 pm each night, enjoy an evening of fun and games as you are introduced to the origins of some of our favourite Halloween traditions.

Hold onto your seat as a tractor and wagon takes you deeper into the darkness of the village. Discover the history of coffins and body snatching at the Carpenter Shop. Meet Stingy Jack and listen to his sorry tale. Witness a traditional 1890s Halloween party and take part in some party games. Be sure to watch out for the man-eating plant from Madagascar at the Fitzpatrick House, and take a stroll through the graveyard. Hear the story of werewolves and give your best howl at the moon.

Visit the witch's lair to find out your witch's name, and see her swampy brew bubbling in her cauldron over the fire. Listen to sea shanties and pirate jokes in the Cider Barn, and see if you can find

all the items on their treasure map. You just might receive a piece of treasure for yourself if you do. Take a trip to the stars on a magic carpet ride, visit the fairies at their lodge, and try some hula hooping in the Agricultural Barn. If you are brave enough to enter the maze, make sure you don't get lost!

Participate in a class on poisons and potions in the School House. Do you dare feel what is lurking in the mystery crocks at the Tinsmith Shop, or try a treat from the Botched Bakery? Witness the mind-bending magic show in the Weaver Shop (sets at 6:30, 7:30, and 8:30 but seating is limited)! Curious about what your future holds? If you ask her nicely, Madam Fortune just might reveal what is to come.

Listen to the Michi Saagiig people's tale of the Wendigo. Hear about paranormal investigations undertaken at the museum by ghost hunters, the Paranormal Seekers, and see some of the specialized equipment they use to make their discoveries. Warm up by the fire and learn about Samhain, a Celtic fire festival.

If your nerves are rattled and making

you hungry, stop by the Hotel to purchase some delicious hot chocolate and sweet treats, or visit the Bewdley Lions Club food truck for some BBQ goods (cash only). Ben's Kettle Corn will be on-site popping up fresh kettle corn, and you can purchase candy and sweet treats in the General Store as you learn about the origins of trick-or-treating.

Don't forget to come disguised to blend in with the spirits and ghosts lurking in the Village, or have your face painted in the PCAHB Great Hall by Faces by 2. Children will receive treat bags at the end of the evening to enjoy on their way home.

Enjoy an evening of eerie fun and learn a thing or two about how Halloween traditions came to be with Spooky All Hallows' Eve, Friday & Saturday, October 24 & 25 at Lang Pioneer Village Museum! This all-ages event is sure to be a lot of fun, with just a little tomfoolery to get you into the Halloween

spirit. Please note that while some origin stories are quite dark, this is not a frightful experience. Admission is \$17 for adults, \$12 for students and seniors (60+), \$9 for youths (ages 2-14), and free for children under 2. Family admission is also available for \$45 and includes 2 adults and up to 4 youths ages 2-14. Tickets for the event are available for purchase in advance online and at the door. On-site parking is available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, please visit www.langpioneer-village.ca.

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Community rallies around those impacted by fire



Century 21 hosted a fundraiser over the Thanksgiving long weekend for those impacted by the devastating fire that took place last week. The fundraiser saw many clothing donations and over \$10,000 in cash and gift cards.

BY VANESSA STARK

The community has rallied around those affected by the tragic fire that decimated the local home hardware in Lakefield, destroying the apartments and homes of many families in the village.

Not only did some families lose their home, but some lost their beloved animals in the fire as well.

Many local businesses and residents have stepped up to create fundraisers for those impacted.

Century 21 in Lakefield hosted a clothing drop off event over the thanksgiving long weekend where they asked residents to donate gently used clothing's, gift cards and monetary donations to those who lost everything in the devastating fire.

Their fundraiser saw an amazing amount of clothing donated along with over \$10,000 in gift cards and cash.

The Lakefield District Lions and the Lakefield Village Lions also teamed up to host a fundraiser for those impacted on Monday of the long weakened at the River Den. They were also asking for clothing, cash and gift cards for the victims of the fire. Their fundraiser will be running until Saturday, during the Wag-o-Ween event in downtown Lakefield. For more details visit the Lakefield Village Lions Facebook page for details.

