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#### COVID-19 Community Shout Out -Community Living Dufferin Hosts Drive Thru BBQ

Robert Bigham, Executive Director (CLD); Kyle Seeback, M.P. (Dufferin-Caledon), Alex Rowe, Finance Director (CLD)





On Thursday, June 25, 2020, Community Living Dufferin (CLD) hosted a drive thru BBQ to thank their staff and volunteers for their extraordinary efforts during the pandemic and to express their appreciation to the people they support.

Kyle joined the CLD team to lend a hand to prepare food for staff, as they waited in their cars. He also presented a congratulatory certificate to CLD to recognize their COVID-19 community response, as well as Phil DeWar, who was instrumental in implementing a food delivery program. Phil also picked up prescriptions and personal care items to help support over 75 people with developmental disabilities. His considerable efforts helped reduce both staff and the people the organization supports being exposed to COVID-19 and to prevent the virus from being brought back to the homes.

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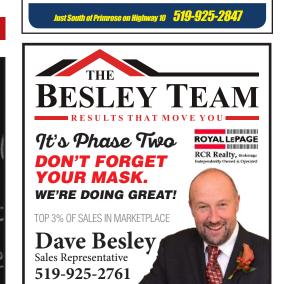
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## **Amaranth Mayor Bob Currie removed from** role as chair of key County committee

MASKS ON: Brenda Beattie, owner of Healthy Cravings Holistic Kitchen, and Rosie Cornelius posed together with special face

masks given out by the BIA on June 30 to acknowledge downtown businesses. Fore more, see Page 5.

Written By PAULA BROWN

Amaranth Mayor Bob Currie has been re- but only if he meant it. moved from his position as chair of a County committee following comments he made about the LGBTQ community in June.

at any level that includes hateful and divisive comments that serve only to hurt," said Dufferin County Warden Darren White in a press my Christian values and love and ac-mosexual this would be the last generation statement to county council last week.

Currie was asked by Warden White to step down from his role as chair of the Infrastructure and Environmental Services Committee on anybody." last Thursday (June 25).

"Any leader who truly had the best interest of the County and its residents at heart would not make comments and cause the down. type of pain felt today by a segment of our community," said White later in his speech adding "Given your comments, and my belief that you violated the Code of Conduct, I don't believe you should remain in a position where you are a committee chair, representing a department and being a spokesman for mental Services Committee. All members, the County of Dufferin."

position, the Warden also requested that he ture and Environmental Services Commitapologize for the comments he has made - tee will remain vacant until the next county

"No apology at all is better than a non-apology," said White.

In his response to the Warden, Currie "There is simply no place in leadership said that he wouldn't apologize for how he spoke at the township meeting and media interviews, but said "I did not properly exhateful way, which (for) that I apologize. It

> When broached with the request again to step down from his position by Warden there," said Currie in the council meeting. White, Currie said he had no reason to step

"That has nothing to with the comments I made at Township council, you're trying to relate two different things," said Currie.

A motion was put to the floor by Warden White, calling for Currie's immediate removal as chair of the Infrastructure and Environother than Currie himself, voted in favour of While asking Currie to step down from his the motion. The seat of chair of Infrastruc-

council meeting, where a new chair will be

Currie's removal from the position comes following comments he made during an Amaranth Town Council meeting on June 17 regarding the raising of the Pride flag.

"If everybody was either lesbian or hoceptance for all people. It came across in a on earth, because two homosexuals cannot produce offspring. Two lesbians cannot was not my intention whatsoever to zero in produce offspring. So, why would I want to support something when this would be the last generation on earth –I'm not going to go

Many Dufferin County politicians at the municipal, provincial and federal level have spoken out about Currie's comments, condemning the intolerant tone.

"Bob Currie's statements were absolutely disgraceful. I fully condemn his statements and his clarifications," said Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback in a press release.

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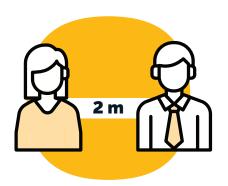
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#### Town looking at \$20 million bill to upgrade treatment plant, boost water supply

Written By PETER RICHARDSON

ment plant and the drinking water supply ble. last Monday night (June 22).

plant recently, an Environmental Assesstreating Shelburne's waste water.

the treated effluent flowing into the Beasley Drain and finally the Nottawasaga River. The Membrane Biological Reactors. Both two projected population in Shelburne by 2040 is estimated to be 15.000 people and the curbeing the most stringent high end technology rent plant projections will near it's allowable of all. maximum by 2021 and exceed them by 2022. At present, the current average daily capacity sits at 3,420 cubic metres per day. In 2021, the flow will be 3,398 m3/day and in 2022 will surpass the limit at 3,459 m3/day. The rated capacity required in 2040 would be 5,100 m3/ day. These figures are based on population UV system, is obsolete, as a result, the conprojections of 9,993 in 2021, 10,374 in 2022 and 15,000 in 2040.

