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"May" we get excited about Spring!?
"May" we get ready for an abundant season of growth in our businesses and our Gardens!?
"May" we go dance in the rain and jump in some puddles!? Its SPRING and life is a Blessing!

This edition, we welcome a new columnist (Madison Woodcox) She will be sharing a monthly Movie/Book or Music review and I'm very excited to have her join the Backroads family.

We also highlight some cool community news: See the amazing opportunity local youth, Parker was able to do through his scouting group! Pg 14

I wanted to take a minute and recognize the efforts of the entire Creekside Music Festival Team - they shared an announcement in April and we hope they are able to bring everyone back soon to celebrate local talent through music and community. Pg 20

Enjoy some Mothers Brunch inspired recipes (Pg 18) and thank you to our Guest columnist Jody for sharing a beautiful and honest piece recognizing the emotional journey of Motherhood. Pg 7

Get ready readers for an action packed Summer - we publish every month from May through to October so find us online or pick up a copy at various locations throughout Apsley, Bancroft, Lakefield, Coe Hill, Cardiff and Woodview.



One last share, for those following my journey...my lovely hair has come back with what I can only call...personality.

Had my first "post chemo" trim, done by my supportive and hilarious son Alex...but



despite our best efforts, my front cowlick is making me look more like astro boy, than sexy cancer beating bad ass mom...



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<p>Fall Prevention Exercise Class 10 to 11:15am</p> <p>Darts 6:30pm, LEGION</p> <p>Pickle Ball (\$2) 6 to 9pm NKCC</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4</p>	<p>Snacks and Euchre/Canasta 12:30pm NKCC</p> <p>Table Tennis 7 to 9 pm NKCC</p> <p>Euchre 7:00pm Woodview 7pm Ping Pong NKCC</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5</p>	<p>Fall Prevention Exercise Class</p> <p>ShuffleBoard 1 pm, LEGION</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6</p>	<p>Playgroup 0-6yrs 10am-12 NKCC</p> <p>Pot Luck Lunch Canasta or Darts 12:30pm Woodview Pickle Ball (\$2) 6 to 9pm NKCC</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7</p>	<p>Duplicate Bridge 12:30pm NKCC</p> <p>Music Jam Session 4pm, LEGION</p> <p style="text-align: right;">8</p>	<p>MOTHERS DAY TOMORROW!!</p> <p>BRUNCH at Apsley LEGION 10am to 1pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;">9</p>
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Guest contribution by Jody Plumley

I am Enough

Motherhood is the hardest journey I have ever embarked on. There is nothing else quite like it that holds so many emotions. Some days I feel like a puppet on a string that isn't in control of my own mind or body. The children need me, there are dishes and laundry piling up, the house is getting more cluttered by the minute, and now dinner is overcooked. And then after the kids are finally in bed, I need to have something left for my husband, who has now, most of the time, become an afterthought. Then I hear it, that constant voice in the back of my mind that asks, "Am I good enough?" Have I given my children enough love and attention? Are we eating healthy enough? Can we afford a new washing machine? Am I neglecting my husband? Am I being what my family needs me to be?

These questions plague me almost every day because being a mom is the hardest job in the world. We don't get days off...there is no down time. When our little ones fall and hurt themselves, they call for mommy to kiss it better. When they have a bad dream, only a snuggle from mommy and a reassurance that there are no monsters under their bed, will suffice. As their mommy, I am their safe place. I am their role model. I am their moral compass. I am their constant. The pressure of this is immense. And as I crawl into bed, once again comes the voice, "Am I enough?"

Even in the never ending exhaustion and the doubt...the failure and the struggle...I am enough. No....I am MORE than enough. I was hand chosen to be exactly what my kids need. I was hand chosen to be their mommy. In my success and my failure, in my joy and in my pain, in my confidence and in my doubt....I am enough!

I am the face they long to see in the morning. I am the arms they want to fall into when they are scared. I am the shoulder they want to cry on when their little heart is broken. I am the voice of praise they want to hear when they try their best. I am their world.

I am enough when I feel like I am doing nothing right. I am enough when there are tears behind my smiling eyes. I am enough when my child tells me they hate me. I am enough when I yell but didn't mean to. I am enough.

Motherhood is an emotional roller coaster and some days are so hard I want to give up. But when I see them smile and tell me they love me, it's worth it. When I hold them in my arms and just stare at the life that grew within me, it's worth it. When I watch them sleep and wonder how my heart can contain the love I have for them, it's worth it.

Motherhood is a crazy, emotional, wonderful ride, and I am so blessed to have 2 little girls that call me "Mommy."



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COUNCIL'S CORNER

by Mayor Carolyn Amyotte,
Township of North Kawartha

Please visit www.northkawartha.ca for all things municipal in North Kawartha. If you would like to receive regular municipal updates you may also subscribe to North Kawartha's email alerts via the website as well. If you would like to watch the Council meetings, please subscribe to the Township's YouTube Channel. For those of you that are active on social media please follow me @MayorAmyotte. It is my intent to share positive, factual and timely information about issues, events and happenings that impact our community and residents. To contact me directly, my phone number is (705) 931-1342 and my email is mayor@northkawartha.ca.



- We passed a resolution requesting the MTO to install boundary signage for North Kawartha along Highway 28

Finally, there have been several staffing changes that I would like to highlight. Debbie Hall retired as CEO/Librarian from the North Kawartha Public Library. Eddy Whitmore was appointed as our Deputy Chief Building Official. Jason Post was promoted from Public Works Manager to Deputy Chief Administrative Officer. Corey Dunsby was promoted from Roads Foreperson to Public Works Manager. Kelly Picken has been promoted from Deputy Clerk to the position of Clerk upon the retirement of our current Clerk Connie Parent. Keely-Anne Johnson has been promoted to Deputy Clerk from the position of Secretary Receptionist. Upon the retirement of our current CAO Alana Solman, Shannon Hunter will be returning to North Kawartha as Interim CAO. Council is pleased to welcome the new folks to our team, celebrate the advancements of current team members and we are grateful to our long serving staff who are embarking on their well-deserved retirements. THANK YOU!

Here's the upcoming meeting schedule:

- Regular Meetings of Council on the first and third Tuesdays of the month
- Regular Meetings of North Kawartha Library Board on 4th Tuesday of the month
- Short Term Rental Recommendations Public Open House May 23, 2026
- Teeny Tiny Summit at the Burleigh Falls Inn May 28, 2026



Here's a few things that happened since my last update:

- Council approved a \$10,000 donation in support of the Quinte Health North Hastings Hospital X-Ray Plus Campaign
- We provided approval in principle to Compass Early Learning and Care to rezone the former Trinity United Church allowing for expanded Child Care services in our community
- Council authorized the RFP to complete the renovations of the former RBC bank space to for rent/lease later this year
- We were grateful to received \$99,000 in grants from the Province for Emergency Preparedness and expenses related to last year's Ice Storm
- Council authorized our EDO to submit a formal intervention to the CRTC's Notice of Consultation 2026-9 to advocate for accurate wireless coverage reporting to improve cellular/wireless service in rural Ontario
- The Township has accepted the transfer of the Glen Alda Community Cemetery. Council would like to express their sincere gratitude and thanks to Dave Wease for his tireless dedication and care of this local cemetery over many decades



SHORT TERM RENTAL UPDATE

Courtesy of Jack Lake Newsletter

The Township of North Kawartha has recently released recommendations from its Short-Term Rental Advisory Committee, outlining its current approach to managing short-term rentals within the municipality.

