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## Ice to be installed at Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex after Thanksgiving

Written By **PAULA BROWN**  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Shelburne residents will soon be able to use the ice rink at the local arena, following a decision from the board of management to have the ice put in for the season.

Approached by some of the local teams and programs that use the ice rink yearly, Chris Gerrits, Chair of the Centre Dufferin Recreations Complex Board of Management, says that the board subsequently made the decision to have the ice put in.

"We were approached by Shelburne Minor Hockey and figure skaters who indicated they had polled their members and there was definitely interest in running a season," said Gerrits. "We discussed with them, had a board meeting to discuss it and we decided that we would put the ice in."

The Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex

(CDRC), located on Fiddle Lane is Shelburne, shut their doors along with other local facilities back in March as a result of the COVID-19 global pandemic. At the time of the closure, the ice was being used in the last weeks of the previous hockey season, but hasn't been used since. The time frame to have the ice in and ready to be used is set for the week of Oct. 12, just after the Thanksgiving holiday.

"Staff will start preparing for that, it takes them about ten days to get every cooled and ready to go," said Gerrits. "They're going to be working on that so that it's available for the Tuesday after Thanksgiving."

The board is currently working on draft procedures and safety protocols, comparing across Shelburne Minor Hockey, Hockey Canada, the figure skating organization and Public Health, that will be decided at their next meeting on Wednesday (Sept. 23).

Gerrits says the procedures will be similar to the ones used during the summer, following the opening of the town pool.

Shelburne Coun. Lindsay Wegener, noted in a Facebook post that the season will be split between hockey, figure skating, and the public from October to December and says that after assessment of operations, participation, and COVID-19 protocol, a January to March season will continue.

"At the end of the day we are a facility that offers a service primarily through ice hockey, swimming, and summer camps and if we're able to do that then my thought is we should be open, observing the proper procedures and if the government tells us that we have to do a complete shutdown, then that's something we have to do," said Gerrits.

The ice rink at the CRDC is scheduled to be open on Tuesday, Oct. 13.



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# Reopening schools safely matters to everyone

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- **Physical distancing** measures will be implemented such as desk separation, signs, floor markings and one-way hallways.
- **Face coverings** will be required for staff and students in Grades 4-12.
- **Hand hygiene** will be enabled with hand sanitizer and hand washing.
- **More nurses** will be in schools.
- **School cleaning** will be enhanced.

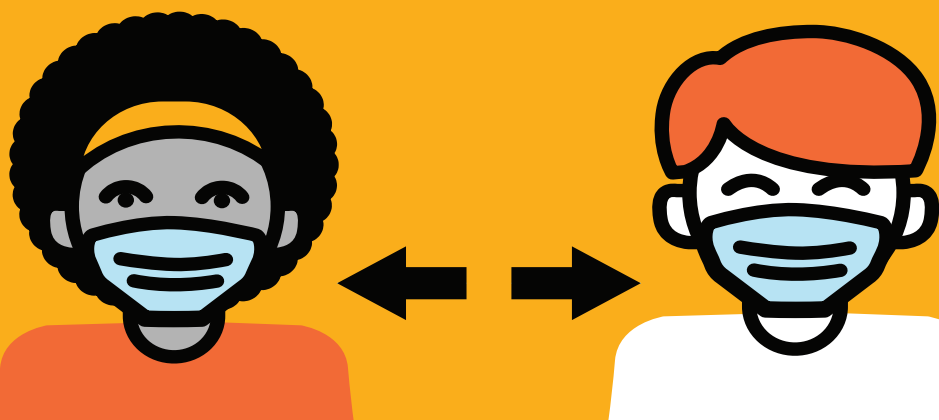


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**SCHOOL'S BACK:** Centre Dufferin District High School Principal Wendy McIntosh stands outside of school on Monday (Sept. 21), it the second week of being open under COVID-19 protocols, and having students and staff on premises for the first time since March.

## Shelburne students, staff reflect on life in post-Covid high school bubble

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

White boards lined up outside the doors designate grade, course, and classroom. Yellow taped lines are spaced six feet apart, and teachers stand at the doors with spray bottles of hand sanitizer as students walk in.

From the outside of Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS) in Shelburne, it's an assembly line of COVID-19 protocols and safety measures. On the inside of the local high school, hallways are now one-way flow; desks are distanced and assigned, with limits placed on the number of students allowed in a bathroom. There are no drinking fountains, no lockers, and no lunch period.

It's a reminder of how far from the norm this school year is for students and staff.

"There is so many things that are different," said Wendy McIntosh, Principal at CDDHS.

Students choosing to return to in-class learning at the local high school started officially on Sept. 14, following a staggered entry. It's the first time that students have returned to the physical classroom, since prior to March Break, when schools were closed due to the global coronavirus pandemic.

"I felt pretty confident because the staff really organized things so that kids could know exactly where they were going," said McIntosh, talking about the first day. "We had signage outside, kids were contacted, they knew what their schedules were and we had other people inside with long lists and schedules if they needed help."

On the first day McIntosh says the whole building was excited to see the students' faces again, to have the "human connection" part of teaching back. However, at the same time, she said there was also a feeling of sadness.

"It's not the same experience for teachers. It's harder to teach like this and it's not the same experience for the kids," said McIntosh.

Wendy Mogensen is a Grade 9 student at CDDHS and the week of Sept. 14 didn't just mark her first day back to school, but also the first day of high school.

"It was a little bit awkward, people weren't really talking to each other and it was different from elementary school because I didn't know everyone," said Mogensen. "It was awkward having to be six feet apart from people because we were in school, but it wasn't that bad."

The "not bad" mentality is what many of the students at CDDHS have been saying about their return to the classroom.

Walking into school with both a guitar case

and backpack, Grade 10 student Lance McAfee said he was one of the few who wouldn't be impacted by the decision to outlaw lockers this year.

"I usually take my guitar to class anyway and I play in there so it's not any different that way, and I usually have my bag, it's only one bag to carry so it's not bad because I used to take it to class anyway," said McAfee.

At the same time students note the strangeness of the safety protocols such as masks, smaller class sizes, and distancing.

Grade 12 student Karylle Valera told the Free Press that, "it was kind of weird coming out of the car and knowing that I have to wear the mask to school."

