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Province approves 'much needed' expansion at Shelburne's Hyland Heights Elementary School

Written By PAULA BROWN

The Ontario government has approved a multi-million dollar expansion to Hyland Heights Elementary School, which will see an increase in student spaces at the local institution.

"The funding for this addition to the Hyland Heights is great news for Shelburne. As one of the province's fastest growing communities, creating new spaces in our schools to meet the growing need is important," said Sylvia Jones, MPP for Dufferin-Caledon in a press release. "This investment will provide a quality learning environment and new opportunities for students, teachers and staff at Hyland Heights."

The Upper Grand District School Board received approval from the provincial government last Thursday (July 23) to have an expansion added to Hyland Heights Elementary School. The approval comes following an announcement by the Ontario government, that it will be investing \$500 million to build 30 new schools and make upgrades to

15 existing ones.

"From modernizing our curriculum to revitalizing our classrooms and their facilities, we are investing in our students and giving them every tool to achieve their full potential," said Education Minister Stephen Lecce. "Our financing of the addition to the Hyland Heights Elementary School further demonstrates our government's historic investment in Ontario's schools and our overall commitment to supporting our students and families."

Hyland Heights Elementary is a junior kindergarten to grade 8 school, located at 200 Fourth Ave. in Shelburne. The school provides education to students from Shelburne and the surrounding rural communities of Amaranth, Riverview, Melancthon and Corbetton.

UGDSB trustee Lynn Topping says that the school board has been asking for an approved addition for about three years.

"We could see that things were going to change population wise," said Topping in an interview with the Free Press. "It's really

nice that it's been accepted this year and we are very proud of that because people have done a lot of work to prove that we need this by estimating numbers for the future growth of Shelburne."

The expansion to Hyland Heights Elementary School will look to add additional classroom spaces for the school. The expansion will add 92 new elementary student spaces to the school's current population of 477 according to UGDSB.

"It makes it that the classes will not be as compacted as what they have been," said Topping, adding that with the new subdivisions being built that there will be increased pressure on schools in the community.

"The announcement of funding for the addition to Hyland Heights Elementary School in Shelburne is wonderful news," said Topping. "Thank you to the Ontario government and to MPP Sylvia Jones for recognizing the need of Shelburne and the Upper Grand District School Board, and for continuing to support the constant and consistent learning of the students in our area."

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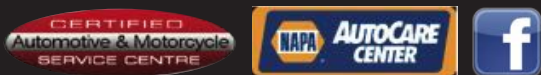
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Speed concerns in town brought up at Council meeting

Written By PAULA BROWN

Concerns addressing speeding problems in Shelburne were brought up during the council inquiries portion of Town Council's Monday (July 27) meeting.

"Recently I've had some community members reach out with concerns about speeding," said Coun. Lindsay Wegener. "What can we do to reduce the speeding in town?"

The question was turned over to Jim Moss, Director of Development and Operations for the Town of Shelburne, who said the best mitigation for speeding is through police enforcement.

"When you hit people in the wallets that is when they start to listen," said Moss.

The use of speed bumps or stop signs, which are meant to be used as a safety device rather than traffic control, were brought up during the inquiry. Moss says that speed bumps are not generally used due to winter control issues.

"They are used in more low traffic areas,

parking lots, backs lanes, high pedestrian traffic area," said Moss. "If you start to put them on main roads that have speed, our two major road speeds are 40 mph and 50, you could do some serious damage to a vehicle or a commercial truck."

Shelburne has three speed signs that flash and alert drivers who are driving over the speed limit. The signs also keep track of the speeds and traffic volume, which can inform police of speeding in specific areas in town.

"Enforcement is definitely the way to go with it," said Moss.

Mayor Wade Mills said that he and Deputy Mayor Steve Anderson will bring up the various concerns that council has heard relating to speeding to the police board during the next meeting.

