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DUNK TIME: The Extreme ALS Ice Dunk took place at the Trainer Games Fitness Centre in Shelburne on Saturday, October 19. The event was a fundraiser to assist with renovations to a home for a local resident who has ALS, as well as for ALS Canada. Getting dunked was only part of the fun. There was also live music, a silent auction, barbecue, and many local vendors taking part in the event.

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Seeback secures decisive victory for Conservatives in Dufferin-Caledon

Written By MIKE BAKER

There really wasn't much in the way of change in Dufferin-Caledon riding following Monday's federal election, with the Conservatives, led by Kyle Seeback, securing the local seat for the Tories for a sixth successive term.

While there were murmurs heading into the vote that this riding, long considered a Conservative stronghold, was potentially there for the taking by the Liberals, Mr. Seeback secured what was, essentially, a comfortable victory on Monday. He led the way with 28,729 votes, good enough for 42.3 percent, compared to Liberal candidate Michele Fisher's 22,330 votes (32.9 percent).

Indeed, it was the lowest percentile victory the Conservatives have enjoyed since the Dufferin-Caledon riding was created more than 15 years ago, but that had much to do with the strong performance of NDP

candidate Allison Brown, who secured 7,822 votes (11.5 percent), and Green candidate Stefan Wiesen, who received 7,252 votes (10.7 percent). Completing the local lineup, People's Party candidate Chad Ransom received 1,505 votes (2.2 percent), with Russ Emo, the Christian Heritage Party representative, securing 318 votes (0.5 percent).

A total of 67,956 votes were tallied in Dufferin-Caledon during this year's election – a new record high, eclipsing the 60,451 votes recorded back in 2015. While the overall number went up, voter turnout was actually down during this election, with only 63.69 percent of the 106,138 eligible voters in the local riding actually voting. That particular total is down from the 65.63 percent voter turnout we had in 2015, and is a shade under the overall federal turnout in 2019, which has been tagged at 65.95 percent.

It was a momentous occasion for Mr. Seeback on Monday. In what was, really, a pass-

ing of the torch, the retiring David Tilson, who served as Dufferin-Caledon MP for five terms from 2004 to 2015, introduced Kyle to a crowd of more than 50 supporters at an election night party held at The Mad Hatter restaurant in Orangeville late on Monday.

"We've got a great guy who's going to replace me. It's a great feeling to know that Dufferin-Caledon is going to be looked after so well," Mr. Tilson informed the crowd. "I've known Kyle for quite a few years. I met him first in Ottawa when he represented one of the Brampton ridings, and he distinguished himself very well in Ottawa, and he's going to distinguish himself very well here. He won well and he deserves this."

For his part, after thanking his team and support system, Mr. Seeback spent the majority of his victory speech recognizing his rivals here in Dufferin-Caledon.

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Council considers slew of grant funding requests from community

Written By PETER RICHARDSON

Council Monday night was rescheduled to begin at 6 p.m. rather than 6:30 p.m., in order to allow sufficient time to hear all the presentations from those in Town seeking grant funding from Council, as well as to allow the for final reading and passage of a bylaw to allow IK World Trading to begin setting up their new woodworking shop at 443 Main Street West.

The bylaw had been expected to be passed last Council session, however some changes made at that meeting, required that the draft bylaw be recirculated to the public before it could be passed. The bylaw allows IKWT to

set up a temporary situation for three years, at which time the temporary exemption permit expires and they must re-apply for a continuance. Town Planner re-read the proposed draft and Council passed it into law.

Grant Funding

Following a brief recess, Council reconvened to hear the presentations for the 2020 Municipal Grant Funding applications. This was an opportunity for all those requesting grant monies, to come before Council and state their case, in person, as a supplementary addendum to their written applications.

Starting off the night, was Nicole Jefferey and Claudette Kelly from G.E.T. Outreach-

works, who were looking for \$1,500 to further their marketing efforts and purchase event supplies. Gathering, Evolving, Transforming, G.E.T. Outreachworks is a non profit organization concentrating on Black history and Cultural Awareness in Dufferin County and Shelburne. They run two two week enrichment programmes, one for the elementary schools and one for the secondary school students.

Greg and Heather Holmes although unable to attend, had requested "in kind" services from the Town for the Pickin' in the Park event in 2020. This included waiving the rental fees for Fiddle Park, for that weekend.

The groups applying for grant funding represented a broad scope of activities, primarily aimed at the youth of Shelburne and district, including Highlands Youth for Christ, The Door Shelburne, Children's Foundation of Guelph and Wellington, CDDHS Youth Advisory Committee and a new endeavour spearheaded by Alethia O'Hara-Stephenson, who was also involved with three other applications as well. The latter, was a Food and Music Festival aimed at bringing diverse cultural entities together through the use of music and food.

Mayor Wade Mills, suggested that this could perhaps fit in well with the plans of the Heritage Music Festival, which was looking for ways to diversify it's musical footprint away from simply the Fiddle Contest. Coun. Kyle Fegan commented that when soliciting money or support, the organization should consciously shy away from mentioning the fiddle contest and instead concentrate on the term Heritage Music Festival, which would present a more enticing fit with their proposals and prevent the appearance of them being at cross purposes with the fiddle contingent. Alethia was open to any such ideas and intended to approach the Heritage people again. Treasurer Carey Holmes asked what the plans were for any potential profit from the festival, to which she was told that excess money would be donated to a community

charity.

Other groups looking for funding or in kind services, included the Little Family, for their Haunt in the Park, The BIA for the Santa Clause Parade, the Fiddle Parade Committee, the Food Bank, Shelburne's Farmers Market, Multicultural Day and Shelbrrr Fest. Although several were requesting in-kind services, the Shepherd's Cupboard Food Bank were requesting a max grant of \$5,000 for 2020. Deb Wagstaff and Ardith Dunlop, wife of the past deputy mayor Jeff Dunlop, presented an exemplary portrayal of the need for the food bank and the monetary problems it is facing.

With costs constantly on the rise, the Food Bank is facing a financial crunch, that has seen them offer fewer fresh produce coupons this year amid the rising threat of competition for the public's dollar. Deb mentioned that in the last two years they have seen their clientele virtually double, from 80 to 100 users per month to as many as 180, however they are still having to compete for funding and foods, with things such as the Christmas Hamper program and the breakfast programs in schools. Though far from begrudging these initiatives, she pointed out that the Food Bank is a year round operation and has to pick up the slack when other programs are over for the year.

The Food Bank receives almost all it's major donations between September and February annually, leaving them scrambling to service the other six months of the year.