At this time, the Township is not moving forward with licensing. Instead, the focus is on education, improved enforcement of existing bylaws, enhanced reporting tools, and ongoing monitoring of outcomes before considering additional regulation.

As part of this approach, the Township has introduced a Good Neighbour Guide, which can be downloaded by clicking the button below. The guide summarizes many of the existing bylaws that apply to all property owners and visitors. It covers common areas of concern such as noise, outdoor fires, fireworks, parking, garbage and recycling, wildlife interactions, and general property standards. The intent is to ensure both property owners

and renters understand expectations and help reduce avoidable conflicts within the community.

Download the Good Neighbour Guide (NK Township Website)

A key takeaway from the Township’s work to date is that many of the concerns raised by residents are not unique to short-term rentals, but relate more broadly to awareness and enforcement of existing rules. The current direction reflects a belief that improved compliance and communication may address many of these issues without the need for more complex regulation at this time.

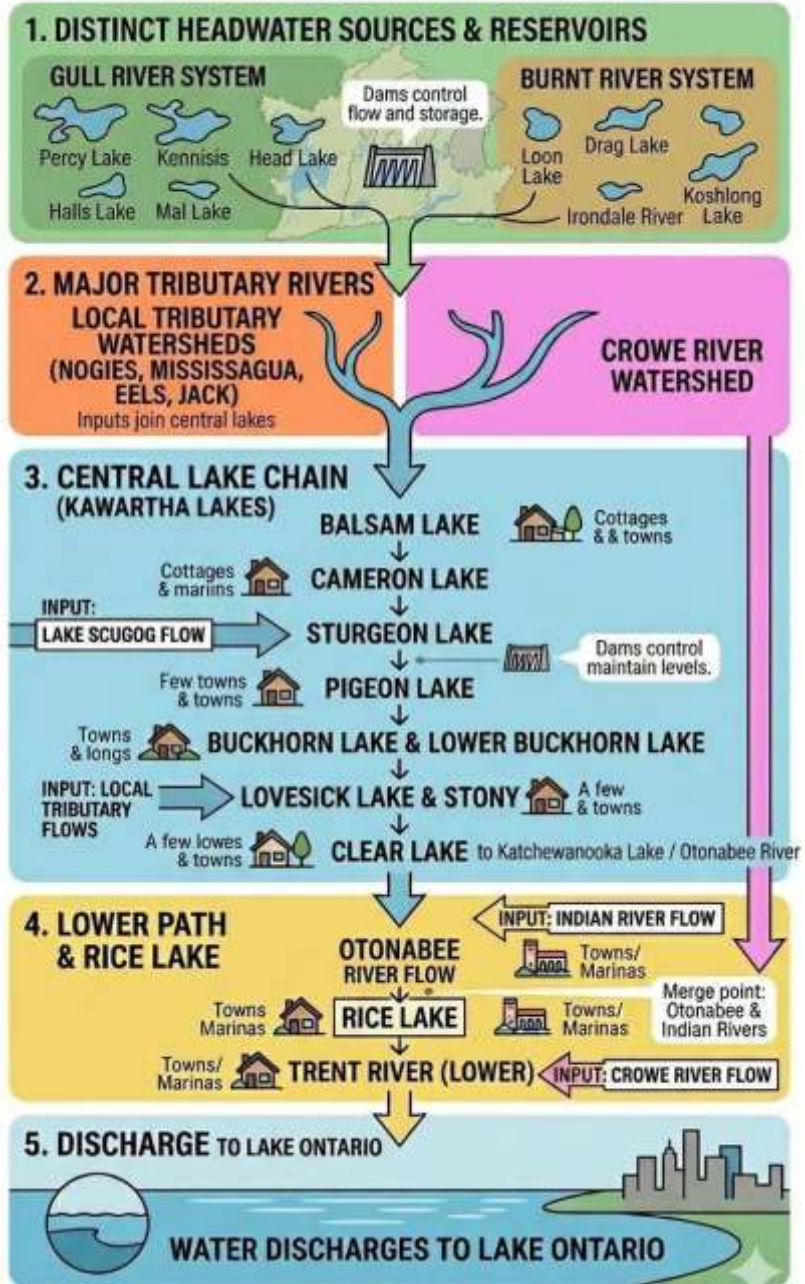
The Township is now seeking public input on these recommendations and is encouraging residents to participate in a survey and attend an upcoming town hall. This is an opportunity for Jack Lake property owners to share their perspectives directly and help inform how this evolves going forward.

Further information, including the survey, can be found here:

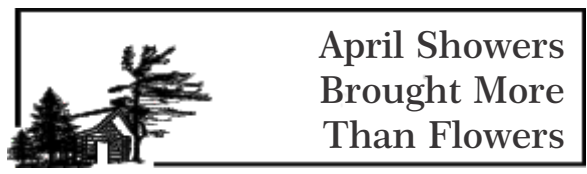
<https://engage.ptbocounty.ca/north-kawartha-str-advisory-committee-recommendations>
 Town Hall Details : May 23rd, 2026 10am-12pm, North Kawartha Community Centre Members are encouraged to review the materials and submit their survey responses in advance of the town hall.

Short-term rentals affect each lake and community differently. Staying informed and participating in this process helps ensure that future decisions reflect the needs and priorities of the Jack Lake community.

TRENT RIVER WATERSHED PATH TO LAKE ONTARIO



Prepared as a final, corrected visual aid for The Municipal Monitor.



Gathered from Facebook post, by our Mayor, Carolyn Amyotte

Editor: Helena McMann. I live along Eels Creek, and nervously watched the creek rise to the highest level I've seen since we moved here in 2018. Other families, weren't so lucky and experienced some flooding issues. community came together, sand bags were available and thankfully, mother nature brought the sunshine by April 19 and things started to settle a bit.

One of Carolyn's posts: Check out this graphic (above right). It shows our location within the Trent portion of the TSW watershed and combined impact of all that water converging in the lower lakes. The dams in the source water regions were originally constructed to maintain levels in the TSW canal. They were not designed for flood mitigation and yet they are being used that way more and more as extreme weather events become the norm rather than the exception.



Eels Creek Dam
 Photo Credit C. Amyotte



PETERBOROUGH
COUNTY OPP

By Provincial Constable Dan Gay,
Community Safety/Media Officer

Water Safety First as Warmer Weather Approaches

As warmer weather arrives and residents begin spending more time outdoors, the Peterborough County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are reminding everyone to make water safety a top priority. While lakes, rivers, and waterways may look inviting in the spring, cold water temperatures and fast-moving currents can be extremely dangerous.

Even on mild or warm days, water temperatures remain cold well into late spring and early summer. Falling into cold water can quickly lead to cold water shock, which can cause a gasp reflex, rapid breathing, loss of muscle control, and impaired decision-making. These reactions can happen in seconds and significantly increase the risk of drowning, even for strong swimmers.

Fast-moving water is especially dangerous during spring runoff. High water levels, strong currents, and unseen hazards such as debris or unstable banks can make rivers and streams unpredictable. The Peterborough County OPP urge the public to stay well back from the edges of rivers, dams, bridges, and shorelines. Parents and caregivers are reminded to closely supervise children near any body of water, regardless of depth.

