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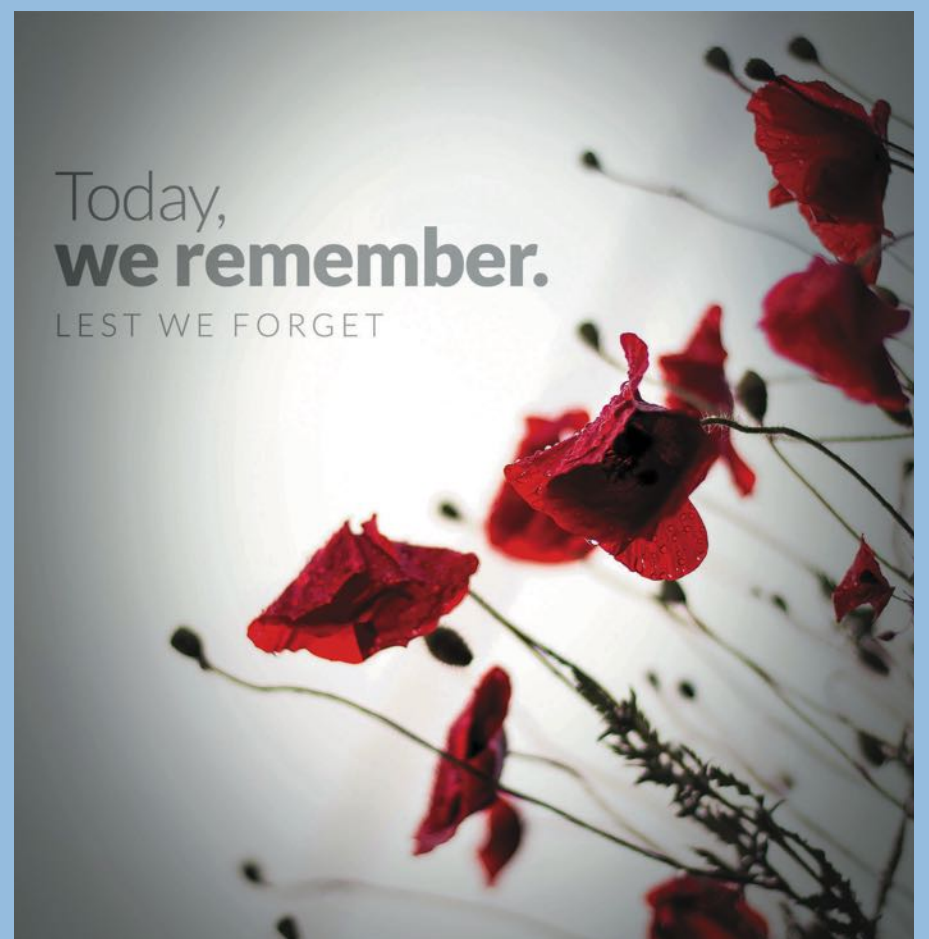


During Veterans' Week, we pause to remember and honour the outstanding men and women of the Canadian Armed Forces who've proudly served and continue to serve our great country during times of conflict and peace. We owe these exceptional Canadians a debt of gratitude for their selfless service to Canada for which we can never repay. They've courageously defended and protected the peace, freedom, and democracy we cherish as Canadians. Though our observation of Remembrance Day on November 11th will be different due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our expression of gratitude and appreciation for the immense sacrifices Canada's finest have made on our behalf can be no less.



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This is also a time to remember that Canadian Legion Branches, including our own in Dufferin-Caledon, continue to struggle as a result of the pandemic. They need our help now more than ever. They perform an invaluable service in our community, bringing us together to proudly celebrate our Canadian identity. Let's join together and show our support for our Veterans and our local Legion Branches during this very difficult time.



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POPPY FUND TOP UP: Dean Schroeder (left), Poppy Fund chairman at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 220 in Shelburne, accepted a donation of \$1,060 from mask maker Sandra Wallace (right), on Tuesday (Nov.3). Wallace made hundreds of masks, giving some of the proceeds to the local Legion's Poppy Fund, which goes towards helping local veterans, and their families.

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Shelburne pharmacist speaks out about 'concerning' flu vaccine shortage

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

With flu vaccines in high demand amid the COVID-19 pandemic, one local Shelburne pharmacist is speaking out about the shortage in vaccines available to community members.

"We just don't have the supply right now," said Margerit Bebway, owner and pharmacy manager at Caravaggio IDA Drugs in Shelburne.

Each year pharmacies are allocated a number of flu vaccines based on the number of vaccines they gave from the previous year. Bebway says that this year, Caravaggio IDA Drugs received half of the amount that

they did in 2019. "For me it was about 200 doses," said Bebway to the Free Press. "We went through those in two weeks."

Bebway, has been the owner and pharmacy manager at the local pharmacy for five years, and says that they've never experienced a shortage like this, previously always having "more than enough". Since running out of flu vaccines Bebway has struggled to get more for her clients, and has spent much of her time on her ordering site trying to get more.

