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GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY: Shelburne Auto & Cycle presented a cheque for \$1,000 to the local food bank, Shepherd's Cupboard, last Friday (Dec. 17) at their garage. The donation is part of an annual effort by Shelburne Auto & Cycle to help support different causes within the community. (Left to right: Niels Pearson, Dylan Brown, Brendan Blokzyl, Chris Ferris, and Beth Brown).

Council working to lower tax rate increase

Written By Paula Brown Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Shelburne Council has continued discussions on the town's operating budget list of cuts on Monday. for 2022.

On Monday (Dec. 20), Shelburne Town Council held a special meeting to continue cation (\$6,000) budget talks in an effort to lower the suggested tax rate.

A draft budget presented to council earlier in December consisted of a tax levy increase not exceeding 13 per cent resulting in an 8 per cent tax rate increase, including an approximate 1.12 per cent (\$100,000) tax levy increase for arts and culture, a 5.09 levy increase related to staffing and utilizing \$200,000 from the Town's tax stabilization reserve.

Town Staff have previously noted that the draft budget while "unrealistic" in respect to cent tax rate goal. the suggested increases was critical in showing the financial pressures the Town is facing budget and 2022 draft budget used a tax including the additional \$177,288 draw on heading into 2022.

gested tax rate increase of 8 per cent to 5 per the pandemic. cent (\$246,800).

After receiving a detailed breakdown of the tax stabilization was dropped from of the budget scheduled for Jan. 24.

the draft 2022 budget from director of \$200,000 to just over \$143,350 at the Dec. 13 financial services, Carey Holmes, Council meeting. Council suggested re-increasing the began the process of prioritizing items at tax stabilization borrowing amount to cover their Dec. 13 meeting and completed the the remaining amount needed.

Changes to the budget included:

- Virtual meetings (\$8,500)
- (\$63,345 10 months)
- IT contract services (\$17,537)
- New administration flooring (\$16,000) • Reducing DEI Committee (\$5,000)
- Reducing arts and culture (\$85,000)
- Skilled and trades hub (\$9,000)
- EDC conferences (\$2,500)

Holmes said the combined changes to the budge totaled \$212,882, leaving an additional \$33,938 in cuts needed to reach the 5 per year end the town will have to use it.

stabilization reserve, set up to help off-Council throughout the budget process set financially challenging years, to bring tax rate increase of 5 per cent. has indicated their intent to lower the sug- down the increase in the tax rate due to

"I personally wouldn't be opposed to drawing on the tax stabilization reserve • Reducing council conferences and edu- for that amount, particularity given the fact that what we're drawing from that reserve based on this draft budget is less • Postponing Human Resources position than what you had originally anticipated we might need when you present the frame work," said Mayor Wade Mills. "If we pull that \$34,000 we're still under where you

initially thought we would be." Staff have previously cautioned council about becoming dependant on the tax stabilization reserve. Despite this, Holmes noted that while the amount is budgeted for use it does not necessarily mean at

A motion was passed by council for staff The Town of Shelburne in the 2021 final to return with a final draft with the changes the tax stabilization reserve, resulting in a

Shelburne Council is expected to have a public presentation of the final draft oper-An update to the borrowing amount from ating budget on Jan. 10, with an adoption









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Firefighter's 11th Annual Toy and Food Drive sees great support

Written By Sam Odrowski

The Shelburne & District Firefighters Association has wrapped up their 11th annual Toy and Food Drive fundraiser.

braved the cold and snowy weather this past through the gift cards or toys this year. Saturday (Dec. 18) as they collected donaevent outside of Foodland.

fundraising event and Captain at the Sheltogether very well, and in the end we were able to pull it off to help two organizations."

noted the kindness of both community part- really have made a difference in the wellners and residents who helped raise the ing being of our community." donations over the month long campaign.

it's an awesome feeling," said Morrell.

Each year the Shelburne and District Fire Department Toy and Food Drive fundraiser herd's Cupboard in the New Year when the collects food donations for the Shelburne local food bank reopens.

Food Bank, Shepherd's Cupboard, as well as toys and gift cards for Dufferin Children & Family Services (DCAFS).

Jennifer Moore, executive director at DCAFS, said approximately 300 families Firefighters from the local fire department will be receiving some type of support

"Many families are having to choose tions of food and toys through their final between paying rent and buying food, let alone purchasing additional items during "The community was phenomenal," said the holiday season. These donations, par-Mike Morrell, coordinator for the annual ticularly gift cards, greatly assist families in being able to provide for basic needs as burne & District Fire Department. "It all came well as have their children enjoy the holiday season," said Moore. "We are incredible grateful to everyone who volunteered Speaking with the Free Press, Morrell their time and to all who donated - you

The donated items specific to DCAFS "To see that community support to help those were picked up by the organization on that need help, and to be able to give that back, Dec. 20 to be given to families in time for the holidays.

Food items will be donated to Shep-



COLLECTION OF DONATIONS: Volunteer firefighter, Brandon Batchelor collected and organized the various donated items from the Dec. 18 fundraiser at the Shelburne Fire Hall.

PAULA BROWN PHOTO

TOY AND FOOD DRIVE: Shelburne firefighters collected food and toy donations outside of Foodland on Dec. 18, as part of a final fundraising event to wrap up their 11th annual Toy and Food Drive.



Notice of a Public Meeting for a Zoning By-law Amendment Regarding On-Farm Diversified Uses in the Township of Melancthon



Council for the Township of Melancthon has initiated a work program to update its zone regulations with respect to on-farm diversified uses. The update will specifically address the definition of and regulations for on-farm diversified uses, which are essentially small businesses which operate in conjunction with an active farm operation.

Interested members of the public are welcome to attend a virtual public meeting with Council to learn more and comment on this initiative. The meeting date is Tuesday, January 25th, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

If you wish to attend the virtual meeting, the virtual meeting link will be posted to the Planning Notices page of the Township's website - https://melancthontownship.ca/ planning/planning-notices/. If you do not have the capability to attend a virtual meeting, please provide written comments and a phone number where you can be reached to the Township Clerk prior to the public meeting.