Publicity is also a double edged sword for the Shepherd's Cupboard, as there is still a stigma in the minds of many about needing a helping hand. Deb stressed that many of their clients are just trying to get back on their feet after an occurrence that was beyond their control, such as a disaster or the loss of a job.

At the end of the session, before adjourning for the night, Council approved a 10 percent increase in the total amount of the available grant monies, bringing the total to \$22,000 dollars and left their final award decisions until the next Council meeting on Oct. 28.

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'Frozen' coming to life at Grace Tipling Hall

Written By MARNI WALSH

LP Stage Productions' director, Alison Port, acquired the rights to the popular Broadway musical Frozen as soon as they became available last year.

She says she loves the story of two close sisters kept apart for years by the power of "Elsa's" icy magic, and reunited by the youngest sister "Anna's" determination to fight for them both.

When she booked the musical, Alison Port says she had no idea there was even a second movie coming out, and notes that it is a happy coincidence Frozen's opening night at Grace Tipling Hall in Shelburne is the same date as the movie's premier. She says the stage version of the first movie has a few differences but not many. "The songs are more suited to an ensemble cast and the show is shorter."

Once again, LP Stage is taking a huge cast of young performers under their wings. "We have 46 kids in the show," says Alison Port, "Our youngest just turned 5 and our oldest is 17."

The cast is in rehearsal three times a week, "starting with music, then adding blocking to the scenes, and then choreography along with continuing music review, and then repeating the show over and over," says the director.

Along with Ms. Port in the director's role, Noni Thomas takes on musical direction once again, and Kristen Gamache the choreography. Dale Lundy continues in his role as master set builder - keeping things small due to the space restrictions.

"The biggest challenge has been trying to create the magic of the ice and snow in the blizzard scenes," says Alison Port. "We don't have projection or special effects equipment, so we will be making it interesting in different ways - by using ribbons, fans, and lights."

There are lots of familiar faces in the cast

of Frozen, as well as several new ones.

"Our leads include Ashley Culham as little 'Anna,'" says Ms. Port, "This is Ashley's first lead role, but she has been performing with us since she was four years old. Ashley Robertson, who was Alice in Alice in Wonderland, plays little "Elsa." Middle aged "Anna" is played by Mackenzie Warzin for her first lead role. Middle aged "Elsa" will be played by Brooklyn Prins - also her first lead role. Grown "Elsa" is played by Payton Menard who played Blue Fairy in My Son Pinocchio.

Grown "Anna" is played by Savannah Da Silva. "Savannah has done something like 20 shows with LP Stage Productions," says Alison Port, "and she just turned 16." Ms. Port says, "Not only is Savannah a stand out performer, but she has become a great asset to the LP family. She is a natural teacher - conducting the drama games with the kids, acting as dance captain in our last show, and assisting Kristen with choreography. She has a great future in this business either on or off stage."

In the male leads, Hans is split between Tevone Olubode and Cameron Glenday. Cameron will be playing Hans for both Friday night shows; he was last seen as the lead in LP's Singin' in the Rain. "Kristoff" is played by Espen Barr-Klouman in his first lead role. "Olaf," the snowman, is played by Morgan Acker, and Sven the reindeer is played by Keira Harley. Alison says, "Sven is likely the hardest role in the show as it requires performing in a full puppet-like costume."

School matinees are sold out and tickets are already selling well, so audiences are advised to get their tickets soon. Frozen plays at Grace Tipling Hall in Shelburne from Nov. 22 to Dec. 1. Costs: Adults \$18 / students and seniors \$12. Tickets can be purchased: online at lpstageproductionsinc.com or at Eventbrite; through the box office at 519-925-2600.

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Seeback secures decisive victory for Conservatives in Dufferin-Caledon

“Here in Dufferin-Caledon, we all took the Better Ballot Pledge. We all ran positive campaigns, we never attacked each other and, after the campaign we’ve seen nationally, I believe all parties should be looking to take the Better Ballot Pledge,” Mr. Seeback stated. “Here in Dufferin-Caledon, we showed them how it’s done. We talked about policies, we talked about what we’re going to do to make our communities better and how to make our country better. We did not sling mud. I’m so proud of everyone who ran.”

Again referencing the bitter battle we saw between Liberal and Conservative heads Justin Trudeau and Andrew Scheer, Mr. Seeback continued, “We’re entering an era of politics that is becoming more divisive. More ugly. That’s happening at the national level, where (candidates) are finding it’s better to attack each other, ridicule each other and demonize each other, and I think it’s got to stop in Canadian politics.”

Speaking to local media following his victory, Mr. Seeback stated he was “blown away” by the support he’s seen in Dufferin-Caledon, but admitted it was something of a bittersweet evening after it became apparent the Liberals had secured a minority government.

“I’m a little disappointed (in the results nationally), some of my colleagues who ran did not win tonight. I’m happy the Liberals didn’t get a majority government, but I’m disappointed we didn’t do better,” Mr. Seeback stated. “I had hoped we would win more seats and have a chance at a majority government.”

The Liberals, led by Prime Minister elect Justin Trudeau, secured 157 of the 338 available seats across Canada, falling 13 shy of the threshold required to form a majority government. The Conservatives make up the strongest official opposition in Canada’s history, with 121 MPs elected to office. It would appear the Bloc Québécois (32 seats) and NDPs (24 seats) will hold the balance of power in Ottawa for the next few years. Rounding out this year’s election, Elizabeth May’s Green Party secured three seats, while Jody Wilson-Raybould, a one-time Liberal MP who served as Justin Trudeau’s attorney general and justice minister before the SNC-Lavalin scandal led to her dismissal from the Liberal caucus, secured her seat in Vancouver Granville as an independent candidate.

Leaders from the five major parties – those being Liberal, Conservative, NDP, Bloc and Green – were all re-elected on Monday. The upstart People’s Party of Canada were dealt a hammer blow after being shut out on Monday, with leader Maxime Bernier losing the Quebec riding he had held for four terms. It remains to be seen what the future holds for the PPC, who secured less than two percent of the popular vote in Canada.

ETFO Upper Grand locals hold strike vote

Elementary Teachers’ Federation of Ontario (ETFO) members employed by the Upper Grand District School Board held a confidential members’ meeting and a central strike vote on Tuesday, October 22.

“ETFO’s goal is to reach an agreement at the central bargaining table without having to take job action,” said ETFO provincial President Sam Hammond. “We are committed to continuing negotiations until a fair and reasonable collective agreement can be reached that protects and improves the learning and working conditions in public elementary schools in Ontario.”