As boating season approaches, now is the time to ensure your vessel and

safety equipment are properly prepared. Before heading onto the water, boaters should inspect their boat to ensure it is in good working order, including the motor, fuel system, steering, and lights. Make sure drain plugs are securely in place and that the battery is charged and functioning.

Safety equipment is mandatory and essential. Check that you have all required items on board, including a sound-signalling device, a heaving line, a bailer or manual bilge pump, navigation lights, and a fire extinguisher if required. First aid kits should be fully stocked and easily accessible.

Life jackets and personal flotation devices (PFDs) deserve special attention. Ensure there is a properly sized, Canadian-approved life jacket for every person on board. Check each one for signs of wear, damage, or deterioration, such as tears, broken buckles, or waterlogging. Life jackets should fit snugly and be adjusted according to the manufacturer's instructions. A life jacket only works if it is worn, so everyone is encouraged to wear one at all times while on the water.

The Peterborough County OPP also remind boaters to review boating regulations, avoid alcohol or drug use while operating a vessel, and let someone know your travel plans before heading out.

By taking a few simple precautions and respecting the dangers of cold and fast-moving water, residents can help ensure a safe and enjoyable season on Peterborough County's waterways. The OPP wish everyone a safe spring and remind the public: when it comes to water safety, preparation and awareness can save lives.



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ABC SENIORS

Contributed by Maaike Berg-Nonnekes

At the time of writing this article, snow is still covering the ground and most of us are longing to put away the winter boots and snow clearing shovels! We welcome the returning birds, their songs and the early flowers of Spring!

To help keep away feelings of long and lonely wintry days, the Seniors actively planned a variety of events which included: Bingo, Easter crafts and photo booth at the luncheon, Diamond art projects, designing our own Easter Fascinators, a movie at the Bancroft Village Playhouse and a community presentation by 'The Eyrie.' Currently, afternoon workshops for water colour painting are underway. And, exciting soapstone carving sessions with sculptor Sandy Cline are arranged for April and May. Thank you Gail, our craft director, and all the Board volunteers for making these events happen! Let the photos tell more of the story!

A special pre-lunch presentation on a relevant and timely topic, "Scams and Frauds" is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14 at

10:30 a.m. Constable Dan Gay (OPP) is sure to provide an informative and entertaining delivery on the subject. Upcoming activities also include another presentation on Tuesday, May 12, on Senior's Driving Safety. A Euchre tournament and an afternoon Bingo event will be scheduled in the next months.

A warm welcome to the newly elected 2026/2027 ABC Seniors Club Board members. We thank the retiring members, Lois and Pat C., for their many years of dedication and service as board members and we welcome our new members, Erika and Gwen!

If you are interested in learning more about the ABC Seniors Club and their activities, please visit us on Tuesdays at the NKCC at 10:30 a.m. to find out!

The new fiscal year has started and the membership fee (\$7.00) is due.

Contact: abcseniorscommunications@gmail.com



From L to R: Gwen, Erika, Gayle, Gail, Maaike, Denise, Ingrid, Lucy, Pat B., Myra



VIEW FROM THE CABIN

by Rick de Haan

A Case of “Involuntary Directional Disillusionment”

Have you ever gotten lost? It's easier than you think! Even though I...ahem...consider myself an experienced woodsman and have a fairly good sense of direction, once in a while I find myself turned around. I thought I knew where I was going, but as it turned out, I didn't have a clue! I've called this unfortunate phenomenon "Involuntary Directional Disillusionment".

Even though I'm not very often disillusioned about where I am in the woods, an urban environment is a whole other story for me. I hate to admit this problem I seem to have, but, I've proven it to be true over and over again. When I'm navigating my way through a city, or walking around in a mall, or trying to find my vehicle in a parking lot, I tend to get confused . . . involuntarily of course. I'll be confidently heading in a particular direction and then Kim will ask me where the heck I'm going, to which I will invariably reply that I'm heading to our desired destination. Then, with a knowing smirk on her face, she'll hike a thumb in the opposite direction while I stand there completely mystified as to how she could be so wrong. While she's busy convincing me that I'm way off course, it slowly dawns on me that she was right! Oy!

During my extensive research into the fascinating topic of getting lost, I've read that getting yourself "off course" is sometimes caused by the earth's rotation. Apparently our planet, in its effort to keep us from either freezing or frying, tends to throw us off when we're attempting to walk in a straight line. Hmm!? Since the earth spins counter-clockwise at a speed of approximately 1,670 kph at the equator (we're a bit slower at this latitude), it doesn't seem at all surprising that this theory has some merit.

This involuntary "veering off" seems to get more and more pronounced the thicker the brush that you're walking through. I once proved this theory in a very graphic way—involuntarily of course—and by golly it worked! After about an hour of bushwhacking through a dense cedar swamp in foot-deep snow, I came upon a set of human tracks and thought, Wow, these are fresh! Must be somebody else out here somewhere. I even called out a hearty "HELLOOO..." several times, but, no answer. It only took me another fifteen minutes to

realize that those tracks were mine! I had literally walked in a huge circle, all the while thinking that I was going in a straight line! It was then that I got my compass out and successfully extracted myself from that puzzling 50-acre tangle of cedars.

Now, you may ask yourself, why the blazes didn't he use the compass in the first place to avoid wandering aimlessly about. In my defense, I didn't foresee the fact that I was walking in a circle. Remember the "getting turned around in the city" thing? A city or the inside of a mall is a hemmed-in place with no way to really see where you are—no visible distant landmarks. (Some may argue this fact, but it's the best excuse I can come up with to explain my propensity to get lost in urban areas.) This particular swamp was kind of like a city of trees. Hemmed in with cedars all around me and the fact that I had to duck and swerve to avoid low hanging branches every few feet, caused me to get completely off course. This, and the fact that the world under my feet was spinning at a mind boggling velocity . . . well, I can't really say, but it does kind of make sense. The thought of using the compass never occurred to me until I realized I was completely turned around.

So, how do you ensure that you won't get lost? Well, if you spend a lot of time in the wilds, you probably will get turned around once in a while! It really comes down to the law of averages.

There are some measures that can be taken so that the chances of getting lost are minimal. Using a hand-held GPS to track your progress is handy, and very accurate. I tried one for a day when I was on an exercise in the military and found it to be quite useful. But if you're like me—somewhat mystified and put off by technology—it can be a bit daunting. Plus, if the batteries die on you, it essentially becomes an interesting looking paperweight!

Being an avid traditionalist, I much prefer the tried-and-true method of navigation—map and compass. There are no batteries to fuss with, and if you are adept at using them properly, they are quite accurate.

The easiest way to use a compass for a short walk in the woods—especially if there is a road nearby—is to establish a "safety bearing" for yourself. This will allow you to find the road no matter where you are in the wooded area you decide to hike in.