The Township of Melancthon has had zone regulations for on-farm business in place since 2012. On this basis the proposed amendment would serve only to update these existing regulations. The amendment would be applicable to the entire Township and therefore a key map has not been provided. A draft of the amendment as well as some additional background information is available for download from the Township's website.

The purpose of the public meeting is to ensure that sufficient information is made available to enable the public to generally understand the proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment. Any person who attends the public meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations to Council in respect of the proposed amendment.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon in respect to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, you must submit a written request (with forwarding addresses) to the Clerk of the Township of Melancthon at 157101 Highway 10, Melancthon, Ontario, L9V 2E6 fax (519) 925-1110

If a person or public body files an appeal of a decision of the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon, as the approval authority in respect of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, but does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to Council before the proposed amendment is approved or refused, the Ontario Land Tribunal may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

Further information regarding the proposed amendment is available to the public on the Township's website or by contacting the Township of Melancthon Municipal Office on Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Mailing Date of this Notice: December 22, 2021

Denise B. Holmes, AMCT CAO/Clerk

WDG Public Health issues workfrom-home order as of Dec. 20

Written By Paula Brown Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph (WDG) Puberations and services including those of lic Health, Dr. Nicola Mercer, has issued the health care sector. an order instructing businesses to allow reasonable.

lic Health last Thursday (Dec. 16) and went suring physical distancing in break rooms into effect as of Monday (Dec. 20).

ness or organization that is open shall en- staggering lunches and breaks. sure that any person who performs work their work remotely, unless the nature of their work requires them to be on-site at of the order.

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph seen multiple confirmed cases of the vari- instructions. ant resulting in schools closing and moving

open and we limit the strain on our local are no longer necessary." businesses during one of their most important time of the year."

order does not apply to any government into effect.

operations or delivery of services. Also exempted from the order is any person, public-funded agency, or organization Medical Officer of Health and CEO for that delivers or supports government op-

For those who can't work remotely, employees to work from home where Mercer has suggested limiting the gathering of workers as much as possible by The notice was announced by WDG Pub- utilising virtual options for meetings, enas well as other location where employee "Each person responsible for a busi- may eat or drink. She also recommended

The instructions issued by Mercer will for the business or organization conducts be enforced by public health officials and by provincial offences officers.

Failure to comply with the order may the workplace," said Mercer in the release lead to penalties including fines, imprisonment, and/or closure of the premise.

While the remote order went into Health reported the first local case of the effect on Dec. 20, Mercer noted that Omicron variant on Dec. 10 and has since she can't provide an end date for the

"My current expectation, in consulto online learning, and isolation of youth tation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, is that they will be in place over "With the growing presence of the Omi- the holiday season," said Mercer. "It is cron variant, now is the time to protect our not possible at this time to account for progress," said Mercer. "As we enter the the potential impact of the Omicron variholiday season with a rising case count, we ant of concern, about which much is curmust take action and utilize proven public rently being learned. I many amend these health measures such as limiting social instructions (if and as required) and will interaction to ensure our schools remain rescind them as soon I determine they

WDG Public Health reported 106 active cases of COVID-19 in Dufferin Coun-Although business have been instructed ty, more than half of which are reported to enable remote work for employees, the in Orangeville, the day the order went

Local COVID-19 cases this week

Dec. 20 (Monday)

WDG Region: 299 (New cases), 536 (Active cases), 66 (Newly Resolved) Dufferin County: 65 (New cases), 106 (Active cases), 11 (Newly Resolved)

Dec. 21 (Tuesday)

WDG Region: 30 (New cases), 533 (Active cases), 33 (Newly Resolved) Dufferin County: 4 (New cases), 106 (Active cases), 4 (Newly Resolved)

Dec. 22 (Wednesday)

WDG Region: 82 (New cases), 560 (Active cases), 55 (Newly Resolved) Dufferin County: 20 (New cases), 119 (Active cases), 7 (Newly Resolved)



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Ontario accelerates COVID-19 booster shot rollout

Written By Paula Brown Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

the roll out of COVID-19 booster doses expanding eligibility to anyone 18 years-old booster shot as of Jan. 4. and older as the number of cases in the province surges.

as of Monday (Dec. 20), eligible individ- down to three months. uals can schedule their booster appointtion clinics, participating pharmacies, and worst," said Ford. primary care settings.

phase of our provincial COVID response. It's expansion and have already booked their • Rexall (Orangeville)

press conference on Dec. 15.

The Ontario government has accelerated Moore previously announced individuals 18 Ontario booking portal. years-old and older would be eligible for a

The province also announced the shortening of the interval time between the sec- • Grand Valley Drug Store (Grand Valley) The province announced on Dec. 15 that ond dose and booster shot from six months - Moderna

"I need you to book your booster as soon - Moderna ment through the Ontario booking portal, as you're able to because we know without a • Fifth Avenue Pharmacy (Orangeville) by calling the Provincial Vaccine Contact shadow of a doubt that these vaccines work - Moderna Centre, through Indigenous-led vaccina- and boosters are the best way to prevent the • Jeffers Pharmacy Limited (Orangeville)

With the shortening of the interval time, • Orangeville Pharmacy (Orangeville) "Everyone has a role to play in the next individuals who were eligible prior to the - Moderna all hands on deck and it starts with booster booster shot appointment at the six month - Moderna and Paediatric Pfizer

shots," said Premier Doug Ford during the interval can contact the Provincial Vaccine • Rolling Hills Pharmacy (Orangeville) Contact Centre to re-book for an earlier - Moderna Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Kieran date or change the appointment through the • 489 Broadway Shoppers Drug Mart

> Pharmacies in Dufferin County where • 150 Broadway Shoppers Drug Mart appointments for booster shots can be (Orangeville) - Moderna and Paediatric Pfizer booked include:

- Broadway Pharmacy (Orangeville)

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- Pfizer

- (Orangeville) Pfizer and Paediatric Pfizer
- 25 Broadway Shoppers Drug Mart (Orangeville) – Pfizer and Paediatric Pfizer
- Sobeys Pharmacy (Orangeville)
- Moderna and Paediatric Pfizer
- Wal-Mart Pharmacy (Orangeville)
- Moderna and Paediatric Pfizer • Zehrs Markets (Orangeville)
- Caravaggio IDA Drugs (Shelburne) Pfizer
- No Frills (Shelburne) Pfizer
- Shelburne Town Pharmacy (Shelburne)

- Moderna

- Pfizer

New COVID restrictions in effect

Written By Paula Brown Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

COVID-19.