At this member-only meeting, elementary teachers and occasional teachers from the two locals discussed central bargaining is-

While understandably disappointed in the local results, Dufferin-Caledon Liberal candidate Michele Fisher put on a brave face during her election night party in Orangeville. She spoke of the traction she believes the Liberals have made in the local riding over the past four months.

“We have come so far in such a short period of time. During this campaign, we won the support of people from across the political spectrum,” said Ms. Fisher. “We are not in the same place that we were when we started out. When I look back over the past four months, at how much we’ve learned and all the new people we’ve attracted, it’s incredible.”

While Ms. Fisher was able to attract some of the Liberal’s big-hitters to the riding over the course of the campaign, notably Prime Minister Trudeau, who visited a Bolton bakery, and Finance Minister Bill Morneau, who spoke at an event at Hockley Valley Resort, it wasn’t enough to swing the election in her favour.

Speaking to media, Ms. Fisher said she was thankful the Liberals would once again form the government, praising the party’s plans to fight climate change.

“This is a time when we can’t afford any more time, so I’m gratified Prime Minister Trudeau got in again to form government and the Liberals can continue with its climate change strategy,” Ms. Fisher noted.

As Mr. Seeback prepares to form part of the official opposition, he expressed his excitement at having the opportunity to provide a “real voice” for Dufferin-Caledon in Ottawa, and ensure the Liberal government is held accountable for its actions over the course of the next four years.

“I’m really looking forward to holding the Liberal government to account. I think they’ve dropped the ball on several files over the past four years, and I want to make sure I’m really bringing that voice, and really aggressively advocating for the people of Dufferin-Caledon,” Ms. Seeback stated. “Just because the people didn’t elect a Liberal here doesn’t mean the Prime Minister, or the government can ignore us. We have infrastructure needs. We have needs for rural broadband, and for our farming communities and small towns, and I’ll make sure I’m advocating aggressively for that.”

In closing, when asked if he had his eyes fixed on a certain role, or portfolio, within the makeup of the new official opposition, Mr. Seeback said he was “happy to serve in any capacity” and would leave all decisions in that regard to party leader Andrew Scheer.

For more statistics and information on the 2019 federal election, including a breakdown of how the votes fell in each of Canada’s 338 ridings, visit: newsinteractives.cbc.ca/elections/federal/2019/results.

The ETFO Provincial Executive has asked members to demonstrate their support for ETFO’s bargaining priorities that include more support for students with special needs, the protection of Kindergarten, class size and class structure, and fair and transparent hiring practices.

Holding a central strike vote is one part of the legal bargaining process established under Ontario labour laws.

There are two ETFO central negotiation tables; one table for teachers and occasional teachers and the other for educational workers, which includes designated early childhood educators, education support personnel and professional support personnel.

The meeting was for members only.



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A TORY RIDING: MP elect Kyle Seeback secured the Dufferin-Caledon riding in decisive fashion on Monday, securing more than 28,000 votes en route to a comfortable victory. Pictured above, Mr. Seeback (right) and the now retired five-term D-C MP David Tilson (left).

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The political process

As of this writing I have no idea who won the federal election.

The election doesn't happen until tomorrow in current time.

It could be a majority, a minority, or maybe the entire country issued a protest vote after forgetting to check with anyone else and voted in the Yellow Banana Peel party by accident.

It doesn't matter. At the end of the day we get the government we voted for - well, at least some of us do.

The usual number of people won't bother to cast a vote because going to a polling station and putting an 'X' in a little circle is apparently too much work.

Others use the excuse 'there's no one worth voting for.'

However, that excuse simply doesn't fly. Of course there are people worth voting for.

All the candidates I've met so far, from several different ridings and parties, have been pretty decent people and seem to have a real interest in doing what they think is right.

We should appreciate the fact that people step up and run for office. I have always admired candidates from the less popular parties who have no chance of

winning, yet still take on the challenge and run for election. They are participating in the process.

Whether anyone appreciates it or not, being a Member of Parliament is a tough job. It is time demanding and takes you away from your family on a regular basis. It's also a job that may or may not have security.

No matter who formed this current government, the complaining from those who voted the other way will commence.

Yes, you can complain all you want. However, having an elected government is still far better than the way it is done in some countries where having a changed in government means the currently leader is suddenly dispatched and you're told someone new is in charge while having a gun pointed at your head.

No matter who controls the House of Commons after this election, this is still a democracy where your vote should count whether the person you voted for was elected or not.

An MP is supposed to represent all the constituents in a riding, not just the ones that voted for them or those that declare their allegiance to a particular party agenda or strategy.

Although there would be no way of knowing who voted for whom, unless you make it known publicly.

Even if your candidate was not elected, it doesn't mean you are exempt from being part of the political process.

Over the coming months and years, whoever gets into power is going to make some announcements that will not be in your favour or best interest.

Unfortunately, governments have a tendency to create legislation whether the public wants it or has voiced an opinion against it. If the party decides it is good, then the rest of us have to live with it.

Or do we? There are times when you can make your voice known - especially when the guys and gals in parliament decide a new tax on widgets will benefit those who drive yellow cars or some other nonsense they quite often come up with. These type of tax hikes may benefit a handful of yellow car owners, but the rest of us who use widgets on a daily basis will once again feel the pain in our bank account.

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Most people have very little interaction with their elected federal representative. Unless you are in a business involved in foreign trade or attend the right kind of events, you probably never cross paths.

If you really are opposed to a policy that a government is going to enact, you have the option of contacting your local Member of Parliament and letting them know. If it is really unpopular, and a lot of people picked up a telephone or sent an email, it will get noticed.

The last thing a politician wants to see is several thousand complaints regarding proposed legislation cross their desk. Multiply those complaints with the same numbers across the 338 ridings across the country and a government will sit up and take notice.

Whether you were happy with the results of Monday's election or not, you still have a voice in the government that runs this country.



BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW

Editorial

Always the same song and dance

With another federal election now in the books, the voting public has had a few days to deliberate over the results. The outcome would suggest that, while some are happy, the majority, likely, are not, with the Liberals set to form a minority government having secured 157 of the 338 available seats across Canada.

While we could fill up many, many column inches in this newspaper detailing the results and breaking down how we expect this next term to go, instead we're choosing to focus on a demographic of Canadians who, statistics would suggest, are growing stronger with each election.

To reference our previous point, again, there are some who are happy, and some who are not. Then there are those who, simply put, just don't care.

Of the 27 million Canadians who were eligible to vote in this year's election, only around 17.9 million chose to do so, according to Elections Canada. While that puts voter turnout in and around the 66 percent range, about average based on the past 10 or so elections, it means more than nine million people, for one reason or another, decided that voting wasn't worth their time.