Shelburne Police Services (SPS) in June reported four incidents of high speed driving and stunt driving in the town. These incidents occurred on June 2, June 19, June 20, and June 25 and lead to charges of stunt driving resulting in the impounding of the vehi-

cles and suspension of the licenses.

Coun. Walter Benotto said that he will be asking for a fourth speed sign this year to add to the current ones as he says three doesn't adequately cover the roads with the growth of the town.

"With the alternate routes through town when traffic is heavy it just makes sense that we have them in place," said Benotto. "I know they don't deter the speeders at the time, but they do give the police information as to where the best places are to patrol."

Temporary lane closures on Main Street as road undergoes reconstruction

Written By PAULA BROWN

A part of Main Street (Hwy. 89) in Shelburne will be condensed to one lane for three days, with repaving operations set to finish the ongoing road resurfacing construction that has been occurring for the last month.

Starting on Wednesday, July 29 at 7 a.m. the repaving construction will go until July 31. Main Street, between the Hyland Village subdivision and Adeline Street, will be reduced to one lane. Street parking from Gordon Street to approximately 30 m east of Adeline Street will also be temporarily eliminated during the construction days.

"We will make all efforts to minimize in-

convenience to those affected," said a release from the Town of Shelburne.

The construction is part of a project to widen the roadway to include a turning lane for the Hyland Village subdivision and to repave work from a sewage line put in last year.

Jim Moss, Director of Development and Operations in Shelburne said that he does not foresee any more backup for traffic than has already occurred during the last month of construction.

The lane closure will go back and forth between eastbound and westbound lane, with temporary traffic light set up to help direct traffic through the construction zone.

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Police memorial vandalism

As far as stupidity goes, a senseless act of vandalism ranks right up there at the top of the list.

No one benefits from vandalism – no one. I would think even a vandal, unless they are not of sound mind, would look back later and think 'Wow, that was a stupid thing to do.'

Vandalism costs people money. If it's your property, you have to pay for the damage. Even if you somehow recoup your losses through your insurance, it will still cost you money because you can bet the insurance company is going to raise your rates the next time around.

If the vandalism occurs on public property, we all pay for it through our taxes.

The wanton destruction of property is rarely punished severely. Most likely the persons responsible, if caught, may get a small fine or perhaps probation or community service. If they come from a prominent family, where dad plays golf with the right people, the act is quite often played off as simple hijinks

You rarely see a judge order a person to pay for the destruction they have caused. In the rare instances that might happen, it is not enforced.

You can't get blood from a stone so the rest of us foot the bill no matter what.

If someone decided to toss a rock through the front window of your home, you would probably be pretty upset.

You would also probably be quite worried wondering who has some kind of vendetta against your or your family.

If you went to the local cemetery and found that someone had vandalized the grave of your friend or loved one, you would probably be outraged. And deservedly so.

Graveyard vandalism does occur from time to time. Usually it's done by people with nothing better to do on an alcohol fueled night. Occasionally it happens for political reasons, but never a good political reason.

The recent protests and demonstrations that have been happening have been for the most part, peaceful and relatively well organized. At least the ones in our country.

Protests in the U.S. are of a whole different nature.

However there was an incident of vandalism recently in Toronto that not only desecrated a monument, it did a dis-ser-

vice to everyone who's name is etched in the granite memorial, as well as the families of those people who are memorialized.

The Ontario Police Memorial is a granite pedestal with the names of every known Ontario Police Officer who lost their lives in the line of duty.

On top of the pedestal are two bronze statues depicting a male and female police officer in uniform.

Usually when you think of vandalism, most likely it will be attributed to, although not always, bored teenagers seeking some kind of a thrill.

Usually by the time people enter their 20's they outgrow that kind of stupid behaviour.

Well, that's not always the case.

This police monument was vandalized, apparently by a grown woman, who should have known better.

There is a very clear photo of her. Even though she is wearing a face mask and sunglasses, someone who knows her could easily identify her. She is clearly not a teenager.

