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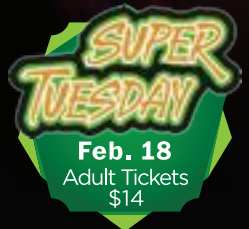
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SHELBRRR FEST A HUGE SUCCESS: It may be the middle of winter, but that didn't stop hundreds of people from enjoying the Family Day festivities in Shelburne on Monday (Feb. 17). Fiddle Park was filled with approximately 400 local residents, who were treated to a slew of activities hosted by the Shelburne Kin Club. Of course, the main attraction was the annual Polar Plunge, organized by the Shelburne Police Service. This year, 70 jumpers participated in the event. While a final total has yet to be announced, Shelburne Police have confirmed this year's Plunge has already brought in more than \$40,000. All proceeds from the event go to Special Olympics. For more photos, see Page 5.

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Streams Community Hub seeking grant to establish permanent home in Shelburne

Written By MARNI WALSH

Shelburne's Streams Community Hub is edging closer to securing a new, permanent home in the community.

Last month, representatives from the organization approached Shelburne Town Council with a proposal asking the Town to donate land for a building project the local non-profit organization was working on.

As a first step, Juli-Anne James, who co-founded Streams along with her husband, Andrew James, says, "We have applied for the Community Foundations Canada Investment Readiness Program - a grant that will help us to bring in a consultant to help us put together a multi-year strategic plan, and provide governance training for our board of directors."

At the Jan. 27 Council meeting at the Town Hall, Streams Community Hub representatives proposed a design, with the Town passing a motion to support the project in

principle.

"The design includes space for classrooms, a recording studio, board room, shared workspaces, pop-up retail space, a multipurpose hall, computer lab, commercial training kitchen, and a coffeehouse, and more," Juli-Anne James says.

Streams originally asked for land at Fiddle Park, but Julie-Anne James says Council wisely suggested a location nearer to the center of town, adjacent to the Centre Dufferin Recreation Centre which will be more accessible to youth already serviced. The project is estimated to cost roughly \$4 million, which the Streams' founders say they will fundraise.

Juli-Anne James says they hope that receiving funding for a consultant will help to position the organization to "effectively solicit, accept and manage" these funds. As well, Ms. James said she would ensure the community is involved in the growth of Streams every step of the way.

"As part of the process, we will be engaging the community, youth, and other service delivery organizations to inform the proposed design and ensure that this project serves us all well," she said.

Andrew and Juli-Anne James founded Streams Community Hub as a way to help Shelburne youth "discover passion, potential and purpose."

Programs focus on enriching the lives of youth in the community by providing activities at little or no charge whenever possible. Finding space to accommodate the growing need for such programming in Shelburne continues to be a challenge.

"We are limited in options for programming to when the schools are available," says Ms. James - and they aren't always - highlighting why we need a dedicated space for this mission."

Learn more about Streams Community Hub and how to support this home grown organization at streamshub.org.

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FEATURED ITEMS

Georgian College resource centre expands services in Shelburne



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 EXPANDING SERVICES: Julie Moore, Resource Information Specialist; Christine Quesnelle, Marketing Specialist; and Wendy Abbott, Employment Consultant for Georgian College's Career and Employment Services hosted a job fair at the Mel Lloyd Centre on Feb. 18. Georgian College has expanded its services in Shelburne to five days a week. Additional job fairs will be held at the Shelburne Employment Resource Centre (entrance E) in the Mel Lloyd Centre on Feb. 25 and March 3.

Written By MARNI WALSH

Georgian College, Career and Employment Community Services has expanded services in Shelburne to five days a week.

Located inside the Mel Lloyd Centre, the college offers services and support to anyone, even if they are not a Georgian student, and all services are free of charge.

Christine Quesnelle, Marketing Specialist, for Georgian's Orangeville Campus, Career and Employment Services, told the Free Press that the Shelburne Resource Centre offers free access to computers, internet, phone and fax services along with the support of onsite Employment Service Consultants.