An employee of the Lakefield Home Hardware started a GoFundMe campaign aimed at helping those affected by the fire as well.

According to the GoFundMe page, Danika, the organizer, has worked at the Lakefield Home Hardware for three years. She said that the fires took everything from the people living in the apartments above the hardware store, including one of her coworkers. All donations from the GoFundMe will be going straight to those living in the apartments above to help them with essentials such as new clothes and food.

Her goal is to raise \$7,500 and as of press time, the campaign had raised just over \$6,200. The campaign can be found under the GoFundMe website and searching for "Donate to help those effected by the fire above homehardware"



The Lakefield Village and District Lions Clubs teamed up to host a community fundraiser for those impacted by the Fire that took place on October 9. Their fundraiser will continue throughout the week and end on Saturday Oct. 18 during the Lakefield Wag-O-Ween event.

John Boyko, Lakefield Ward Councilor is also helping to raise funds for those impacted by the fire by putting on a benefit concert.

While details on the concert are still in the works, Boyko said that it will happen within the next two weeks at the Lakefield District Public School gymnasium and feature local talent.

The Lakefield Restaurant is also stepping up to help those impacted by both the Home Hardware and Free Toppings Pizza Fires.

According to their marketing coordinator, Maxine Stark, the restaurant will be closed for regular dinning on Monday October 20 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. for a private function where they will be providing a free dinner to those in need.

She said, "We understand what a challenging time this is for the residents who have lost their homes, the staff of Home Hardware, Free Topping Pizza, IDA, and other nearby businesses, and the incredible first responders who have been extremely dedicated to keeping our community safe. We would like to invite all of these impacted individuals to come together for an evening of comfort, connection, and community. Please join us for complimentary dinner and drinks to clear your mind, sit with friends and family, and share stories, hugs, and support with one another."

For more details on this event please contact the Lakefield Restaurant at 705-652-1119.

These are just a few of the efforts being done to help those impacted. From the events of the fires in the village, the community has rallied around those impacted. Many people have lost their jobs, their homes, and in some cases even their beloved pets. To find our more, please visit the individual Facebook Pages of those listed above as well as cross reference online to ensure authenticity of charitable causes. The Township of Selwyn has issued a warning stating that a few GoFundMe campaigns have been created and to please remember to be diligent before donating. Residents can do this by confirming the campaign's authenticity, making sure it's connected to the individuals or families impacted. When in doubt, consider donating through verified organizations or local support networks.



Terry McQuitty

Community Care Lakefield hosted a downsizing seminar at the Lakefield Legion on Wednesday afternoon. Pictured above is the speaker - Senior Assist Realtor Cindy Reid.

Lakefield Village Lions Club

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Activity	Day	Starts
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Mat Yoga *	Tuesday	9:00 am
Cribbage	Tuesday	1:00 pm
Crafts & Chat	Wednesday	9:30 am
Euchre	Wednesday	1:00 pm
Qigong	Thursday	10:00 am
Railroad Euchre	Thursday	1:00 pm
Mat Yoga *	Friday	9:00 am

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*Mat Yoga (Libra Yoga) is run by Community Care so registration and fees are handled by them. Contact 705-652-8655 for sign up/questions. Their poster indicates a minimum donation of \$2.00 per individual class.



Meet the new Board of Directors of the Morton Medical Centre (Left to Right): David Bignell (Board Chair), Tom McAllister, Guy Hanchet, Katie McLaughlin, Sue Bell-Gastle, Sarah McMahon, Nicole Truman, Susan McMaster, Mary Ferguson-Pare, Julie Brundle, Stacey Sullivan, Reid Brownscombe, John Boyko and John Runza. Missing: Dr. Tom Bell

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Trent Lakes Public Library Upcoming Events

BY JOANNE O'HERON

Coffee and Chat – Wednesday, October 22nd at 1:30 pm at the Buckhorn Library. Local historian, Marie Windover, will do a presentation on the history of the Harvey (Buckhorn) area.

P.A. Day at the Library – Friday, October 24th . Visit the Buckhorn Library between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm for a Scavenger Hunt, Rainbow Loom, Lego, and crafts. This is a free drop-in event.