- do nothing, increase water efficiencies and reduce extraneous flow, expand the existing plant, build a second plant just to handle the additional flow, build a completely new plant and finally build a pipeline to a neighbour- of the upgrade will require about one year,

ing system capable of handling the flow. Of to fifteen months, while the actually con- Town, without utilizing it's storage capacthese, several are non-starters. Doing noth- struction another two years, for a total of ities to supplement the wells output. The The Town's engineers, S. Burnett and ing solves nothing, increasing efficiencies is at least three years till completion. Council supply, is certainly not capable of meeting Associated presented two detailed reports no longer viable and a pipeline is not practi-received an estimate for this work, in 2018, the projected demands on the system. Again, to Council concerning the wastewater treat-cal, nor is it financially or economically via-of between \$11 million and \$14 million, how-the solution options are to do nothing, to

The best option, is to upgrade the exist-Due to the projected and real growth of ing water pollution control plant, based Shelburne and the recurrent odour problems on the assimilated capacity study approved associated with the wastewater treatment by the Ministry of 5,100 m3/day. The Ministry of the Environment Conservation and ment was initiated to assess the alternatives Parks has recently raised it's compliance for the next 20 years for sufficient waste criteria for wastewater treatment and these water treatment. The process is intended to new criteria will bring extended aeration to establish the most cost effective and environ- near it's physical limits, to meet them. As a mentally sound and sustainable approach to result, the design concepts to improve the plant include three options. First is to stay Currently, the Town utilizes a Class III with the extended aeration, with nitrification extended aeration treatment plant, with and denitrification. Second, is to use SBR, or Sequencing Batch Reactors and third, to use and three are new technologies, with three

> The existing plant, which was built in the 60's, had a created capacity of 2,500 m3/day, technology. The sludge storage capacity is too small, most of the equipment is undersized and some technology, like the present centration is on options one and three.

The options available for consideration are options to be explored, but the Town will still be required to provide a very significant portion of the costs and that will likely require significant borrowing to do so.

Once the EA is approved, the design stage

ever, Mr. Burnett explained that in each of increase water efficiencies, rehabilitate the past two years, prices for this type of wells 1 and 3, pump 7 and 8 concurrently, at work have risen by 30 to 40 percent each 18.9 litres per second, locate and develop a year. At best, the current estimates would be new well, add additional arsenic treatment on the very low end of the scale, if they are to wells 5& 6, or to limit the Town's growth. even relevant.

solid, Steve Burnett said yes, but they could still vary by between 10 and 15 percent. Although the most advanced system type, it Authority. Hence, the GRCA will have to allowed for some components to be eliminated and others to be downsized. It also had tion Requirements for increasing the flow good longevity factors as well as guaranteed particle sizes, due to it's membrane sizes.

ing and capacity allocations already in exis- capacity units, in order to maintain the tence, this project could see a development so 3,420 m<sup>3</sup>/day is pushing the limits of that freeze in Shelburne until completion of the permit delays from the authorities involved,

#### Shelburne water supply

Steve Burnett's next report concerned the Town's water supply. Presently provided ments of these projects, it is totally uncer-There are some government funding by six wells and four pumping stations, the tain, at this time what the final cost will be water volume supplied, is already potento Shelburne. However, it is safe to assume, tially inadequate. The existing wells provide that they will run in excess of \$20 million a flow of 3,836 m3/day, or 44 litres per sec-dollars and all before the end of 2022, or ond, which is adequate for an average day's demand. However, the max draw is 4,400 m3/day, which is inadequate to supply the

Wells 1 and 3 have already been rehabbed, When asked by Mayor Wade Mills if the though not yet approved by the Ministry, design elements were now comparatively pending a flow test this summer. Likewise, wells 7&8 must also be flow tested to validate their ability to pump 37.8 litres per Coun. Walter Benotto asked if they were second. Also, wells 7&8 are not in the Notconsidering a Membrane Biological Reactor tawasaga Conservation Area watershed, but system, MBR, to which the answer was yes. rather that of the Grand River Conservation oversee the guidelines of the Water Protecrates of these two wells.

Above and beyond all this, the pumps at Unfortunately, depending upon schedul- the wells will have to be upgraded to larger required flow rates. Regardless, barring any it is the expectation of S. Burnett and Associates that all this can be accomplished by spring to early fall of 2021.

With all the changes in the financial segpotentially sooner.

#### Continued from FRONT

#### **Amaranth Mayor Bob Currie removed from** role as chair of key County committee

Seeback added, "The time to make ex- with the Citizen regarding Currie's comcuses for people who make discriminatory ments, calling Currie's removal by the councomments and statements is over."

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones also made her feelings known during a post to Mayor Bob Currie I was upset, I was angry her social media accounts.

affair of other levels of government, but I ipal politics I understand the importance am compelled to address recent comments of making sure your entire community feel made by Amaranth Mayor Bob Currie. I have safe and welcome and included. Disparagzero tolerance for hate and discrimination ing comments like that really take that away in any form. As elected officials we have a - it leaves an entire section of their comduty to represent everyone in our communi- munity feeling unsafe and unwelcome and ty with the respect and dignity they deserve. unloved." Government, at all levels, has a leading role to play in standing against all forms of dis- the mayor was started anonymously and by crimination and hate – in our actions and in print has over 14,000 signatures. In an interour words," said MPP Jones in a statement view with Jim Richards from NewsTalk 1010 published on FaceBook and Twitter.

serves as one of the organization leads of tition, which had around 2000 at the time of the annual Celebrate Your Awesome event, the interview, he would resign. Orangeville's celebration for Pride, spoke

ty "bold and fabulous".

"When I first heard the comment from and I was sad more than anything else," "Generally, I do not insert myself into the said Post. "As somebody who is in munic-

A petition calling for the resignation of back on June 24, Currie suggested that if an Orangeville Coun. Lisa Post, who also additional 20,000 signatures were on the pe-



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#### THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SHELBURNE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

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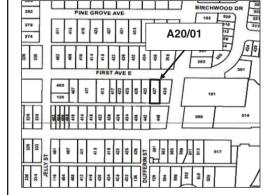
The public meeting is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m., or as shortly thereafter as possible, and will be held in an online virtual meeting format, as outlined below. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the following planning