Premier Doug Ford announced the new measures during a press conference last Fri-sporting events, concert venues, theatres, day (Dec. 17), which became effective as of cinemas, casinos, bingo halls, and other gam-Dec. 19. The new measures reduces social ing venues. gathering limits for indoors from 25 people to 10 and outdoor gatherings reduced from or performers. 100 people to 25.

it back," said Ford on the Dec. 17 press or ceremony. conference.

"It's clear Omicron will not take a holiday," Moore, adding that the measures will allow time for the vaccination of booster doses.

With the new restrictions, capacity limits said Ford. have been reduced to 50 per cent for a number of businesses including:

- Restaurants, bars, strip clubs and other food and drink establishments
- Personal care services
- Gyms and personal physical fitness trainers
- Retailers

(including grocery stores and pharmacies)

- Malls • Indoor recreational amenities
- Indoor clubhouse at outdoor recreational amenities
- Tour and guide services
- Photography studios and services; and

• Marina and boating clubs

Restaurants and bars now have a seating limit of 10 people at a table and are required The Ontario government has introduced to close by 11 p.m., with the exception of new restrictions on capacity limits and gath- takeout and delivery which are permitted to ering sizes in the wake of rising cases of run past 11. The sale of alcohol has also been restricted after 10 p.m.

Food and drink services are prohibited at

Dancing is not allowed except for workers

The restrictions do not apply to areas "We need to meet this variant head on. of business or place being used for a wed-We need to do everything we can to push ding, a funeral or a religious service, rite,

Ford noted on Dec. 17, that no decision has been made on whether schools will resaid Chief Medical Officer of Health Kieran open for in-person learning following the end of winter break in January.

"We are simply not in the position to say,"

However, Dr. Kieran Moore said on Dec. 21 that at Public Health "they don't see a reason" to close Ontario schools.

With Omicron, he said "we're not seeing any significant impact on children's health", noting there are no children in pediatric ICUs in Ontario.

Moore also noted that Omicron's hospitalization rate is 0.15 per cent in Ontario as of Dec. 21, which is significantly lower than the province's general rate of hospitalization for COVID-19.

He added that there are no Omicron admis-



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Not a good look

ical Officer of Health made quite the statement last Friday.

He said that someone who's double vaccinated shouldn't visit their elderly triple vaccinated relative's house over the holidays because the risks are too great. Instead, he advised that they should meet outside, masked up, and socially

These types of comments don't exactly fill people with confidence that the COVID-19 vaccines are very effective. In fact, it casts doubt.

It's really not a good look.

distanced.

A healthy person, who doesn't have symptoms and is likely in the 99.85 per cent of Ontarians who aren't currently infected with COVID-19, should be able to assess their own situation and make a rationale decision on the matter, like a never before. grown adult.

With the recent 3,000 to 4,000 daily case counts, one might think everyone has COVID-19.

But when looking at the reality, using Public Health Ontario's COVID-19 Data

Dr. Kieran Moore, Ontario's Chief Med- Tool, there's been 24,926 new cases of COVID-19 recorded in the last 14 days (average length of infection) out of a population of 14.57 million. This accounts for 0.171 per cent of the total population in Ontario.

> Of course, there's likely more cases of COVID-19 then what's being captured by the Province, but it gives you a rough idea. Even if there's three to five times as many people infected, it's still less than one per cent of Ontario's total population.

> I'm not saying people should be irresponsible, but they certainly shouldn't live in a constant state of fear. The stress, anxiety, and uncertainty caused by the mainstream media and Public Health is creating one of the worst mental health epidemics in recorded history.

People are afraid of each other like

And much of the hysteria being spread isn't based on fact.

A couple weeks ago I wrote a column on Dr. Kieran Moore's false statements about hospitalizations rising in the 5-11 age group when they were at zero and

remained at zero.

Now, many media outlets and the Science Table are acting like the Omicron variant is the black plague and we must again lock down small businesses through capacity limits and refrain from visiting loved ones over the holidays.

It's true the Omicron variant is more transmissible; we can see it in the rate at which COVID-19 cases are climbing. But there's a growing body of evidence that Omicron is no worse than Delta or the original Wuhan strain of COVID-19.

Just look at our own ICU numbers in

On December 6, as reported in CBC, there were 168 patients in ICUs across the province being treated for COVID-related illness.

The number as of December 21 is 165, as reported by our Minister of Health Christine Elliot.

That's right.

We now have less people in the ICU then we did over two weeks ago but that won't stop Doug Ford from putting further restrictions on small businesses while he

still collects a full paycheque.

FROM THE EDITOR'S CHAIR

SAM ODROWSKI

The rationale for doing the "circuit breaker" lockdown

was because the Ontario COVID-19 Science Advisory Table's reading of early data out of Denmark that indicated Omicron is just as severe as previous variants. However, new data from Denmark, just one week later, shows Omicron has proven much milder.

There's also good news locally.

As of Dec. 21, Omicron's hospitalization rate across Ontario sits at 0.15 per cent of all COVID-19 cases, which is significantly lower than the province's general hospitalization rate for the virus.

According to Dr. Moore, there's also no Omicron admissions in the ICUs.

Early reports of it being more transmissible yet milder appear to be true, however more will be known with time.

Let's hope for the best, but not leave it to Public Health to prepare for the worst. We can't afford any more lockdowns.