Coffee and Chat – Wednesday, November 5th at 1:30 at the Buckhorn Library. Peterborough County O.P.P. will discuss protecting oneself against scams and safe holiday shopping.

Parade Day –The Buckhorn District Lions Club's Annual Santa Claus Parade is Saturday, November 15th. Join us between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm at the Buckhorn Library for hot chocolate and a special "craft".

New – The Trent Lakes Public Library now has a monthly newsletter called The Library Lantern. Stay informed about the latest happenings at the library. You can pick up a copy at either branch or, if you would like to receive it directly into your inbox, send us an email at library@trentlakes.ca .
<https://events.trentlakes.ca/library/>

Golden Years

The winners at Lakefield Golden Years Club for the week of October 6th, 2025

Monday Bid Euchre:
1st. Shirley Zilio, 2nd. John Parent, Norma Gorriell (tied)

Tuesday Cribbage:
1st. Paul Laughlin, 2nd. Sandra Wren, 3rd. Ann Druce, Don Stephen (tied)

Wednesday Euchre:
1st. Doug MacConnell, 2nd. John Pue, John Parent (tied), 3rd. Don Dunbar

Thursday Railroad Euchre:
1st. Paul Laughlin, 2nd. Don Walladge, 3rd. Vera Page

The next Euchre Tournament will be at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, November 1st, 2025.

Everyone is invited to join in the fun. \$10.00 to play and a 'share the wealth'. There is a light lunch served. All euchre players are welcome. For more information, email lakefieldgoldenyears@gmail.com or check our website: www.lakefieldgoldenyears.com

Lakefield Chiefs Blank Raiders 4-0 at Home

BY NICK O'BRIEN

On Tuesday, October 14th, the Lakefield Graham Carpentry Chiefs shut out the Napanee Raiders with a 4-0 victory in PJHL Todd Division action at the Lakefield Smith Community Center.

Sam Farrer opened the scoring in the first period for the Chiefs, assisted by Ashton Kirwin. In the second, Charlie Blewett extended the lead to 2-0 with help from Will Corcoran and Nick Stinson. Moments later, Matthew D'Angelo netted his first of two on the night, assisted by Nathan Gerelus and Owen Thake.

D'Angelo sealed the win late in the third with a short-handed empty-net goal to make it 4-0. Goaltender Ibrahim Tahir was perfect between the pipes, stopping all 20 shots he faced to earn the shutout.

The Chiefs are back in action on Tuesday, October 21st, when they host the Frankford Huskies at the Lakefield Smith Community Center. Puck drop is scheduled for 7:25 p.m.

Peterborough County Opp Seeks Feedback on Action Plan



(PETERBOROUGH COUNTY, ON) - The Peterborough County Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) seeks input from the public and interested parties regarding the proposed Peterborough County Action Plan 2026-2029.

Every three years every detachment develops a new Detachment Action Plan to address local priorities and concerns. Part of the development of the local action plan involves a community consultation phase to gather feedback from the community and our community partners on what they feel should be included in our new action plan.

"To develop an action plan that truly reflects the needs, priorities, and expectations of our community, we need to hear from you," said Inspector Chris Galeazza, Detachment Commander. "Your input is essential in helping shape the future of Peterborough County."

Have your say in the Peterborough County OPP Detachments next Action Plan by filling out the quick survey below:
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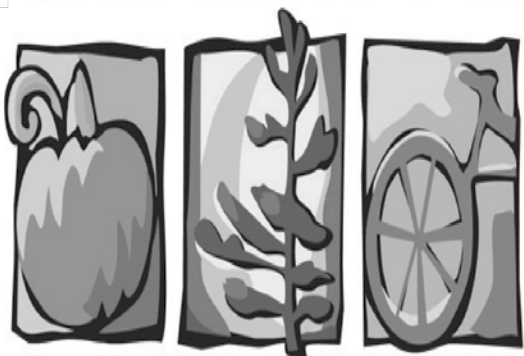
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Community events notices are available free to non-profit community organizations. Drop your notices off at our office, or use fax (705-652-6912), mail or email (psa@lakefieldherald.com). We do not accept them by telephone. Notices for specific events may be run for two weeks. Notices for items which are not date specific may be run for three months, and may be renewed at that time.