This woman painted BLM in large red letters across the monument as some

kind of statement.

The monument has the names of 267 Ontario Police Officer who have died in the line of duty dating back to 1820.

What possible good, or what possible statement could be made by defacing this memorial?

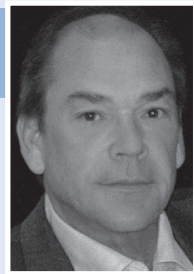
The answer is none. This is no reasonable excuse or reasonable case to be made for defacing a memorial designed to honour those who died while protecting the public and enforcing the laws of the land.

If you have a beef with authorities there are plenty of legal ways you can make your displeasure known. Sneaking up to a cenotaph with a can of red paint is a cowardly and stupid thing to do.

The woman who defaced the memorial hasn't been identified as of yet, but I hope she has seen her photo in the news and is now embarrassed by her actions.

I'm sure she won't be bragging about this incident any time soon.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Editorial

What difference will Torstar sale make?

PERHAPS THE MOST DIFFERENCE in the proposed sale of Torstar Com. for \$52-million was the size.

It wasn't that long ago when the sale of one of the country's largest newspaper chains would have commanded many times that figure. Part of the reason could have been the enormous impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the fact that the five families who owned the conglomerate all wanted out before there was a further decline in ad sales.

The sale happens to be just a few years after Ontario witnessed a huge difference thanks to a deal between Torstar and Postmedia, which essentially eliminated all competition between the two chains and saw the death of some of the nation's best community papers, one being the Collingwood Enterprise Bulletin.

Although there were speculations that the sale would lead to the new owners making the Torstar publications follow the lead of Postmedia in ordering its publications to support the Conservatives in the next election, that seemed to disappear with the proposed selection of former Liberal premier David Peterson to head up the newly private Torstar.

Jordan Bitove and Paul Rivette, who formed Norstar Capital to make the \$52-million bid, denied any plan to make dramatic changes in either the Star or its stable of Metroland papers, which includes the Orangeville Banner, Caledon Enterprise and the Erin Advocate.

However, Wednesday's Globe and Mail included an op-ed piece by Cecil Pascal, a professor at the University of Toronto's Ontario Institute of Studies in Education and former director of the Atkinson Charitable Foundation, which said the sale could lead to the end of "much of Canada's most significant and progressive ethos."

The Star's "unrelenting fight for social justice, civil liberties, workers rights and the important role of the government as a buffer between the individual and society had been central to our national journey and the 'Canadian experience.'"

In its early days, industry insider

John Hinds said he didn't expect the sale of Torstar to a pair of Canadian entrepreneurs would lead to dramatic changes at the company's chain of weekly community newspapers. And he saw the deal as sending some positive signals about the embattled industry.

"I think the good side is that people are interested in owning newspapers and news media, and that is always positive," said Mr. Hinds, CEO of News Media Canada, an advocacy group for daily and community media outlets.

"Our current focus is that we are excited to bring new potential revenue sources and partners to the business and find ways to grow, not cut," said Mr. Rivett, who recently retired from Torstar's largest independent shareholder Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd.

As far as specific plans for Torstar's community newspapers, not much has been said, at this point, but Hinds doesn't expect any major changes.

"Local is key right now and we've certainly seen that in the community sector. I don't see that the ownership is really going to change that. It's really about serving those communities and being the medium of record in those communities, which Metroland (now Torstar communities) has been for a lot of those communities."

He noted the new owners have talked about shifting to a more "digital strategy", but added "it's something you guys have already embraced and are moving forward with".

The sale of Torstar comes at a time when the already struggling newspaper industry is being further battered by dramatic declines in advertising revenue caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

Hinds said that "we've got huge (readership) demand at the same time when a major source of revenue, and for many of the community sectors the primary source of revenue, has disappeared or has been severely cut back."