Imagine that. In a world where thousands, if not millions, die on an annual basis in several ongoing battles in the name of democracy, where people want to have their voice heard, to have the right to decide who will govern them, a hugely significant number of people here in Canada, apparently, just can't be bothered.

There will be some who say 'well, there just wasn't anyone I could connect with', or 'I didn't like any of the parties' platforms' - fair enough. But you should still take the time to put across that point. While spoiling a ballot is, in our opinion, a waste and

should never be encouraged, even that would be better than simply not voting. At least in that situation you're participating in the democratic system and, if even in your own mind, putting your point across.

However, most of those non-voters, we would be willing to wager, wouldn't be able to name you a single person running for election, outside of, maybe, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Judging from the numbers, there is a clear disconnect between a third of the eligible voting public and the federal political arena. Something needs to be done to bridge that gap.

Compulsory voting has been instituted to varying degrees of success in 27 countries around the world. It is not a new concept. Belgium was one of the first countries to adopt a mandatory voting system back in 1892. That system still stands today. Voter turnout in the 2019 Belgian federal election was 88 percent. The 2018 federal election in Turkey, another country with compulsory voting, garnered an 86 percent voter turnout ratio. The system, it would appear, works.

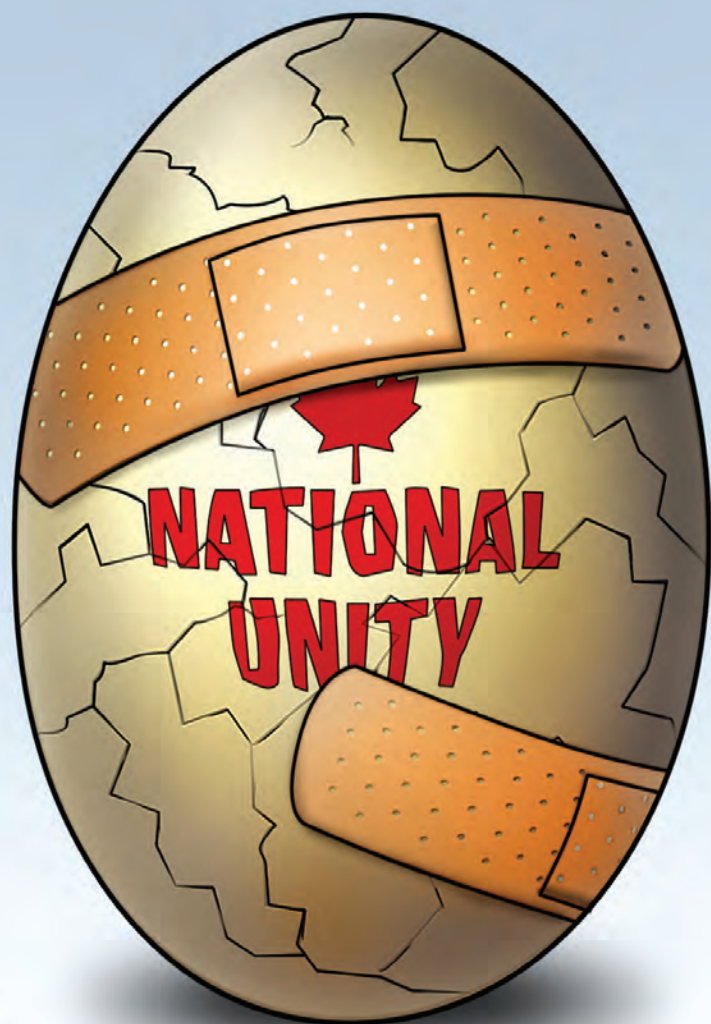
Other countries to adopt mandatory voting include Australia, Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Greece and Singapore. Punishments for not voting vary from state to state with examples ranging from a fine, community service, inability to apply for jobs in the public sector and, oddly enough, disqualification from voting in future elections.

Perhaps we should strive to come up with a special made-in-Canada solution. Say, for example, before you were to purchase your morning coffee from Tim Horton's, you had to show a card, or a piece of paper that confirmed you participated in an election. Or, one step further, before you're allowed to pump even a single millilitre of

gas for your vehicle, you have to provide proof that you voted. We bet that 66 percent turnout would climb real quick.

Voting is more a responsibility than it is a right. It's what our ancestors have fought to protect for generations. Taking a few hours once every four years to read up on the candidates, and make an informed vote is the least you can do to honour their sacrifice.

So, if you're reading this and you didn't vote for any reason other than unexpected incapacitation on the day, then shame on you. As the saying goes, you just gave up your right to complain about practically anything for the next four years.



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Shelburne Police lay 85 traffic related charges over Thanksgiving weekend

Traffic was very heavy and often impatient on Thanksgiving weekend, like most long weekends in Shelburne. Shelburne Police officers laid 85 traffic related charges Friday evening through Monday evening.

The majority of the charges had to do with impatient drivers resulting in speeding, red light and stop sign tickets. There were also a couple distracted driving and seatbelt tickets issued. Finally, two drivers were charged with having Cannabis Readily Available to the Driver.

Additionally four drivers were charged with driving while their licence was under suspension or expired, and one driver was arrested and charged with impaired driving.

Officers investigated three minor non-injury collisions.

"I can't stress enough how important patience is when driving on our roadways. The safety of everyone using the roads must be the priority – your own safety, the safety of other drivers and passengers, and the safety of pedestrians. Slow down, put all possible distractions away, and be patient", said Sgt Paul Neumann.

If anyone has any information in relation to this case or any other matter, they are encouraged to contact the Shelburne Police Service at 519-925-3312 or anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.crimestoppersdm.com.

Youth faces criminal charges after firing BB gun at pedestrian

On October 3, Shelburne Police responded to a call for someone shooting a BB Gun from a moving car at a pedestrian near the high school. The unsuspecting pedestrian was not injured.

The investigation took several days of viewing surveillance video and interviewing numerous people before the actual shooter was identified. However, on October 11th a young teenager was arrested and charged with three criminal charges: Possession of a Weapon for a Dangerous Purpose, Criminal Harassment Threatening Conduct, and Assault with a Weapon. Police recovered the BB gun used in this offence. The accused was released to their parents on a Promise to Appear and Undertaking with a first appearance court date in November to answer to the allegations.

The identity of the youth who is charged cannot be disclosed as per regulations in the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

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One dead after ATV crash

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), with the assistance of Dufferin County Emergency Medical Services (EMS), attended a residence on Mono-Amaranth Townline on October 14, 2019 around 4:00pm after receiving reports of an All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) crash.