Events

Lakefield Legion Saturday afternoon meat draw. 4:00 pm. All welcome to this age of majority event.

Lakefield Legion Bingo - Mondays at 6:30 pm sharp. Tickets go on sale at 5:30 pm. All welcome, but must be at least 18 years old to play.

Lakefield Golden Years

Club, 275 Queen Street, Lakefield. In our completely accessible building, we like to exercise the mind and the body. Feel free to come as a guest and check us out. Membership is \$30.00 per year. We also have monthly Euchre Tournaments. You must be a minimum 50 years of age to become a member. For additional information contact lakefieldgoldenyears@gmail.com, 705 657-1234 or check out our website www.lakefieldgoldenyears.com.

Are you interested in being part of a choir? We are a fun, inclusive group who love to praise, learn, and sing! All are welcome to join. Thursdays from 7-8:30pm. Lakefield United Church, 47 Regent St, Lakefield. 705-652-3126 or lkflduc@nexcicom.net

Young's Point United Church (2745 Chalmers

Ave.) invites you to Sunday Services @ 10:00 A.M. Young's Point United Church speakers: October 19 Rev. Dorinda Vollmer, October 26 Rev. Dorinda Vollmer . Contact Joan Seeley for info: 705 652 1457

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Community Care will be hosting a new Connection Café here at the Lakefield Office, on the first Friday morning & third Wednesday afternoon of each month at 1:30pm. Just drop in for a coffee / tea & chat! Encourage your clients to come out to socialize too! We may also arrange tours out to in-

teresting and fun community locations in the future.

St. Matthew-St. Aidan Anglican Church, 1937 Lakehurst Road, in Buckhorn, invites you to a Roast Beef Dinner and Loonie Auction on Monday, October 20, 2025 starting at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30. Please call 705-657-2572 to reserve.

Lakefield Village Lions (LVL) – Winter Clothing Drive. LVL is accepting donations of used winter wear (coats, scarves, hats, mittens and boots) to help families in need. Donations need to be clean and in good repair. We will be accepting donations on Thurs. October 23 from 4 pm to 6 pm and Fri. October 24 from 9 am to 1 pm at the Marshland Centre, 64 Hague Blvd, Lakefield. If you have any questions or can't make pick-up date, please contact

Jackie at 705-344-2917 or Sandi at 416-809-0855.

Festive Favourites are back and better than ever (formerly Christmas Cakes). Lakefield Village Lions (LVL) are selling Christmas cakes (3 kinds) for \$20, shortbread cookies for \$10 and chocolate covered almonds for \$5 through mid-December. Contact Sandra 416-809-0855, Heather 706-760-1667 or Brenda 705-559-6910 for any orders or email lakefieldvillagelionsclub@gmail.com.

Douro - Dummer Seniors Progressive Euchre Party is being held on Thursday, November 13th at 1 p.m. in the Douro Community Centre, 2893 Hwy 28. Admission is \$5.00 which includes prize money and lunch. Share the Wealth tickets \$1.00 each. Call Carmella 705-652-7776 or Jim 705-651-6343.

Lakefield District Historical Society presents "The Lakefield Lads". Join Michael Barrett as he honours the 10 Lads from Lakefield who served with the 21st Battalion in WW1. Are one of these men your ancestor? Come and hear their stories of courage, commitment, dedication, and honour and sacrifice. Doors open at 7:00pm and meeting begins at 7:30 pm Thursday Oct 30th in the Upper Hall at Lakefield Legion. All are welcome! There is no cost to attend but donations are welcome. Don't forget to stop at the Cheesy Fromage to check out the veterans display.

Grace United Church, 581 Howden St., Peterborough. Our new Muffin Party and our famous Cookie Walk Saturday, November 8 - 10am - 12pm. Admission \$5 where you will enjoy muffins, jams, tea, coffee. After you enjoy your snack, shop at the Cookie Walk where you may pick a dozen or two or three choosing from a variety of cookies and your Christmas Baking will be complete.