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Province provides funds to battle hate-crimes in Ontario

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

The provincial government is taking significant steps to support the prevention of hate-motivated crimes in communities across Ontario.

Last Wednesday (July 22), Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones revealed the Province is writing a cheque for \$1.7 million to go towards 'community-based programs to combat hate-motivated crimes.'

"Our government has zero tolerance for hate, racism and discrimination in all forms," said MPP Sylvia Jones, who also serves as Ontario's Solicitor General.

The funding will go towards programs for the next two years, until 2022.

The \$1.7 million is being provided from the Safer and Vital Communities Grant and will be distributed to successful applicants from non-profit organizations and First Nation Band Councils.

The grant "provides funding to community-based, not-for-profit organizations and First Nations Chiefs and Band Councils to address local risks to safety and well-being in the community", according to the Ministry of the Solicitor General's website.

In 2017, Canada had 2,073 police-reported hate crimes, with over 1,000 of them taking place in Ontario. In 2018, there were a total of 1,798 police-reported hate crimes in the country with 762 of them in Ontario.

According to these statistics, Ontario sees more motivated hate-crimes, whether on race or ethnicity, religion and sexual orientation, than any other province.

"We must continue to work together to confront these real-life barriers that threaten and limit opportunities for too many Ontarians," said Jones. "Effective solutions cannot come from government alone, and the Safer and Vital Communities grant will allow community-based organizations to be full partners in the fight against hate in Ontario."

To be eligible for the funding, organizations must apply and be dedicated to address hate-crimes in their community. This can be done in the form of a series of programs such as recreational, youth development and raising awareness.

Applicants will be chosen and announced in the winter of 2021.

In addition to the grant of \$1.7 million toward community organizations, another \$1.6 million is being invested to protect communities against all hate and racism.

Solicitor General and MPP Jones announced on Tuesday (July 28), the new grant that will flow over the next two years to 'create a new Anti-Racism and Anti-Hate Grant program.'

"Racism and hate will not be tolerated and our government is doing everything it can to protect people from being victimized because of their race or religious beliefs,"

said Jones. "This new grant program will be developed collaboratively with community partners across Ontario to ensure it leads to the most effective solutions in the fight against racism and hate in our province. These much-needed solutions cannot come from government alone."

This new grant also falls in line with Ontario's Anti-Black Racism Strategy to combat and break down the barriers to improve and move forward with racial equity. To do this, the government is planning on reviewing government policies, programs and services to provide more opportunities and better outcomes.

Working in the role of Minister Responsible for Anti-Racism, MPP Jones is dedicated to increasing public awareness and bringing vital change.

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INVESTING IN THE FIGHT: Dufferin-Caledon MPP & Solicitor General Sylvia Jones announced \$3.3 million in funding to support community-based programs to combat hate-motivated crimes last week.

Council approves \$113,285 work plan for well testing in community

Written By PAULA BROWN

Shelburne Town Council approved a work plan to complete necessary additional monitoring to two wells in town that will cost \$113,285 plus tax.

PW1 (well one) and PW3 (well three) both underwent rehabilitation work in May 2020 to determine the condition of each well and to improve the well's supply of water. According to the report addressed in a recent council meeting, the wells are currently off-line due to their existing conditions, but test results following the rehabilitation showed sustainable flow for well one, and well three returning to its original rate of flow.

"What was noted during the evaluation of the wells, is both well pumps are insufficient," said Jim Moss, Director of Development and Operations, while introducing the report.

Both pumps for well one and well three have been approved for replacements, but a 72-hour pumping test, which includes pre, during, and post monitoring, is needed for the wells before they can be turned back on. Previous tests similar to the one needed were done in Shelburne in October 2016 and March 2017.


"Without well one or well three we've already started to get into short water supply issues with respect to summer time use," said Stephen Burnett, the principal engineer.

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) has guidelines and policies that recommend that a municipality is able to meet the maximum day demand for water supply in the community if one well is offline. The report states that Shelburne, with both wells offline, does not meet the criteria from MECP.