Sophie McGowan, a Grade 11 student, who is part of the school's second cohort, spoke about smaller class sizes.

"There were only ten people in my first class compared to, I think I had 22 in my last class in Grade 10, there were a lot less people and we were all spaced out," she said.

On the impact that physical distancing might have on students, McIntosh expressed her concern but admitted it's something that has to be maintained due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

"It's not ideal and it does have an impact on them, but I think it's better than just having virtual," said McIntosh. "They still have contact with kids in the class and there's still that social piece even though they're socializing two metres apart."

While for students and staff, September has marked the first time they have entered schools since March, custodians have been working for months to prepare for their eventual return into the school.

Lisa Benham the full-time day-time custodian at CDDHS is one of the individuals that has been preparing the school – moving furniture, removing fabric services, closing bathrooms stalls, taping lines and arrows for distancing, and ordering PPE.

"It's a lot of wiping, a lot of disinfecting," said Benham going on to describe the constant wiping down surfaces done throughout the day.

"You're trying to keep everybody safe and you second guess yourself if you've wiped down a door right," said Benham. "It's stressful."

Asked about if there is pressure as a principal to ensure the school is safe McIntosh said, "Absolutely. When you're a principal the first thing that you are responsible for, whether we're in a pandemic or it's every day, is safety."

### Notice of a Public Meeting Regarding Zoning Provisions for Accessory Dwelling Units in the Township of Melancthon

Council for the Township of Melancthon has initiated a work program to update its zone regulations with respect to accessory dwelling units. The update is intended to create regulations for accessory dwelling units and where such uses may be permitted in the Township.

Interested members of the public are welcome to attend a virtual public meeting with Council to learn more about this initiative. The meeting date is:

**Public Meeting:** Thursday, October 15th, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

This amendment is proposing to create regulations to permit accessory dwelling units in the Township and therefore a key map has not been provided. A draft of the amendment is available for download from the Township's website, under the Planning Section.

**NOTE:** This will be a virtual meeting. If you wish to attend the virtual meeting, please call or email the Township office prior to the day of the public meeting so you can be provided with a link to the meeting. If you do not have the capability to attend a virtual meeting, please provide written comments and a phone number where you can be reached to the Township Clerk prior to the public meeting.

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

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

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

Further information regarding the proposed amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Township of Melancthon Municipal Office on Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Mailing Date of this Notice: September 23, 2020.

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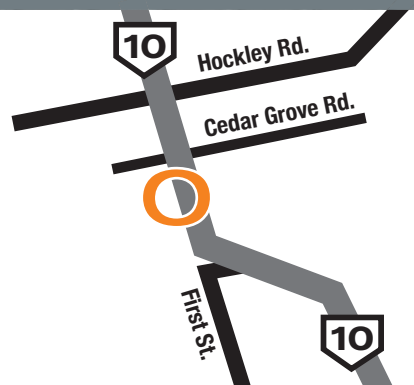


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Our socialized health care system is working quite well.

However, the path to get where we are wasn't a smooth 20th century transition to a happy 'free health care' system that we now enjoy, and it took a long time to achieve.

Quite often we look smugly at our American neighbours and wonder why the most powerful country on earth, is the only modern western nation that doesn't have socialized health care.

We've all heard stories about someone in the U.S. having a serious illness that resulted in them losing their home, savings, and eventually declaring bankruptcy because they simply couldn't pay the medical fees, which can easily reach into the six figure range or even higher if you are in a hospital for an extended period of time.

For some reason, Americans just can't get on-board with socialized medicine. They seem to see it as some kind of communist plot.

The path to socialized medicine in Can-

ada was a very rocky road that we have seemingly forgotten about.

When the idea of starting a provincial or national health care system was first floated around back in the early part of the last century, it was not met with a lot of enthusiasm from some groups.

A poll was conducted in 1949 asking citizens how they would vote on a government-funded health care system, in which they would contribute to financially, there was a favourable response by 80 per cent of those who responded, however the system was firmly opposed by doctors, insurance companies, and some big business outfits for various reasons.

Saskatchewan Premier at the time, Tommy Douglas championed the cause.

Douglas was injured as a child and nearly lost his leg. A well known orthopedic surgeon took interest and agreed to treat him for free if his parents allowed medical students to observe.

Later in life, Douglas said, "I felt that no boy should have to depend either for his leg or his life upon the ability of his parents to raise enough money to bring a first-class surgeon to his bedside."

The introduction of medicare did not come easily. The Canadian Medical Association at the time opposed all publicly funded health care.

When Saskatchewan forged ahead with

a program for universal medical insurance, medical doctors in that province actually went on strike to oppose it and try to force the government to back down.

Around 90 per cent of the province's doctors closed their offices with warnings that doctors would leave the province if socialized medicine were introduced.

Apparently the fact that doctors would go on strike and leave citizens without medical care didn't sit well with residents of Saskatchewan.

An anonymous group actually threatened the doctors with physical harm if they didn't get back on the job.

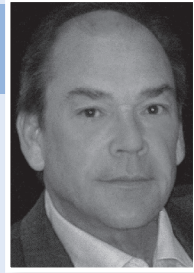
Prior to socialized health care in Canada, doctors charged whatever they wanted for their services.

And just like in the U.S., people claiming bankruptcy was a common result for people trying to pay medical bills. In the long run, it has worked out.

Doctors are not living in the poor house as they feared.

The insurance companies will always come out ahead, and the leaders of big business carry a health card like everyone else.

BRIAN LOCKHART  
 FROM THE SECOND ROW



# When will peace prevail?

The old calculation was simple and brutal: if you want to overthrow a tyrant, you must use violence. There was an occasional exception, like Gandhi's use of non-violent protest to gain India's independence, but people wrote that off as being due to the fact that the British empire, being ruled by a democratic government, was too soft.

Tell that to the descendants of the tens of thousands of Irish, Kenyans, Malaysians, Yemenis, Iraqis, Egyptians, Afrikaners and sundry others who were killed for trying to leave the British empire. It would be truer to say that Ghandian non-violence obliged the British to avoid massive violence in India (and Pakistan and what eventually became Bangladesh got a free ride out on the same ticket.)

And then, after bubbling underneath for four decades with a few partial successes like the American civil rights movement, non-violent tactics exploded into a kaleidoscopic range of peaceful revolutions in the later 1980s. From south and southeast Asia (The Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand, South Korea, Bangladesh) to Iran and the Communist-ruled countries in Eastern Europe, the technique seemed unstoppable.