When the initial supply of flu vaccines ran out, Bebway says that they received 40 doses a day for three days before being told that the supply had been "depleted".

"I've had clinics set up all the way till Nov. 10, ranging between 40 to 80 patients per clinic and it's daily clinics," said Bebway. "I still have a list of over 500 that are waiting for me to call."

Shortages of the flu vaccine has been an ongoing concern from the public for the last few weeks.

Health Minister Christine Elliott addressed the concerns during a press conference on Oct. 14 saying that the province had a "good supply".

"The supplies come in on a regular basis, if not weekly, every two weeks, so they are coming in," said Elliot.

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Downtown Shelburne to feature local Hometown Heroes

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Banners featuring veterans will soon be seen hoisted above the streets of Shelburne, as part of the annual Hometown Heroes

Remembrance Day initiative. In the lead up to Remembrance Day (Nov. 11) the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 220 will be flying the annual Hometown Heroes banners that feature the names, ranks, and photos of Canadian veterans.

"It makes them a little more aware of how many people were actually there and sacrificed, because when they walk around the town, they're seeing family names that they've heard of for years," said Lesa Peat, President of the local legion, on the banner's significance to the community.

The Hometown Heroes banners started in 2015 and were inspired by a project done by a local teacher's mother in Leamington for the 2014 Remembrance Day. Using the same permission form, the local Legion created their own designs that have been around for the last five years. The Hometown Heroes banners were initially limited to veterans in Shelburne, but later opened up to other areas.

"We opened it up to Dufferin County, Grey County, anyone that was in the area," said Peat. "Then it got slow for a while without having banners, so we opened it up to anybody."

It was through the opening up to further communities that Peat was able to feature her own grandfather on one of the banners.

The local Legion this year will be putting up 49 banners around town, with two new banners being added. The banners themselves are paid for by the families wishing to feature a family hero, costing \$200 plus tax said Peat, while the brackets are covered by the Town of Shelburne.

The Hometown Heroes banners go up at the beginning of November and will stay



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HOMETOWN HERO: John Besley is one of the 49 banners featuring a veteran, going up before Remembrance Day, part of the annual Hometown Heroes banners. The banners are sponsored by a family and give details on a veterans service.

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Local Poppy Fund campaign drastically scaled back due to ongoing pandemic

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

As Remembrance Day draws nearer, you won't be seeing veterans and volunteers in Shelburne offering poppies in-person.

Shelburne Royal Canadian Legion Branch 220 has announced that they won't be doing their in-person poppy offerings in the lead up to Remembrance Day, instead donations will be gathered through drop boxes.

Dean Schroeder, chair of the Poppy Fund at the local Legion, told the Free Press that the decision to stop in-person poppy offerings for 2020 was made as a way to protect volunteers and community members.

"I don't want to put anybody in danger," said Schroeder, also adding that with the COVID-19 pandemic showing no signs of slowing, and the Legion remaining closed, that getting volunteers is more difficult.

The Poppy Fund Campaign is an annual fundraiser for the Royal Canadian Legions that typically starts at the end of October and runs until Remembrance Day (Nov.11). The donations raised through the fund go directly to veterans within the community.

"Nothing can be spent out of the Poppy Fund other than for a veteran use, and if it is anything (outside of that) you have to get a special application," explains Lesa Peat, President of Branch 220.

Some of the many ways that donations through the Poppy Fund are used include providing assistance to needy veterans, pur-

chasing construction materials or providing maintenance for housing and care facilities of elderly and disabled persons, bursaries, and getting service dogs for veterans.

In the past the local Legion has used both drop boxes and volunteers at different locations within Shelburne to hand out poppies for donations, this is the first time that they are relying strictly on the drop box method.

"I think when there's somebody there, donations are probably better, but we've never had this kind of situation before," said Schroeder.

"We always got lots when we canvas, especially when someone saw an older veteran standing there. They always wanted to help the older veterans, and the older veterans would spend eight hours standing outside canvassing so that's what you're losing," said Peat.

With less and less people carrying change on them, an issue that Schroeder said is getting harder to deal with, the Shelburne Legion is also offering online payments, by way of e-transfer, as a new way to donate.

To send a donation to the Legion using e-transfer, use the email rcl220@gmail.ca, adding a comment on what the donation is for.

The Shelburne Legion has put out around 100 Poppy Fund drop boxes that can be found around the community. Donations for the Poppy Fund Campaign can be made through to Nov. 11.

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Shelburne pharmacist speaks out about 'concerning' flu vaccine shortage

While privatized pharmacies struggle to stock up on the vaccine, major pharmacy chains are also in a similar boat, with Rex-all temporarily pausing its vaccination program due to supply issues.

Premier Doug Ford said on Monday (Nov. 2), that the shortage was a sign that more people were getting their flu shots.

While she waits for more flu vaccines Bebbay says at this point the focus is on en-

suring patient care.

"I'm talking to a patient and telling them that I don't have any in stock...it's the fact that I'm disappointing my patients," said Bebbay. "It's the reason I'm waking up in the middle of the night to try to order stock I might be able to get. I still have patients who are over 80 years old, who I haven't been able to supply to."