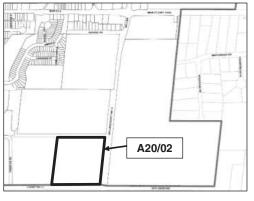
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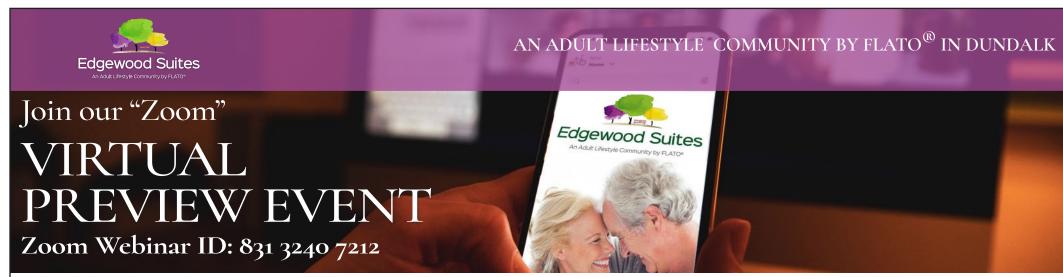
- 1) Application for Minor Variance A20/01 Jessica Bondy & Tyler White, owners of the property located at 437 First Avenue East, have submitted an application for a Minor Variance to request relief from Sections 3.2.4, 3.2.5 and 4.2.2 of Zoning By-law 38-2007 in order to construct a private garage attached to the existing single-detached dwelling. The application is seeking relief from the side yard setback for eaves from the required 0.6 metres to 0.0 metres. The application is also seeking relief from the minimum side yard for a private garage from the required 1.2 metres to 0.4 metres.
- Application for Minor Variance A20/02 Gott Enterprises Inc., the owner of the property located 485387 Sideroad 30, has submitted an application for a Minor Variance to request relief from Section 4.11.2(x) of Zoning By-law 38-2007 in order to facilitate a proposed addition of 3,707 square metres to an existing industrial building, of which 520 square metres of building area exceeds the maximum building height of the applicable zone, to accommodate industrial equipment. The application is seeking relief from the maximum height from the required 10 metres to 22.5 metres limited to a building area of 520 square metres, with the height of the remainder of the building addition being within the maximum of 10 metres. A previous Minor Variance (A17/01) was granted prior to the construction of the existing building in 2017 to permit the same building height of 22.5 square metres for a portion of the existing building

Further to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Provincial Orders that limit public gatherings, the Committee of Adjustment meeting will be held electronically through Zoom video conferencing and will be livestreamed. To participate in the meeting electronically through Zoom video conferencing, please contact the Clerk at <a href="mailto:jwilloughby@shelburne.ca">jwilloughby@shelburne.ca</a> to register in order to have access to the public meeting, no later than Thursday July 9, 2020. Should you wish to view the proceedings, you will have the opportunity to view a live stream of the meeting on the Town of Shelburne's YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/

For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, contact Jennifer Willoughby, Clerk by email to planning@shelburne.ca or visit the Town's website at www.shelburne.ca



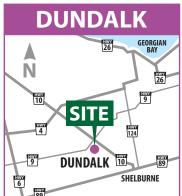




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FROM THE SECOND ROW

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#### Is a photo worth 1,000 words?

There is an old saying: 'A picture is worth 1000 words.'

That may be true in some cases, but quite often a photograph does not deliver the whole truth.

Photographers can easily manipulate a situation to completely skew emotion, feeling, and what the image is trying to

A photograph represents only 1/250th or maybe 1/1000th of a second in time.

The difference in the final image is the result of what happens in that split second.

Say you're photographing a beautiful women. She smiles for the camera and suddenly happens to sneeze while your just fired off several rapid shots.

You'll end up with two distinct photos, one showing a woman smiling for for the camera, and the next one a photo of the same woman with wrinkled forehead, slightly closed eyes, open mouth, and a disturbing look as she just gets into sneeze mode.

The difference in that second goes from "you look beautiful" to "Hey, what's the matter with you?"

The media has been guilty of this type of thing for the past decade.

When Rob Ford was mayor of Toronto, one newspaper in particular, which obvi-

ously did not like him, ran the same photo over and over again.

Instead of a photo of him at a podium or somewhere similar, they ran the same off-the-cuff photo of him in some social gather with his mouth open, and eyes half closed. It was cheap journalism.

Other news sources did the same thing to a member of parliament a few years ago.

This particular member was quite an attractive woman. But instead of running a nice, natural photo of her, this particular news media, doing their best to slam her, kept running the same awful photo of her taken at mid-sentence. It was a terrible photo. Any reputable photo editor would have dropped that one into the recycle bin, but they wanted to create an negative image so they ran the same bad photo of a brief slice of time.

I've been a photo journalist for a good number of years and an avid photographer since age 10 when I got my first Kodak Instamatic camera and roamed the neighbourhood taking photos of everything I found interesting.

I've always admired the work of international journalists - especially those who captured a moment in time that won them a Pulitzer Prize or changed the way the world views things.

One fantastic award-winning photo is that of an American pilot officer who had been shot down over Vietnam and taken prisoner.

After spending several years in a prison camp he was released.

The photo shows the officer, in uniform, walking across the airstrip as his family runs to greet him. His 15-year-old daughter is in the lead, a look of absolute joy on her face, and her arms outstretched to meet him. His three other children run to meet him, as does his smiling wife.

What a joyous photo. But it doesn't tell the real story.

Although his children were of course happy to see him, his smiling wife had been having affairs with several different men while he was imprisoned. In her final letter to him, she told him she wanted a divorce so she could marry another man.

The pilot, years later, said there was no joy in that photo for him, only sadness as he knew his wife was leaving and his family would never be the same. He said in an interview that he hated that photo and never looked at it, despite it being a world famous image.

Another famous Vietnam War era photo shows an execution on the streets of Sai-

The National Police Chief, a Major Gen-

eral, is photographed firing a bullet into the head of a poorly dressed, nondescript looking man. That single photograph did a

lot to change the opinion of many people as to why the U.S. was fighting that war.