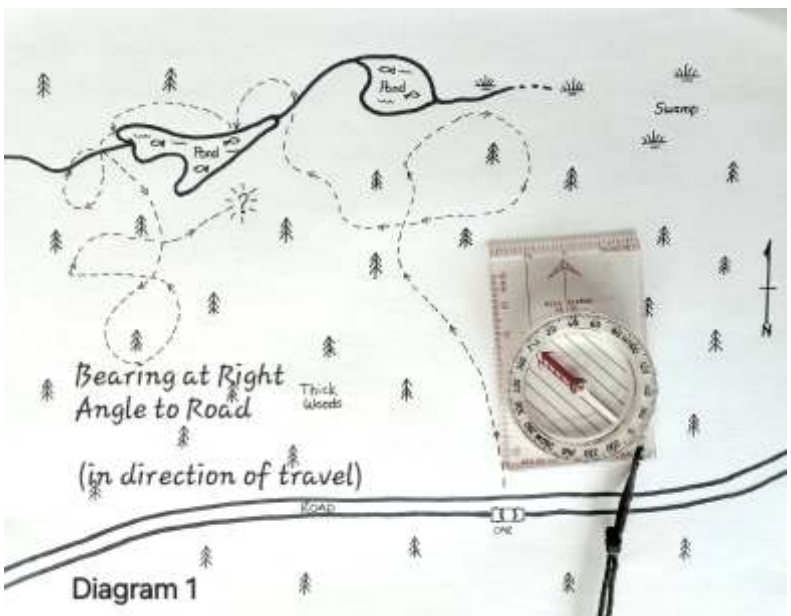


Diagram 1

It's relatively easy, and you don't even need a topographic map. (For an extended excursion into wilderness, however, a topographic map and compass should be used for proper navigation. If one is new to using a map and compass, more research and practise than what is outlined in this article would be recommended to be able to navigate accurately and effectively.)

I've drawn the two diagrams below to illustrate a fairly typical scenario if you're parking your car on a road and going for a hike in the woods.

Say you're going to bushwhack to a pond to do some fishing, or birdwatching, or whatever. Before you head out, get off the road about 10 meters before you set your compass. This way the rotating magnetic needle will not be attracted to the metal of your car and give you a false reading, or "deviation" as it's called.

Here are some easy steps to establish your safety bearing: When you hold the compass in front of you, make sure you hold it flat—parallel to the ground. The magnetic needle (which points to magnetic north) needs to rotate freely within the compass housing.

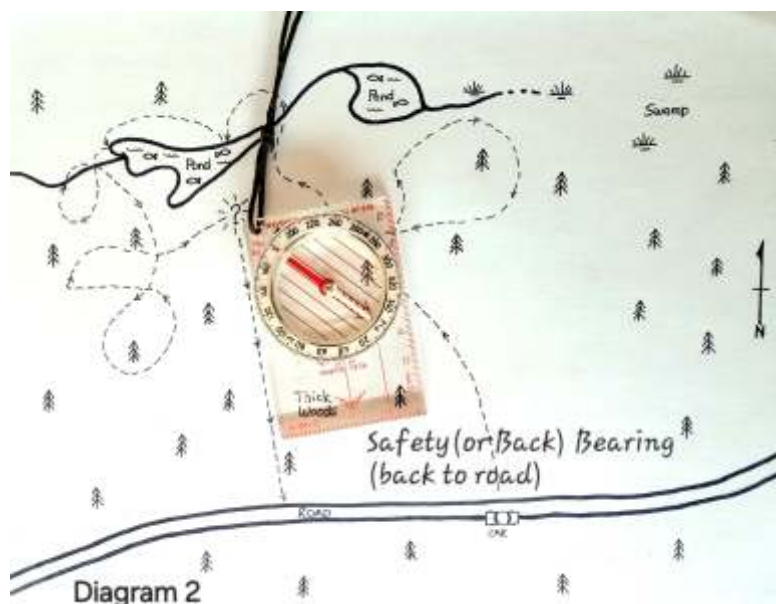
Stand facing the woods, with the compass roughly perpendicular to the road behind you.

Turn the graduated dial on the compass so that the floating needle (red end) lines up with the red arrow below it (see Diagram 1). Do not fiddle with the compass dial after this!

Once you are in the woods where you can't see the road any more, you will always know which direction the road is if you turn yourself and the compass 180 degrees from the bearing you set at the road. Now you want the white end of the needle lined up with the red arrow (see Diagram 2). This is your safety bearing.

On your way back to the road, keep your compass handy and check it once in a while to make sure you're walking in a more or less straight line—remember the spinning earth thing?

NOTE: I like to use the "Silva" style compass illustrated in the diagrams. It's light, flat, and clear so you can easily lay it on a map



and even draw pencil lines along its straight edges.

This method of lessening the chance of getting lost is simple, effective, and gives you peace-of-mind. Every time Kim and I go out hiking, I take a quick safety bearing so we don't have to worry about getting turned around.

So the next time you go out, hopefully you won't fall victim to some of the "Involuntary Directional Disillusionments" that have beset me over the years. Using a compass is fun, but I wouldn't recommend standing on a busy street corner in the middle of the city looking up and down at your compass like I did one time. With a smirk, Kim tapped me on the shoulder and hiked her thumb in the opposite direction, muttering something about her 'dorky husband'!



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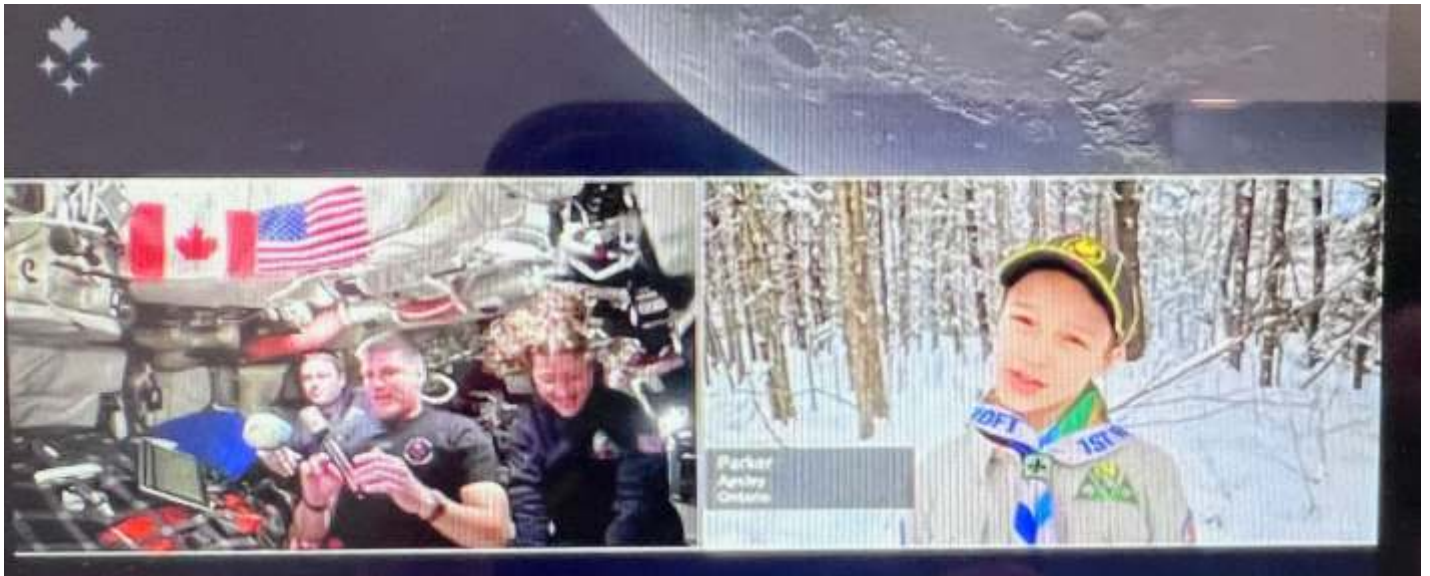
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Local Youth has Question Answered From Space

Parker's Mom Alesha reached out to the Backroads to share some exciting news that happened on April 5th 2026!