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Plastics

The Federal Government is working on a plan to eliminate some single use plastic items as early as next year.

The list includes plastic drinking straws, stir sticks, cutlery, six-pack rings, carry-out bags, and styrofoam plates.

On the surface, that doesn't seem like a bad idea. Plastic is everywhere. It's blowing on the streets, lining the ditches, and apparently clogging up the oceans.

The government is planning on dropping certain single use plastics in the 'toxic to the environment' category. That's the same category that lists such things as formaldehyde, asbestos, uranium, vinyl chloride, and a whole list of things that most people have probably never even heard of.

The toxic category lists hexabromocyclohexane as one of its dangerous substances.

If you happen to have a bottle of hexabromocyclohexane laying around the house, you may want to call a university and ask to speak to a chemistry professor to find out exactly what you've got there and whether it's safe to have around pets, small children, and plants, or if it has a tendency to explode or combust when exposed to air or sunlight.

While the move to eliminate some plastics may be on the right track, is listing

them as 'toxic' the right move?

Most people wouldn't be too worried about having a bundle of plastic in the corner of a room. It doesn't emit any kind of invisible death ray, and although unsightly in a well appointed room, it won't harm you unless for some reason you decide to cook it up for dinner.

At the same time, most people wouldn't be too happy about having a block of yellow cake uranium as a cocktail table centre piece, or having loose asbestos floating freely through the air duct system.

The plastics industry is not happy about this attempt to label their product as dangerous.

You can't blame them for that. After all the plastics industry employs thousands of people and produces a hefty profit for plastics companies as well as those industries that supply the raw materials.

Globally, the plastic packaging market is a \$700 billion industry.

A spokesperson for the plastics industry stated that toxic substance rules managed under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act is "a criminal law tool and is intended to manage toxic substances," adding that "plastic is an inert material. It's not toxic."

I can understand why they want to eliminate certain plastic products. Do you really

need that six pack ring thing to hold your beers together? You just pull the beer out when you get home and toss the plastic in the garbage.

Also drinking straws - I don't understand why anyone over the age of six needs a device to drink from a bottle of pop. Try it without the straw - it's easy!

I'm not so sure about eliminating plastic cutlery. Ordering a take out meal in a shopping mall food court might get messy if you try eating your soup with pair of chopsticks.

It's interesting to note how many things are missing from the list. I guess politicians aren't too eager about eliminating the millions of plastic garbage bags that hit the curb every week and taking their garbage to the curb in handfulls and wheelbarrows.

If they are serious about eliminating some types of plastics, they should start with the current trend of sealing products in hard plastic and hanging them on store shelves.

Everything from household glue to outdoor sporting accessories comes sealed in these impossible to open plastic containers without the use of a utility knife or high intensity laser device.

If you buy a novelty widget to hang from the rear view mirror, you won't be able to open the packaging once you get

in the car unless you happen to have your chainsaw in the trunk with you.

The funniest one I've seen was a pair of scissors sealed in plastic, with instructions printed on the front to use a pair of scissors to cut through the plastic to open it and get your product.

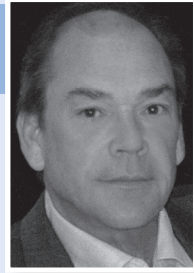
If you had a pair of scissors to cut through the plastic, you wouldn't need the new pair of scissors!

Some plastics are recyclable, others can only be used once. However, most recyclable plastics are simply tossed in the garbage where they will sit in a landfill for the next 1,000 years.

If plastic products are going to be listed as toxic substances, we will have to make some lifestyle changes.

I'm going to get in my car with its largely plastic interior, drive to the store to buy some plastic packaged batteries to put in my plastic home flashlight, then watch a DVD movie that came in a plastic case, on my TV which has a plastic case, before finishing off some work on my plastic case computer monitor, and capping the night by brushing my teeth with a plastic toothbrush.

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BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Myanmar: The Saint who lost her way

Almost completely obscured by the blanket global coverage of the US election, they are having one in Myanmar (Burma) too. The outcome is even more a foregone conclusion, although in this case it will confirm the existing government in power. But it is only by condoning a great crime that democracy there survives.

Aung San Suu Kyi, known universally in Myanmar as 'The Lady', got the Nobel Peace Prize for her leadership in the long struggle against military rule, and by 2015 it looked like she had won. Her National League for Democracy party secured an overwhelming majority in parliament in that year's election, and she became the country's effective leader.

True, her official title was only 'State Counsellor', because the army wrote the new constitution specifically to exclude her from the presidency. (She has two British-born sons, so it bans people with foreign family members from the office.) The armed forces also still controlled one-quarter of the seats in parliament, but in practice The Lady led the government.

There was even a kind of formal reconciliation with the army in 2016, when the commander-in-chief, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, visited her in the lakeside residence in Rangoon where she spent a decade and a half under house arrest.