Three riders were on the ATV at the time of the collision. One of the occupants, a 19-year-old from Brampton, who was airlifted to a Toronto area trauma centre has since died of their injuries. The other 2 occupants were treated for minor injuries and released from a local area hospital.

The cause of the collision is still under investigation.

Two impaired drivers arrested in Dufferin on Sunday

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) took two more impaired drivers off the roads of Dufferin County this weekend.

The first incident occurred on Highway 10 by County Road 10 at 2:15am, where a concerned tow truck operator contacted

police regarding a possible impaired driver with a disabled vehicle. Officers attended and 43-year-old Neil Basdeo of Owen Sound was arrested and charged with: Operation while impaired by alcohol, Operation while impaired 80-plus.

The accused was a released on a promise to appear with a court date in November at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville.

In the second incident police were requested to attend Anderson Avenue around 5:45pm for a possible impaired driver. Upon arrival police arrested 43-year-old Sukhwinder Singh of Mono for: Operation while impaired by alcohol, Operation while impaired 80-plus.

Singh will also appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville in November to answer to the charge.

Both of these incidents are excellent examples of the community and the police working together to keep our roads safe. The OPP extend their appreciation! to the engaged community members that called in to report these incidents. If you observe or suspect someone is driving while impaired by alcohol or drug, please contact the police at 1(888)-310-1122 or 911.

Drivers continue to speed on Dufferin County roads

A member of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) was patrolling Highway 10 by 280 Sideroad when they observed a vehicle travelling southbound at a high rate of speed passing a group of approximately 5 cars.

The driver, a 46-year-old from Meaford, was stopped and charged with:

Stunt driving - excessive speed of 142km/hr in a posted 80km/hr zone

hr in a posted 80km/hr zone

Their drivers licence was suspended at the roadside for 7 days and the vehicle was also impounded for 7 days. The driver will appear in Orangeville court in November.

As with most incidents where vehicle are impounded roadside, the driver was immediately remorseful.

diately remorseful.

Dufferin OPP remind drivers that personal responsibility must be taken when driving any type of vehicle. Give yourself extra time to get to your destination and practice patience when on the roads.



COMMUNITY POLICING MEETING

Tuesday, November 5th, 2019 - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
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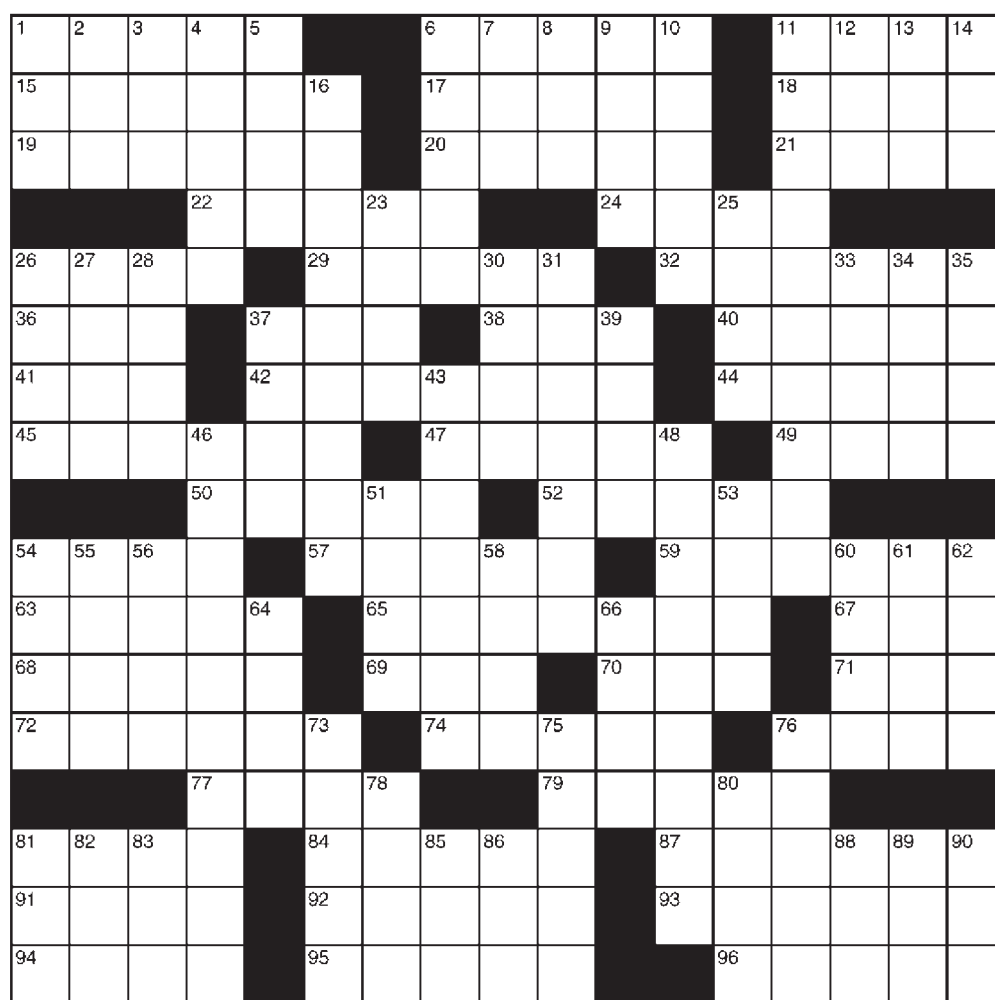
TOPICS TO INCLUDE:

1. Presentation on Cybercrime Fraud by Det. Sgt. Vern Crowley, OPP
2. Discussion on the various scams targeting our area
3. Discussion on the dangers of prescribed narcotics
4. New OPP Auxiliary Unit
5. Traffic Enforcement/Presence of OPP
6. Safeguarding Your Home/Property Security
7. Question & Answer Period

Hosted by Dufferin OPP, Melancthon Township PSB and Melancthon Council

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11. Source
12. Pursue
13. Concert equipment
14. Pollinating insect
16. Roget reference work
23. Astringent ingredient
25. Protective ditch
26. Uppity person
27. Israeli circle dance
28. Felt obligated
30. Created
31. Soothsayer
33. Somber
34. "En garde" weapon
35. Bruce and Spike
37. Next
39. Ash or spruce
43. Restate
46. Crisp cookie
48. Escort
51. ___ of lamb
53. Fourth piggy's portion
54. Tell a secret
55. "A ___ in Harlem"
56. Personal atmosphere
58. Meteorologist's word
60. Dummy
61. Not clerical
62. Hence
64. Cad
66. "Caesar and Cleopatra" time
73. Robin's seat
75. Rush
76. Change from a drachma
78. Baby's father
80. Hockey score
81. Possessive pronoun
82. Feel remorse for
83. Individual
85. Draw along
86. Huge time span
88. Feminine pronoun
89. Work measure
90. Whiskey blend