Peaceful protest was drowned in blood in China in 1989, but it kept notching up victories elsewhere: the Soviet Union itself, most of France's sub-Saharan colonies, South Africa and Indonesia in the 1990s; Serbia, Philippines II, Georgia, Armenia, Ukraine and Lebanon in the 2000s; and Egypt, Tunisia, Syria, Ukraine II and Sudan in the 2010s.

But all the non-violent uprisings of the 2010-2011 'Arab Spring' except Tunisia's ended up being crushed by military coups or civil wars. And none of the current crop, in Belarus, Thailand and Algeria, are heading for a rapid or easy victory. Indeed, they might all fail. What is happening to this technique that once swept all before it?

It's more than three decades since this new technique startled the world, and dictators are not usually fools. They see what happened to their former colleagues who got overthrown, and start working out counter-strategies that weaken the determination and cohesiveness of the protesters.

For example, all but the stupidest dictators now know that while violence can scare individuals and small groups into silence, it is almost always a mistake to use it against very large groups. It just makes them angry, and they'll usually be back the next day in much larger numbers.

Your real objective, as a dictator, should be to trick the protesters into

using violence themselves. Then the thugs who love a street-fight will rise to leadership positions in the protests while most other people withdraw, disgusted by the violence – and then you can use massive violence against the violent protesters who remain.

Dictators have also learned to block the internet and mobile phones at the first sign of protest, or to mine electronic communications between the protest organisers to stop small groups from uniting into an unstoppable big crowd. Keep that up long enough, and you may just wait them out.

Harvard politician scientist Erica Chenoweth is the go-to expert on this, and she has two very

useful numbers for us. The first is that whereas non-violent movements to overthrow illegitimate regimes used to succeed half the time, now they win only one time in three. The other, more encouraging, is that if they can get 3.5 percent of the population out in the streets, they almost always win.

By this measure, the Belarus movement is still within reach of success. 3.5% of Belarus's population is about 300,000 people, and the Sunday demonstrations since early August, including those in cities outside Minsk, probably come close to that figure most weekends. People are not yet bored, cowed, or in despair.

The protests in Thailand against former general and coup-leader Prayuth Chan-o-cha have not yet spread significantly beyond Bangkok, and the mostly student protesters are certainly not even 1% of the population. The movement continues to expand, but its long-term prospects are doubtful.

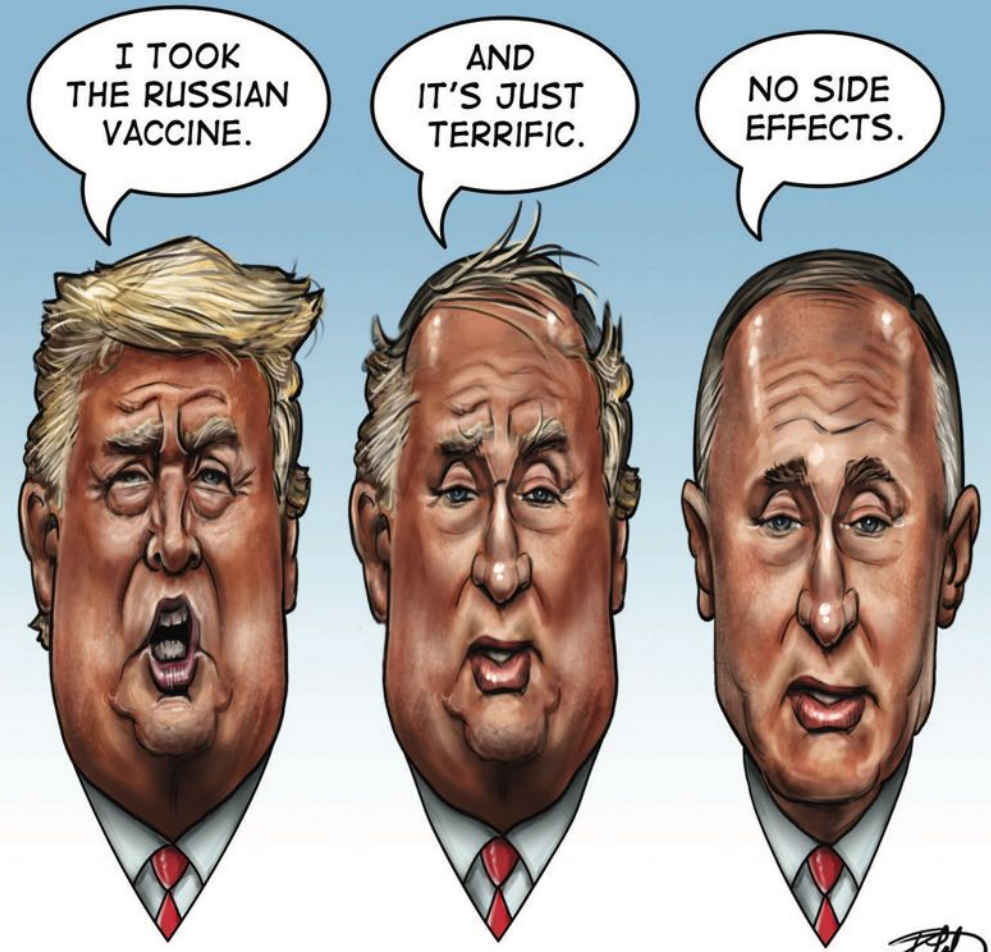
As for Algeria, the recent election of a new president closely linked to the last one (whom the protesters forced to resign last year) has brought the students back out into the streets in force. The Covid-19 lock-down robbed the movement of its momentum, however, and it is unlikely to regain it.

So maybe one success in three for regime change, just as Erica Chenoweth predicts. But her most important insight is that the 3.5% number probably applies to any popular protest movement, including those in democratic countries. The goals of those movements need not be limited to overthrowing dictators.

As she told the Harvard Gazette last year: "(3.5%) sounds like a really small number, but in absolute terms it's really an impressive number of people...Can you imagine if 11.5 million (Americans) were doing something like mass non-cooperation in a sustained way for nine to 18 months? Things would be totally different in this country."



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Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

Campania was a tiny village located in Amaranth Township settled between 1845 and 1865.