However, the man wasn't some poor peasant trying to earn a living to support his family.

He was a Viet Cong spy and gang leader, who had just murdered a Vietnamese official, the official's wife and mother, and five of his children.

Wearing civilian clothes as a combatant, in a war zone, and committing mass murder won't endear you to the local pop-

The General was reviled by the public for his apparently callous murder.

The photographer later regretted taking the photo. He wrote: "The general killed the Viet Cong; I killed the general with my camera. Still photographs are the most powerful weapon in the world. People believe them, but photographs do lie, even without manipulation."

Some photographs are worth 1000 words, however others never tell the real

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#### We've more to celebrate

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week of July sees celebrations on both sides of the border between Canada and the United States. Independence Day on July 4.

1867, the border between the two nations has been closed to all but essential traffic, thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic. And for the same reason, celebrations have been muted, with no mass gathering on Parliament Hill and merely virtual fetes across the land.

governors of U.S. states will go in dealing with the Independence Day weekend, which for most Americans will start tomorrow (Friday) with the day itself being Saturday. However, it's clear that in states like Florida and California the smart move would be for the governors to **RANDOM REFLECTIONS** 

order everyone who can to stay home and

wear masks if they have to go out. Biden with 50 per cent support That's because the novel coronavirus is spreading like wildfire in the southern and western U.S. states, with the death toll now approaching 130,000 Americans and the number of persons known to have been infected nearing 2.8 million.

In Canada, meanwhile, the death toll is a little over 8,500 and would have been much lower had it not been for lax inspections of for-profit long term care facilities in Ontario and Quebec.

In the circumstances, Canadians should be in a more celebratory mood than their American cousins even if the response to the pandemic was our only concern. However, the fact is that the COVID-19 death toll in the U.S. is merely the tip of the iceberg.

Sadly, the fact is that there is a to avoid conscription. dramatically different situation in in Canada and an almost total lack of co-operation between the Democrats and Republicans in the U.S. just four months before a presidential election.

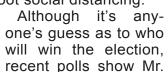
the two presidential candidates will be the incumbent Republican Donald Trump and former Democratic vice-president Joe Biden, the only similarity between them re-election. is that both are well past the tra-

As is always the case, the first ditional retirement age of 65, with Mr. Trump now 74 and Mr. Biden

Perhaps the greatest contrast with Canada Day on July 1 and between the two is in their personal responses to the pandemic, However, for the first time since with Mr. Trump determined to host public rallies and have an ordinary convention in Jacksonville, Florida rather than Charlotte. North Carolina, where the governor wanted to impose social distancing.

Both parties have postponed their conventions to mid-August, We don't know yet how far the but there the similarity ends.

> The downsized Democratic convention will be held in a Milwaukee, Wisconsin convention centre, presumably with the delegates masked and trying to maintain the recommended sixfoot social distancing.



and Mr. Trump at 36 per cent.

Meanwhile, one of the latest and strangest moves by Mr. Trump has been a ban on permitting U.S. firms to engage foreigners with particular expertise, something that has benefited high-tech firms like Google and Apple. It will be interesting to see whether such firms will opt to bring those experts into their Canadian operations.

As matters stand, there is a real possibility that the next few years will see a repeat of mass immigration to Canada from the U.S., something that happened back in the 1850s when thousands of slaves reached Ontario via the Underground Railroad, and during the war in Vietnam when many thousands of Americans fled north

But those northward migrathe two countries' political leader- tions were a relative oddity, with ships, with a relatively united front Canada being the main source of immigration to the U.S. in the early 20th century and Canada enduring a troubling "brain drain" to the U.S. following the demise of the Avro Arrow in the 1950s and Although there's no doubt that the arrival of Canadian medicare in the 1960s.

All in all, the next few years could be great ones for Canadians, particularly if Mr. Trump wins

#### BIA hands out special face masks, unifying local businesses

Written By PAULA BROWN

members on Tuesday (June 30).

the BIA than to have a uniform mask for our Canada using Canadian fabric." members to wear," said Ed Crewson, Chair of the BIA.

Crewson and BIA Treasurer Melissa 50 for each. For the BIA she made 75. Hooper walked up and down Main Street in Shelburne on Tuesday (June 30) visiting to continue to support local business," said open restaurants, hair salons and stores Cavey, adding "I think it was optimistic to handing out the specialized face masks to the local businesses. The BIA, which represents around 50 businesses in Shelburne, and start to thrive again, and that they were is a board that looks to promote downtown going to help out a little bit with something business, as well as improve functions for that unified everybody." businesses members.

ered with Canadian flags, serving as an acganization's annual \$10,000 budget, which it knowledgement of national pride and spirit, typically spends on a variety of downtown while also celebrating Canada Day.

"I wanted to go with a Canadian made product," said A.J Cavey, owner of Cobwebs Shelburne's Business Improvement Area and Caviar, located in downtown Shelburne. (BIA) dropped off special face masks to its "The fabric that I chose is from a company called Northcott, which is a Canadian fab-"We thought, what better way to identify ric distributor and manufacture. I thought Shelburne business owners as members of it was kind of neat for them to be made in

Cavey previously made 100 face masks for the Town of Shelburne, two designs with

"The BIA I think was looking for a way do something like that and express the optimism of its members that we would reopen,

The masks set the BIA back approximate-The Canadian-made fabric masks are cov- ly \$1,000, and will be paid for out of the orimprovements.



WEARING WITH PRIDE: Employees of Enchanting Esthetics modelled Shelburne unique face masks on June 30, which were given out by the BIA to unify downtown local business-

#### Four more stunt driving charges laid in Shelburne, ongoing issue getting worse

Written By PAULA BROWN

stunt driving in town.