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ACROSS

1. Desert plants
6. Layered rock
11. Sailor's mop
15. Familiarize
17. Handrail support
18. Apple
19. Explore
20. Reform
21. Strong cord
22. Bundle of grain
24. Big rig
26. Loafer, e.g.
29. Sag
32. Short poem
36. ___ and again
37. 19th Greek letter
38. Auction purchase
40. Yawning
41. Miner's quest
42. Cigar container
44. Less than four
45. Burrowing animal
47. Sioux dwelling
49. Barely makes out
50. Harden
52. Hair colorant
54. Cereal grain part
57. Army noncom
59. Walk like a small child
63. Guffaw
65. Warn
67. Dory stick
68. Be in accord
69. Naut. units
70. Outstanding
71. Delve
72. Bwana's aide
74. Old anesthetic
76. Crazy
77. Swine's supper
79. Custom

DOWN

1. Lettuce type
2. ___ you kidding?
3. "Alias" org.
4. Pithy
5. Creep
6. Predicament
7. Alter a skirt
8. Flabbergast
9. Eyepiece
10. Influential tribe member
81. Do a household chore
84. Western
87. Ground squirrel
91. Sandwich filler
92. Animal tracks
93. Diner
94. Trickle
95. Golden brown
96. Shirt size

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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Extreme ALS Ice Dunk raises funds to help local resident

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

Luckily for those being dropped into a cold tank of water, the day turned out to be rather reasonable during the Extreme ALS Ice Dunk held at the Trainer Games Fitness Centre in Shelburne on Saturday, October 19.

Along with some hardy people taking a dip in the dunk tank, there was live music, a barbecue, silent auction, and several local

vendors on site.

The event was held in support of local resident Cathi Snider who was recently diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), and is currently having her home renovated to make it accessible. A portion of the proceeds will go to ALS Canada.

It was hosted by Marci and Kyle Fegan.

"We're raising money for both ALS research and part of it will go to my mom who was

diagnosed with ALS," explained Marci. "We have people from Shelburne and some coming in from Orangeville as well. Renovations have already begun in her home."

A motorized wheelchair for Cathi was a big expense. While around 75 per cent was funded through government programs she still had to pay \$6,000.

"We have three bands and a DJ who is filling in between bands," Kyle explained. "We have vendors here and they're all from the Shelburne area. We have a barbecue and Champs Burgers has supplied the burgers

for us."

The Fegans were helped by friend Alethia O'Hara-Stephenson and Shelburne Police Constable Jeff MacLean to get the event off the ground and make sure the day ran smoothly.

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SEASON OVER: The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals battle the Westside Secondary School Thunder on the pitch at Westside in Orangeville on Friday October 18. It was the District 4 semi-final game. The Royals are done for the season after taking a 5 - 1 loss.

Royals Jr. Soccer team done for season

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals junior boys soccer team are done for the season after giving up a loss in their semi-final game against Westside Secondary School in Orangeville.

It was a short season for the team this year. Only three schools managed to field junior teams in District 4 this year.

Along with CDDHS, Norwell District Secondary School and Westside were the only schools that were entered in competition.

Over the season the played four regu-

lar season games giving up losses in the first three outings. However they turned it around in game four when they managed to score nine goals against Westside, with Aidain Mackenzie, Dylan Szymanski, Marcus Carvalho, Chris Srameki, and Bradbury Tyler scoring for the Royals.

Going into the playoffs, Norwell was given a bye as the top team in the District with a 3 - 1 record.

They Royals took a 5 - 1 loss in the final game to hang up the season. Norwell and Westside will now play to determine the District 4 champion for the 2019 season.

Muskies move into first place after weekend wins

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Shelburne Senior Muskies are having a good start to the season.

After four games the Shelburne squad has moved into first place in the WOAA senior league standings.

The Muskies season got underway on October 5, with a 6 - 5 overtime win over the Tavistock Royals.

Game two of the season saw the Muskies dispatch the Shallow Lake Crushers 8 - 2 in another home game on October 12.

The Muskies travelled to Durham on Friday, October 18, to meet the Thundercats on Durham home ice.

It was a good night for the Shelburne squad when they left the ice with a 4 - 1 win to remain undefeated.

Shelburne goals came from Luke Richardson with a pair, Brandon Richardson, and Ty MCallum finishing off with an empty netter at the end of the night.

Goale Ryan Mantle got the win for the night.

They were back at it the following night when they returned to the Centre Dufferin

Recreation Complex to host the Minto 81's.

It was a tough first period with neither team being able to get the edge and the first ended with no goals scored.

After the break the Muskies returned and notched four goals for a 4 - 1 lead at the end of the frame.

Shelburne goals came from Ty Mcallum, Ryan Hunter, Brandon Richardson, and Luke Richardson.

Chris Greer got the only third period goal to end the game with a 5 - 1 win for the Muskies.

Goalie Eddy Davey picked up the win for the night.

The win moved the Muskies into first place.

The Saugeen Shores Winterhawks are currently in second place, followed by the Elora Rocks, Ripley Wolves, and the Clinton Radars.

The Muskies will be in Ripley this Friday night to take on the Wolves.

They will return to home ice at the CDRC on Saturday, November 2, to host the Lucknow Lancers.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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"I like how you connect with all your teammates and depend on them," said CDDHS Royals defence player Heidi Bennington of why she likes playing field hockey. "There's a lot of rules so you have to depend on your team to back you up."

Heidi also plays hockey with the Shelburne Wolves where she also plays defence.

The grade 10 student plans to continue with field hockey through high school.

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Locally sourced foods a focal point for Market in the Mills

Written By MARNI WALSH

Market In The Mills, the first general store in Horning's Mills in four decades, held their Grand Opening on October 19 with great success.

Owners, husband and wife team, Kevin Turner and Connie Tunney say, "Locally sourced goods are a focal point of the market, including fresh, baked goods as well as a commitment to sustainability for our local suppliers of farm-fresh eggs and meat, Sheldon Creek Dairy, and Mochaberry Coffee as well as our local artisans' wares, crafts and goodies."

The general store took prices back to the olden days of rural Ontario, for the opening day celebrations, with coffee, ice cream and pizza for just 25 cents. "It was a tremendous success," say the owners. "The weather was near perfect as we welcomed over 100 friends, neighbours, travellers and well wishers to our market."

Kevin Turner reminisced about Lewis Horning, who first cleared the way for several mills, shops and professional offices that became Horning's Mills in the mid to

late 1800s.