In addition, she says, Georgian's Career and Employment Services offers exclusive local job postings; career related workshops; resume and cover letter writing assistance; interview preparation and assistance; and employment coaching.

"We can help with work placements, allowing you to gain new skills and hands-on experience," says Quesnelle. "We have many great incentives we can offer to both our clients and employers, such as back to work support

- with uniforms, safety equipment, tools and more. We also have wage incentive programs for employers."

Shelburne is the second of two Resource Centre locations in Dufferin County; the other is located at The Edelbrock Centre in Orangeville.

Ms. Quesnelle says, "The Georgian College Resource Centre is funded through Employment Ontario and is provided free of cost."

She stresses, "You do not have to be a Georgian College student to access our services, and parking is free."

On Tuesday, Feb. 18, the Resource Centre held a job fair with two employers joining them in Shelburne. Chapman's Ice Cream from Markdale, as well as Millenium 1 Solutions, were at the centre to meet potential employees for hire and answer any questions. Potential employees were invited to bring their resumes and enjoy the convenience of on the spot interviews.

Residents are invited to drop by the Georgian College Resource Centre in the Mel Lloyd Centre at 167 Centre Street in Shelburne - Entrance E - and learn more about what the centre has to offer.

Conservationist named 2020 OSCIA Soil Champion

Anne Loeffler's unique ability to encourage adoption of on-farm water quality improvement practices in the Grand River watershed has made her the 2020 Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) Soil Champion.

The award, which recognizes leaders in sustainable soil management, was presented at the OSCIA annual conference on Tuesday, February 4, 2020.

"The region has a large diversity of farmers and farms with different levels of technology and Anne has been particularly effective at working with all of them to find solutions to water quality challenges that they can accept and implement successfully," says OSCIA President Stuart Wright. "We're proud to recognize her commitment to conservation, soil and water quality with the Soil Champion award."

Over 20 years ago, the Region of Waterloo, farm organizations, Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA), OSCIA and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) collaborated to develop the Rural Water Quality Program.

The voluntary program, funded by the Region, provides technical and financial assistance to farmers to improve and protect water

quality in the watershed, where half a million people draw their drinking water from river sources. Similar programs now operate in Dufferin, Wellington, Brant, Oxford and Haldimand counties.

As a conservation specialist with GRCA since 1997, Ms. Loeffler's main role has been to help farmers plan projects and prepare cost-share applications and promote the importance of soil conservation and water quality.

It isn't always easy to convince landowners to change long-held practices, but Ms. Loeffler believes strongly in helping producers realize that soil conservation is worth the effort as a long term investment with benefit to the farm. The most impactful change she's seen related to environmental stewardship over the years has been the building of understanding and trust between the farming community and downstream water users.

"The producer wants the soil and nutrients to stay on their land and the municipality wants exactly the same thing, so we can make this kind of win-win happen," she says.

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Museum of Dufferin tells the story of local history

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

It is a place filled with treasures, curiosities, and personal remnants and reminders that document the history of Dufferin County.

The Museum of Dufferin houses a large collection of artifacts, documents, and archives specific to the region. It is a record of past lives, businesses, clubs, churches, and institutions that built and shaped the County.

When you visit the Museum, you are really seeing only a small fraction of the collection. There are thousands of historical items located in a storage area on the lower level. They are meticulously researched, documented, and stored in climate controlled rooms that regulate humidity and other factors that could damage them.

Artifacts are brought out of storage at different times and put on display, depending on exhibits and themes the Museum is planning for the public.

Behind the scenes, there is a team of experts who do all the work to select pieces for the museum and maintain the archives. Museum volunteers also play an important role in researching and cataloging the items.

Museum Curator, Sarah Robinson, arrived in her position at the Museum after a life-long interest in history.

Sarah graduated from the University of Guelph with a degree in history, then attended Algonquin College in Ottawa and received an advanced diploma in Museum Studies.

"I was pretty particular about what I wanted to do with my life," Sarah explained of setting her goals. "At Algonquin it was more of a technical program where it's more hands-on and you're learning exhibition techniques and things like that. I really climbed the ladder at the Museum. For me it really worked out. I started as a volunteer and then became a summer student and was here for three years. I was the previous curator's assistant for two years."

