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BIA CHEQUES: Angela Way, of Spa-Cific You in Shelburne, was one of four local businesses that received a cheque on Monday (March 15) from the Shelburne BIA. The funding is part of the local grant created by the BIA to help member businesses cover costs of COVID-19 safety equipment in 2020. (Pictured: Angela Way (left), and Lynda Buffet (right) the Shelburne BIA council representative). Turn to page 6 to read a full story about the grants.

Dufferin marks one year anniversary of COVID-19 pandemic

Written By Paula Brown Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

It was a week of grim milestones.

Dufferin County, alongside the world, marked one year since the World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 as a global pandemic. The community, on Tuesday (March 16) also marked the one year anniversary of the regions first positive case of the novel virus.

"It's been a difficult year for our community, for every community essentially," said Dufferin County Warden Darren White. "A year ago, when we started this, I don't think any of us would have realized what was about to come."

What came for many was a year of isolation from friends and loved ones, the loss of work, the loss of learning in school, and ongoing uncertainty.

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health confirmed the first case of COVID-19 on March 16, 2020. A male in his 40s, returning from Atlanta, Georgia had been tested at Headwaters Health Care in Orangeville.

"It was scary to realize that something that the entire planet was quickly becoming concerned about was in our community," recalls White. "We knew it was coming, it was a matter of time, but you're never really prepared to hear that it's here, and it's now."

Since the start of the pandemic there have been 105 deaths related to COVID-19 in the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph region, 33 of

those deaths have been in Dufferin County.

"The 33 people in the County that didn't survive, those losses will continue to be felt by those families, by the community in general and certainly our senior management team and myself," said White.

"I carry those 33 deaths on my shoulders, they sit with me every day, that I was Warden when this happened."

In early April, an outbreak was declared at Headwaters Hospital as 13 hospital staff tested positive, 38 were asked to self-isolate and an additional 10 were admitted for COVID-19. By the end of April an outbreak of the virus was declared in two Shelburne long-term care homes

"We've learned our share of hard lessons, and we know that things have got to change in a number of sectors, long-term care being one of them," said White. "Things cannot be like they were a year ago."

For many, the year was a constant pivot as local small businesses developed strategies for online shopping, students switched to online learning, and residents became used to wearing masks.

White said the community's response to the changes has be great.

WDG Public Health Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Nicola Mercer said she's been impressed with the community's ability to adapt to restrictions.

"I've asked them and the province has asked them to do things that are difficult and people have followed through with what we've been asking throughout the

pandemic, they sound easy but they're actually quite difficult," said Mercer.

Weeks before the first case of COVID-19 was confirmed in the region, Mercer spent time preparing local hospitals, family health teams, and Ontario health teams for the expected first cases.

"There was no doubt that we were expecting it, we didn't know where locally we would get the first case, but the first cases as would be expect we're all travel cases...that wasn't unexpected," said Mercer.

One year since the start of the pandemic, what do we know now that we didn't know then?

"There's a lot we didn't know about COVID-19 a year ago," said Mercer. "We didn't understand how it was transmitted, we didn't understand the incubation period, and we didn't understand how lethal it was going to be if you got it.

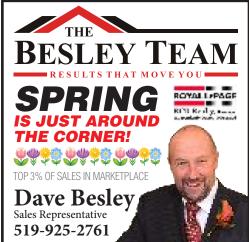
"One of the things I didn't know a year ago, was that we would produce a vaccine and actually have it being deliver in about nine months, certainly less than a year," she added.

March 11 was declared a national day of observance by the federal government and communities lowered the Canadian Flag at half-mass to honour those who have died to the virus.

"It's a grim reminder of where we've been and I don't think any of us ever want to go back there," said White addressing the anniversary date.

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Shelburne resident launches initiative to bring sports equipment to youth

Basketballs, jump rope, and Frisbees. For many, these sports items are childhood staples and one Shelburne resident is ensuring children in the community will have them to play with come the spring and summer.

Laura Wagstaff, a former Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS) student, has started a local initiative called Project Play For All, which provides children from families struggling financially with sports equip-

"A lot of my childhood was spent outside playing sports and the thought of kids in my community missing out on that because they don't have access to equipment at home, really bothered me and I thought there's got to be something I can do about this," Wagstaff tells the Free Press.

Wagstaff is currently a student at the University of Toronto, where she is studying kinesiology with the hopes of one day becoming a Phys. Ed teacher. While working on a paper for school, studying the youth sports crisis due to the COVID-19 pandemic, she came across troubling statistics and trends.

"What I discovered is youth participation in sports and physical activity has really been alarmingly decreasing and part of the reason for that being, is a lot of kids depend on school programming for sports and phys- put in place was the cancelling of school- sports," said Wagstaff. ical activity," said Wagstaff.

When students made the return to school back in September, one of the restrictions there just really hasn't been a lot of access to the local initiative and at the beginning of com/projectplayforall.



PROJECT PLAY FOR ALL: Centre Dufferin District High School began collecting balls on Wednesday (March 17) for Project Play For All, a local initiative aimed at providing youth with sports equipment who's families are struggling financially.

based athletics.

"With the school closures and restrictions, nity stay active, Wagstaff began developing Facebook Page at: https://www.facebook.

March officially launched Project Play For

She is now turning to the community asking for donations of new or gently used sports equipment including basketballs, soccer balls, footballs, standard rubber playground balls, Frisbees, skipping rope and ball pumps.