"Driving at extreme speeds is simply unacceptable," said Sgt. Paul Neumann. over the speed limit on County Road 124. "The danger to the occupants of the vehieveryone, drive responsibly and safely. Put tweet following the latest incident. the phone down, drive sober, slow down, be aware of everything around you."

stunt driving in Shelburne in the month of suspension of seven days for each of the June. A press release from June 2 detailed speeders. an officer stopping a teenage driver, who was travelling 111 kph in a 60 kph zone on occurred in residential areas of Shelburne, County Road 11, near Victoria Street. Shelburne Police stopped motorcyclist Dennis

Hibbs, 39, on June 19, driving 116 kph in a Town of Shelburne are 40, 50, and 60 kph. The penalties for a stunt driving convic-50 kph zone on Victoria Street. A car driven I think that most people would consider tion, according to the SPS press release, can Shelburne Police Services (SPS) continue by Angelo Russwurm, 48, on Second Line, anything over 70 kph in a town would be include six demerit points, fines between to see a number of incidents of high speed by Fiddle Park, was clocked by SPS going excessive and dangerous, and most would \$2,000 and \$10,000, licence suspension up driving in the community, with yet another 72 kph over the speed limit on June 20. The assume nobody would ever be driving over to two years and imprisonment up to six driver charged last Thursday (June 25) with most recent incident of high speed driving 80, or 90, or 100 kph," said Sgt. Neumann. was on Thursday (June 25) when an 18-yearold man was stopped going almost 60 kph

"Another stunt driver taken off the road cle, as well as the danger to other vehicle tonight. 118 km/h in a 60 km/h zone. Speedoperators and passengers, and the danger ing over 50 km/h = no licence or vehicle to pedestrians is not worth the risk. Please for 7 days," said SPS Chief Kent Moore in a

Each of the incidents led to a charge of stunt driving, resulting in vehicles being SPS have reported four incidents of impounded for seven days and a license

> A number of the stunt driving incidents or in areas with lower posted speed limits.

"The vast majority of speed limits in the

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#### Our Readers Write New mask rules are unnecessary

I am concerned about the direction we are headed in this province regarding COVID-19.

We seem to have things more under control, especially in the long-term care facilities, and I have always thought that, under the circumstances, our governments have handled the crisis fairly well but now they continue to put restrictions on our everyday lives that, to me, seem to be counter-productive.

There are now about 40 new cases in Ontario each day outside of the GTA or 1 in 200,000 people. Dr. Nicola Mercer at the Dufferin-Wellington Health Unit in Guelph decided on her own to make masks mandatory in all businesses and force the owners to police that mandate on her behalf and penalize them through fines if they don't turn away business of non mask wearers.

Being a business owner I have heard the same stories over and over from our customers these past couple of weeks - "The masks are uncomfortable. It is harder to breathe with them on. They fog up my glasses."

In our community with an aging population, I fear that forcing masks on our seniors especially may do more harm than

I hear that people are reluctant to shop in this district because of the mask policy. Mostly I hear that if they do shop in this district, they restrict their time and money in our stores. Dr. Mercer's mandate is hurting small business in this district but maybe more importantly, it may be hurting the health of its residents, both physically and mentally.

Please write to Sylvia Jones, MPP and Dr. Mercer to rethink this thoughtless act. Social distancing was and still is working. We don't need a mask policy. We shouldn't have to live in fear.

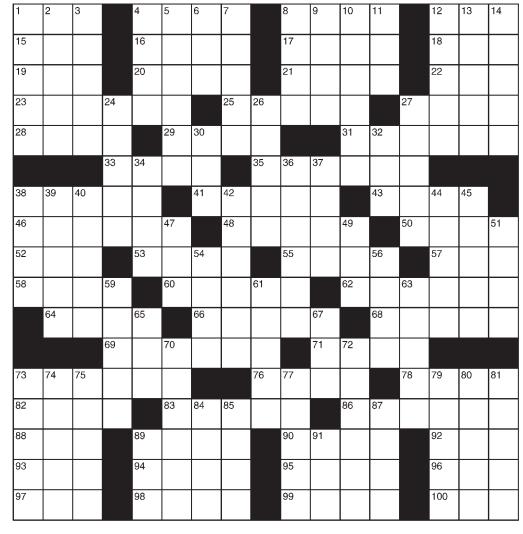
**Kevin Turner** 



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34. Marine hazard

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39. Squash

40.Croc's kin

42.Foursome

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45.Legal right

47.Brownie

49.Bow wood

51.Recognized

54.Nimbus

56.Sitar music 59. Watch over

61.Overweight

63. Window curtain

65.Literary monogram 67.Pen filler

70.Remember

72.Expurgate

73.Luster

74. Fast dance

75. Wooden lane

77. Sap-sucking insect 79. Proclamation

80. Sacred table

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91.\_\_\_ cube

## SHELBURNE PORTS

#### Driving ranges providing outdoor activity to many this summer

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

With limited possibilities to enjoy outdoor sports this summer, local golf related businesses are seeing a surge in the number of people taking up the sport.

At the 10 & 10 Driving Range on Highway 10, it has been a busy season as people come out to hit a bucket of balls and spend some time having fun in the outdoors.

The driving range gives you the opportunity to practice and improve your swing.

If you're a newbie, a couple of trips to the range will help you learn how to hit a ball, rather than get out on the course your first time out and find you are hitting 'worm burners' for 18 holes.

The 10 & 10 Range was delayed opening this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic and they delayed the opening even longer to make sure they were ready for the public.

"We opened on June 1," explained Range owner, Jasbir Kooner. "We normally open in mid April. We were allowed to open earlier but we made the decision ourselves not to open. We wanted to have enough information to keep everyone safe. We didn't rush into it."

Following the new protocols required some extra work for staff on the site.