When the previous curator retired, she was a perfect fit for the position, with knowledge of the area, experience at the Museum, and expertise in the field.

Born in Orangeville and raised in Caledon, Sarah said she had the advantage of already knowing the history of the region by growing up here.

"It's not a requirement to know the history of the museum where you are going to be a curator, but it helps," she explained. "When I started I came in with a knowledge of Dufferin County. It also helps knowing people from the area – knowing who to reach out to if I had questions about a local businesses that closed down for example, and maybe I know someone who worked there at some point and we are doing a specific project."

As curator, Sarah's position encompasses a lot of responsibility.

She looks after exhibits, incoming donations of objects and art, research, co-ordination of volunteers, and arranging for events on site.

Sarah also does speaking engagements off site.

"We are a museum and we hold the his-

tory of this county. We preserve it and we are preserving it for future generations," Sarah said of the Museum of Dufferin's mandate. "We are here for people to learn and to explore."

She added, "Recently there has been a shift in what the idea of a museum is and we're trying to explore that as well. Museums can't just be a place where old stuff is placed into an exhibit case. It has to be more interactive and it also has to be more of a community hub. We have to be a place where we bring the community together."

Sarah and the Museum team are always planning interesting events that will bring in people of all ages and varied interests.

The work at MoD never stops. In the archives room, staff are constantly working with old documents including everything from newspaper articles to personal letters that have a historic reference to the County.

While many people offer to donate items, the Museum can't take everything people bring in. Items should have a specific connection to Dufferin County.

Sarah said the most important aspect of an item is the story that goes with it.

"The criteria we go with is that we have to understand the significance to Dufferin County. Artifacts will go on display some day and we need to be able to tell the story of them. The example I always give is, a hat is a hat, until you tell me why it relates to Dufferin County and why it's significant."

Many local people appreciated the archives section of the Museum where they can research local family history.

The Museum of Dufferin is located at the corner of Highway 89, and Airport Road.

On site, the Museum boasts the most extensive public Cornflower glass collection anywhere in the world. The striking floral pattern was developed in 1912 by a young glass-cutter named William John Hughes. The Dufferin-born artisan grew his tableware creations into a national brand that has been enjoyed by Canadian families for over a century.

The Museum continues to promote its True. Grit. exhibit, running until April 1. In this collection, the Museum looks to Dufferin's past to understand where, and how, our community began. The display of artifacts, archival materials and modern photography compares and contrasts the pioneers and the present-day people who have made important contributions to Dufferin County.

A brand new exhibit, titled 20/20 will debut in the Museum's main gallery on June 20. The collection will explore pressing issues and topics relevant to today's society, such as the environment, family and relationships, fashion, communication and our growing community.

There are numerous feature exhibitions planned throughout the year. Temperance and Temptation, which debuted upon the reopening of the Museum last fall, will run until August, with galleries dedicated to the works of locals Amy Shackleton, Steven Volpe and Rosemary Molesworth to come later this year.

The Museum of Dufferin is open to the public from Wednesday to Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

HISTORY LIVES ON: The story behind every artifact at the Museum of Dufferin details the history of the County. Museum Curator, Sarah Robinson, and the team at the Museum are responsible for preserving the history of Dufferin County for future generations.

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Pictured in photo (from left): Jenny Hughes, Phyllis Chang, Sharon Riley-Persson and Jan Muir of Habitat for Humanity WDG, with Debbie Lahey and Norah Kennedy of Family Transition Place, in front of the Orangeville ReStore.

The Board of Directors of Habitat for Humanity Wellington Dufferin Guelph, in partnership with Family Transition Place, is pleased to announce the recent placement of a family into a Dufferin Habitat Home.

Special thanks is shared with the Dufferin community which has supported the local ReStore and various fundraising initiatives that have led us to this point. Appreciation also goes to Dufferin County's generous support of the family within its Home Ownership Program offering assistance for low income families.