In the report it was also noted that well three may be considered a Groundwater Under the Direct Influence of Surface Water (GUDI). Tests will have to be run to determine the status and treatment to the water supply may be required.

"There is currently no treatment at PW3 and therefore PW3 cannot be put back online without confirming of its GUDI status and any corresponding treatment requirements," said Burnett in the report.

The work plan and costing to go ahead with the tests required to turn both wells back on was approved by council.



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- 41. Release the pressure on
- 42. Water pitcher
- 43. X marks it
- 44. Travel
- 45. Penetrating preposition
- 47. Pizazz
- 48. Crooked
- 51. Kind of bean
- 53. Stinking
- 55. "____ Will Buy?"
- 56. Bearing
- 57. Move quickly
- 59. Addition symbol
- 61. Spice-rack item
- 63. Peace pact
- 64. Drove
- 66. Fodder
- 67. Molar's coating
- 68. Brilliance
- 69. Scold
- 70. Mellow
- 72. Spin
- 74. Banish
- 76. Once
- 77. NBC's peacock, e.g.
- 79. Trim
- 83. Pinch hitter
- 84. Tide or key

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- 1. Computer fodder
- 5. Pound
- 9. Dangle
- 12. Toward the rear
- 15. Be adjacent to
- 16. Canyon sound
- 17. Dusk
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- 19. Pine product
- 20. Rake
- 22. Metal-bearing rock
- 23. "It ____ to Be You"
- 24. Excursion
- 25. Czech or Swahili
- 27. Gulch
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- 33. Surround
- 36. Sniff

- 39. Infant's shoe
- 43. Hornet's bite
- 46. Music player
- 49. Hem's partner
- 50. Southern corn bread
- 51. Fluid-filled pouch
- 52. Dregs
- 53. Meld
- 54. Three strikes
- 55. Skilled wage earner
- 57. Jewish feast
- 58. Sports prize
- 60. Unimpaired
- 62. Detest
- 65. Din
- 68. Tan
- 71. Flat fee
- 73. Common salt additive
- 75. Swindler
- 78. Cowboy country
- 80. Slack

- 81. Rim
 - 82. Place for a diner
 - 84. Illuminating device
 - 85. Summer fruit cooler
 - 86. Cpl.'s superior
 - 87. Incite
 - 88. Architectural curve
 - 89. Lacrosse team number
 - 90. Child's treasure
 - 91. Ran
 - 92. Healthy
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 - 2. On a ship
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 - 4. Gobbled
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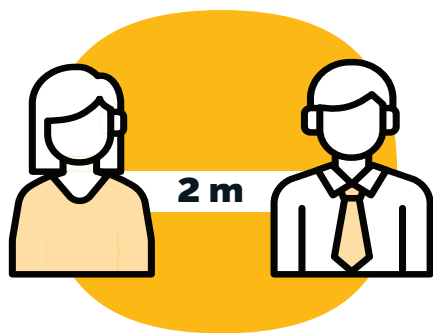
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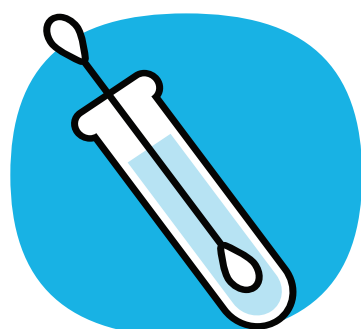
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LOCAL LEGION TO REMAIN CLOSED: The Shelburne Legion announced on Friday (July 24) that they would not be opening their doors despite the regions move to phase 3 in recovery from COVID-19

Local legions grappling with decision to open or stay closed

Written By PAULA BROWN

While local businesses are continuing to reopen as much of Ontario moves into Phase 3 of the provincial economic reopening, local legions are juggling with the “difficult decision” to remain closed, or reopen their doors to the public.