The area was flat and arable. It was, and is good farmland, which was what attracted settlers in the first place.

Campania became an official community when John Davis opened a post office in February of 1894.

It may not be fact, but the story goes that Campania got its unusual name because Mrs. Davis recommended it after being inspired by the book, *The Last Days of Pompeii*.

Over the years, the small village began to grow.

The Orange Lodge, chapter 433, was established 1902. They held meetings in the school house, which they rented for \$6 per year for use of the building.

The businesses surrounding the town were all farm based. There was a sawmill, a blacksmith, and apiaries that helped with pollination.

Around 1900 the population was listed at around 50 souls.

In 1901, there was an open air meeting to determine whether they should build a church. The meeting was organized by two ministers, E.J. Adams, and John Coulter. An overwhelming response resulted in the building of a Methodist church on donated land and constructed solely with materials and labour donated by residents of the surrounding community.

As a result, the church opened its doors debt free. The church later became part of the United Church in 1925.

Unfortunately, the growing town never really took off as people seemed to lose interest in the area.

Several townfolk left to seek their fortune in the western provinces.

The post office closed in 1912 following the arrival of rural mail delivery.

Eventually the town just disappeared.

The church was closed in 1960, however it is still standing. It is privately owned and used for storage.

Other than that, there are a few old rural homes that are still standing.

The village itself however, has simply faded into history.



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

**LAST BUILDING STANDING:** The former Methodist Church is the only building still standing in the former hamlet of Campania located in Amaranth Township. The small village reached its zenith at the start of the twentieth century but faded into history as people began to move away. The church is now privately owned and used as a storage building.

## Shelburne Council, Fire Chief ask local drivers to pull over if they see green light

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Shelburne is working to remind local residents, both old and new, that a green flashing light on a vehicle is an indicator of a volunteer firefighter.

During Shelburne's Town Council meeting on Sept. 14, Coun. Lindsay Wegener inquired about possible ways to provide information and education to both old and new community members who might not understand what the green flashing light means.

While there is, presently, no law that dictates drivers should pull over if they see a volunteer firefighter approaching in their rear-view mirror, it's something local residents really should consider doing, says Shelburne Fire Chief Ralph Snyder.

"It is a courtesy light for volunteer firefighters and it gives them no more right than any other driver on the road, but it indicates that they are responding to an emergency," said Chief Snyder. "They're trying to get to the fire hall, to get to the trucks, to respond to an emergency and it would be courteous if people would give them the right of way."

The Shelburne Fire Department, which is **Michelle Hanson trial moved to Guelph in 2021**

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Michelle Hanson, the mother charged in the death of her three-year old son Kaden Young, will have her criminal trial held in a Guelph courtroom.

Appearing in an Orangeville courtroom recently, Superior Court Justice Gisele Miller decided that Hanson's trial will be heard in Guelph.

"The regional senior Justice is the one who makes the decision about where a matter will be heard when there will be a change of venue," said Assistant Crown Attorney Danielle Garbaty.

Marco Forte, the defense attorney for Hanson, requested that the trial be held outside of the of Dufferin County jurisdiction, which was agreed on by the Crown and Justice Miller back in February.

Speaking previously with the Citizen, Forte spoke about looking into the impacts and influence the mainstream media and social media could have on the trial.

"I'm aware of a lot of the social media coverage and different Facebook groups and social media groups that have sprung up as a result of this case and the localized nature of some of those groups," said Forte.

Assistant Crown Attorney Garbaty confirmed that the trial, to be held in Guelph, will start on March 8, 2021. Hanson is being tried on charges of impaired driving causing death and criminal negligence causing death.

On the early morning hours of Feb. 21, 2018 the minivan that Hanson was driving was pulled into the Grand River following heavy flooding. Police say that Hanson drove around a 'road closed' sign at the 10th Line of Amaranth. Hanson and Kaden, who was in the vehicle with his mother, both managed to escape the minivan police say but Kaden was pulled from Hanson's arms. Kaden's body was recovered under a bridge in Belwood Lake by two fisherman on April 21, two months to the day from the incident.

led by new Fire Chief Ralph Snyder, is a volunteer based department. The local department consists of 29 volunteer firefighters, who according to Snyder respond to an average of 300 calls yearly. There are currently 457 fire departments in Ontario, with 426 of those being either part-time or volunteer based. The flashing green light is part of a piece of legislation that was introduced on December 9, 1994 and is used as a way to recognize volunteer firefighters across the province, and is strictly only used in Ontario.

While Snyder says there isn't a particular problem regarding local drivers ignoring flashing green lights around town, it is something he's seen and heard about on occasion. He believes the issue is likely more down to a misunderstanding of the green light concept from people who have moved from areas who don't have to rely on volunteer firefighters, than anything deliberately malicious.

"The green light is to get our guys to the trucks so they can get rolling to the emergency," Snyder emphasized.

Coun. Walter Benotto, during Council's dis-

cussion, noted that although the flashing light indicates a volunteer firefighter, it doesn't allow them "to break any laws".

"They are allowed to come through as quickly as they humanly possibly can, but not break any laws regarding getting to the fire station," said Benotto.

Shelburne at this time has signs in town indicating the green flashing light, and plans to implement reminder posts on the Town's social media accounts, as well as the Town

Hall and Fire Department signboards.

As a final reminder to the public Snyder says,

"They are responding to the hall, to someone else's emergency, it could be anything from a medical assist to a full blown structure fire - they respond the same way to all. So, if you could pull over, let them get to the hall, so they can get that truck rolling as soon as possible because seconds matter quite often on every call that we make," Snyder said.