Habitat for Humanity partners with families who are in need of decent, affordable housing, by giving them a hand-up into affordable homeownership, so they can create a better life for themselves and their children.

Part of this partnership includes a commitment from families to contribute 'sweat equity' in the form of volunteer time to the organization, often by working alongside staff at the build site or at the ReStore, but can also include office work and assisting at special events. Sweat equity is a valuable opportunity for families to interact with staff and volunteers, promoting a sense of community and partnership.

Together with the Dufferin community, a family has been set on a path of financial stability with a safe, decent, affordable place to call home.



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Gifts that last

It was announced this week that the world's richest man will be donating \$10 billion to a new initiative that will fund programs to combat the effects of climate change.

Jeff Bezos, founder of Amazon, has been criticized over the years for not contributing some of his multi-billion dollar fortune to charity. He has finally decided to part with some of his cash.

It's up to the person as to what they want to do with their money. However when you are smart enough or lucky enough to amass a fortune, sharing it to help charitable organizations or causes is probably the right thing to do.

Most people donate to a charity each year. I would think most people who donate do so according to their ability and income. Most people cannot afford to make a donation of several thousand dollars.

If you happened to have a few thousand left over at the end of the year, you'll probably spend it on your favourite charity – yourself. Whether that is for a vacation you have planned or a new roof for your house a couple of thousands dollars is a lot for the average person.

So what can be done with \$10 billion? That's a lot of money.

With that kind of cash a lot of things could be accomplished, however, with

an initiative that is so broad as climate change, it would be interesting to check back in ten years to see what happened to the money.

If it's anything like other big charities, most of that money will disappear into 'administrative' costs and other non-tangible expenses. In the end, the \$10 billion will probably not have accomplished much at all other than ensuring lawyers, bean counters, clerks, and other office staff had a salary for a few years.

It's not hard to find out the numbers the big charities work with. Many organizations whose name you would easily recognize spend only pennies from every dollar they raise on charitable activity.

The rest is spent on 'administrative' causes including huge salaries, sometimes in the seven figures, for those at the top.

If I'm going to donate with good intentions to a charitable organization, it certainly won't be to help pay for the CEO's new sailboat.

Charity is only charity if it benefits someone who can be helped. Paying for a new pool in the backyard of the Chief's mansion is not charity.

There has been much mention in the news in recent years about certain charitable donations by rich people, notably Microsoft founder, Bill Gates, and some

of his fantastically rich pals.

However, the concept of giving away vast amounts of money for good causes is not new.

Andrew Carnegie, was one of the richest men in American history. He accomplished a lot his time and amassed a huge fortune by leading the expansion of the American steel industry in the late 19th century.

During the last 18 years of his life he gave away \$365 million – in today's dollars that would be around \$65 billion.

The difference with Carnegie is the money he gave away produced tangible projects with well-defined goals. He funded projects across North America and the British Empire.

The famous Carnegie Hall concert house in New York City is just one building that he funded and bears his name.

One of his philanthropic endeavors was to finance public libraries. In total he built around 3000 public libraries, including around 130 in Canada.

Those projects include the public Libraries in Orangeville, Shelburne, and Grand Valley.

These libraries didn't come as a no-strings-attached gift. To achieve a grant for a new library, a community would have to invest in it themselves by providing the land and the budget to operate the

new facility.

That way the community itself became vested in the project.

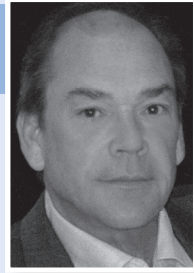
The charitable donations Carnegie made in his lifetime continue to thrive more than 100 years after his death.

There was another self-made millionaire in the U.S. a few years ago who had his own newspaper column as well. He decided he had enough money and would give away millions to deserving causes and even individuals.

The gentleman would receive requests, usually in small mounts of several thousand dollars, and then give out money based on need and the good tangible results these donations could provide.

While I applaud Mr. Bezos for sticking a crowbar in his wallet and prying it open to give money for a good cause, will money given to fight climate change produce an actual result? It seems more likely that fighting climate change should be the result of government policy rather than cash.