Always on my mind Christmas

The Christmas season is here.

It's a time of lights, gifts, seeing those relatives you haven't seen since last Christmas, and maybe most important of all, a time for making memories that will last you a life time.

Most of us have a least one memory of a special Christmas that stands out more than any other.

Maybe that really special Christmas hasn't happened for you yet - this might be the one.

My best Christmas memories come from events that happened around or leading up to the holidays, not necessarily Christmas day itself.

I do remember sitting, rather terrified on Santa Claus' knee, probably in a mall somewhere when I was about five years old, and him asking what I wanted for Christmas.

action doll. Yes, miraculously on Christmas morning, there was G.I. Joe, in his green fatigues and army issued cap.

I recall one Christmas when a group of college friends all went to downtown

Toronto for a Christmas lunch together before we parted for the holidays.

When we came out of that restaurant it was just cold enough to snow, and it was. They were huge snowflakes, the kind your rarely see, and there was no wind, it was very calm and still. Those huge flakes fell straight down from the sky turning Younge Street into a giant, but very calm snow globe.

We all stood on a street corner to say out goodbyes as each of us were off to our home towns at various places around the province. The guys shaking hands, the girls hugging everyone.

I don't know why, but the memory of those giant flakes and that group of friends has

always stuck with me as a special memory. There is an old saying, "you can't go home again."

I guess it means, there are times in your I nervously said I wanted a G.I. Joe life that are special, but you will never recapture that magic in the same way.

> It may be a summer at a lakeside cottage, or just a period of time you spent with special friends and had some great experiences. For me, a couple of seasons

at summer camp fit that bill.

You may have a great memory of that time, but if you tried to recapture that same feeling in time and space, you just won't be able to recreate the past quite the same way.

Some Christmases are like that.

A few years ago I spent Christmas Eve in Niagara Falls. After dinner I decided to take a cruise through town just to see what was going on.

Even on Christmas Eve that city is busy around the casino area.

It was around 9:30 p.m., when I stopped at a red light next to a local pizza place.

I was surprised to see that not only was it open, there were patrons inside ordering pizza.

One guy was sitting alone in the corner of the restaurant. Two other guys were ordering at the counter.

I guess not everyone celebrates Christmas, but I thought how sad it was, that on Christmas eve this one guy was sitting alone eating a slice of pizza. Was there no one who reached out to him over the holidays?

Country singer Willie Nelson has released

BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW

a lot of well-known songs over the years.

One song 'Always on My Mind' – it was actually written by

someone else – is about a musician who is on the road a lot. He laments the fact that he is losing his wife because he is away so much, but he tells her she is 'always on my mind.'

Sometimes just thinking about someone isn't enough.

Maybe this Christmas you can make someone's life a little brighter just by making a phone call.

While someone may have been on your mind, if you don't let them know, just thinking about them really doesn't matter - at

least to them. Even better, make the effort to visit them. You might be surprised at how many people will be spending Christmas alone because no one has reached out to them.

I hope you enjoy your holidays and look forward to a happy and prosperous new year.

Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!



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Shelburne driver charged with impaired driving

Members of the Dufferin Detachment proven in court. Their driver's licences were laid multiple charges over the weekend, pounded for a period of 7 days. including charging two drivers with impaired operation.

On Saturday (Dec. 18), at approximately ducting speed enforcement in the area of Airport Road in the Town of Mono. The ofan impaired driving investigation.

from Shelburne was charged with:

• Operation with impaired - concentration (80 plus)

Later that day (Dec. 18), at approximately 2:51 p.m., a concerned citizen contacted police to report a possible impaired driver in or www.crimestopperssdm.com. the Town of Shelburne. Officers located the vehicle on County Road 124 and were led into an impaired driving investigation. As a result, Katherine WRIGHT, 41-year-old,

from Priceville, has been charged with: • Operation while impaired - alcohol and

- Operation with impaired concentration (80 plus)

The two accused parties are scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville in February 2021, to answer to the charges. The charges have not been

Dufferin OPP charges BnE suspect

Officers from the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a suspect involved in a break and enter to a local business in the Town of Orangeville.

On Tuesday (Dec. 21) at approximately 5:45 p.m., Dufferin OPP responded to a report of a break and enter in progress at a local business on Centennial Road in Orangeville. Officers located and arrested the suspect at the scene.

As a result of the investigation Shawn OEHRING, 29-year-old, from Elmwood has been charged with:

- Break and enter a place with intent to
- commit indictable offence • Possession of break in instruments

These charges have not been proven in court. Anyone with information regarding this break and enter is asked to contact Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

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of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) suspended for 90 days and their vehicles im-

"The Dufferin OPP reminds motorists to plan ahead when consuming alcohol or drugs. Use a designated driver, cab, ride-7:09 a.m., a Dufferin OPP officer was con-share, public transit or stay overnight. Any amount of alcohol or drugs can impact your ability to make sound judgements," said ficer initiated a traffic stop and was led into Dufferin OPP in a press release. "In a split second you could ruin your future, injure or As a result, Randy CHRISITE, 42-year-old, kill others, and tear a hole in the heart of everyone who loves you."

> If you have information about suspected unlawful activity, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-822-8477 (TIPS)



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BIG COLLISION: A collision involving a transport truck and a passenger vehicle took place on Grey Rd 9 at 4th Line NE in Melancthon Township on Monday (Dec. 20). One driver has been transported to a local hospital with injuries that were determined to be non-life-threatening.