"My son Parker (11) had been eagerly waiting for this day for months. Back in February, we were contacted by the Canadian Space Agency to share the exciting news that Parker's question had been selected to be answered by Canadian astronaut Jeremy Hansen, live from space on his mission around the moon. Tonight, that long-awaited moment finally happened. I love the feeling of hometown pride I felt when the moderator introduced "Parker from Apsley."

You can watch the video here

<https://www.youtube.com/live/4gYVuFYWq6l?si=y6WpAABvLgW2HfbV> (You can jump to the 35.5 min mark)

Other Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/4gYVuFYWq6l?si=eKm4uNVpqPT2-eeX>

The question was

"What does water become spherical in Space?"

Thanks to the Bancroft Scouts group Commissioner Loretta Kasperski for submitting his question and making this happen.

Artemis II was a crewed lunar flyby mission on April 1-11, 2026. It was the first crewed flight of the NASA-led Artemis program and the first crewed flight beyond low Earth orbit since Apollo 17 in 1972



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THINK TURTLE
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by Kelly Wallace

Spring in Motion: Watch for Wildlife

Now it gets busy. By May, spring is no longer settling in. It is fully underway.

What began as a slow return to life now speeds up. The greens are richer, days are longer, and animals cross wetlands, forests, and roadsides with purpose. This is one of the busiest times of year, especially for turtles.

Turtles on the Move

From May into June, turtle activity increases noticeably, especially as females begin searching for nesting sites 3 to 6 weeks after mating. While mating can start early in March, it is more common through April and May. Some turtles may begin nesting as early as mid-May, with peak nesting in June, sometimes continuing into mid-July.

To help turtles safely cross roads: drive slowly near wetlands, marshes, or low spots and stay alert for turtles. If you spot a turtle on the road, only assist if it is safe for you to stop. Move the turtle in the direction it is headed; never turn it around, so it won't try to cross again. Your attentiveness can prevent harm to turtles. From the driver's seat, it can feel like turtles appear out of nowhere. One minute, the road is clear, the next, a slow-moving shape ahead refuses to hurry. This is the time to expect it. If you find yourself stopped a few cars back, it is very likely that vehicles are waiting to let a turtle cross or that someone is helping a turtle cross safely. Please do not overtake. A



little patience goes a long way at this time of year, when turtles and other wildlife are relying on us to drive with care.

Tiny Travellers

Some turtle hatchlings stay in their nest for the first winter. They could emerge any time between April to early June. If you see a spring hatchling on a road, lawn, or parking lot, gently move it to the nearest slow-moving body of water with plenty of aquatic vegetation for protective cover. Always look around for more hatchlings. Where there is one there is often more.

Nesting Season

About mid-May is the time to start thinking about nests. Female turtles lay eggs several weeks after mating, often choosing sandy or gravelly areas such as road shoulders, driveways, or backyards. These are not always the safest locations. If you find a nest on your property in Ontario, you are allowed to install a nest protector, but keep in mind that installing one on private or public property, including road shoulders, requires permission. Some municipalities have bylaws and fines for depositing items where safety and liability concerns arise. It is best to be prepared for possible nesting activity on your property by making or purchasing nest protectors in advance. We have information about both on the Think Turtle website at thinkturtle.ca under "Education Resources."

When a Turtle Needs Help

Not every turtle will make it safely across a road.

If you encounter an injured, sick, or unresponsive turtle, it needs help as soon as possible. Please contact the Ontario Turtle Conservation Center (OTCC), home of Ontario's Turtle Hospital, at 705-741-5000 while you are with the turtle. They can guide you on what to do next.

OTCC is located in Peterborough and provides free care and treatment for native turtle species. If you cannot transport the Turtle to the OTCC or a first responder, they can help arrange transportation through their Turtle Taxi volunteer network. Once rehabilitated, turtles are returned to their original habitat between spring and fall. Their hours as of May 1st are 8:00 am - 8:00 pm, 7 days a week until September. If you call after hours, leave a message.

If a turtle appears lifeless, do not assume it has died. Keep it safe and contact experts, as even immobile turtles may recover or have eggs that need protection. Only a professional can confirm its condition.

Wildlife in Distress

If you find wild animals (not turtles) in distress, visit <http://www.ontariowildliferescue.ca> to locate a licensed rehabilitator, and strictly follow the site's instructions for care.

Sharing the Season

Nature is moving with purpose right now. Turtles, frogs, snakes, birds, and many others are busy with seasonal routines, from reproducing to searching for food. We can see this happening. This time of year asks a bit more from us. It means being patient when slowed down and ready to help if it's safe to do so. In those times, we can take part in small, meaningful ways. May and June are not just seasons. Everything is trying to thrive. A little care and attention can make a difference. To help protect turtles crossing roads, support safe nesting, and raise awareness of turtle safety. Each action helps local ecosystems. Begin now to support wildlife in your area.

If you have a question or concern about a turtle or nest, please phone or text Think Turtle Conservation Initiative at 647 606 9537.



By Winston E Ralph, Bancroft, ON

New York Plane Crash

When the plane landed in NY it hit a fire truck
 So did the pilot say its just my luck
 From Montreal the plane came around midnight
 And to see that accident would be a terrible sight
 Flags at Senecas campus Tuesday were at half mast
 So I wonder if this kind of tragedy will be the last
 Forty One folks went to hospitals 32 were let out that day
 Now who will be the scapegoat and then have to pay
 The brakes were applied hard as the plane touched down
 Which kept the folks from all being underground
 At any time there's too may planes up in the sky
 There would be less if no one did fly
 The plane with odour to JFK should have been direct
 Then no one at Laguardia would have been hurt
 Those young pilots are gone no one sees them again
 And when the families remember them they'll suffer pain
 Why was the truck on the runway there found
 When they knew a plane was about to come down
 As the plane hit the truck at 150km the pavement was wet
 And at that speed damage is great that you can bet
 At that moment did another thought come to a
 controllers mind
 This will be mentioned at a later time
 Is it because staff may have been cut or worked too long
 These will be considered as the investigation goes on
 Flights need to be cut if controllers aren't on the job
 Then in the future no one will need to sob
 Eight or nine thousand controllers they need to hire
 to fill the spots of those that leave or retire
 But to get them well trained takes about three years
 And in that time they'll be more accidents I fear
 I haven't been on a plane since back in eighty-four
 Yes with all the concerns I wont be on one anymore



Editors Note: Our thoughts go out to the families affected by this tragedy and this poem is a reflection on the circumstances.