Besos could be the Andrew Carnegie of his day if the \$10 billion is donated to projects that could, like the libraries, still be relevant in 100 years.



BRIAN LOCKHART
 FROM THE SECOND ROW

Editorial

It's really complicated

SOMETHING UNPRECEDENTED happened in Ottawa this week.

Caught between commitments to improve relations with Canada's indigenous communities and an obvious need to gain favour in western Canada, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau invited the leaders of three opposition parties to help him find a solution.

The leaders of the New Democratic, Green and Bloc Québécois all accepted the invitation and may or may not have given the PM good advice on dealing with the conundrum posed by a blockade of Canada's busiest rail line in support of hereditary chiefs in northern British Columbia who oppose a new natural gas line.

Absent from the meeting was Conservative leader Andrew Scheer, who earlier in the day called on the government to force an end to the blockade near Belleville that has caused Via Rail to cancel all service between Toronto and both Montreal and Ottawa and at one point led CN Rail to suspend all freight traffic in Eastern Canada.

In what NDP leader Jagmeet Singh called racist remarks and Mr. Trudeau said was unacceptable, Mr. Scheer contended that the PM's response to the blockade was "the weakest response to a national crisis in Canadian history."

Mr. Singh also called the Scheer speech "reprehensible" and "divisive," saying his comments were "designed to pit some groups against another."

Proof positive that the matter is exceedingly complex could be seen by the opinions found in Wednesday's Globe and Mail editorial and the lead column on the opposite page.

In the editorial, the Globe maintained that in dealing with protests, "Justin Trudeau must be clear about what's negotiable, and what isn't."

"The Prime Minister is in his comfort zone when he's delivering the kind of speech that's become his hallmark: light on substance, heavy on platitudes, and with more than a hint of lecturing folks from the other side of the political spectrum on their failings.

"Unfortunately, the issue Justin Trudeau rose to address on Tuesday in the House of Commons does not lend itself to any of that. The government is instead faced with practical questions about the legalities of a gas pipeline in British Columbia, and the pressing fact of a blocked arterial rail line in East-

ern Ontario.

"This is nuts-and-bolts stuff about the country's economic and legal plumbing. It's going to take more than political clichés to unblock the national pipes."

So how, apart from "unblocking" the rail line, can the government act in the nation's best interest?

On the page opposite, columnist Andrew Coyne agreed that such blockades are illegal but contended that they should not be met with force, which he maintained would not be in Canada's best interests in the long run.

The Globe editorial did acknowledge that the story isn't one "of First Nations defending their land, their rights and the planet against rapacious outsiders. It's rather more complicated than that."

In B.C., all 21 elected Wet'suwet'en chiefs back the pipeline and have signed agreements bringing significant benefits to their communities, while some hereditary chiefs oppose the line. And at a press conference on Tuesday, Mohawk Council of Kanesatake Grand Chief Serge Otsi Simon said it was time for the blockades to come down.

In apparent response to Mr. Scheer, the editorial agreed that Mr. Trudeau could not order police to arrest certain people, or break up a particular demonstration. "That's not how the relationship between politicians and police works in Canada; be thankful for that. But neither can Mr. Trudeau and his government allow Canadians to feel that they are powerless, or that the rule of law is something they are overly willing to bend."

So what should the PM do? The Globe said the indefinite rail blockade "involves legal questions not in dispute. There is nothing to negotiate."

But the best the editorial writer could offer was this conclusion: "It would be helpful if the Trudeau government could clearly express where it, and Canada, stand. That wouldn't be the end, but it would at least be a start."

As we see it, one thing the government can and should do is point out that, unlike the Trans Mountain oil pipeline, the gas pipeline will permit massive production of liquified natural gas that will help China and India reduce greenhouse gas from coal-fired power plants. As such, this pipeline will likely accomplish more in the battle against climate change than any measures taken inside Canada.



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POLAR PLUNGE



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COLD BUT FUN: The highlight for many residents this past Family Day in Shelburne was the annual Polar Plunge, hosted by the Shelburne Police Service. According to police officials, 70 people participated in this year's Plunge, with the event raising more than \$40,000 for Special Olympics.