But the army still had another trick up its sleeve. In 2017, in Myanmar's western province of Rakhine, there were a few small attacks on local police posts by the 'Rohingya Salvation Army'. The 'army' was just foolish, ill-armed village boys, and they only killed a handful of people, but they gave Myanmar's generals a way to corner Aung San Suu Kyi.

The Rohingyas are descended from Bengali Muslim troops who helped the local Buddhist dynasty recover the Rakhine throne from Burmese invaders in 1430. King Naramekhla encouraged them to settle there, and six centuries later the Rohingyas, still Muslim, accounted for about one-third of Rakhine province's population.

However, modern Myanmar nationalists have become paranoid about the country's tiny Muslim minority (only 4% of the total population). Some other parts of south and southeast Asia (Pakistan, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Indonesia) were converted from Hinduism or Buddhism to Islam in the fairly distant past, and Myanmar's Buddhist majority has been seized by the irrational fear that the same thing might happen there.

Or more often, they just pretend to fear that because it lets them scapegoat the Muslim minority. Previous Myanmar regimes had already revoked the

Rohingyas' citizenship, and Buddhist militants in Rakhine encouraged attacks on the Rohingya minority (that's what the 'Rohingya Salvation Army' was responding to) - but what the army did in 2017 was off the scale.

The Myanmar army used the few small terrorist attacks in Rakhine as an excuse to launch a full-scale 21st-century genocide. It destroyed the Rohingya villages, slaughtered tens of thousands of Muslim men, women and children, and drove the rest of the Rohingya (730,000 people) across the border into Bangladesh. And Aung San Suu Kyi felt compelled to defend its behaviour.

The great majority of Myanmar's Buddhists share the army's fear and hatred of Muslims, and rebuking the army for the genocide was the one way The Lady could lose the next election. On the other hand, denying the genocide was the one way she could decisively lose the support of the rest of the world. Those were her only choices.

She chose political survival, and billboards appeared across Myanmar showing her with the leading generals above the caption "We stand with you". Last December she even appeared before the International Court of Justice in The Hague to defend the army and deny the genocide.

One of the United Nations investigators who looked into the allegation of genocide, Antonia Mulvey, said outside the court after her testimony: "Aung San Suu Kyi did nothing to stop the killing. She could have asked for help from the international community at the time. And now, as the final insult, she's defending the army's behaviour in court."

That's one way to describe what she did. Another would be to say that she decided to sacrifice her international reputation as a secular saint in order to preserve the halting progress of Myanmar towards a democratic future.

She could not have stopped the army from carrying out the massacre, the worst of many it has committed against various minority populations in Myanmar over the past 60 years. The 'international community' was never going to intervene to stop it either. And the majority Bamar (Burmese) ethnic group that has dominated the country since independence would never forgive her if she sided with the Rohingyas.

So she made her choice, and she may have realised how great an evil she was committing by doing so. The end does not justify the means, but her National League for Democracy will win the election next Sunday (November 8).



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Museum of Dufferin launches new online climate exhibit

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Rising water levels, wildfires, heat waves, and snow storms.

They're all signs of climate change, a topic that Museum of Dufferin (MOD) Archivist, Laura Camilleri said "everybody wants to know about, yet is never truly relevant to the local level".

Bringing climate change to a local relevancy, the Museum of Dufferin partnered with Climate Action in Dufferin to launch a new digital exhibition called "Before Your Eyes". The digital exhibit looks to take the latest science on climate change in pollution and carbon dioxide, connecting the impacts to the local community while educating on solutions to reduce emissions.

"The solution to climate change is community with meaningful action from local municipalities, businesses, organizations, schools, and individuals we can create a prosperous future for the current and future generations of Dufferin County," said Sara Wick, climate change coordinator at Dufferin County, in a press release.

The idea behind the "Before Your Eyes"

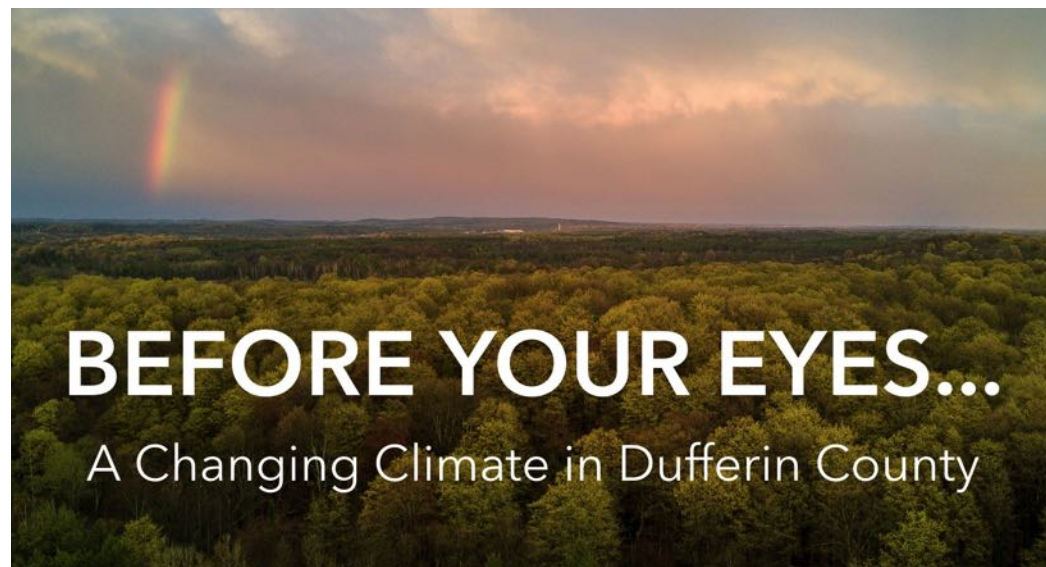
exhibit started during the pandemic when staff at the Museum of Dufferin were moved to other departments. Camilleri, at the time, was moved to assist in the climate change department; where she, Wicks, and Kylie-Anne Grube started to concept for the exhibit.