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Flu Shot Clinic. Thursday, October 23, 8am - noon. 40 Rabbit Street, Lakefield. Please bring your health card. First come first served! Call 705.652.8655 to learn more

Sunday, October 19th at 2:00 PM, a special blessing ceremony hosted by Nine Ships 1825 will be held at St. Peter's Cemetery (870 High Street, Peterborough) to honour more than 200 early settlers whose remains were laid to rest in a mass grave, with no markers or recognition—until now. Father Tom Lynch will perform the Blessing of the Settlers Monument, a newly installed tribute to the men, women, and children who helped build Peterborough but were buried anonymously over a century. The community is warmly invited to attend the Blessing Ceremony on October 19th at 2:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Cemetery. A reception will follow at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 317 Hunter Street West, Peterborough. For more information, please contact: Nine Ships 1825 nineships1825@gmail.com

Bugg Family Walk and Wheel Saturday October 18 2025 @ 1 pm at the Lakefield Marshland Centre, 65 Hague Bl, Lakefield. Jenny and Glenn and all the Bugg Family invite you to join them in raising funds to provide essential services and support for people impacted by a spinal cord injury in the Peterborough area. Your support will provide people help navigating a way forward, the lived experience of peer support, trustworthy knowledge and best practices, effective advocacy, and equipment for people in need. For more info contact Jenny Bugg: jennybarr1969@gmail.com To donate visit: sciontario.org/bugg

Solution to last week's Sudoku

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Sudoku

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Solution in next week's issue.

Horoscopes October 17 - October 23, 2025



Capricorn
Dec 22 - Jan 19

Capricorn, you're bound to tire out if you don't pace yourself. Delegate things when you can, especially by the end of the week. A surprise compliment at work brings joy.



Aries
Mar 21 - Apr 19

Timing is everything, Aries. Even though you are anxious to start something big, this might not be the right moment for it. You'll benefit from stepping back to reassess.



Cancer
Jun 22 - Jul 22

Emotions are running strong right now, Cancer. It is alright to be passionate. Your intuition will be heightened, but do your best to take a measured approach in the days ahead.



Libra
Sept 23 - Oct 22

Libra, you are balancing a dozen things. This seems like a pattern for you, but avoid overextending yourself. Speak up and advocate for your needs.



Aquarius
Jan 20 - Feb 18

Aquarius, let your curiosity lead you somewhere new. Someone different from your usual crowd could offer unique insight that you hadn't considered previously.



Taurus
Apr 20 - May 20

You are craving comfort, but growth is just outside of your range, Taurus. This week, a financial focus pays off. Don't ignore your gut when it comes to a financial matter.



Leo
Jul 23 - Aug 22

Leo, it's important to remember that, while the spotlight loves you, not every stage is meant for a solo. Share the attention midweek and others will love you even more for it.



Scorpio
Oct 23 - Nov 21

You are focused and quiet working behind the scenes this week, Scorpio. Some people need to be flashy with fanfare, but that's not you right now. Relish in the quiet success.



Pisces
Feb 19 - Mar 20

Pisces, creative energy is high right now, especially around Wednesday. You're close to a creative breakthrough, but you might need a practical play to get there.



Gemini
May 21 - Jun 21

You may be charming and magnetic right now, Gemini, but are you paying attention to what other people are saying? It's time to listen more than you're speaking.



Virgo
Aug 23 - Sept 22

Virgo, perfection can wait right now, even if you are craving ultimate order. Embrace progress even if it doesn't come in a polished form. Say yes to a new opportunity.



Sagittarius
Nov 22 - Dec 21

You might be fired up with fresh ideas, Sagittarius. Just be sure your vision is rooted in reality. Write it down and stay open to feedback. It's best to avoid spontaneity right now.

October PA Day Programs

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BY KACIE GARDINER

The Selwyn Public Library is offering PA Day programs at the Lakefield Library on Friday, October 24 for ages 4 to 12. Registration is required at www.mypubliclibrary.ca.