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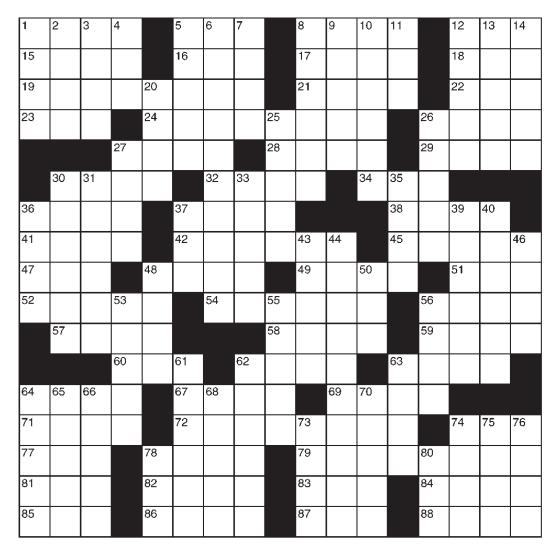
Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance you must keep moving. ~ Albert Einstein

ess our God, O peoples, and make the sound of His praise be heard abroad, Who keeps us among the living and does not allow our feet to slip or stumble. ~ Psalm 66:8-0



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12. Right this minute

15.Empty-house sound

18.Incense

19. Variable resistor

21.Stream

22.Boorish fellow

23. Opal or sapphire

26.Called

27. "Eyes of Laura ____"

29.Verge

32.Romanov title

16.Herbal beverage 17.Leaf's angle

24. Column's support

28.Hearty

30.Computer symbol

34.Make lace

36. Naughty child

37.Gizzard

38.Gloat

41.Choir gown

42.Empty inside 45.TV's " Buddies"

47."Charro!" star Balin

48.Two cups

49. Cabbage's cousin

51.Fraternity letter

52.Chop up

54.Revolve

56."___ and Tell" 57."Take Good _____ of My

Baby"

58.Blunted rapier

59.Garden flower 60.Do the wrong thing

62.Den

63.Ladder rung 64.Fit

9. Along the middle

10.Cereal grass

4. "A Bridge ____ Far"

5. Furry swimmer

11.Building addition

6. Stubborn

7. Perth pal

8. Mongol

12.Battery type

13.Short ape? 14. Type of golf club

20.Cross

25.Wrap 26.Of an earlier time

27.Speck

30.Sarcastic 31.Bathhouse

33.Like anchovies

35.French friar

36.Derby feature

37.Greek letter 39.Strive

40.Loose talk

43.Giraffe's kin 44.Rubber-coated

46.____ by a mile

48.One's equal

50.Dreg

53.Inch along

55.Arrive at

56.Friends

61.Assistance 62.Scatter refuse

63.Eye woe

64.Perfume ingredient

65.Carry along

66.Permitted by law

68.Contour feather

70.Shoelace end

73.Farm measurement

74.Ink smudge

75.Soften

76.Jug

78."CSI" evidence 80.Indian title

DOWN

67.Grand

78.Force

79.Side dish

81.Black bird

85.Mil. unit

82. Hawaiian goose

83.Shad delicacy

84.Fragrant bloom

86.A long way off

88.Road for Cato

87. Certain amphibian

69.Narrow trail

71.Expedition

72.Sluggishness

74. Hive occupant

77. Muscle spasm

1. Ice mass

2. Feel great pity

3. The other guys

Local author publishes children's book

Written By Sam Odrowski

A one-of-a-kind children's book has recently hit the market, written and illustrated by local author, Constance Scrafield.

Scrafield's recently published book, titled "Katie and Her Dinosaur", takes readers through the scientific journey of a girl named Katie, who, with the help of a talented scientist, clones a prehistoric dinosaur.

Scrafield recently sat down with the Citizen to speak about the book.

"Well, it's quirky and it's very different," she said, about Katie and Her Dinosaur.

"I like to think that it's wonderful to read. that it's really fun to read because it's oddball...a piece of unique literature."

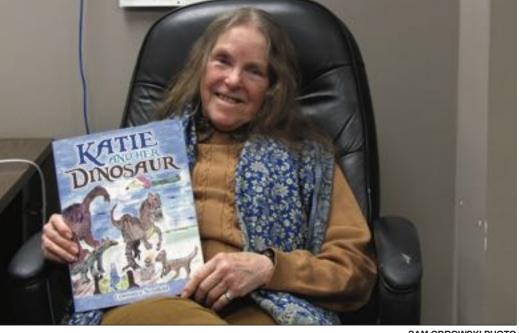
The story starts with Katie hearing that Sammy, one of her classmates, has a dad who is a scientist and that he's working on the cloning of a dinosaur, using DNA from bones found in Alberta.

to meet Sammy's dad to learn more about the scientific experiment and he is later introduced as Dr. Boggles.

pletely enthralled with it, which Dr. Boggles Technology, Engineering, and Math. finds strange at first, but encourages her along the way, in case she ever wants to of the push, but otherwise, it's a whimsical, become a paleontologist.

"The story goes from there," said Scra- enthused. field. "First of all, there's a very big excitement about this, how it [the cloning] takes I don't condescend the children - I don't. Like It could be read by the chapter or all at once in the petri dish."

Scrafield noted her daughter, Patricia so depending on the level of reading." enjoys how Katie is obsessed with science in the book, as girls are usually less inter- adult instead of a child, using some words time story," Scrafield said.



SAM ODROWSKI PHOTO

Katie, who loves dinosaurs, says she has KATIE AND HER DINOSAUR: Writer and author Constance Scraffeld holds up her recently published children's book, Katie and Her Dinosaur, which is now available online at Barnes and Noble, Amazon, Xlibris, and Orangeville's own Booklore (121 First Street).

She is taken to Dr. Boggles lab and comested in STEM education, which is Science, that are more than a couple syllables, so it lost in a house fire.

"From Patricia's point of view, that's part ing skills. fanciful story, and it's fun to read," Scrafield read before bed.

it's really good for kids up to 10 years old, 10 or over the course of 30 to 45 minutes.

may be an opportunity to help improve read-

The story is 25 pages long, with three chap-"The other thing I would say about it is that ters, and illustrations sprinkled throughout. I just [forgot] – it was some time ago."

"You can read it with your mom or dad, big style to play around with. Dr. Boggles also speaks to Katie as an brother, big sister, whoever. It's a good night

Those looking to buy the book can purchase it directly from Scrafield by sending her an email at celticfair@hotmail.com or visiting Amazon, Barnes and Noble, or Xlibris, which is the company who published the book.