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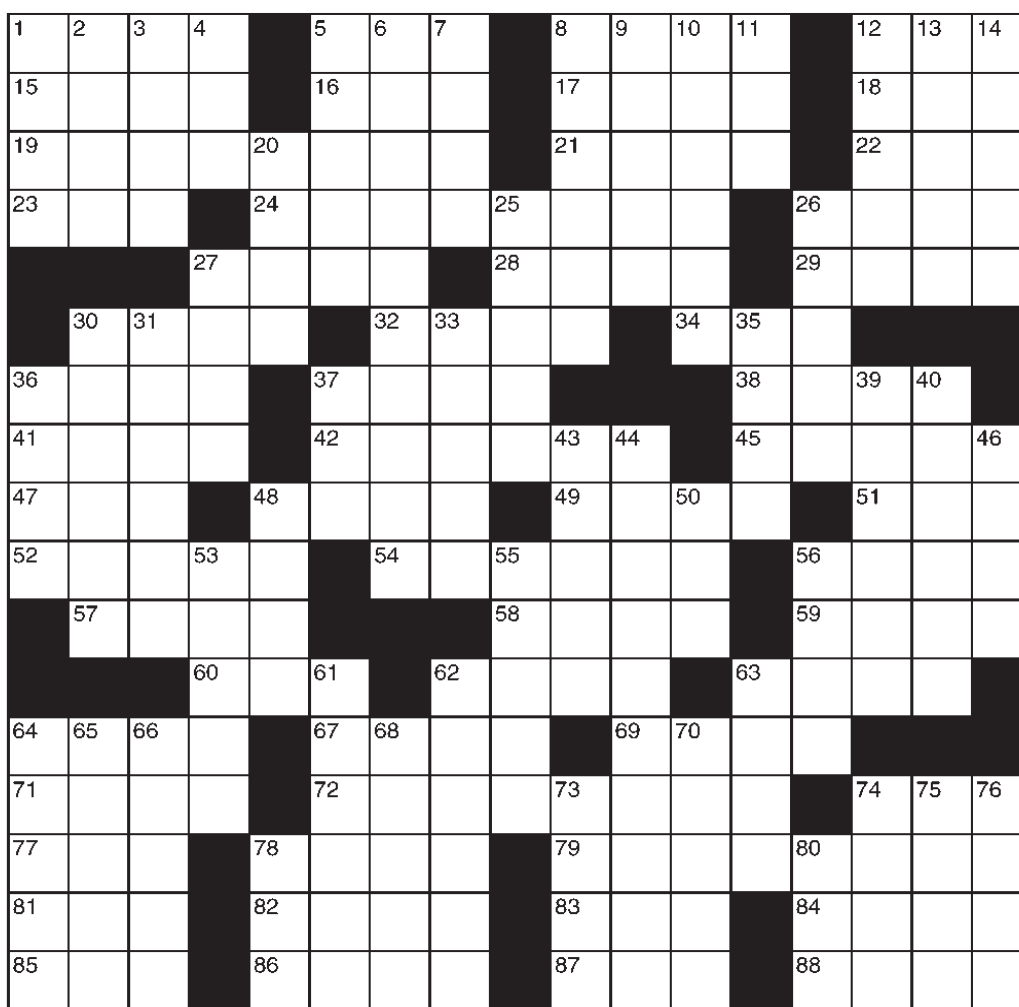
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Bella Carter, her husband and son moved to Shelburne in 2018. Not knowing anyone here, Bella picked up the Shelburne Free Press to see what was happening in town. She saw an ad for the "Welcome Wagon" on one of the pages. Bella contacted the representative and asked for a visit. She received a basket full of items from local businesses to welcome her and her family to the community. She read the letter from the Mayor, appreciated receiving the garbage/recycling schedule, all the fun and useful gifts from local vendors, and especially the coupons. She found out about current events, and started making friends. She will never forget her Welcome Wagon representative. During the pandemic, Welcome Wagon went out of business. Businesses were closed, and visits to homes ceased. Fast forward to Autumn 2020: COVID-19 cases are at an all-time low in Shelburne. The restrictions have relaxed. Bella wanted to see the same service Welcome Wagon provided since 1928. She knew she couldn't do it alone. She reached out to Sandra Gallagher and asked if she could help her start up a similar service to Welcome Wagon. Sandra Gallagher is retired and lives in Mulmur. She was a local business entrepreneur for over 20 years in the Shelburne. Her business was part of Welcome Wagon for many years and knows how important it is to welcome people into a new community. She has served on many local community groups. She is a Shelburne Rotarian for over 13 years and has been integral in raising money for many local charities. Bella knew Sandra's experience and knowledge of the community was perfect to help new residents settle in. Together they founded Shelburne Community Welcome.

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# Mark Tijssen officially resigns from Amaranth Council

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Amaranth Council is down one councillor and one vote after Coun. Mark Tijssen made his resignation from municipal government official last week.

"The acting clerk of the Township of Amaranth has received written notification from Coun. Mark Tijssen of his resignation from Council," wrote Amaranth Township in a news release last Thursday (Sept. 17).

The news release from the Township went on to say, "Council and staff would like to thank Mr. Tijssen for his contributions to the Township of Amaranth and wish him well in the future endeavours."

With the resignation of Coun. Tijssen officially received, the next step that is expected is for Amaranth Council to declare the seat vacant, which is anticipated to happen at the next council meeting. At the meeting Amaranth councillors will have to make a choice on how to fill the now vacant seat.

According to acting Amaranth CAO Nicole Martin, under the Municipal Act there are two choices for Council to fill the seat –

appointing a person who has consented to accept the office or hold a by-election

"If Council chooses option one (to appoint) there are a few ways to appoint that are not outlined in the Municipal Act," wrote Martin in an email to the Free Press. "Runner up from the last election is one of the ways or (put out a) call for nominations. Council will have to make a determination at the next council meeting on how to proceed."

Council seats in municipalities within Dufferin County have been declared vacant in the past. In 2019, a Council seat was declared vacant in Grand Valley with the resignation of then Coun. Sam Pringle, who was succeeded by now Coun. Stephen Miles.

Shelburne Town Council has also declared a Council seat vacant following the death of Coun. Tom Egan in August of 2017. Shelburne Deputy Mayor Steve Anderson was appointed to the position for the remainder of the Council term.

Tijssen informally resigned from his position during a council meeting on Sept. 2, as Council prepared to enter closed session to discuss a workplace report and possible consequences regarding Mayor Bob Currie.

In the meeting, Coun. Tijssen walked out and announced his resignation from Council.

In his resignation letter to the CAO Tijssen wrote, "While much remains to be done during this term of office, I can no longer participate in what is to me, a negative and toxic work environment created by Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits and Coun. Gail Little."

Speaking with the Free Press on Wednesday (Sept. 23) Tijssen said Amaranth Council is worried about "harassment and flags" but is not concerned with "important issues" relating to infrastructures, and municipal

finances.