Halloween Science

Put on your lab coat and get ready for spooky experiments that make science fun! Adults attend with ages 8 and under.

Date: Friday, October 24

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Location: Lakefield

Lego Block Party

Got big ideas? We've got tons of Lego! Come create something amazing. Adults attend with ages 8 and under.

Date: Friday, October 24

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Lakefield

Community Futures Peterborough Launches New Strategic Plan and Announces Two New Board Directors

Community Futures Peterborough (CFP) has unveiled its new strategic plan for 2025–2028, setting a clear vision to be recognized as the trusted partner that helps local businesses achieve their goals.

“Our vision is clear: every entrepreneur should feel they can access free, expert advice in their own community and every business should feel they can grow and expand here,” says Wayne Harding, Board Chair of Community Futures Peterborough. “Our updated strategic plan ensures we are not only meeting today’s needs but preparing for the future of business in Peterborough and defining our role in how to support them.”

Since 1985, CFP has provided entrepreneurs and small businesses with financing, free advisory services, and partnerships to strengthen the local economy. The new plan outlines four key priorities designed to ensure businesses in the region have the tools, capital, and support they need to succeed:

- Increase Awareness of the Business Advisory Centre through targeted outreach and marketing so more entrepreneurs can access expert advice, training, and mentorship.
- Expand Access to Flexible and



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Inclusive Financing Solutions by enhancing loan programs and exploring new funding models to serve diverse business needs.

- Enhance and Diversify Services by developing new programs in collaboration with partners to respond to emerging trends and community priorities.
- Invest in Organizational Infrastructure by strengthening internal systems, staff capacity, and governance to ensure long-term sustainability.

Guided by its mission to strengthen the community by helping local businesses grow and thrive, CFP’s work is rooted in its values: community first, inclusivity, collaboration, integrity, human-centered support, and sustainability.

“Our values are the foundation of our work,” says Devon Girard, Executive Director of Community Futures Peterborough. “By continuing to lead with collaboration, inclusivity, and keeping a community-focused approach, we are ensuring every entrepreneur and small business has access to the expert services they need to succeed.”

In 2024, the Province selected Community Futures Peterborough to deliver the region’s Small Business Enterprise

Centre program (SBEC) – creating one door for businesses and entrepreneurs to access both expert business advisory and planning services, as well as flexible lending options. Delivery of this provincial program provided CFP with the opportunity to reflect on its strategic direction and set a bold vision for its future.

“The Province’s decision to partner with Community Futures Peterborough to deliver the Small Business Enterprise Centre program has been a game-changer. This collaboration has created a single point of access for entrepreneurs, making it easier for them to get the expert advice and support they need to succeed. This new strategic plan builds on that momentum, and I’m confident it will further strengthen Peterborough’s position as a hub for business growth and innovation,” says Dave Smith, Member of Provincial Parliament for Peterborough-Kawartha.

“As a proud partner, Peterborough County welcomes the launch of the CFP 2025–2028 Strategic Plan. This forward-looking vision reflects a deep understanding of the evolving needs of our local business community. By enhancing access to expert advisory services and inclusive financing, CFP is ensuring that

entrepreneurs across the County have the support they need to grow, innovate, and succeed,” says Bonnie Clark, Warden, Peterborough County. “We commend their commitment to fostering a resilient and prosperous regional economy.”

This announcement also serves as an opportunity to announce to the community the appointment of two new Board Directors on CFP’s Board of Directors, Sherry Hill and Evan Lyons, who joined CFP’s Board of Directors last month. Sherry Hill is the current CFO of Peterboro Matboards and Board Secretary of the Kawartha Manufacturers Association, and Evan Lyons is the Vice President of Digital, Strategy, and Planning & Chief Information Officer at Peterborough Regional Health Centre.

“This new strategic plan sets the stage for new voices at our Board table,” adds Harding. “We’re thrilled to welcome Sherry and Evan, exceptional leaders in our community, who share our vision for driving business growth in the City of Peterborough and Peterborough County.”