"We thought 'why not create an exhibit that will help people understand how climate change impacts Dufferin locally,'" said Camilleri.

The annual temperature in Dufferin County has been rising about one degree since 1948, and projections show the temperature trend to continue to rise.

Drawing on the impacts of climate change locally, the exhibit shows the examples of the Day family, who have each year built an ice rink in their back yard.

"Our winters have shortened and temperatures are much warmer giving us less skateable days outdoors. We used to get on the ice more often and well past March Break, but this has changed substantially," the Day family writes. "At times, the rink houses a pool instead of ice, so it sits useless for days. It's been hit and miss with winter temperatures fluctuating from minus 40 one day to



FILE PHOTO

ONLINE EXHIBIT: The Museum of Dufferin has launched a new online exhibit titled 'Before Your Eyes', focusing on the latest science on climate change in pollution and carbon dioxide, connecting the impacts to the local community while educating on solutions to reduce emissions.

above zero the next."

Bring awareness to climate change locally the exhibit uses videos, interactive climate maps and a 'check your knowledge' section.

"It definitely gives you an idea of what's

happened in the past and how things are changing now," said Camilleri. "It gives you opportunities and come options on what we can do to slow down climate change a makes it relevant to your work every day."

Service line protection available for Shelburne homeowners

The Town of Shelburne has partnered with Service Line Warranties of Canada (SLWC) to offer protection to city homeowners for the water and sewer service lines that connect their homes to the city's systems. The coverage is voluntary and available at affordable monthly prices. Since 2015, SLWC has partnered with over 50 leading cities in Ontario to provide repair service plans that offer homeowners peace of mind and convenience.

"Many homeowners do not know that damage to the service lines on their private portion of property is their responsibility to repair," said Joanne Marceau, Utility & Public Works Coordinator. "In the event of a service line repair emergency, the homeowner is responsible for scheduling the repair and covering the associated cost. As the Town of Shelburne homes age along with the infrastructure serving them, SLWC repair plans

provide homeowners with an optional solution so they can be prepared for this type of unexpected repair."

The SLWC Service Line Warranty Program protects against repairs needed to pipes on homeowners' property. Repairs to these pipes are not covered by basic homeowner's insurance or by the Town of Shelburne. If a customer's service line needs repair, a simple call to the SLWC 24-hour hotline will dispatch a local, licensed contractor familiar with local code. There are no service fees or deductibles.

Many factors contribute to the life expectancy of a service line including the age, type of piping material, soil conditions and installation quality - all factors which are covered through the SLWC protection program. This program is voluntary for homeowners, pro-

vided at no cost to the Town of Shelburne and no public funds are used to promote or administer the program.

"Our service plans not only cover the cost of the repair; they also provide homeowners with reputable, local contractors who will do the best possible job," said John Kitzie, CEO of SLWC parent HomeServe NA. "We're pleased to be partnering with the Town of Shelburne and look forward to the opportunity to provide Town of Shelburne homeowners with the assistance they need when faced with a home repair emergency."

SLWC is the nation's largest and most trusted source of utility line plans partnered with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and their commercial division Local Authority Services (LAS). The company is committed to delivering an excellent

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- 56. Small piece of land
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- 62. Commensurate
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- 65. Enamor
- 67. Forest clearings
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- 1. Existed
- 4. Watercourse
- 8. Weep
- 11. Leaps
- 15. Tribute, in verse
- 16. Yonder
- 17. Tankard filler
- 18. Graven image
- 19. Type of tide
- 20. Skating place
- 21. One of a pack?
- 22. Hummus holder
- 23. Necklace of flowers
- 24. Dowel
- 25. Elephant-tusk material
- 27. Filly fodder
- 28. Composed of two parts
- 30. Treeless plain
- 32. Charm
- 34. Eager

DOWN

- 36. Publish or ____
- 38. Vowel sound
- 41. Rebellious
- 43. Object
- 44. Straight
- 45. Side of Manhattan
- 49. "Surviving Picasso" medium
- 50. Petri-dish gel
- 52. Makeshift bed
- 54. Outstanding
- 55. Oppositionist
- 57. Long-legged shorebird
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- 71. Sweet singer

ACROSS

- 75. Angler's need
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- 85. Not working
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Monday November 9, 2020 – 6:30 pm

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Council will entertain questions and provide the opportunity for public input during the meeting.