Describing the Township's Council as a "canoe paddling in different directions", Tijssen also said, "We can't make headway and if I can't make headway, I can't be there because it is too frustrating for me. I can't do it. I cannot work in an environment where we cannot make headway," Tijssen said.

He added, "I cannot work in an environment like that. It is nasty. It is unproductive. It is toxic."

Amaranth Council will have their next regular meeting on Oct. 7.



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**FUNDING TOP-UP:** Headwaters Health Care Centre is pleased to receive funding from the provincial government in order to make necessary upgrades and repairs to further assist the community.

## Headwaters hospital receives further provincial funding top-up

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The provincial government is stepping up to plug a funding gap in hospitals across Ontario in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, investing approximately \$175 million into upgrades and necessary repairs at 129 hospitals across the province.

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones recently met with officials from Headwaters Health Care Centre to share the news with hospital staff. Our local hospital will receive just over \$1.1 million in additional funding, which will be used to upgrade patient restrooms, complete necessary roof repairs and develop an updates fire safety plan.

"The health and safety of patients and families is a priority for our government," said MPP Jones. "That is why we are making the necessary investments in our hospitals. We need to ensure we have a facility ready to continue providing excellent quality care to patients."

The investment was developed to help hospitals across the Province pay for upgrades or repairs they may have that will enable them to continue to care for their communities. With the pandemic still ongoing, the healthcare system has become a vital and essential key to keeping communities safe from the COVID-19 virus.

Traditionally, the provincial government has paid only for the operational costs of hospitals across Ontario, with any upgrades, renovations or new purchases to be paid for by the facility. That's where organizations such as Headwaters Health Care Foundation come in. These fundraising arms of hospitals will organize and host events designed to raise

money to help pay for important projects on an annual basis. With the COVID-19 pandemic forcing these organizations to cancel the majority of their events in 2020, the Ontario government is stepping up to fill the gap.

Projects such as roof and window repairs, upgrades to security systems, purchase of new backup generators and fire alarm systems wouldn't have been covered by provincial funds last year, but the coronavirus pandemic has forced Ontario's health care system to pivot, at least for the time being.

"Maintaining hospital infrastructure is another example of how our government is ensuring that Ontarians have access to health care services they can depend on, especially during these unprecedented times," said Minister of Health, Christine Elliot. "Our ongoing investments to support essential projects, like repairing roofs and windows and adding more isolation spaces can make a big difference to a patient's experience."

She added, "It's part of our plan to build the capacity we need to end hallway healthcare in Ontario."

The team at HHCC are thrilled to receive the additional funding, which will enable them to make improvements to the hospital for their patients.

"This investment will help us make the necessary improvements, so patients and families can continue to have access to reliable, quality care they expect and deserve," added Kim Delahunt, President and CEO of HHCC. "Our staff also benefit from continuous improvements to our aging infrastructure."

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# SHELBURNE SPORTS

## Shelburne Shocks Basketball Club keeping games limited

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

With most sports at a standstill right now, many players are hoping for some kind of return to their favourite activity in the near future.

Some players are keeping active by training on their own but it's tough to practice when you're not allowed to meet in groups.

The Shelburne Shocks Basketball Club has been seeing some action on the court with tournament play recently, however they cannot practice as a club because local basketball gyms are still off limits.

Club president and coach Sherwin Stephens has arranged some tournament play with other GTA teams so his players can at least stay active.

Sherwin has arranged the games with full

cooperation of parents while making sure all safety protocols are in place.

"We are kind of active, but not completely active," Sherwin said of the club's current activities. "Tournaments are popping up. Because our season was shortened, I think we are obligated to at least put some games together, here and there, for them. Our older team only got two games in (before COVID shut things down.) We're hoping to just keep them busy. When I see the players I always tell them to keep active because you never know when I'm going to call and say we have a tournament."

The teams had just started their season when the pandemic brought everything to a sudden halt.

"In the GTA you can get into some private gyms, but it is regulated," Sherwin explained

of the couple of games they have had.

He is well connected in the basketball community and several other coaches have reached out trying to arrange mini tournaments so players can at least remain active and keep their skills up.

"My son was very active in basketball for the past ten years so we did a lot of travelling and made a lot of contacts. Also a lot of people who are running these programs, I went to school with them."

The games the teams have played have been strictly regulated to maintain social distancing protocols.

"We have no spectators at all," Sherwin explained. "We have just coaches and players. We try to go with ten players so we can at least have substitutions, but we work with what we have. We are trying to follow the example of the NBA. We all have masks when not playing. We all just have to be responsible. I do tell the parents it's up to them. I

ask if they want their kids to participate in a tournament. If the parents are okay with it, we go ahead and play. If the kids really want to play, we're there for them. We certainly wouldn't try to force any kids to play, and never put any kids in harm's way due to the COVID situation."

The Shocks U16 team played two games in a tournament in Toronto recently and had a successful day, even if their was no one in the stands to cheer them on.

There are no high school sports taking place this fall, and possibly for the entire year, so any kids wanting to keep up their skill levels will be doing it on their own.

The Shelburne Shocks are trying to help kids stay active even if it is in a limited capacity.

The Shocks started as an organization in May of 2019, to bring competitive and house league basketball to residents of Shelburne and the surrounding area.



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## Ice Cats release Return to Play plan

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

Girl's hockey in the region is planning a return for the 2020 / 21 season, however there will be some changes to the upcoming season to stay in line with provincial health protocols.

All COVID-19 protocols for safety will be enforced and followed to ensure the best possible safe return for athletes.

Teams and leagues in Ontario will be following guidelines established by both Hockey Canada and local health authorities during training and games.

The Ice Cats have started on the ice as of September 8, with teams taking part in skating and drills. They are limited to one session per week.

The plan is to start playing games on October 15.

That will include three-on-three hockey between local teams as well as some other teams in the Simcoe region.

Included in league play will be teams from

Orillia, Collingwood, Caledon, and Orangeville.

Initially, rules stipulate that a maximum of 50 people will be allowed in the arena. That means a limited number of spectators would be allowed to watch play.

For players, health screening both on site and prior to games will be in effect.

Players will be required to wear masks in public area prior to games, and also must practice social distancing of while in all areas of the arena including change rooms and benches.