While the driving range is open, they have not opened the miniature golf course as they don't want a lot of people handling the golf clubs.

"We wash the balls," Jasbir said. "We wash the balls twice and we put bleach in there. We try to do whatever we can. The min-putt is closed. We don't rent any clubs. Everybody has to have their own clubs and there's no club sharing.

A driving range naturally provides space between people so social distancing really isn't a problem.

"We've always had extra space," Jasbir said of the way patrons are distanced on the range. "Most driving ranges have people eight feet apart. Ours are ten feet. We took away a ada comes to the range every year and maning to get into the sport. couple of spots just to spread things out. On age to hit 400 years into the field beyond the the grass tees they are about 12 feet apart."

The range is about 300 yards from the tee



DRIVING DEEP: With limited choices for sports this summer, the golfing industry has seen a surge in the number of people playing this year. At the 10 & 10 Driving range, the tees were fully on Saturday, June 27, with a lot of golfers getting in some driving practice. Golfer, Eric, takes a swing on the 300-yard range.

"We are definitely busier. We're finding it busier than ever before. We are busier on the your skills while enjoying a sport that is ap-Jasbir said they have seen an increase in week days and on the weekends we've see preciated by a lot of people. to the end of the fair. Although Long Ball Can-business this year with many new people try-around a 20 to 30 per cent increase in busi-

The range provides an opportunity to hone

#### Shelburne Soccer forced to cancel 2020 season, with COVID-19 restrictions still in place

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

Soccer is the latest sport to throw in the towel for the 2020 season.

cer taking place this summer.

However, since then, the Club had to October to allow for a complete season. All

back on to the soccer pitch.

tive have been weighing options on how distancing protocols, as well as the many registered players every year. The Shelburne Soccer Club has announced we would be able to play," said Club pres-other restrictions set in place by the Governthat there will be no house league or rep soc-ident, Chris Valade, in a statement. "We ment of Ontario and Public Health boards, appointed, they aren't alone. have exhausted all possible options which this was an indication to us that a season, The Club had originally planned to start include, but were not limited to, the follow- even a truncated one, would not be able to sport has been put on hold this year. That playing after July 1, when it was predicted ing: playing a shortened season once fields proceed. We had to make this decision for may extend into the winter months as well. local parks would again be open for activi- were opened; playing additional nights to make up games; extending our season into

with the field restrictions being extended by "For the past three months, the execu- the Town of Shelburne to July 20th, physical the safety of the players, coaches, officials, and parents."

The Club is now providing refunds to those their hockey arenas this fall.

reconsider their options for getting kids options were discussed, and unfortunately who paid fees for the season. They are also offering credits toward next season.

Shelburne soccer usually has around 400

While soccer fans and players will be dis-

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Several municipalities are currently decided if they are even going to put ice in



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#### Local tutoring company publishes new early literacy eBook

#### Written By PAULA BROWN

published an eBook as part of her tutoring reading. program and company Mini-Intel.

she teaches the fundamentals of early lit- the very beginning," said Daley. eracy, preparing children for grade 1. Her for the last decade.

"My program, which is the eBook that cally overall. I'm launching, takes the parents from when your child is born and takes them simply from A to Z, letter sounds, three letter word kids grow, I'm able to slowly build from the families, from the three letter word families they build bigger word families, and Daley. sight words that you can't sound out that you have to know that build that fluency in started with promoting early literacy learn- her to put some foundation to some of the reading," said Daley.

A graduate of Cambrian College, Daley for grade 1. is a teaching assistant and Montessori eddecade, 7 years of which have been spent all the fundamentals intact by the time your

found her way into the education system everything becomes more serious." Shelburne educator Suzette Daley has after seeing her first daughter struggle with

"I tried a lot of different tutoring compa-Mini-Intel, short for mini intellects, is a nies and they didn't really have the foundalast year. She began developing the outline tutoring program created by Daley where tional stuff that I needed to take her back to for the eBook two years ago.

eBook, Guide to Early Literacy, is an online ley says she started picking the brains of Daley. version of the program she's been building different parents whose children, she saw, were excelling with reading and academi- young daughter, Alexandra, is one of Da-

> "I asked around and decided I needed to formulate my own program so when my beginning and carry them through," said

ing for children, helping to prepare them

ucator who has been tutoring for the last cate them around the importance of having mini-intel.com.

in Shelburne. A hairstylist by trade, Daley child gets to grate 1, because that's when

Promoting early literacy, she began her one-on-one program with table placemats and has been doing online sessions for the

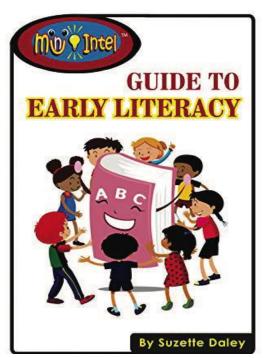
"I moved all the information that were on It was with her second daughter that Da- the placemats onto an eBook format," said

> Shelburne resident Andrew James' ley's tutoring students. James enrolled his daughter in the program after watching her thrive working alongside Daley in junior kindergarten.

older sisters so she's been pretty articu-Starting Mini-Intel 10 years ago, Daley late," said James. "But this program helped things that she was already learning"

"She wasn't struggling, and she has two

Daley's eBook Guide to Early Literacy "When I speak with parents I really edu- launched June 22 and can be bought at



GUIDE TO EARLY LITERACY: Shelburne resident Suzette Daley's new eBook is avail-

#### Shelburne finds new dispatcher for local fire department, transition coming soon

Written By MIKE BAKER

service.

The Orangeville Fire dispatch service is switching from the Orangeville Police Service to the Tillsonburg Fire & Rescue Service's communications centre on July 27, Lemaich. We are in very good hands." in a move that will save the Town approximately \$60,000 per year.