Looking ahead, Scrafield said she's working on a novel, based on a true story, totalling 320 pages, about her travels across Africa with her then husband.

"I drove from London, England to Cape Town, [South Africa] in a Volkswagen Kombi," she recalled. "What makes that fun is it's probably the only Volkswagen Kombi that went across Africa."

Scrafield said everyone else they saw was driving jeeps or trucks, as they handle the terrain there much better.

"We were going across the desert and going through the jungle, going across the Serengeti, in our Volkswagen Kombi. And we still made it because my husband was a genius driver," she noted.

All of the letters, short stories, and documentation from the trip was brought home, back to Canada, but sadly, much of it was

"I lost everything, so I had to remember the story, all the things that you written down on Most of all though, it's just a fun book to it," Scrafield said. "I had told the stories lots of times of those things, I had a pretty clear memory of lots of it, but there was some of it

> The novel is written in the third person, which Scrafield says is a very fun writing

Scrafield said there are currently plans to publish the book next year.



Headwaters announces plans in response to Omicron

Written By PAULA BROWN LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Headwaters Health Care Centre president with you soon." and CEO, Kim Delahunt, has published a

ture and is working with leaders inside and provide support. outside the facility to ensure safety.

sicians and inpatients," wrote Delahunt. demand for care.

munity and we hope to share more detail to be shared later this week.

public message regarding the local hospi- province and region the hospital has seen an infection prevention protocols. tal's plans in response to the COVID-19 Omi- increase demand for testing at the COVIDassembling an incident management struc- including additional human resources to

Headwaters has also begun planning for "Our immediate priority is ensuring additional capacity in the hospital in an

"We are also working with our partners to Expanded hours of operation at the in active labour; pediatric care; mental extend our vaccination efforts to our com- COVID-19 Assessment Centre are expected health crisis.

As part of their plan in response to the tions mandatory for designated care partners. With COVID-19 cases surging across the Omicron variant, HHCC has increased their

19 Assessment Centre, and Delahunt said tal announced more restrictive visitation lic health guidelines, get vaccinated once The Dec. 21 letter said the hospital is they are working on expanding service including not allowing designated care your turn becomes available, and keep virpartners to accompany outpatients except tually connected to loved ones who may in special circumstances, not permitting be isolated," said Delahunt. designated care partners in the emergency department, and permitting one desig- in-Guelph has a reported 560 active cases access to vaccinations for our staff, phy- event the region experiences a surge in nated care partner in circumstances of of COVID-19, 119 of which are in Dufferin end of life; life altering or critical illness; County.

The hospital has made COVID-19 vaccina-

"As we head into what we anticipate being a challenging winter we urge you On Monday (Dec. 20) the local hospi- to remain vigilant in adhering to all pub-

As of Dec. 22, Wellington-Duffer-

Local library shares newsletter

The following article is a newsletter from and Instagram accounts. Questions about the Shelburne Public Library.

another difficult year, the loyalty and sup-dren@shelburnelibrary.ca. port of our patrons has been wonderful.

The library is full of holiday cheer -Christmas reading and book baskets for sale for your last minute gifting needs.

If you need your vaccination certificate great reads! printed, we will be happy to help you. This is a free service

you with the service you need during to look for new books or browse the en-

Holiday Hours: Closed Dec 24 to 27th inclusive. Open December 28, 29, 30

Happy New Year and see you on Autopsy by Patricia Cornwell Tuesday, January 4, 2022

Teen Scene

to Teen programming in 2022! Starting in The lighthouse witches by C.J. Cooke January, our Children's Librarian, Brittany, Do I know you? by Sarah Strohmeyer is going to take over Teen programming she has lots of wonderful ideas and wants Ready or not by Alex Lake to hear from Teens, too! Jade has enjoyed More... her time immensely making connections Sunrise by the sea by Jenny Colgan with the Teens of our community through Lesser evil by Timothy Zahn programs and talking about YA books. While Tom Clancy's Chain of Command by Jade will always be happy to chat YA books Marc Cameron (and still wants you to pop in and say hi), Termination Shock by Neal Stephenson she's taking on some new responsibilities The devil's sea by Dirk Cussler here at SPL!

Children's Programming

'Tis the season for warm and cozy books! Paul Evans Stock up on your festive reads now, and The doll by Yrsa Sigurdardottir look forward to many evenings snuggled up When you are mine by Michael Robotham with a good book.

For Tweens and Teens, the registration for our new Tween & Teen program "Booking it" The forever dog by Rodney Habib will open. This completely new program will Shackleton by Ranulph Fiennes have a featured novel with weekly activities The Afghanistan papers by Craig Whitlock video instructions to accompany each activ- Nicholas Tsakiris ity on YouTube. Each participant will have a The blue zones challenge by Dan Buettner their leisure. Everyone will be provided with ities of citizenship opportunity to express themselves creative- Katrina M. Adams ly (with doodles!) What better way to start Princesses behaving badly: real stories from

Oh what fun it is to BUILD a one horse Point of impact by Roy Barth open sleigh! As always, we are posting Natural Born Heroes by Christopher weekly LEGO challenges on our Facebook McDougall

programming, pictures of LEGO challenges Happy Seasons Greetings to all! During and craft creations can all be sent to chil-

New Books

We have so many new books, so come in before the holidays and choose some

You can browse all our books if you login to our catalogue! Go to www.shelbur-Our objective is always to provide nelibrary.ca then click on Our Catalogue tire collection.

Fiction

All her little secrets by Wanda M. Morris Sharpe's assassin by Bernard Cornwell The Red Cross orphans by Glynis Peters We have some exciting changes coming Did you miss me? by Sophia Money-Coutts The anomaly by Herve Le Tellier

Fear no evil by James Patterson The every by Dave Eggers The Christmas promise by Richard

Non fiction

based on themes occurring in the story, and Sea salt and honey by Chloe, Olivia, and

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a customized bookmark each week that in- Own the arena: getting ahead, making a difcludes thought-provoking questions and an ference, and succeeding as the only one by

off the New Year than with a new program! history by Linda Rodriguez-McRobbie



Town of Shelburne

Notice of Public Budget Meeting

Monday January 10, 2022 - 6:30 pm **Electronic Participation**

Residents are invited to join Shelburne Town Council for a presentation of the draft 2022 Operating and Capital Budgets.