The Shelburne Legion, Branch 220, announced last Friday (July 24) that they would not be opening to the public despite the region moving forward in Phase 3 and the indoor capacity increasing.

“After having numerous discussion, we’ve decided that because of the protocol and the capacity ruling that it wouldn’t be financially feasible for us to start at the moment,” said Lesa Peat, President of the Shelburne Legion. “We would like to keep our veterans and our groups safe.”

Forced to close their doors back in March, during the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic, Royal Canadian Legions across the country are currently facing uncertain futures due to financial burdens—many of which will never reopen their doors.

Peat says that she has kept a COVID-19 file through the pandemic that shows what the Shelburne Legion has lost financially, comparing it to last year’s numbers. Much of the lost revenue has come from the cancellation of events like Bingo, and the canteen, but a big part of the revenue loss has come from the lack of hall rentals.

“We were pretty much booked solid for the month of March, April and May for the halls,” said Peat adding that the Shelburne Legion hasn’t lost a “crazy” amount of money, with lottery funds allowed to be used toward utility bills.

“If we didn’t have that, we probably wouldn’t be in operation in less than a year,” Peat admitted.

Although COVID-19 has brought up concerns of closures to legions due to finances, the uncertainty has affected the veterans that visit and rely on the legions.

“When you do talk to these older gentle-

men and ladies, what they’re saying is that they miss the communication, they miss the camaraderie, they miss their friends,” said Peat.

The Shelburne Legion is looking to reopen sometime around Sept. 1, but a meeting in August will determine if they go through with it.

While the Shelburne Legion decided to remain closed, the Orangeville Legion officially opened their doors to the public on July 20.

In early 2020, the Orangeville Legion had to take on debt to deal with a repair to a portion of the roof. In February the Legion experienced a flood and a fire, then March came around with the coronavirus pandemic and they were forced to close.

“We barely got ourselves open for about a week with only temporary use, and then we had to shut down for COVID,” said President Barry Kimber.

Despite being open for a week, Kimber says that the numbers are considerably slower than what they had expected with the doors reopening.

Restrictions in Phase 3 have stopped activities such as Bingo and Euchre, that generate revenue for the legion, from commencing due to the risk of transmission. A GoFundMe page has been set up in the hopes of raising \$10,000 to go towards outstanding bills for the Orangeville branch.

Kimber, in an interview with the Free Press on Monday, said they were going to give it another week before assessing whether to reduce the days they are open or close the branch again.

“We’re eating money up rather than generating money right at the moment,” said Kimber.

Legions across Canada have filed insurance claims for loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many of which have been denied. A class action lawsuit with 625 RCL branches as plaintiffs has been filed against the insurance company Aviva Canada, seeking a payout of \$20 million.




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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Locals enjoying some fly fishing at popular Pine River spot

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

For local anglers, the Pine River provides a combination of running water and a small lake for different types of fishing.

The Pine River Provincial Fishing Area in Mulmer is a hidden gem of nature surrounded by trees on all sides giving the impression you are in a more remote location than you really are.

The lake was created by a dam at the east end of the park. At the west end of the park, the Pine River flows into the lake with a good current creating running water.

Stocked with 10,000 brook trout in 2018, there are still plenty of fish in the water as well as other species who hide among the reeds and submerged logs.

While some anglers prefer a standard reel with bait or a lure, others find the area perfect for fly fishing.

Fly fishing relies on a different type of reel, weighted line, and intricately crafted lures that are designed to look like a winged insect.

The fly lure lands on the water and gives the impression of an insect in distress in the water – the perfect snack for a hungry fish.

The heavier fishing line allows the angler to cast out onto the water. At the end of the line is a nearly invisible filament that leads to a small fly lure.

Local resident Darin Holmes arrived at the park with his fly fishing kit with hopes of reeling in a big one, although he said if he didn't catch anything it was still a good day to be out in nature.