For more information about the strategic plan, the new Board Directors, and CFP’s programs, visit www.cfpeterborough.ca



Evan Lyons



Sherry Hill

Peterborough County launches the Circular County Community Hub

Peterborough County has developed a Circular County Community Hub on Engage Peterborough County. This is a new initiative designed to empower residents and local businesses to embrace sustainable living through the principles of a circular economy.

The Circular County Community Hub is built around sharing, reusing, repairing, and recycling. The platform connects community members with local resources to help them reduce waste, extend the life of everyday items, save money, and build a greener, more resilient Peterborough County. In a time where many households and businesses are feeling the pinch, the hub offers a platform to connect you with practical, low-cost ways to live more sustainably - many of which are free.

October is recognized nationally as Circular Economy Month, making this the perfect time to launch the Circular County Community Hub. It’s an opportunity to raise awareness, celebrate local efforts, and encourage residents and businesses to take part in building a stronger, circular future for our community.

Our current ‘take-use-dispose’ system is no longer sustainable. Our goal with this project is that residents and businesses will engage in the platform and share their ideas to help offer practical, local solutions that help Peterborough County shift toward a circular economy, where materials are kept in use for as long as possible. There are already quite a few businesses and local groups doing great work in this area. By bringing

these resources together in one central hub, we hope to make it easier for residents to get involved. We encourage everyone interested to join this growing community of people looking for realistic and local sustainable options.

Key Features of the Hub:

- Interactive Share, Reuse, Repair, Recycle Map: Find local businesses and organizations that support sustainable practices, from repair shops to donation centers.
- Community Engagement: Participate in forums, share ideas, and stay informed.
- News Feed: Stay informed on upcoming Circular Economy events.

Events you will see advertised on the hub include the County’s first-ever Repair Cafe & Clothing Swap Event on November 29, 2025, from 1:00 pm–4:00 pm, at the Lang Pioneer Village Agricultural Heritage Building at 146 N Lang Rd., Keene.

Fix broken items, swap clothing, and connect with sustainability-minded neighbours. Residents can bring gently used clothing and take home something new to you, all for free! This is a great opportunity to refresh your closet and connect with others.

Repair Cafe will also be on site to help residents with free repairs on small appliances, clothing, and more. If, for example, you have a torn favourite sweater that you want to keep but don’t know how to fix it, we can help

you with that.

Check out our event page or www.ptbocounty.ca/repaircafe for more details and updates leading up to the event.

Peterborough County resident and founder of Clean Up Peterborough, Steve Paul, is organizing a Re: Connect Circular Economy Event on Wednesday, October 29, 2025, from 11:00 am–7:00 pm at the Morrow Building in Peterborough. County residents are welcome to attend the event and can expect:

- A Free Market where gently used items find new homes.
- Drop-off opportunities for hard-to-recycle materials.
- Hands-on activities and family-friendly ways to learn about sustainability.
- Community connections with local organizations, makers, and changemakers.

Learn more about the event (<https://circulareconomy-month.ca/find-an-event/#Oct26>). Peterborough County representatives will attend the event.

Whether you’re looking to fix a broken appliance, donate gently used goods, or simply learn more about sustainable living, the Circular County Community Hub is your go-to resource.

Join the movement. Close the loop. Build a better future for Peterborough County. Visit the hub today: <https://engage.ptbocounty.ca/circular-economy-project>

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“We are so saddened to share that the Kawartha Home Hardware was devastated by fire. Our thoughts and support are with everyone in our community who have been affected — especially those who have lost their homes or beloved pets. We want to extend our deepest gratitude to the brave firefighters, first responders, and emergency crews who continue to work tirelessly throughout the day and night to contain the blaze and protect our town. Your courage and dedication mean more than words can express. We also want to thank those who provided food and drink to emergency workers. It means so much.

To our incredible staff, thank you for your strength and support through this difficult time. And to our loyal customers and community — your kindness, messages, and offers of help remind us what makes Lakefield such a special place. Though our store is gone, our spirit is not. We’ll continue serving you through our Bridgenorth Home Hardware location and our Home Building Centre - Lakefield, and we’re committed to rebuilding — stronger, better, and together.”

*With heartfelt thanks,
The Kawartha Home Hardware team*



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