"One of those shops operated from our very location," he says. "Later, Horning's Mills was one of the earliest settlements in Ontario to have hydro due to its location surrounding the once aggressive Pine River."

"This wonderful history is the reason Connie and I are excited to be a part of this beautiful area," says Mr. Turner, "and to open, or re-open, the first general store in Horning's Mills in forty years."

Kevin Turner told the Free Press, he grew up on a farm in Melancthon, attended church in Horning's Mills, and went to school in Shelburne. "Fond memories remain of a simple, healthy life on the farm," says Mr. Turner. "My brothers and I always had the country way of life instilled in us, which always included hard work, pride, honesty and integrity whether on the farm, in business or everyday life."

Kevin Turner and Connie Tunney operated an East Side Mario's in Brampton for eight years before purchasing a century home in Horning's Mills. They say their focus for their new venture is "to take care of the needs of the village, not just groceries, snacks and

ice cream, but to support and be involved in community events at our historic hall and at the local park." Customers can enjoy take-out offerings at the store, including homemade chilli or soups, fresh sandwiches, and authentic style thin crust pizza, as well as fulfilling their grocery needs.

"We want that early 20th century concept of community togetherness to mesh with the technology and lifestyles of the early 21st century customer," says Kevin Turner. The couple are also hoping site seers, skiers, and

travellers "will enjoy a stopover at Market In The Mills for a coffee, an ice cream cone or maybe just a rest to take in the beautiful country setting."

Mr. Turner says, "It was overwhelming to see the wonderful support," at their Grand Opening, and extends "a special thank you to Mayor Darren White for a great Melancthon style ribbon cutting ceremony." Market In The Mills is located on 164 Main Street in Horning's Mills. Call 519-925-6464.



PHOTO: MARNI WALSH

A NEW BEGINNING: Connie Tunney with her arms full of fresh baked bread - just one of the many inviting features of Market In The Mills, the new general store in Horning's Mills. Connie and her husband Kevin Turner celebrated their store's grand opening on October 19.

Centre Dufferin's Co-op Corner

Student: Brendan Matthews
Placement: Scott White Construction

This week Brendan Matthews from Centre Dufferin District High School shares a little bit about his experience and how Scott White Construction is contributing to our community's future.

The focus of the construction company run by Scott White is to prepare the sites for home building companies throughout Ontario. Scott owns a variety of heavy equipment and has a team of skilled workers to be able to complete each job. The team consists of General Labourers, Heavy Equipment Operators, Supervisors and Mechanics.

I work as a General Labourer helping the team prep the equipment with grease, completing safety start up checks, and reviewing the plans for the day. Some of the training I have completed in order to be prepared for this job is: WHIMS, Safety Awareness, First Aid/CPR, Working at Heights Training as well as on site training by my supervisor on Equipment Safety and Operation. My current job is as the Flag Man and this job includes directing the dump trucks and collecting the tickets when they bring in the fill. I also ensure the silt fence is placed correctly and clean the equipment at the end of the day, like cleaning the tracks and the undercarriage.

Other careers I have learned about are Dump Truck Driver who helps take away and bring in fill and Heavy Equipment Operator who clears the land and compacts the dirt. The Soil Engineer tests for contaminated soil and there is a Ministry of Labour Inspector who ensures that the site is compliant with regulations. Each of these jobs are vital for the whole process to work safely.

Scott White not only supports our high school by taking Co-op students, but he also participates in Fishing Derby for Dads and Kids. The event takes place annually at



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CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS: Brendan Matthews (right), student at CDDHS & Scott White (right), owner of Scott White Construction.

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Davis, Ellenor Florence



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Oldfield, Jean Marie (nee Proctor)



Entered into rest at Shelburne Residence on Wednesday, October 16th, 2019, Jean Oldfield in her 89th year. Jean was the beloved wife of 61 years of the late Maurice Oldfield. Loving mother of Robert (Laurie) Oldfield, Anne (Bert) Hanna, Lynn (Brent) Dobson, Gary (Mary) Oldfield and Gail (Roger) Hannon. Loving grandmother of Brendan Dobson, Erin (Caleb) Light, Brittany Hannon, Zach Hannon, Lauren Oldfield and Evan Oldfield and great-grandmother of Jonah and Hunter Light. Survived by a sister-in-law Claire Proctor. Predeceased by her parents Howard Proctor and Winnifred McGhee and a brother Elwood Proctor. Resting at McMillan & Jack Funeral Home, 291 Main Street, Dundalk, Ontario where visitation will be held on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. with the funeral service to follow in the funeral home chapel at 2:00 p.m. Interment at Shelburne Cemetery. If desired, donations to the Dundalk Fire Department or Markdale Hospital would be appreciated. Online condolences may be placed at www.mcmillanandjackfuneralhome.com

Vautour, Joseph Abbé



Passed away at Matthews House Hospice on Sunday, October 20, 2019 at the age of 75. Survived by his wife Marilyn May (Morin) Vautour and son Joseph Patrick Stephen Vautour. Predeceased by son Joseph Raymond Paul Vautour. Loved by brother Joseph Paul Vautour & his wife Dianne. Brother-in-law to Sylvia Vautour, Stan & Lynne Morin, Dianna & Ron Scheidel, George Morin and Pearl O'Donnell. Predeceased by brother Joseph Raymond Vautour and brother-in-law Douglas Patrick O'Donnell. He will be missed by his nephews and nieces. At his request, there will be no funeral service. If desired, donations to Matthews House Hospice would be appreciated. Online condolences may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com

Linda McBride (Sawyer)



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Funston, Velma Doreen (nee Anderson)



Passed away peacefully with family by her side at Dufferin Oaks on Monday, October 14, 2019 in her 94th year. Loving wife of the late Harvey. Devoted mother of Bill (Sue), Jim (Gwen), Fred and Scott (Sandra). Dear grandmother of the late Derek, Melissa, Nicole, Ryan, Catlin, Brittany, Jeremy, Jason, 12 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-granddaughter. Survived by her brother Bob (Beryl), sisters Marj Perkins & Norma Godbold and sister-in-law Janet Anderson. Predeceased by her daughters-in-law Vi & Carol, brothers Vern (Ruth) & Fred, brothers-in-law Don Perkins and Peter Godbold. Friends and family were received at the Jack & Thompson Funeral Home, Shelburne on Friday from 2-7 p.m. The funeral service was held in the funeral home chapel on Saturday, October 19, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. If desired, donations to the Shelburne Library or the Museum of Dufferin County would be appreciated. Online condolences may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com

Seaman, Timothy Andrew (Tim)