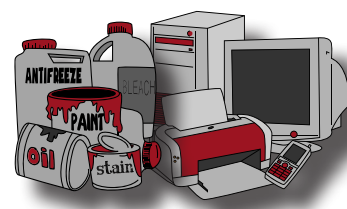
The league is encouraging all players to dress for the game as much as possible before arriving to minimize the time players will spend in the dressing room.

The Ice Cats are hoping to fill teams in U9 house league, U11 competitive, U13 competitive, U15 competitive, and U18 competitive divisions.

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### Could COVID-19 be a sign?

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It didn't care who had the "greatest" hair and make-up, biggest house, most money, best job and prestige, perfect this or perfect that. It spread its wings across the globe, made itself known and tormentedly sent some 'home' with no care for race, religion, colour or culture, although powerful people may have caused it to sting the oppressed deeper. It left its mark. It sent a message.

A tiny virus showed the world the value of the "lowly" domestics, cleaners, house keepers, clerks, PSW's, the homeless, the invisibles and those who had occupied no special place in the people's hearts in a world of "star" gazers, finding only emptiness of illusion with its farcical fakeness from top of head to tip of toes and in between.

It did what politicians had no courage to

ever do and what capitalists will never do - demonstrated that people could live very well without all those trivial goods and services they thought they so badly "needed".

Is anyone still listening?  
Do people now understand they can and must live with less opulence, more self-reliance, more self control and reflection, smaller and healthier lives, more protecting and saving resources and the environment, less costly and destructive indulgences, and more time for people? Or will it speedily be back to old habits until the next warning which is likely to be worse as people refuse to reduce ostentations?

Could it be an ominous sign that the first places re-opened were hair and nail salons, bars and restaurants, and strip clubs, while "free" libraries, parks, and resource centres trailed four laps behind?

Gloria Ramnath  
Shelburne resident

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### LEWIS, JEAN ELIZABETH

GONE HOME TO BE WITH HER LORD AND SAVIOUR



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Jean Lewis on Saturday, September 19th, 2020 at Dufferin Oaks, Shelburne in her 90th year.

Jean was born in Buffalo, New York on May 4th, 1931 to Maloa and Walter Adcock. She graduated from State Teachers College in Buffalo for 2 years before marrying Dick Lewis and moving to Shelburne. When her youngest child started school she decided to return to school with him and for the next 20 years she taught Kindergarten in Dufferin County, most of these years at Shelburne Junior Public School.

Jean was an active member of Bethel Bible Chapel and on retiring from teaching she became very involved

with the Shelburne Christian Women's Club.

In declining health for the last few years, Jean lived at Shelburne Residence and Dufferin Oaks. The family would like to thank everyone involved in her care. Your kindness and compassion will always be treasured.

Jean was the beloved wife of Dick Lewis (2008), and loving mother of Richard, Christine (Dave), Beth (2004) (Bruce) and Paul (Lynn). She was the cherished grandmother of Elliott (Jen), Shannon (Guy), Amy (Andrew), Laura (Tyler), Andrea, Aaron and Julia and great-grandmother of Meganne, Logan, Mackenzie, Charlotte, Alex and Atticus.

The family will be holding a private graveside service in Shelburne Cemetery. A Celebration of Life will take place in the future when it is safe to do so.

Donations to Bethel Bible Chapel, Guelph Bible Conference Centre or any cause close to your heart would be appreciated. Online condolences may be placed at [www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com)

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### ARCHER, AUDREY LUCILLE



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Audrey Lucille Archer beloved wife of Don E Archer of Orr Lake. Loving mother of John (Joy) Scace, Dennis (Debbie) Scace, and Delbert (Wendy) Scace. Step mother of Daniel (Louise) Archer, Betty (Gary) Keating, Diane (Dave) McDonald, and Peter (Pam) Quarrier. Pre deceased by parents Jack and Hazel Grey, and husband Raymond Quarrier & ex spouse Herbert Scace. Grandmother of Michael (Orsolya), Matthew (Kiersta), Sarah (Omi), Kathleen, Brittany (Chris) and great grandmother of Carter, Avery, Greyson, Cecelia, Abriana, Lochlan, and Max.

A private family service will be held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home, followed by in interment at Waverley Anglican Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Audrey's memory, may be made to the St. John's United Church.

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# Alton resident teaches about dangers of the gypsy moth

Written By CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

Too often the introduction of a harmful invasive species is down to simple ignorance or carelessness.

Like Gypsy Moths: in 1869, Etienne Trouvalot, living near Boston, brought in European Gypsy Moths to start a silk business. He attached them to his trees, rather than in a laboratory. While the silk idea failed, with no natural predator, the moths successfully moved on to become entrenched across much of North America.

Gypsy moth females do not fly but excrete a scent that attracts the more mobile, flying male to come to impregnate her. She can then crawl to many places to lay her “egg masses,” small woven packages, attached to many surfaces and harbouring from 600 to 1,000 eggs per nest.

Alton Resident, Pat Hertzberg, has been teaching people how to rid their own environment of these egg masses because, once the many eggs hatch, they produce a caterpillar that voraciously defoliates trees – completely.

“When I first learned about this, living elsewhere, they were not yet in our area, predominated by oak trees. These insects have defoliated thousands of acres of forest. So, I contacted every authority and nobody had a plan in place for when these would hit our neighbourhood,” Pat told the Free Press.

Mrs. Hertzberg talked about these dangerous invaders. “I wanted to be proactive. I researched and discovered we could get rid of the egg masses. That’s easy but, left to hatch, the caterpillars can defoliate a tree very quickly: within days.

“These are not tent caterpillars,” she clarified. “The female doesn’t move that quickly, but she can attach them to travel on a vehicle, in the wheel well.

“The egg masses lay for six months, between late August and early May, then hatch into tiny caterpillars that eat the leaves of trees.”

Explaining the horror, “They will destroy the tree, not necessarily by defoliating once, but, uncontrolled, they will eat the leaves the next year; that will kill the tree. Each caterpillar lives 40 days, then wraps itself into a cocoon for 14 days. From the cocoon a moth emerges. Each female can lay a number of egg masses.”

Mrs. Hertzberg was demonstrating how to remove these egg masses on a private property last weekend as a workshop to a small number of people, assuring us, “All these people wore masks and kept social distancing.