Further to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Provincial orders restricting public gatherings, we are offering the opportunity to participate electronically through Zoom video conferencing. In person attendance will not be accommodated.

Please contact the Clerk at jwilloughby@shelburne.ca to register in advance of and in order to have access to the public meeting no later than **10 am Monday November 9, 2020**.

To ensure your questions will be addressed during the meeting, it is recommended that you submit questions in advance via:

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Access to the meeting is by invite only, once your request to participate has been confirmed by the Clerk, the meeting details will be provided to you confidentially.

If you would like to view the proceedings, you will have the opportunity to view a live stream of the meeting on the Town of Shelburne's YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsar-MwF8CXrgPbe2EVxh-w>.

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NEW CHIROPRACTOR: DC Maranda Vanderbeek has joined the team of health care providers at Shelburne Family Chiropractic, focusing specifically on women's health, pediatrics, and pre and postnatal. Dr. Vanderbeek started at the local chiropractic on Nov. 3.

Shelburne Family Chiropractic welcomes new addition to town

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

There's a new chiropractor in town. Shelburne Family Chiropractic have welcomed a new employee to their local practice, with the addition of Doctor of Chiropractic (DC) Maranda Vanderbeek.

"I'm going to be starting as a chiropractor there, just like Dr. Richard Madger, so I'm going to be helping take on some of the patients and help build the practice," Dr. Vanderbeek told the Free Press.

Vanderbeek has been a chiropractor for the last two years, graduating from the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College in 2018. Joining Shelburne Family Chiropractic, Vanderbeek will be working with a focus on women's health, pregnancy, post-natal, and paediatrics.

"I have an extra certification and kind of my special interest is in the pre and postnatal population, helping new moms feel their best throughout their pregnancy both during and after," said Dr. Vanderbeek. "During that time their bodies are changing so much and so quickly, having that type of treatment to keep them feeling their best, I think, is very important."

Alexandra Magder, from Shelburne Family Chiropractic said that with addition of Dr. Vanderbeek, she will be the only female

chiropractor in Shelburne that focuses on paediatrics, pre and postnatal and women's health.

"We're really excited to have Dr. Vanderbeek, she is going to be a great addition to the community," said Magder. "Our clinic looks forward to having her supporting our community."

Speaking on her extra certifications and what they will bring to the community Dr. Vanderbeek noted the influx of younger families moving to more rural areas and a need to provide these services.

"Being able to provide that service to those families, those moms, and those kids that are within the community would be vastly helpful and is important in keeping the community healthy," said Dr. Vanderbeek. "Being there as a support for families during a very transitional time.

Dr. Vanderbeek will be offering appointments on days, evenings and weekends. She started officially at Shelburne Family Chiropractic on Nov. 3.

"I'm very excited to start, I've been up a number of times to shadow, meet some of the community and really get a feel for the practice itself as well as Shelburne as a town. I've been here a number of times the past few weeks, but to officially start is very exciting."

Dufferin County to benefit from provincial fund designed to assist the homeless

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Dufferin County will be receiving \$724,966 from the Ontario government as part of the Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF), announced Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones last Thursday (Oct. 29).

"We are working with the County of Dufferin to make sure they have the tools and flexibility they need to keep people safe during the pandemic," said Jones in the press release announcing the fund. "This funding will be used to help support vulnerable residents who need temporary housing, emergency shelter, and additional services."

The funding, which will be delivered through the Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF), looks to aid those in the community who are dealing with homelessness or

are at risk of becoming homeless during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The new funding according to the press release will specifically go towards protecting and supporting homeless shelter staff and residents, renovating over 1,500 housing units, expanding rent support programs in the community and creating longer-term housing solutions.

As part of the \$4 billion Safe Restart Agreement, a \$200 million investment from the province for the SSRF was announced back in March. A second phase of the SSRF fund was announced in early August.

Unlike the first phase of funding, a "business case" was required to access the funding, said Dufferin Community Services Director Anna McGregor.

According to a report to County Council, the "business case" which was required to access the funding, provided an outline on how the County planned to allocate the funds.

"The County of Dufferin, is extremely happy to receive this provincial funding, to help support our most in need as we deal with the COVID-19 pandemic," said Anna McGregor in the press release. "The County will use the funding to assist clients and will be working closely with our local community partners, to support them, in supporting our local community."



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When John Flannery starts talking about his journey into a military career, he starts by reminiscing about his father and then his grandfather.

His dad, George Flannery, fought during the Second World War, and his grandfather, William Wilson, fought during the First World War. He comes from generations of veterans. Growing up during that time, Flannery says that the war "was the thing".

Born in 1930, the Second World War occurred during much of Flannery's formative years. He can recall that when his father returned home, following five years of fighting in Europe, that he didn't recognize him.

"One day, my mother came to visit with this guy and said 'this is your father' and I thought I don't remember you," said Flannery. "Five years, I never saw my dad."