Council will entertain questions and provide the opportunity for public input during the meeting.

Further to the COVID-19 Pandemic and current public health restrictions, we are offering the opportunity to participate electronically through Zoom video conferencing. In person attendance will not be accommodated.

Please contact the Clerk at jwilloughby@shelburne.ca to register in advance of and in order to have access to the public meeting no later than 10 am Monday January 10, 2022.

To ensure your questions will be addressed during the meeting, it is recommended that you submit questions in advance via:

- 1. Email to jwilloughby@shelburne.ca;
- 2. Fax 519-925-6134;
- 3. Regular mail 203 Main Street East Shelburne ON L9V 3K7;
- 4. Or at the Town Hall by the deadline date noted above (10 am Monday January 10, 2022).

Access to the meeting is by invite only, once your request to participate has been confirmed by the Clerk, the meeting details will be provided to you confidentially.

If you would like to view the proceedings, you will have the opportunity to view a live stream of the meeting on the Town of Shelburne's YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsar-MwF8CXrgPbe2EVxh-w.

Jennifer Willoughby Director of Legislative Services/Clerk (519) 925- 2600 Ext. 223 jwilloughby@shelburne.ca



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SHELBURNE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

UNDER SECTION 53 OF THE PLANNING ACT

Take notice that the Committee of Adjustment of the Corporation of the Town of Shelburne will hold a public meeting

MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021

The public meeting is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m. or as shortly thereafter as possible, and will be held in an online virtual meeting format, as outlined below. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the following planning

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

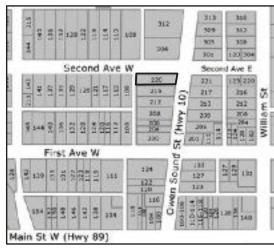
- 1) Application for Consent B21/05 Jeff Hamilton has submitted an application for consent for a property located at 220 Owen Sound Street. The subject property is legally described as Lot 6, Block 5, Plan 5A. Thé property has an existing total area of approximately 831.19 square metres with 15.17 metres of frontage on Owen Sound Street and 55.80 metres of flankage on Second Avenue West. The purpose and effect of the application is to sever a portion of the property to have a land area of 307.88 square metres and 19.81 metres of frontage on Second Avenue West to create a new residential lot for a future semi-detached dwelling. The retained land will have an area of 545.51 square metres and is used for an existing converted dwelling with three (3) dwelling units. The applicant has also submitted an application to further sever the subject land so that each unit of the proposed semi-detached dwelling will be on a separate lot (B21/06)
- 2) Application for Consent B21/06 Jeff Hamilton has submitted a related application for consent for the property located at 220 Owen Sound Street, to further sever the proposed lot (B21/05) so that each unit of the proposed semi-detached dwelling will be on a separate lot. The proposed severed land and retained land would be equal in size, each having an area of 150.5 square metres and 9.9 metres of frontage on Second Avenue West and each is proposed to be used for one of the semi-detached units.

A map showing the location of the subject property is provided below.

Further to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Provincial Orders that limit public gatherings, the Committee of Adjustment meeting will be held electronically through Zoom video conferencing and will be livestreamed. To participate in the meeting electronically through Zoom video conferencing, please contact the Secretary-Treasurer at jwilloughby@shelburne.ca to register in order to have access to the public meeting, no later than January 6, 2021. Should you wish to view the proceedings, you will have the opportunity to view a live stream of the meeting on the Town of Shelburne's YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsar-MwF8CXrgPbe2EVxh-w.

For more information about this matter, including information about appeal riahts. email planning@shelburne.ca or visit the Town's website at www.shelburne.ca.





SHELBURNE SPORTS

Loss at home, win on the road caps Muskies weekend

Written By Brian Lockhart

games for 2021, and split the weekend with a first place Wolves. loss on home ice and a win on the road.

home game on December 17, when they the ice. hosted the Durham Thundercats at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex.

The Thundercats arrived in Shelburne as a fourth place team with an 8-6 record mean- the second period and were leading 2-1 when ing it was going to be a pretty even match the buzzer sounded to end the frame. with the Muskies banking on a 7-9 record to start the game.

couldn't make up the difference.

At the end of the night they had to settle

for a 4-2 loss to the visitors.

The following night (Sat. Dec. 18) the The Shelburne Muskies played their final Muskies travelled to Ripley to take on the

This night, the Muskies put on their 'A' The Muskies played a rare Friday night game and brought everything they had to

> At the end of the first period, it was 0-0 as neither team was able to bury the puck.

The Muskies managed to take control in

Keeping up the pressure in the third period, the Muskies poured it on and scored The Muskies got behind by two goals and one more while executing a solid defence that kept Ripley from scoring.

The final was a 3-1 win for the Muskies.

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PAULA BROWN PHOTO

PREPARING FOR SHOT: The Shelburne Senior Muskies host the Durham Thundercats at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex on Friday, December 17. The Muskies took a 4-2 loss in this game but redeemed themselves the following night with a 3-1 win on the road against the Ripley Wolves.

ardson and a pair from Blake Lovell.

After the Ripley game, the Muskies have an 8-9 record and 16 points so far for the sea- the holidays. son. That leaves them in the number seven spot in the WOAA Senior League standings Friday, January 7, when they will be in Shalin a line-up of 13 teams.

The Ripley Wolves remain in first place with a 10-3 record including one overtime Saturday, January 15, when they will host the loss and 21 points.

They are followed by the Seaforth Cen-

Shelburne's goals came from Luke Richtenaries, the Saugeen Shores Winterhawks, and the Durham Thundercats.