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Treat Mom to Sunday Brunch

Spinach, Feta and Sun-Dried Tomato Strata

Ingredients

1 Tbsp. olive oil, plus more for pan
1 small onion, chopped
1 (10-ounce) bag frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry
1 garlic clove, finely chopped
1/2 cup sun-dried tomatoes in oil, chopped, plus 1 tbsp oil from the jar
1 1/2 tsp. kosher salt, divided
1 tsp. black pepper, divided
6 packed cups torn baguette or Italian bread (about 12 ounces)
2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
3/4 cup crumbled feta cheese
10 large eggs
3 cups whole milk

Directions

1. Lightly oil the bottom and sides of a 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Heat the olive oil in a medium nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add the onion and cook, stirring, until softened and golden, 3 to 4 minutes. Add the spinach, garlic, and sun-dried tomato oil. Cook, stirring, until the spinach is dry and combined with the onion, 2 to 3 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in the chopped sun-dried tomatoes and 1/2 teaspoon each salt and pepper.

2. Spread half of the bread pieces in the prepared baking dish. Top with half of the spinach mixture, then half of each the mozzarella and feta. Repeat the layers. Whisk together the eggs, milk, and remaining 1 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper in a large bowl until combined. Pour the egg



mixture into the baking dish and gently press down on the bread to submerge it. Cover with foil and refrigerate overnight.

3. When you're ready to bake the strata, preheat the oven to 325F. Remove the dish from the refrigerator and uncover. Bake until the strata is puffed all over and set, 1 hour 10 minutes to 1 hour 15 minutes. Let stand for about 10 minutes before serving.

White Chocolate Croissant Bread Pudding

Ingredients

1 1/3 cups white chocolate chips
4 cups half-and-half
6 large eggs
1/2 cup granulated sugar
2 tsp. fresh orange zest
1/2 tsp. kosher salt
1 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
Nonstick cooking spray
8 large croissants (about 18 ounces)
6 oz. fresh raspberries, divided
6 oz. fresh blueberries, divided
1/4 cup sliced almonds
Powdered sugar, to serve
Sweetened whipped cream, to serve

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 325°F.

2. Place the white chocolate in a large heatproof bowl. In a medium saucepan, heat the half-and-half over medium heat until steaming. Pour the half-and-half over the white chocolate and allow it to sit for 2 minutes. Whisk until the chocolate is melted and the mixture is smooth.

3. In a large bowl, whisk the eggs, sugar, orange zest, and salt until well combined. Gradually whisk in the half-and-half mixture until smooth. Stir in the vanilla extract.

4. Spray a 13-by-9-inch (3-quart) baking dish with nonstick cooking spray. Cut the croissants into thirds. Arrange the croissant pieces in the prepared dish; sprinkle with half of the berries. Carefully pour the white chocolate mixture evenly over the croissant mixture in the baking dish. Sprinkle with the almonds. Let stand at room temperature for 30 minutes. Cover the pudding with aluminum foil and bake until the edges are set but it's still jiggly in the center, 40 to 45 minutes.

5. Uncover the pudding and bake until golden brown and slightly puffed, 15 to 20 minutes more. Let rest for 5 minutes. Sprinkle with the remaining berries. Dust the pudding with powdered sugar and serve with sweetened whipped cream.



Maple-Glazed Sausage Pops



Ingredients

1 lb. sweet Italian sausage, casings removed
1/4 cup fresh flat-leaf parsley, chopped
1/4 cup fresh dill, chopped
1/4 cup fresh chives, chopped
1 Tbsp. finely grated lemon zest
1 Tbsp. pure maple syrup, plus more for serving

Directions

1. In medium bowl, mix together sausage, parsley, dill, chive, and lemon zest. Form into 16 small patties, each about 1/4 inches thick.
2. Cook patties in nonstick skillet on medium until golden brown and cooked through, 2 to 3 minutes per side. Transfer to platter and brush with syrup. Serve with extra syrup if desired.

Fruit Salad with Grapefruit-Vanilla Syrup



Ingredients

1/2 cup sugar
Zest and juice of 1 pink or red grapefruit
1/2 vanilla bean
For the fruit salad:
3 pink or red grapefruits
1 qt. strawberries, hulled and halved
4 cups red grapes, halved
1 pt. raspberries
1/4 cup thinly sliced fresh mint

Directions

1. For the syrup: Combine the sugar, 1/2 cup water, the grapefruit zest and juice and vanilla bean in a small saucepan over medium heat and stir. Bring to a boil, stirring to dissolve the sugar, then reduce the heat to low and simmer for 6 to 8 minutes to thicken slightly. Set aside to cool.
2. For the fruit: Cut the ends off the grapefruits. One at a time, put a grapefruit cut-side down on your work surface and peel with a sharp knife, removing the white pith, too. Cut out the segments, leaving the membrane behind, and add the segments to a large bowl. Add the strawberries and grapes. Remove the vanilla bean from the syrup, then pour the syrup over the fruit and toss. Chill until ready to serve or overnight.
3. Just before serving, add the raspberries and mint to the salad and toss gently. Serve in individual cups.



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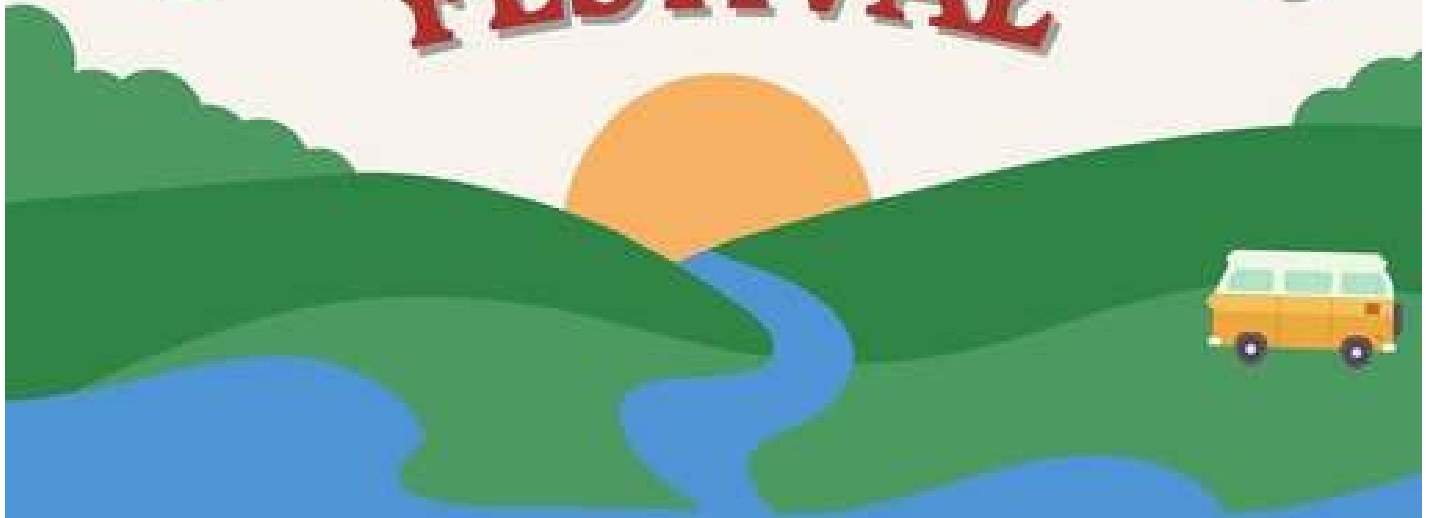


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Creekside's mission—to bring people together along Eels Creek for unforgettable music while giving back to our community—grew beyond anything we could have imagined. Its success has always been thanks to all of YOU, along with our incredible sponsors, performers, and volunteers. We are truly grateful for the role each of you has played in making Creekside so meaningful.