"I'm fishing for pretty much anything that will strike," Darin said. "Usually I catch Rainbow when I fish up river. It's faster flowing water. Down here, (on the lake) you'll get brook trout and the occasional bass. I fish all kinds. I've got fly reels, spinning reel, and two or three big down riggers."

Darin said he has returned to fishing after being away from the sport for six years due to job obligations.

"The main difference with fly fishing is your fly is so light you can't actually cast the fly. In order to cast, the weight of the line is what you're actually casting. There's three different kinds of line. There's a forward weighted line, centre weighted line, and a rear weighted line. River fishers normally use forward weighted line. This line is weighted for 65 lbs. There's a joint where there is a mono-filament line attached to the fly. There's usually five or six feet between the end of your casting line and where the fly is."

Like many fly fisherman, Darin makes his own lures.

"It's an art form for many guys," he explained of the workmanship that goes into



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

FLY FISHING: The Pine River Provincial Fishing Area provides an opportunity to try your luck in a pristine location that's not far from town. The tree lined river in Mulmur gives the impression you are far away from civilization. Darin Holmes and Josh Hillis cast their lines on Saturday, July

created lifelike flies from different materials. The Pine River Provincial Fishing Area is somewhat off the beaten path in Mulmur. It is accessed from River Road but you'll have to watch for the sign to find the narrow entrance. The area provides a good opportunity for canoeing, kayaking, and of course fishing.



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Orangeville Outlaws football team to start training next week

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Orangeville Outlaws Football Club will start their training sessions next week with a limited number of players allowed on the field.

The football season was cancelled by the Ontario Football League early in the season when it was decided that the current situation would not allow for a full schedule this year.

The Outlaws had already started their indoor spring training in the dome at the Athlete Institute.

Those sessions were abruptly cancelled as players, coaches and parents waited for more information.

Once the season was cancelled it looked like football players would have to take up golf this year instead.

However the Club rallied when Toronto Argonaut linebacker, Nick Shorthill offered to run training sessions.

The training sessions will take place at the Outlaws' home field at Westside Secondary School.

Players from the Atom, Peewee, Bantam, and Junior Varsity divisions will take part in the weekly workouts.

It won't be your typical football training. The players won't suit up for a regular grid-iron practice. Instead they will be wearing shorts, t-shirts, and cleats only.

There won't be any contact on the field.



FILE PHOTO

TRAINING STARTING UP: The Orangeville Outlaws Football Club will start their training sessions next week, with a limited number of players allowed on the field.

Shorthill has played five seasons in the CFL. He started out with the Montreal Alouettes. He was traded to the Hamilton Tiger-cats where he spent three seasons. He signed with the Argonauts during the 2020 free agency period.

The players should learn a lot during the sessions as well as get some good mid summer exercise.

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FORGOTTEN TOWN: A stone cairn marks the spot where the Whittington Methodist church once stood in the village of Whittington. The long forgotten town was once a thriving place and a popular stop on the Brampton to Owen Sound stage coach route. The only remaining building is the school house which is now a private residence.

No alcohol, no railway relegated small town Whittington to history

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

One thing is for sure, early residents of the region sure enjoyed a drink.

In fact a law banning the sale of alcohol in hotels was one of the reasons the former town of Whittington in Amaranth faded into history.

Whittington was located at what is now the 15 Sideroad and 2nd line in Amaranth.

In the 1850's and 60's, Amaranth Township offered more than its fair share of watering holes along the route between Owen Sound and Brampton.

Whittington sprang up as a rather popular stopping point for stage coaches and visitors.

It was the Whittington House, a well known hotel and tavern, that was the big attraction.

The hotel was owned by Richard Bowsfield (also spelled Bousefield) and built around 1858.

Despite its rather remote location at the time, the Whittington House became a popular place to stop for the night, get a hot meal, and a shot of whiskey.

One half of the building was used as a hotel while the other half served as a general store and post office. The post office opened in 1861.