Currently, OPS provides all dispatch services for the local fire department, however, tend for a further two years. with the Town expected to transition its policing services to OPP by Oct. 1, they needed ness owner whose property is monitored by to secure a new dispatcher. The OPP does an alarm system to notify the organization not provide dispatch for any service other of the change in emergency dispatch phone than the provincial police force.

ment, which services Grand Valley, Mul- emergency calls will still be reported using mur and Melancthon, have also reached an 911. agreement to have Tillsonburg Fire & Rescue take over its dispatch service.

"Tillsonburg provides fire dispatch for the istration at 519-941-3083 ext. 6521.

Towns of Ingersoll, Kincardine, Tiverton, Lucknow, Elmwood, Walkerton, Hanover, The Town of Orangeville has secured a Fort Erie, Chippewa's of the Thames and Elnew dispatcher for the municipality's fire gin County (excluding the City of St. Thomas) for a total of 25 stations," said Orangeville Mayor Sandy Brown. "This is a professional service headed by former Shelburne Fire Chief, and new Tillsonburg Fire Chief, Brad

> According to a post made by Mayor Brown on his social media channels, the contract will run until July 2023, with an option to ex-

The Town is asking any resident or businumber. The new number is 519-842-3229. The Shelburne and District Fire Depart- For alarm testing, call 519-842-2481. All

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#### Special Council meeting a no-go in Amaranth

Written By PAULA BROWN

ranth Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits to discuss sen did not attend the meeting, both unable flying the Pride flag in Amaranth, was a no- to due to prior arrangements. go last week after three of the municipality's elected officials failed to show.

The special meeting was scheduled to be not met, with Gerrits and Coun. Gail Little display at Amaranth Town Hall. as the only attendees. Amaranth Mayor Bob

Currie did not respond to the request for the meeting, after previously refusing to hold it. A special council meeting, called by Ama- Coun. Heather Foster and Coun. Mark Tjis-

> Required to go for 30 minutes, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

The meeting was intended to put a modone electronically through Zoom at 12 p.m. tion to the floor requesting a vote by council on Friday (June 26). Deputy Clerk Nicole in favour of having the Pride flag raised at Martin did a roll call for councillors, which town hall. Although the flag cannot be flown determined that quorum for the meeting was as there was no vote, there will be one on

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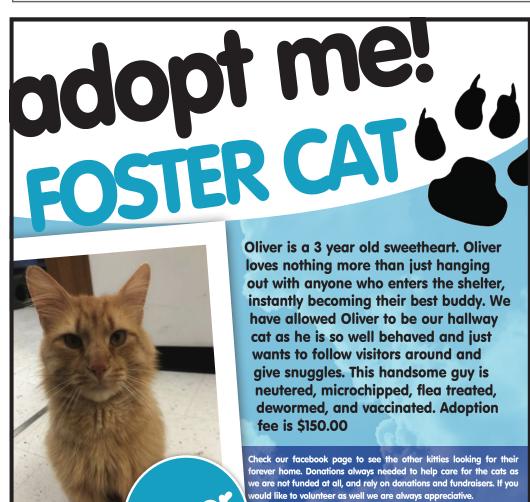
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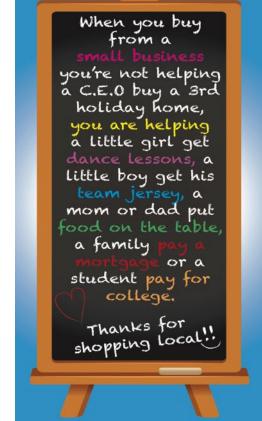
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#### Celebrate Your Awesome takes on new meaning in light of recent controversy

Written By MIKE BAKER

"Now, more than ever, we need to make sure our LGBTQ community knows they have our full support."

While Pride Month, alongside practically everything else, may have been somewhat overshadowed this year due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, recent comments made by one Dufferin County politician made it "absolutely vital" for the third annual Celebrate Your Awesome, the region's popular Pride event, to take centre stage this past

On Saturday (June 27), this year's Celebrate Your Awesome was held in a virtual format, bringing thousands of people together from across the community to, well, celebrate everything that makes them awesome.

"We made the decision, as a committee, two months ago. We saw how much other organizations had hosting online events, and decided to make this a bit of an at-home party," said Lisa Post, one of the founders of the event. "By moving forward and holding an online party, we're sticking true to what we do - we want people to have fun, celebrate and be themselves."

At its peak on Saturday evening, the Celebrate Your Awesome live feed, which aired on Facebook, had more than 2,000 viewers. While the feed dropped out on a couple of occasions, it didn't seem to stop anyone involved from continuing on with the fun. The feed aired live from a warehouse in Orangeville, and highlighted a professional DJ, while also presenting an opportunity for his comments and, going one step further, bers to stop by and say a few words.

The feedback to the event has been "amazimportant, she believes, considering the she heard the comments. damage controversial comments made by Amaranth Mayor Bob Currie last week did licly from a leader in our community, it to the local LGBTQ community.

speaking out against raising the Pride flag focused on education, and making sure peoat Amaranth Town Hall, went on something ple understand what Pride is all about, and of a tirade against LGBTQ people, stating what inclusion means. When comments like "if everybody was either lesbian or homo- that are made, it sets us back and pushes us fortable together," Ms. Post said. "We want the support it needs. sexual, this would be the last generation back years," Ms. Post said. on earth, because two homosexuals cannot produce offspring, (and) two lesbians can- County Council, after Ms. Post had made a us a unique, diverse and amazing commu- make sure that, through Pride Month, there not produce offspring".

were either gay or lesbian, "this would be had "no idea in the world" what Celebrate the last generation on earth".

with many local dignitaries condemning his awesome. views. An appearance on Newstalk1010 last week, with Jim Richards, saw Mr. Cur- ple know exactly what you're celebrating. rie essentially "double down", as Mr. Rich- Awesome, to me, doesn't mean a thing," Mr. ards described it, refusing to apologize for Currie said.