The Muskies will get a break for

Their next scheduled game is for

low Lake to take on the Crushers. Their next home game is slated for Milverton 4 Wheel Drives.

Game time is 8:00 p.m.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
December 12	December 13	December 14	December 15	December 16	December 17	December 18	
December 19	December 20	December 21	December 22	December 23	December 24	OHRISTMAS DAY	
louble up	December 27	December 28	December 29	December 30	December 31	NEWYEARS Day	
January 2	January 3	January 4	January 5	January 6	January 7	January 8	

Monday **ZONE**

Tuesday **ZONE**







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- Plastic packaging with **no recycling symbol** Ribbon & bows
- Foil wrapping paper Styrofoam



The Centre Dufferin District High School

Written By Brian Lockhart

senior girls basketball team have captured the District 4 championship with a win on home court on Monday, December 13.

The team had an outstanding performance this year, going undefeated in the regular sea-

son schedule before heading into the playoffs. Over the regular season the team scored 186 over five games while allowing only 66

points against. This placed them at the top of the District 4 standings.

The teams made the most of this year's shortened tournament style format. The season consisted of five regular season games with the top four progressing to the semi-finals

at Centre Dufferin on December 13. In the semi-final, Centre Dufferin was up

The playoff games all took place in the gym

Secondary School.

34-19 to earn the right to advance to the final.

the District title.

game and left the court with a 40-20 win to mitted, and a 'team first' group of kids." claim the championship.

"This was a special group who worked exteam won the District title was back in 2010.



CHAMPION TEAM: The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals senior girls basketball team won the District 4 championship with a 40-20 win over Westside Secondary School in the gym at CDDHS on Monday, December 13. The Royals were undefeated for the season. Team members include, back row, coach Shane Trainor, Kadie Gildharry, Calista Daly, Bryn Rutledge, Lexus Burt, Alexis Bosiljevac, Ella Cruikshank, Hannah Foulger, coach Matt Barlow. Front row, Taylor Pate, Emilie Hill, Carly Maclean, Tashlyn Jackson, Tara Isama.

against the fourth seed Wellington Heights tremely well together as a team," said coach Matt Barlow. "There was never the same high That game ended with a 38-28 win scorer in any of the games making it hard for other teams to predict who to key in on. What The other semi-final pitted Westside Sec- really set them apart, however, was their abilondary School in Orangeville against Erin ity to play defense. The girls relished the op-District High School. Westside won that game portunity to make it hard on other teams to score and this is what ultimately lead them to The final game got underway at 2:30 p.m. the district championship. Their coaches, Mr. with Centre Dufferin and Westside battling for Barlow and Mr. Trainor feel extremely lucky to have had the opportunity [to] coach this The Centre Dufferin team played a strong group. They are very respectful, highly com-

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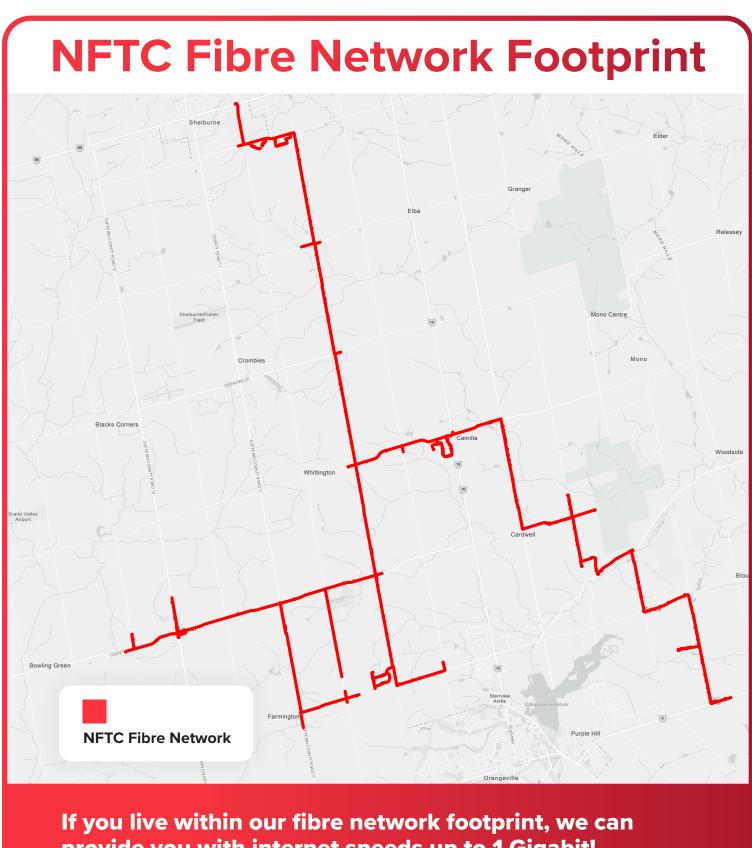
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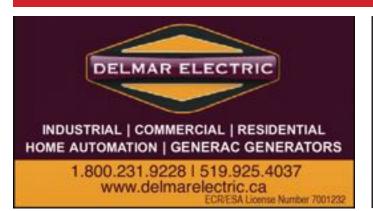




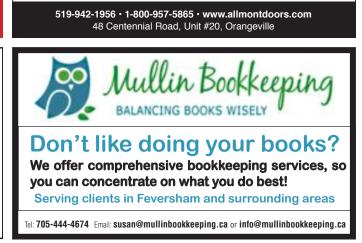
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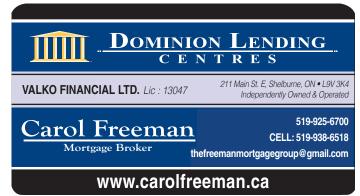
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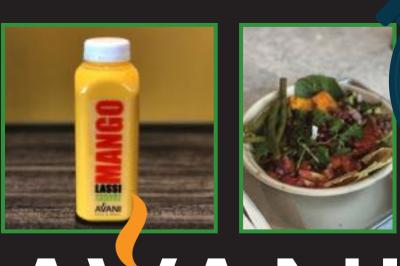


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