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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Shelburne Royals senior team finish season in first place

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals senior basketball team has one goal – to win CWOSSA this year.

The squad wrapped up the regular season with a 94 – 28 win over the Norwell District Secondary School Varsity Reds on Wednesday, February 12, in the gym at CDDHS.

With a 47 – 17 lead to start the third quarter the Royals were already on their way to

ending this game.

At the start of the fourth they were leading 69 – 23.

The win leaves the Royals in first place in the District going into the playoffs.

The Royals are undefeated this season winning six in a row.

“I think the first quarter we started off a bit slow as a unit,” said Royals point guard, Alek Guerguerian, after the game. “It was mostly individual play in the first quarter, but in the

second quarter the guys started to step it up and we worked more as a team and over all played better on defense and our offense was running better.”

As the top team in the district, Alek said the team has a good work ethic that pays off on the court.

“We work hard in practice. We’re one of the most dedicated teams in our division. We’ve got lots of talent and our athleticism is probably better than a lot of teams. We just work hard.”

The squad makes no apologies for their goal as a team. They plan to win the District then go on to make it on top when they go to regional competition.

“We’re aiming to win CWOSSA, that’s our first goal,” Alek said. “We made it to CWOSSA last year so we have a bit of an idea who we’re up against. Since we’ve been to CWOSSA before we know more of what to expect. I think we will be more focused toward the end of the season. The guys will become more dedicated. For some people this will be their last season and you just got to work as hard as you can.”

The Royals will be up against Norwell District in the semi-final round of the playoffs.

Wellington Heights Secondary School and Emmanuel Christian High School will play off in the other semi-final series.



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

FIRST PLACE: The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals senior basketball team host Norwell District Secondary School Varsity Reds in the gym at CDDHS on Wednesday, February 12. It was the final game of the regular season. The Royals came out on top with a 94 - 28 win to finish undefeated. The Royals will again be up against Norwell in the playoff semi-finals.

The District 4 semi-finals are slated for Wednesday, February 19.

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MUSKIES IN THE PLAYOFFS: The Shelburne Senior Muskies host the Minto 81's at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex for game three of their best of seven quarter-final playoff series on Saturday, February 15. The Muskies won this game 3 - 2 in overtime.

Shelburne Muskies trail in playoff series with Minto 81's

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Shelburne Senior Muskies are trailing the Minto 81's in their first round playoff series after splitting the weekend with a win and a loss.

The teams are currently battling it out in the first round of the WOAA senior men's hockey league playoffs.

Shelburne was down by two games after surprise losses to Minto on opening weekend of the best-of-seven series.

Game one of the series ended with a 5 – 2 loss on Muskies' home ice at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Centre.

The Shelburne squad found themselves trailing by two in the series after give up a 6 – 2 loss in Palmerston the following day.

Game three returned to Shelburne on Friday (Feb. 15) with both teams starting out strong in an effort to get an early edge in the game.

At the end of two periods the Muskies were leading 2 -1.

The game was tied when Minto scored the only third period goal to force overtime.

It was done deal when Blake Lovell scored after taking the feed from Chris Greer.

Game four is back in Palmerston on Sunday.

At the end of two periods Minto was leading 2 – 1.

Blake Lovell got the tie goal in the third to make it a 2 – 2 game.

A couple of late Minto goals made it a 4 – 2 win for the 81's.

They now lead the series 3 – 1.

The Muskies will have to win this weekend to keep the series alive.

The series will be back at the CDRC this coming Saturday, February 22, for game five. It is a must win situation for the Muskies.

Game time is 8:00 pm.

If the Muskies are successful, the series will head back to Palmerston on Sunday, February 23, for game six.

That game is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. at Palmerston arena.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

ALEK GUERGUERIAN

As point guard for the Centre Dufferin District High School Royals senior boys basketball team, Alek Guerguerian, brings a lot of experience to his team.

He has been a key member of the team this year who have finished the regular season in first place.

Alek said the goal of his team is to win the District title and represent the District at CWOSSA.