Mr. Bowsfield was quite the entrepreneur. Around 1862, he along with his partner, William Lewis, started a daily stage coach that ran from Brampton to Owen Sound.

If you're going to run a stage coach, of course you would make sure it stopped at your own hotel to give passengers a break from the rigors of travelling on a poorly constructed dirt road of the time.

They ran the stage coach for about ten years, until the railway laid tracks to service the route.

The success of the Whittington House prompted others to open businesses nearby.

Another establishment was built, called French's Hotel and Dance Hall. Unfortunately, French's burned to the ground in 1873 under mysterious circumstances, although the

fact that there was two competing hotels across the street from each other raised some eyebrows with a lot of suggestion that it wasn't an accidental fire.

An Orange Lodge was built in 1861 on land donated by a man named David Spence. Apparently Spence was the only teetotaler in town as he specified that the lodge could never be used for dancing and liquor was strictly forbidden on the premises.

A school house was built for the town and a couple of churches, one Anglican, the other Methodist, were built so the local alcoholic community could repent on Sunday mornings.

A general store, saw mill, and blacksmith also set up shop in the town.

The Town also had a fairly sizable fall fair complete with horse racing.

The arrival of a rail line in the late 1800's was a huge boon to any town in Ontario. Unfortunately for Whittington, the owner of the lot that was suitable for building a train station decided he didn't want to sell.

The Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway, thanked the town and re-routed the line to stations at Laurel and Fraxa.

That was the first nail in the lid that started shutting down activity in Whittington.

When the Scott Act was enacted in the mid 1880's, forbidding the sale of alcohol in hotels, it pretty much put an end to what was up until them, a profitable business.

Eventually the hotel closed and people moved away.

The buildings were all torn down over time and most of the land was reverted back to farmland.

Today, only the school house remains and is now a private residence.

A small cairn marks the spot where the church once stood.

What began as an enterprising new settlement ended when the temperance movement doused the entrepreneurial spirit in the tavern business and sent those wishing to bend their elbow at the bar to other locations for a drink and a night out.

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Friends and family were received at the Jack & Thompson Funeral Home, Shelburne on Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. The funeral service was held in the funeral home chapel on Thursday, July 30, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. Interment took place at Shelburne Cemetery. If desired, donations to Westminster United Church, the Heart & Stroke Foundation or the charity of your choice would be appreciated. Online condolences may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com

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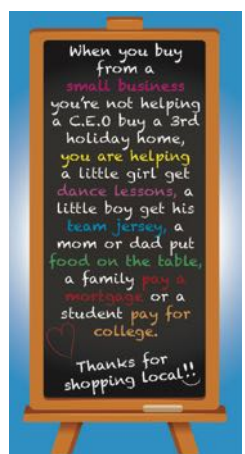
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Dufferin County hosting information session for tourism plan

Written By PAULA BROWN

Dufferin County will be hosting a community information session for its Tourism Strategy and Action Plan on Aug. 11.

The public session will be held virtually via Zoom and will allow for the community to weigh in on the development of the County's five-year Tourism Strategy and Action Plan. The information session is part of a three-stage initiative that is being led by Dufferin County's Economic Development Team and consulting firm Bannikin Travel & Tourism.

According to Tourism In Dufferin, the strategy

"is being created with the interest of stimulating visitation to the region with a defined vision, and in support of its economic development".

In September 2019 Dufferin County Council chose not to renew its \$90,000 per year contract with Headwaters Tourism Association, following a report from the department of Planning, Economic Development and Culture – ending the 25 year partnership. Headwaters Tourism provided tourism activities for Dufferin County, Caledon and Erin.

Following the public information session, the final steps of the Tourism Strategy and Action Plan are scheduled for December

2020, with a presentation to be made to County Council.

The public information session will go from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. with those interested in

attending needing to register before the meeting. Registration for the meeting can be done through www.joinindufferin.com or through the Dufferin County website.

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