Should we find a way to bring Creekside back in the future, you will be the first to hear. This is a very difficult goodbye for us all and we hope we can gather with you all again one day. Until then, may music continue to soothe your soul.

The Creekside Team



MOVIE REVIEW

Written By: Madison M. Woodcox

Zootopia 2

Almost a Decade since Zootopia (2016), Zootopia 2 (2025) is chocked full of laughs and Easter eggs as well as new and returning furry faces. Zootopia 2 follows Officer Judy Hobbs (Ginnifer Goodwin) and now Officer Nick Wilde (Jason Bateman) while they find out the mystery of why snakes are no longer in Zootopia. Along their thrilling journey they meet new friends and enemies that help them to discover the truth. We get to and follow the crew through new ecosystems of Zootopia like the Sahara, Mountains, and the Marsh. Returning directors Jared Bush and Byron Howard wasted none of their creativity on this film, succeeding expectations of many viewers. Nick & Judy's evolving partnership makes Zootopia 2 worth the watch. Their concern and conflict towards each other gives the same feelings that we all do in hard times.

Hobbs and Wilde go undercover at the "Zootennial Gala" celebrating the 100th anniversary of Zootopia's "weather walls" featuring the Lynxley Journal, that holds the history of Zootopia and the original patent for the "weather walls" (that holds a very important secret. A secret that only heat sensing snakes

like Gary De'snake (Ke Huy Quan) -an optimistic and polite blue pit viper- can see.) While trying to find the secret Nick & Judy got framed by the Lynxley family.



Now fugitives on the run they meet new character, Nibbles Maplestick (Fotune Feimster)-a beaver conspiracy theorist and podcaster- who helps them to get more answers. Milton Lynxley (David Strathairn) descendent of the lynx who helped invent the "weather walls" plans to drive out the rest of the reptiles and cover the Sahara with snow. Another new character, Pawbert Lynxley (Andy Samberg) leaves us guessing during the film. He is the youngest of the rich Lynxley family. As the story progresses, and after his crushing betrayal in an effort to gain his family's acceptance, they find. The secret of the Lynxley journal. The group make it to the buried snake village and find the original patent, by Agnes De'snake (Gary's Great-Grandmother) revealing that the Lynxley family stole it and buried the snake village, driving out all snakes, Judy and Nick were reinstated by the ZPD with their resolved partner issues and finally snakes were able to come back into Zootopia again.

We see lots of references to Disney and other movies like "Hook's Bait and Tackle" (referencing Captain Hook from Peter Pan) and when Pawbert is walking into the maze (referencing the Shining 1980). As Well as real life things such as the "Burning Mammal" festival (referencing the Burning Man festival that happens in Nevada's Black Rock Desert), Dawn Bellweather's bulletproof cell which is a nod to Dr. Hannibal Lecter's cell and "Zoogle" (referencing web browser "Google").

In the end Zootopia 2 shows us that it is a crazy world but if we all communicate and work together we can get through anything.

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We have elections coming up May 26th at 7 pm. If you are a Legion member of Branch 381 in good standing, this is your opportunity to have your say!

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Host a Tea Party

Start a Garden

Build a Fairy House

Head to the Farmers' Market

Play Outdoor Games

Bake a Spring Cake

Plan a Nature Scavenger Hunt

Go Fishing

Host an Outdoor Dinner

Go for a Bike Ride

Hike Among Flowers

Spend an Afternoon on the Porch

Go for a Walk in the Rain

Take a Country Drive

Spring Fever

What does Spring Fever mean to you?

Google AI shares that it means “a set of emotional and physical changes experienced with the onset of Spring, characterized by restlessness, increased energy, and a desire to be outdoors as daylight increases”

I agree...who else LOVES to crack open the windows, get your body moving and breath in the fresh air of Spring!?

For me, this year it has also meant doing some purging, both emotionally and physically as my family prepares for a move and some exciting opportunities.

With the snow just about gone now, I’m always inspired by the new



growth that happens around the yard - this year, it’s my garlic...I don't have a lot of spring flowers, but last year I planted some garlic...and those gorgeous rows of impending deliciousness is getting me motivated!

I’m in purge mode and just about everything I touch around the house gets the question “Keep, Donate or Dump”...just in April alone, I've donated two garbage bags full, thrown out three garbage bags full and been able to pare down most of my drawers in my kitchen and bedroom. I actually FEEL lighter - despite medically induced menopause that has added over ten pounds to my both my butt and gut since December...hopefully the “getting moving part” of Spring Fever will help with that.

I've said it before, I’ve learned a lot from my garden...about resilience and new beginnings...like the garlic, it gets planted in the Fall, then does so much work “behind the scenes/ underground” and only knows to keep growing no matter what kind of winter it was...no matter what storms were going on “above ground”...it only focused on what it needed to do to move onward and upward towards the sun...we can all learn from that...



The bottom left pic is one of a tree sapling that my son Jackson brought home from his planting adventures in BC back in 2019. We’ve had that tree in three different spots in the yard over the last seven years and it was only this past two years that it grew...it never gave up, but didn't grow very much...we can learn from that too...sometimes we need to be “replanted” a few times in different environments to find the one that best supports us and settle into where we are meant to be.

Well enough of the pep talk...let’s lighten it up with some Spring cleaning tips I pulled some from a previous Backroads article in 2022:

My nostrils’ oldest memory is the tangy sweet and sour smell of vinegar...my grandma used it for cleaning and then it skipped a generation (cause my dad never cleaned...), then I kept tradition alive by dusting off the vinegar bottle again and I can’t live without it: disinfects, deodorizes, rinses completely and you can add it to other things like lemon juice or essential oils to make the ultimate cleaning solution and it’s CHEAP and to be honest, chemicals suck and you shouldn’t clean with them!

Another powerhouse in the green cleaning family is baking soda - combine that with lemon juice (or vinegar) It has never let me down when needed to fight its way through weeks of slimy toothpaste spit and stinky teenager dirt in my sinks and shower.

Honourable mention goes to my NORWEX cleaning cloths and Rubbermaid re-usable pad and refillable bottle Mop (I’ve had each for YEARS) and LOVE THEM.

It takes me back to my grandma again - we had this old metal dust mop/sweeper that used re-usable dust cloths. My grandma’s sister hand-made the cloths to fit over it out of fabric scraps from cloths and quilts she used to make. It was awesome. My grandma’s generation didn’t have a choice but to be frugal and resourceful, we have a choice, use it wisely (for your health and the environment). Let’s do our part to reduce, reuse and recycle - scrap the chemicals, re-use your stuff and reduce your environmental footprint by re-purposing old things.



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Gardening Tips

Another "green choice" is having your own garden...whether it's just a little something small to feel all "home-stead-y" or you actually grow, harvest, and preserve a pantry full of food to get you through the winter.

Apsley is considered "Zone 5", however we were "Zone 4" up until 1990. That means we have a relatively short growing season and need plants that can "over-winter" in temperatures that only drop up to -30.