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Grey County buses may deliver Dufferin transit opportunities

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS

Dufferin County Council hopes looking north as far as Owen Sound could help open the south.

Council discussed during its Feb. 13 public meeting how a transportation initiative in Grey County could impact movement between Shelburne and Orangeville and onto other centres.

The Grey Transit Route initiative will include service five days a week along Highway 26 from Owen Sound to The Blue Mountains and on Highway 10 from Owen Sound to Orangeville. It will also provide a service three days a week on Highway 6 from Owen Sound to Warton. And officials in that county are considering possibilities to stitch other

municipalities into the transit route service.

Coun. Sandy Brown, Orangeville's mayor, believes it could be an opportunity to make Dufferin County more accessible to people inside and outside its borders.

"I think that's a good thing," he said. "We would benefit here in Dufferin County. I think it dovetails on some of the discussions we've been having trying to have public transit between Shelburne and Orangeville and lower Grand Valley."

MetroInx runs a bus service from Orangeville to the Brampton GO station. Coun. Brown said the average passenger load is less than 20.

"I think it's 16 or 18 (regular service users)," he said.

Coun. Brown said Grey Transit Route

users will be able to connect and use the MetroInx service.

"I think MetroInx is probably reviewing all of their services in the province and wants to put their money where it is most efficiently spent," said Coun. Brown.

That would enable riders from Grey County to access centres as far south as Toronto.

"Hopefully it'll all work out well," he said.

Coun. John Creelman, Mono's deputy mayor, said the MetroInx service is a line with at least 20 potential stops between Orangeville and Brampton. And it's a service with its share of shortcomings.

"It can hardly be described as express. It can hardly be described as convenient," he said. "I think we need to keep the heat on MetroInx to review the adequacy of the

existing service and make certain it is as attractive as possible to the users.

"I would argue right now it is not."

Warden Darren White said he believes Grey County officials hope to have the transit service running by this spring.

Coun. Steve Anderson, the deputy mayor in Shelburne, asked if Dufferin County will have a wait-and-see approach regarding the Grey Transit Route or if local officials will continue to investigate other possibilities.

"We would continue to investigate all options, certainly keeping in mind the Grey County option may be a good way to assess how much of a need there is and see how effective it is," said Coun. Janet Horner, who is also Mulmur's mayor.

Dufferin County faces 55 percent hike for general liability insurance

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS

Dufferin County has been smacked with a large insurance rate increase.

Dufferin County was hit with what Coun. John Creelman dubbed to be a "pretty significant increase" of 55 per cent in its general liability insurance premium rate accompanied by a quadrupling of the deductible previously faced.

The county's insurance provider went from requiring a \$25,000 deductible to one of \$100,000 per claim for the first \$5 million "because that is how the (insurance) industry has fashioned its policies," said Coun. Creelman, who is also Mono's deputy mayor.

The county had allowed \$651,260 in the 2020 budget to cover the insurance premium. The insurance provider's increase creates a

\$287,392 shortfall that the county will cover from its Rate Stabilization Reserve fund.

"There is nothing in our claims history that would have triggered this," Coun. Creelman said.

AON Reed Stenhouse Inc. has been the county's insurer since 2016. Staff recommended in 2019 that Dufferin County remain with AON for 2020 and 2021. That coverage extends to all county properties other than social housing buildings.

The 2020 premium is up by 55 per cent from 2019 and 62 per cent from 2017, the first year that included Cyber coverage. Increases in 2018 and 2019 had been minimal. The general liability premium was frozen for the first three years with AON.

County Treasurer Alan Selby said in a report to the general government services

committee that the decision last year to remain with AON was based on reassurances from AON there would only be moderate premium increases in line with previous years.

Coun. Creelman said he suspects Dufferin municipalities will also experience increases to their respective general liability insurance policies.

County staff has also been directed to request proposals for insurance that includes a general liability retention amount of \$100,000 for 2021 and 2022.

The treasurer's report indicated the county has a good claims history and ought to be considered as a moderate level of risk by insurers. County properties were appraised in 2019, and the results confirmed the insurance coverages provided property

values used up to 2019 were not in need of increases.