When his father went overseas to fight in the war, Flannery, his mother and two brothers moved in with his grandparents.

"I think back to my poor old grandfather with the different wounds that he had," said Flannery, who adds that his grandfather was wounded with gas during the First World War.

Growing up living in military housing, with a military family that includes

a brother who served in the Air Force, it was perhaps only natural that John would follow in their footsteps. Referring to himself as a "teenager with not much to do", during a period where military service was more widespread than it is today, Flannery indicates the decision to enlist was a quick and easy one for him. He joined the Armoured Corps in 1949 with a friend, who also came from a military family. He would stay with the Canadian Forces until his retirement in 1982.

While the Second World War had already ended by the time he joined the military, Flannery was sent to Germany in 1953 for NATO duty, with the looming fear of a Russian invasion.

"We roamed around Germany on training, in our tanks, with all the ammunition stowed in the tanks, because we were very afraid the Russians were going to attack us," explains Flannery.

At that point in his time in Germany he was stationed five kilometers from the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. It was there that he can remember being "indoctrinated" with movies and photos of the dead and dying in the camp.

"I was 22, 23 years old at that time and knew about what was discovered in the news and in history about

the concentration camps, we weren't ignorant of it, but to go and actually see one for the first time..." said Flannery.

Five years after the war many of the buildings had been burnt down, Flannery explained to the Free Press, but that he can recall seeing mounds where remains were buried, with plaques noting the number of bodies that lay beneath.

During his time in the Armoured Corps, Flannery did four tours of Germany, one year in Egypt and six months in Cyprus. He's received awards that include Special Service Medal, United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF), United Nations Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP), Canadian Force Decoration and Clasp, Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal (CPSM) and the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal (2002).

Remembrance Day, Flannery says, is always a solemn day, as the years pass and the number of veterans from the First and Second World Wars dwindle. Now, Remembrance Day is starting to shift in focus a little, to honour more recent service men and women.

Living now in East Garafraxa, Flannery chooses to rotate the legions that he goes to within Dufferin County each year to remember those who have fought and died in the line of duty.

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John Flannery with his father's and grandfather's war medals



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REMEMBRANCE DAY IS A TIME TO HONOUR ALL SERVICE MEMBERS, SAYS SHELBURNE'S YOUNGEST VETERAN

Written By PAULA BROWN

Each year when Remembrance Day comes around, the images and stories of veterans who fought and died in the line of duty during the First and Second World Wars take centre stage. For Johnathan Bentley, who is part of the next generation of veterans and Shelburne's youngest at the age of 28, Nov. 11 is a day to remember all service members.

Born and raised in Shelburne, Bentley describes growing up in a "military style background", with both his parents serving in the military. At the age of 12, Bentley started his path towards military service by joining the 164 Shelburne Air Cadet Squadron.

"I took every possible available opportunity the Shelburne Cadets had and ran right to it," said Bentley, recalling taking part in the program's band, drill and biathlon teams during his time.

Ten years after joining the Shelburne Air Cadets,

encouraged by a brother currently serving in the Navy, Bentley went for basic training, eventually taking up the position of bosun in the Navy. Bentley saw his first deployment in 2017 as part of humanitarian aid in Turks and Caicos and Dominica following Hurricane Irma.

"When we arrived to Dominica, I remember sailing in and the water was covered in debris, and we could see that the lush green palm trees were no longer green," describes Bentley. "There was no green on that island anymore. Everything was destroyed and brown."

During his time in the Navy, Bentley was deployed on one other occasion before he was medically discharged in 2018. Following four years of service, Bentley was given his papers after a diagnosis of bipolar and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

No longer in the military, Bentley now speaks can-

didly about having to work on being a "civilian".

"It's a completely different lifestyle, you function differently, you think differently, you have to work differently," said Bentley.

The "re-establishing" as a veteran and civilian, Bentley said, is not an easy process. He has many "triggers" that can take him back to his time in the military, which include things as simple as everyday chores, and even sleeping.

Bentley is the youngest veteran who is a member of the Shelburne Legion. Nov. 11 this year will mark the first Remembrance Day memorial for him as a veteran. Supporting the local legion on Remembrance Day, Bentley said he will be playing the bagpipes as part of the memorial service.

"Anyone that's been in the military, it's a day to remember; the currently serving, the retired, the lives lost - to remember everyone," said Bentley.



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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Shelburne Curling Club planning to hit the ice in January

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

There's no doubt that members of the Shelburne Curling Club have been missing their time on the ice sheets this year.

Curling at the Club has been delayed but is expected to get underway in January.

The popular sport has players of all ages who appreciated the skill it takes to play the game, as well as the camaraderie that goes along with being a member of the Club and socializing in the club room.

The plan is to open the Club in the new year while maintaining social distance protocols and following advice from the governing bodies of the sport in the country and across the province.

"We are planning to open on Jan. 2," explained Shelburne Curling Club president,

Rob Scott. "We will be following the guidance and advice provided to us from Curling Canada and CurlOn in order to maintain physical distancing while playing and while socializing after playing."