Lilac, Weigela, Elderberry, Spirea, Boxwood - are all good shrubs and bushes for our area.

Some good veggies are celery, cucumbers, zucchini and certain types of tomatoes (many heirloom varieties).

Some good perennials are Hostas, Day Lilies, Coneflowers and Bee Balm.

Hopefully you have started your seeds inside already to give them the best start outside, come mid to end of May.

For your seeds, grab a good bag of potting soil (something that is light and fluffy for the seeds to properly stretch their legs in the dirt) or you can make your own with 2 parts peat moss, 2 parts vermiculite, 1 part coarse sand and a pinch of lime. DIY seed starter pods can be egg cartons, toilet paper rolls, newspaper, etc (these can put directly into the soil). I usually transplant the seeds at least once into a bigger container before planting outside to encourage heartier, thicker stems and branches.

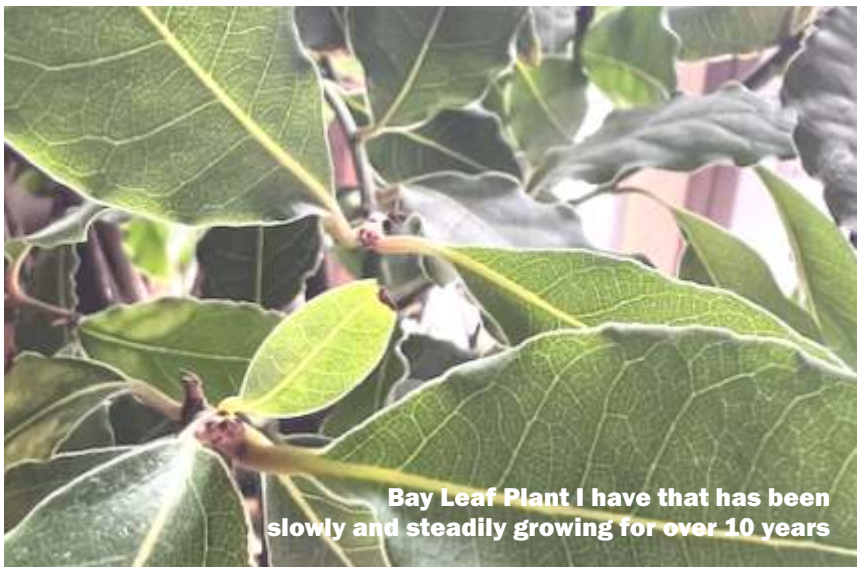
If you feel so inclined, sing to your plants...it's a thing, scientifically proven...and I want a video of you doing it...just saying.

No really...soft, melodic music, a few hours a day...it really works!

Seeds also need warmth, light and proper watering. If you have a plug in heating pad to place under the trays...keep it there until they germinate, then they don't need the heat anymore. Light however (12- 14 hours a day) until they are ready to go outside. Evenly distributed lighting like a hanging fluorescent or an extendable wide desk lamp - placed 4-6 inches above the "seedlings", at all times. Have the soil moist when your planting the seeds, then moving forward, water from the "bottom up" (fill the tray with an inch of water until it absorbs, then drain standing water). Use water low in sodium if possible.



Black Cherry Buds ready to Bloom



Bay Leaf Plant I have that has been slowly and steadily growing for over 10 years




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by Jim Empringham,
Apsley and District Lions Club

Spring has arrived and life in our community turns to lots of outdoor activity for young and old. The next months will be busy for Lions members and community helpers.

The Apsley Lions HOME AND COTTAGE SHOW debuts the weekend of May 2 & 3. This new venture has been created by the Lions to showcase services and products available to part-time and permanent residents. Response from vendors has been amazing. We have sold out all booths, so the arena, community hall and a portion of the parking lot will be filled. There will be land and water recreational products, docks, contractors, caterers, home improvement products, and realtors, to name a few, available to offer information and insights. This is a great opportunity for vendors and customers to get ready for the coming seasons. Food services will be available as well. All that is needed is for people to come out and enjoy the experience.

THE SHOW WILL BE OPEN SATURDAY, MAY 2 FROM 9 AM TO 4 PM AND SUNDAY, MAY 3 FROM 9 AM TO 3 PM. ADMISSION IS \$2 WHICH INCLUDES A TICKET FOR THE DRAW FOR DOOR PRIZES. THE FIRST 200 ENTRANTS EACH DAY WILL RECEIVE A GOODY BAG. THERE WILL BE A 50/50 DRAW EACH DAY. SEE YOU THERE!! As always, proceeds will support our community.

Our annual HOT DOG DAY at Sayers grocery store will occur on the Victoria Day weekend. This activity is the result of a great partnership between the Sayers family and Lions. The Sayers family is such a supportive group to so many in our community. Thank you to them. Come on out and buy a hot dog or sausage in support of Lions projects.

CANADA DAY planning is underway. July 1 is a Wednesday this year with the parade starting at 4 pm at the school and moving through town to Lions Park. Enjoy the parade from streetside then join everyone at the Park. There will be games for the kids, music for the adults and food for all. Fireworks will take place at dusk. Last year's parade and Park attendance was one of the best in recent years. Let's make this year at least as good. We had a record number of participants in the parade last year. We welcome businesses, groups and individuals to take part. Participants in the parade should be at the school by 3:30 pm. If you would like to be part of the parade, please call Brenda Lenson at 705-875-3975.

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Lions Easter Egg Hunt another success, despite the weather! Thank you to everyone that came out to say Hi to the Easter Bunny!

EUCHRE NIGHTS will continue at NKCC. Dates for the next three months are May 20, June 17 and July 15. Play starts at 7 pm sharp. Admission is \$5 and includes a soft drink or water. Come out & enjoy a fun evening with friends old & new.

The ANNUAL GIANT FLEA MARKET is always on the third Saturday of July. This year that is July 18. We count on donations of gently used items to make this event a success. We do not pick up items but drop offs of items will be accepted starting Saturday, May 16 at Lions Park from 9 to noon. Drop offs will continue each Saturday until the week before the sale. As always volunteers make this event work. If you want to be involved either in the set up, sale day or both please contact Brenda Lenson at 705-875-3975. More details will follow in future Backroads.



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Bancroft Crusaders Relay For Life Team is hosting their Relay Event June 13, 2026 from 2:00pm to 10:00pm.

The location is back at Millennium Park in Bancroft. This location will give us space for more family activities such as a Bouncy Castle, games and much more for children to enjoy!

Helena McMann is our Special Guest Speaker.

Our amazing live band includes the North Hastings Community Band, Dean Austin, Alex McMann, Dale Dredge, Appalachian Celtic, Rob Chaffey, Karen Lemieux and Paul Richard.

This is Bancroft's 21st year in supporting Relay For Life. To date we have donated approximately \$1.25 million to the Canadian Cancer Society!

The Bancroft Crusaders team has donated approximately \$197,000 in the last 4 years.

Thank you to the awesome community, our family and friends for all your support! Your continued support is greatly appreciated!!

Remember "We all know someone, are someone or love someone affected by cancer"

Please reach out to the Bancroft Crusaders Team at info@bancroftcrusaders.ca Or call 613-332-2476 if you have any questions or would like to donate.

Looking forward to seeing you there!!

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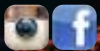
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