“The moth population is getting very high,” she warned us. “I saw number of egg masses. It’s important to get rid of them. Think of the thousands of caterpillars you’re eliminating.”

She outlined the method: “You spray the egg mass with a spray bottle, of a soapy water solution; a small amount of liquid dish detergent to a litre of water. Soak it enough to wet the eggs mass so that when you remove it, it comes off in one piece, easier and faster.

When hunting for the masses, they can stick to your vehicle under the wheel well, all winter. They’re visible but can look like dirt. Once people see what they look like – they’re a buff colour. If you have them and do a thorough search, you’ll find them. Or if your neighbour has them, you have them look too. This is something that communities should get together and watch for.

“And in all the trailways. One person attending the workshop is a member of the trailways. Start the search in one corner and look systematically - underside of branches, patios; they’re the same colour as chopped firewood. All the outdoor surfaces of your home; under mortar between bricks; bird houses, anywhere other than on the ground or in the grass.”

She commented, “I saw a planter with dozens of masses under the lip of the planter – that’s part of the problem.

“In size, from a dime to a toonie, usually oblong, irregularly shaped. When you look at it, you might not know there are eggs in it because it’s covered with this buff surface.

“So the egg mass search will greatly reduce the incidence of the population.”

She was careful to say, “It’s very light, so you have to make it wet enough not to lose any eggs,” continuing, “Next, with a sharp instrument or paring knife scraping them off. It’s important not to scrape them on to the ground; the eggs are very very tough – you can’t squash them with a boot. They have to go into a container: a paper bag, adding to that bag and then you can put the bag into a fire. Burning will definitely get rid of them; or drop them into a container of soap and water and a small amount of bleach to destroy them. Being so tough requires bleach.”

Come May, “It’s guaranteed there’ll be more egg masses in the spring. Ideally, people will carry out two searches: now and in the spring, as well before hatching out in early May.”

For the sake of those missed masses, Pat Hertzberg brings another, well documented solution: “Spring hits late May early June. The eggs hatch and you don’t see them, they’re so tiny. As they grow, they’re eating the trees. So, look up into the canopy of your



SUBMITTED PHOTO

**TREE KILLER:** Local resident Pat Hertzberg (red coat) points out a collection of gypsy moth eggs to an observer at a recent demonstration, where she spoke about the best way to rid your trees of the dangerous invasive species.

trees to see if they’re being eaten.

A further indication of the caterpillars is, “Frass – excrement – if the numbers are high, you can actually hear the excrement falling, like a light rain, falling, hitting a leaf or the deck.”

The hunt: “Skirt the tree at about eye level by the beginning of June; there may still be masses to remove. Place a piece of burlap around the tree. Tie a rope of string in the middle of the burlap and fold over the burlap over the string. It provides a resting place.

“They eat until they need to rest. They’ll climb down the tree to the grass, but the skirt provides a resting place underneath. Lift up the skirt and they can now be seen, as they have been growing and eating.

“Wear lightweight or gardening gloves,” she advised, “because the hairs have a chemical in them which is irritating. Remove cocoons which may be empty. It’s labour intensive everyday,” she admitted, “but you can see the enemy and understand the damage. People are willing to do this once they understand they have a problem.”

To dispose, Mrs. Hertzberg again suggests using soapy water.

Garden centres also sell pheromone traps, a theoretical method of control for the male moth.

Mrs. Hertzberg cautioned, “Residents can think they’re taking care of the problem but this is not correct. There will still be male moths. The traps are really only any good for governments to hang to get an idea of the population of gypsy moths but they don’t cure the problem.”

Also very importantly, as she observes, “The gypsy moth is different from just a nuisance. Complete defoliation is a danger to the trees. That cycle can be as long as ten years. It can be two to three years but we don’t know how much damage will be done.”

Mrs. Hertzberg urged, “This is an easy fix to begin with. Control what we can now and then wrap the trees in the spring to catch the caterpillars coming down to rest.”

She said, “And, of course, an infestation and damaged trees can affect property value.”

# Teen, childrens programs ongoing at Shelburne Public Library

Written By ROSE DOTTE

As you drive past the library or come to pick up your holds at our curbside, take a moment to view our new flowerbeds and plants. The new bed around our entrance and down the side has been designed with plantings that tie in with the heritage of our 1912 Carnegie Library. Peonies, Hydrangeas, and more. We were fortunate to receive generous gifts from the Jack and Evelyn Downing estate and in memory of Velma Funston to enable us to create this Legacy garden. Hill’nDale Landscaping designed and implemented the planting of the garden.

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### Teen Scene

We created the most gorgeous DIY Geode’s this week for our Teen Take & Make activity. To see this, check out our YouTube Channel (Shelburne Public Library)! Next week we will be making tissue paper paintings.

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lenge, download the Beanstack app or go online to shelburnelibrary.beanstack.org to start the Teen Fall Reading Challenge—you get to pick the books you want to read to correlate to our badges! Every Teen who completes the Fall Reading Challenge will be entered into a draw for a \$25 gift card!

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Story Time: Each Friday, at 10:30 a.m. a brand new Story Time video is released. These videos are great to watch on their own, but are even more fun when you’ve picked up your bag full of take-home Story Time crafts! Each week we sing songs, listen to a story, and then follow the instructions for the crafts in our craft bags. In September, we will be reading about school and making friends.

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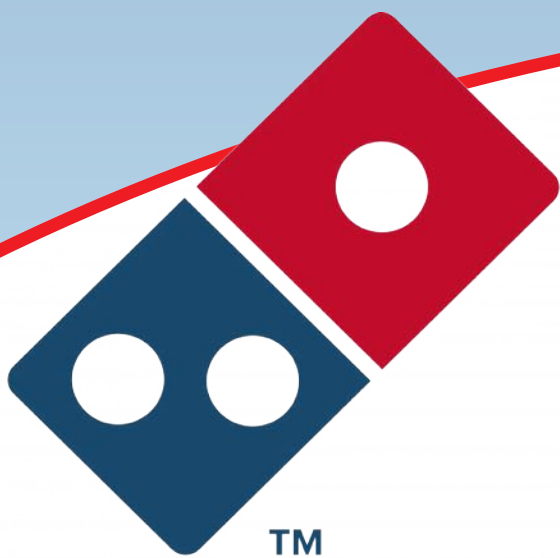
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