On Oct 12th, Timothy Andrew Seaman passed away due to complications of kidney cancer. He is survived by his wife (Anne), daughters (Lori & Lisa) & son (Robert). Visitation is 7-9 pm, Oct. 18. Service is Oct 19th at 2pm. For more information please visit Tim's Book of Memories at www.wardfuneralhome.com

ZOHORSKY, Max



Maximilian Felix Zohorsky, of Mount Forest and formerly of Shelburne, and Montreal, passed away peacefully at the Louise Marshall Hospital, Mount Forest on Sunday, October 20th, 2019 in his 89th year. Beloved husband and best friend of Lydia Zohorsky (nee Kudla) for 68 years. Loving father of Judy and her husband Rick Donnelly, Joanne and her husband Bruce Hodgson, Teresa Zohorsky and her husband Dave Zago, Neil Zohorsky and his wife Suzanne. Cherished grandfather of Ryan, Jon, Andrew, Jenny, Elizabeth, Elena, Marissa, Katie, Allie and Nicole. Great-grandfather of Logan, Lucas, Reese, Mateo and Finn. Cremation has taken place. A private family celebration of life will be held at a future date. As an expression of sympathy, memorial donations to the Louise Marshall Hospital Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to the England Funeral Home, Mount Forest.

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New hospital president aims to 'hit the ground running'

Written By MIKE BAKER

As Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) prepares to enter one of the most pivotal periods in its 22-year history, it will do so with a new captain at the wheel as Kim Delahunt prepares to take on the role of President and CAO on an interim basis.

Ms. Delahunt has spent her entire career working within the health care sector in Ontario. Most recently she was Vice President of Health System Strategy, Integration and Planning with the Central West Local Health Integration Network (LHIN), but now she's focused on continuing the groundwork and maintaining the momentum generated by her predecessor, while hoping to leave her own imprint on an institutions she holds close to her heart.

"This is just such a huge opportunity for me, one that, when it became available, I just could not pass up," Ms. Delahunt informed the Citizen. "Headwaters is such a great hospital, I live here in the community, so this seemed like a perfect fit on both a personal and professional level."

Ms. Delahunt started her new position in late September, initially working alongside former President and CAO Stacey Daub, who left her position on Oct. 9 for a new opportunity in Toronto, to ensure she hit the ground running.

Having worked closely alongside the hospital for several years in her position with the Central West LHIN, Ms. Delahunt says she's very well aware of the ongoing projects, such as the renovations and improvements to lobby and main entrance of the facility, future projects, like the planned renovations to the emergency department, and special initiatives, such as HHCC's role in the Hills of Headwaters Collaboration.

The one take-away from her first few weeks on the job, Ms. Delahunt says, has been witnessing first-hand how all staff employed by the hospital work together and, seemingly, pull together in the same direction.

"HHCC has such a strong reputation in the community and amongst its peers, and a lot of that has to do with the staff and the way they engage, not only with one other, but with the community," Ms. Delahunt said. "Every time I went to a meeting at Headwaters, from the moment I stepped into the hospital I felt a warm and welcoming atmo-

sphere. It has a certain feel about it. I would hear before about how committed and hard-working some of the staff are, but I'm having the ability to see it first-hand now."

While she is currently employed on an interim basis, Kim says she hopes to turn this opportunity into a permanent one. In the short-term, she discussed the projects that will be front and centre and her to-do list, notably serving as co-chair of the Hills of Headwaters Collaborative as the region seeks to be one of the first communities selected to become a new Ontario Health Team.

For that process, Ms. Delahunt says she's already in the process of organizing a mock site visit, to prepare all the different players in the Collaboration for when the Province conducts its visit sometime this fall.

"We're hoping to run the mock site visit in about three weeks. That will be about prepping materials and making sure everyone is comfortable speaking to everything included in our submission," Ms. Delahunt said. "All of our partners are excited by this. I believe we're ready to be one of the first communities (in Ontario to be selected as an OHT). The rich history of collaboration between service providers here in Dufferin-Caledon has been a tremendous base to build off of."

Offering her thoughts on what, exactly, a transition to an OHT model would mean for services not only at the local hospital, but across all service providers in Dufferin-Caledon, Ms. Delahunt says it will enable patients to receive a more seamless service no matter where they go in the region.

"We've included extensive plans in this OHT process, so we have 30-day, 60-day and 90-day plans, as well as a first-year outlook. During that first year, we will carry out due diligence risk analysis with all of our partners on performance, financial stability, those types of things. Then we work towards developing a community board of directors and making sure all of our partners start to work closer together," Ms. Delahunt said.

One area of improvement, where patients will be able to see a marked difference, is in digital software.

"There's a lot of work we're doing on the digital side. We've set some clear targets in year one that will enable patients to book visits online, have access to results and see notes and information about their appoint-



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A CHANGING OF THE GUARD: Pictured above, Kim Delahunt is excited to take on the role of interim President and CAO of Headwaters Health Care Centre. With an extensive career in the health care sector, Ms. Delahunt is looking forward to continuing the groundwork laid by her predecessor Stacey Daub, who left the hospital on Oct. 9 to take a new opportunity in Toronto.

ments. That's a really big thing. Our hope is that, eventually, we'll be able to roll that out across some of our partnering providers too," Ms. Delahunt said.

Looking long-term, Kim mentioned the hospital is in the process of establishing a 10-year master plan, which will help outline the future of the hospital and the services it hopes to provide over the next decade.

"We need to grow and bring more services that are truly needed to this community. We need to look at our population's health needs, to determine what those services are that are needed and can actually be provided locally," Ms. Delahunt said. "We're delivering a large number of babies at Headwaters, so perhaps we can look at that capacity, we can look at our operating rooms, and then even our emergency department. We're currently seeing double the number of patients that the ER department was originally built for."

Regarding new programming, Ms. Delahunt was hesitant to speculate, but suggested there could be potential for additional

diagnostic imaging, specifically relating to MRIs and CTs, and improved surgical capacity. She also mentioned that the hospital has seen a marked increase in cancer care services provided to the community in recent years, so that could be another area for potential enhancement. More services for people suffering with mental health and addiction issues was also noted as a priority for the hospital.

"It's a really busy time at Headwaters hospital, I'm going to have my work cut out for me and I have some very big shoes to fill, but I'm excited to be here," Ms. Delahunt reiterated. "I've been welcomed with open arms. This is a committed group of staff and volunteers. Everyone is committed to ensuring Headwaters continues to be a highly respected hospital. I'm thankful to have the opportunity to play a part in that now, and hopefully long-term. This is an important stage for the hospital as we look to build for the future."

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