"For these and other reasons, the county did not expect major premium increases in 2020," Mr. Selby reported.

According to the report to the general government services committee, AON indicated to the county that increased losses in the insurance industry have been caused by "challenging market segments like municipal liability."

In other words, the increases in the 2020 GL policies are largely driven by the wider municipal marketplace, by the size of recent claim settlements, and by increased claim volumes, such as cyber crimes and frauds/ransoms seen recently in Ontario, for all municipalities, and not just Dufferin County.

CDDHS Royals junior basketball team clinch first place in District 4, advance to playoffs

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

It has been a good season for Shelburne basketball.

The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals junior boys basketball team wrapped up the District 4 regular season with a first place standing and an undefeated season.

The Royals came out on top in all ten games they played. They scored 696 points over the ten games – that's 202 points more than the second place team in the District.

They played their final game of the regular season in the gym at CDDHS when they hosted the Norwell District Secondary School Varsity Reds on Wednesday, February 12.

The game ended with a 78 – 29 win for the Royals.

As top seed, the Royals will host their semi-final game when the playoffs get underway.

The Royals will be up against Emmanuel Christian High School in the semi-final round.

The other semi-final District 4 game will match Westside Secondary School from Orangeville with Erin District High School.

The winners of those games will go on to play for the District championship on Monday, February 24.

The Royals have been unstoppable this season. They've allowed only 338 points against over the season. That's 34 points per game. On offence they have averaged almost 70 points per game.

The District 4 semi-final games are scheduled to get underway on Wednesday, February 19.



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

PLAYOFF BOUND: The CDDHS Royals take on the Orangeville District Secondary School Bears at Tony Rose arena in Orangeville on Thursday, February 13. This was the final game of the District 4 / 10 regular season. The Royals gave up a 6 -3 loss.

Shelburne Public Library: First ever 'Seedy Sunday' borrowing event to be held March 8

Written By ROSE DOTTE

Join us Sunday, March 8, 2020 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm for our first Seedy Sunday. You will be able to borrow seeds from our Seed Lending Library (a partnership with the Erin Seed Lending Library), ask Master Gardener, Julia Dimakos and Native Plant expert Shaun Booth questions about growing in our area. The Bruce Trail Club will also be there to let you know about the wonderful outdoor recreation we have in our area!

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LEGO Club: Wednesday afternoons, 3:30

pm - 4:30 pm - This drop-in program for children ages 6-12 has a brand new build challenge every single week. As your child's skills grow, they can also attempt the weekly "Expert Build Challenge". LEGO CLUB is often not just LEGO! We also have lots of fun incorporating other STEM activities and experiments each week along with building our LEGO creations.

Story Time: Friday mornings, 10:30 am - 11:30 am -This is a drop-in group full of singing, dancing, and stories. Each week we have a themed craft that connects to what we learned from our story. Visit Story Time, and leave with new friends and amazing art creations. For the month of February we will be exploring everything to do with snow!

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Catherine Evelyn (Sime) Snider

July 6, 1954 - February 15, 2020

Cathi's final days were spent surrounded by her family and friends at home. She will be dearly missed by her husband Doug of 47 years, their children Randi, Marcia (Kyle), Benjamin (Claudia), Lee (Apryl). Their grandchildren Kalen, Dyson, Mattias, Brianna, Healey, Katrina, Thadeus and Miya. Her Mother Evelyn, and sisters Cindy, Debra and Sheri and their families. Her greatest memories were ones that she shared with her family. Time spent enjoying the sun while either by the pool watching the kids swim or riding her lawnmower, gaming and playing cards were among her favorites activities. She was an avid baker and her fabulous cookies or muffins were always available when you stopped by. Cathi was always known for her strong will and devotion to her family. At her request no service will be held. The family want to thank those who surrounded her with Care, Compassion and Love. Donations in memory of Cathi can be made to Headwater's Health Care Centre - Foundation either Friendship Gardens or Highest Priority - E Wing.

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