The Club normally has an active slate of activities on its agenda but will be making some changes for this season.

"One of the big changes we are incorporating is to have only one draw each night," Mr. Scott said. "This will ensure that a maximum of 32 players will be in the building. We have plans in place to maintain physical distancing when players arrive at the club, when players are on the ice curling and when they are finished playing and having a brief social time afterwards."

Club members will be informed of the rules and will be expected to follow them

when they are at the Club.

"Each curling club is physically unique so our Board of Managers has created a Return to Play Protocol for each of our members to follow," Mr. Scott explained, adding "This protocol is being sent out to each of our prospective members this weekend to let them know what to expect this season."

The Club is planning to have two competitive leagues and one recreational league. There will also be a two-on-two league.

Unfortunately some younger players will have to sit out this season as the Club will not be able to provide their program, called Little Rocks, this year.

Curling is popular sport across the country and the Shelburne Curling Club has a vibrant and enthusiastic base of local players.



FILE PHOTO

NEW SEASON: The Shelburne Curling Club is planning for a January 2, start to the new season.

Hockey Ontario restricting registration for all 'non-compliant' players

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

Hockey Canada and the Ontario Hockey Federation have never been too accepting of rogue leagues or hockey organizations that decide to play outside of the governing body's jurisdiction.

Now they have a reason to stop accepting players who have participated in a league that doesn't fall under the governing organization's umbrellas.

The Ontario Hockey Federation has announced they will restrict registration for players that have participated in hockey where teams or leagues have not followed government instructed protocols when it comes to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a statement issued on October 16, the Ontario Hockey Federation said "In review of the current hockey environment within Ontario, the Ontario Hockey Federation

Board of Directors have ruled that independent of the OHF Non-Sanctioned League policy the OHF in their sole unfettered discretion have the authority to restrict the registration and or participation of any individual within their program that is deemed to have participated in a program that contravenes Ontario Government Regulations or the protocols of the appropriate Public Health Unit or any amendment made by the Ontario Government or a Public Health Unit."

The document goes on to list cohort / league size, cohort / league transition protocols, and physical contact rules and regulations among the reasons that could be considered to go against public health regulations and protocols.

Physical contact rules could include on-ice play that do not align with the current rules set out by the OHF. Currently minor hockey

is not allowing physical contact while on the ice and has implemented new rules regarding face-offs after a goal is scored, an off-side call, or when the goalie traps the puck.

The OHF plans to 'verify that independent operators are conducting sporting activities that in n-line with the required health and safety guidelines.'

They will conduct a 'review of the program and render a decision' on whether to allow a player to take part in OHF sanctioned pro-

gramming.

There are plenty of leagues, teams and organizations that organize their own hockey games. From pickup hockey to recreational leagues, arenas routinely rent their ice to anyone who wants to play.

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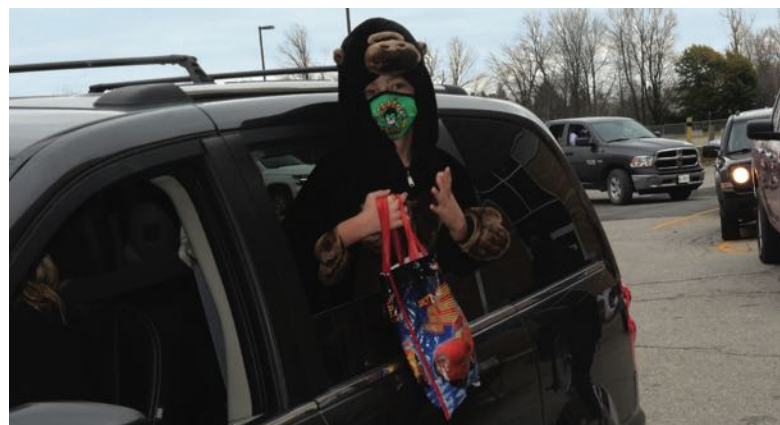
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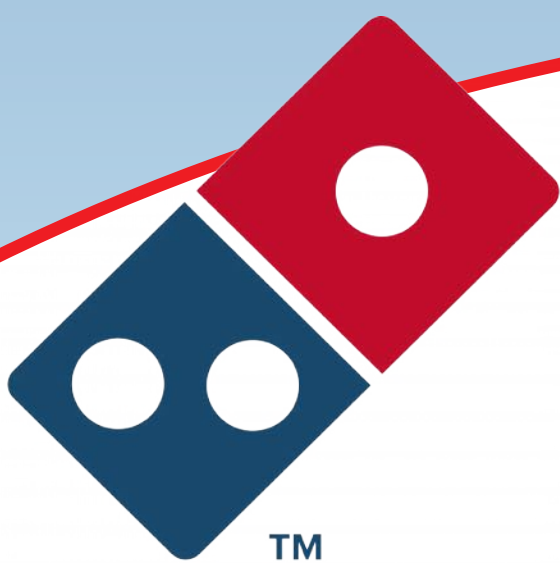
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