PRIDE AND DIVERSITY: Local LGBTQ activist and leader Ricky Schaede, pictured above, poses for a photo at the third-annual Celebrate Your Awesome event, which emanated virtually from Orangeville on Saturday evening.

referring to same-sex relationships.

Ms. Post, who also serves as a member of ing", says Ms. Post. That particular point is Orangeville Council, was dismayed when Pride-based event. Celebrate Your Awesome to take the focus away from those who

"When comments like that are made pubreally sets us back. We, as a committee with As reported last week, Mr. Currie, when Celebrate Your Awesome, have really been

During a recent meeting of Dufferin brief presentation highlighting the fact the nity." He would then question why he would third-annual Celebrate Your Awesome was Your Awesome means, stating there is no His comments have been widely criticized, part of the body designated as, or named

"This should not be camouflaged. Let peo-

Celebrate Your Awesome committee mem-stating "I don't support that lifestyle" when brate Your Awesome is not disguised in any

is about including everybody. That's why it's named that way. It is an event that celebrates ucated opinion and really turn the focus to who you are as a person. It celebrates everything that makes you unique. Every person's differences are valuable, and Celebrate Your some event now in the books, Ms. Post is Awesome allows all people to come together looking forward to building on the momenfrom different races, religions, creeds, sex- tum generated over the past three years to ual orientation and genders and feel com- ensure the local LGBTQ community receives to celebrate everything that makes each one of us awesome, because that's what makes is top of mind. With this event, we want to

The issue was discussed at length during want to support Pride, when, if everyone taking place, Mr. Currie remarked that he a recent video posted to the Town of Oran- to make sure our LGBTQ community knows geville's YouTube page, titled 'Diversity they have our full support," Ms. Post said. Series – LGBTQ'. There, Mayor Sandy Brown gathered with Ms. Post, fellow Cel- made, it's even more important to spread ebrate Your Awesome committee member a positive message and let our community Ricky Schaede, and Theatre Orangeville duo know they're safe, and that (Mr. Currie's) Becky Morris and Sharyn Ayliffe to discuss feelings aren't in the majority. They need to the recent comments made by Mr. Currie, know they can still feel safe and welcome in and the overall thoughts of diversity in Oran-their own home."

geville and Dufferin County.

Each individual took their turn to speak, with Mr. Schaede believing the comments made by Mr. Currie was setting a bad example for people in our community. There has, in Ricky's eyes at least, been one positive to come out of all of this.

"We have had a tremendous outpouring of support from the community. There's a petition going (that has over 14,000 signatures), there's been lots of messages of hope, inspiration and support for the LGBTQ community," Mr. Schaede said. "What I'm going to take away from all of this is we have to work even harder, we have to become more visible. I am so proud to be a gay man living in this community, and proudly being who I am, and doing what I want because I know there's nothing wrong with me. There's nothing wrong with anybody who is LGBTQ. We all deserve to be here."

He added, "Humanity is this beautiful tapestry of all these different types of people. What that tapestry needs is more uniqueness, more beauty, not more of the same. Don't be afraid to be who you are."

More needs to be done in terms of educating our community, and educating our youth about LGBTQ issues, according to Mayor Brown. For Ms. Ayliffe, she believes there needs to be a key change in the way people think about the LGBTQ community.

"Those who have a platform to speak, to lead, my call is to them to really take the opportunity to spread positivity, to spread education, to spread a message of love and acceptance. That last part is key - not just In response, Ms. Post opined that Cele-tolerance, but acceptance," Ms. Ayliffe said. "Acceptance of your fellow community members - your neighbours, your family, "We're not trying to hide that we're a your friends. There is an opportunity there choose to spew an ignorant belief and unedpositive motion forward."

With the third-annual Celebrate Your Awe-

"For us, pride, inclusion and diversity is a way for all of us to stick together as one community. Now, more than ever, we need "With the recent comments that have been

#### Georgian College hosts virtual celebration for graduates, looking ahead to new year

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

For the first time in 52 years, Georgian now numbers more that 85,000 worldwide." College won't have graduates receiving their least not in the usual way.

Instead, the College will roll out a virtual red carpet to celebrate student's accomplishments.

"This has been a challenging year for friends. our graduates, it certainly isn't what they their accomplishments and resilience and ified date.

want to celebrate them now by welcoming them into the Georgina alumni family, which mail this summer.

The College launched a virtual celebration diplomas at a June graduation ceremony – at on June 30, featuring congratulatory videos, social media message board.

Graduates are encouraged to host watch parties with their classmates, family, and place at the College facilities.

This virtual celebration does not replace expected," said MaryLynn West-Moyes, col- the official convocation ceremony, which lege president and CEO. "We're proud of will be held in the future at an, as yet, unspec-

Graduates will receive their credential via remotely.

grams at the Orangeville Campus this year.

When it comes to starting a new semester a graduate scroll, virtual photo booth, and in September, the College has announced the College website lists all courses availperson and on-campus learning will take will be taught in person or remotely.

ery wherever possible.

At the Orangeville Campus, Business proudgeorgiangrad.ca. Fundamentals, Early Childhood Education, and Pre-Health Science classes will be held

Carol Freeman

The Practical Nursing programs and Per-There are 34 students graduating from prosonal Support Worker programs will be held in classrooms at the campus.

For prospective and returning students, that only classes that require necessary, in able, the campus location and whether they

Graduating students who would like to be They plan to continue with remote deliv- a part of the virtual graduation ceremony can register by visiting the website at www.

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