"I thought it would be easier to narrow it down to a few specific items, I thought it was a pretty good variety. I've kind of set an age range of kindergarten to grade eight and so most of those things can be used by kids through all those ages and genders as well."

Wagstaff also noted she chose the equipment that would be COVID friendly.

Since launching the local initiative, Wagstaff said she's been overwhelmed with the support and response from the community

"I've been kind of nervous for a while to launch it because I didn't really know what the response would be, but it's been great." A Go Fund Me for monetary donations

has also been started with the goal of reach \$1000. At the time of print, the page has received \$850 in donations.

Wagstaff will be accepting donations throughout the month of March as well as April, with items set to be given out in time for warmer weather.

If you would like to donate sports equip-Seeing a way to help youth in the commu-ment to Project Play For All, contact their

Local fire department to see in-house training as Ontario Fire College closes

Written By Paula Brown Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

as the Ontario Fire College campus prepares and life safety training will be done directly to close at the end of March, says Fire Chief in Shelburne. Ralph Snyder.

to close the Ontario Fire College campus through the regional training centres. located in Gravenhurst at the beginning of centres.

"It hasn't had the capacity to train the fire-difference." fighters that we need trained for some time

decided to do a different model."

Snyder said training with fire and heat as

"Some of this we will have our own instruc-2021, switching the training model for fire- tors and some we will have to bring in out- how the costs will balance out in the fire ser- the Ontario Fire College has not hosted fighters to be based out of regional training side instructors to do it, but they'll come to vice budget. us instead of us going to them is the biggest

The cost of sending fire personnel to the

While the department will be able to save Highlands Fire Department.

With the closure of the fire college campus, some money with in-house training Snyder The Shelburne Fire Department will be curriculum including basic firefighter train- notes that sending personnel to regional train- the model change, Snyder said the Shelburne seeing more in-house training for firefighters ing, certifying officers, public education, fire ing centres will cost the fire department more. Fire Department is in a very stable place.

"Regional training centres don't generally offer accommodations and meals, so if we here for a long time and have already got travel any distance at all, we're going to have their instructor certifications so I'm not in as The province announced the decision well as fire investigations will likely be done to pay for that, other than that we don't have bad a situation as some fire department will a lot of costs."

At this time, Snyder adds they don't know

around after you've already done your budgets for the year based on one model, and courses. now," said Chief Snyder. "It needed to either fire college for training was low at \$65 per now we've completely changed models," said Snyder.

The closest regional training centre to enhance training needs.

expand or go to a different model, and they person (travel, accommodations, and meals). Shelburne currently is located in Markdale,

While there are still many unknowns about

"We have many firefighters that have been be, that don't have the in-house capabilities."

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic on-site training. While the physical campus "It's a bit of a surprise to have this thrown will be closed, the Ontario Fire College will continue to help with developing training

The Ontario government announced last week they would be providing funding to "We don't know where we're at, at the support local fire services during COVID-19. Shelburne is eligible to receive \$6,600 to



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March 20th will mark the one-year anniversary of my formal emergency declaration in response to COVID-19.

In some ways it seems like only yesterday but when one considers just what we have gone through over the past 12 months, it can also seem like a lifetime ago. It was clear back in March of last year that we were in for a difficult period of uncharted challenges, but nobody quite understood just how difficult those challenges would be, or how long they would last. Twelve months in I think it's fair to say that we all understand that now.

The COVID journey for our community has certainly had its ups and downs. We have experienced tremendous loss and we have also seen some of the best of humanity on display. We have had our lives disrupted in countless ways and we have also seen people come together in remarkable fashion. In many ways we have seen the better angles of our nature on full display, and I will remain forever grateful for the way that our community has collectively risen to meet this challenge.

As I write this letter, I have just been advised that our local public health unit has just opened vaccine registrations for those residents who are 70 years of age and

older. Registration can be done online at https://register.wdgpublichealth.ca This is great news, and our public health unit deserves considerable praise for the efficiency and leadership that they have displayed throughout this pandemic. Despite all the challenges associated with COVID over the past year, we have also had to keep moving forward both individually and as a community. Thanks to the use of technology. Council has continued to attend to the business of the town with minimal interruption. Although Zoom meetings are not our preferred method of

meeting, this platform has allowed us press on and advance the ambitious agenda that this Council set at the beginning of the term. Over the next year, we will see

significant new investments in parks and recreation as well infrastructure as we continue to build the kind of community that we all expect and deserve.

The official transition from Shelburne Police to the OPP took place on February 18th which was an occasion filled with mixed emotions. On one hand, we closed the chapter on an institution that has proudly served our community for nearly a century and a half. There was a finality associated with that moment which is never easy and the nostalgic emotion that one can't help but feel should not be ignored. But that moment also represented a very bright and exciting future for our officers and our community.

Our former Shelburne police officers who were hired by the OPP are now back in the community and they return with the full support and resources of one of North America's largest deployed and most respected police services. For our community, this really should be seen as a "win-win" proposition. We will continue to receive community policing service from the same familiar local officers who we already know, trust and respect, and we too will also benefit from the tremendous network of

resources that the Ontario Provincial Police bring to bear. On March 5th, we welcomed our officers back home from their OPP training with a small formal ceremony at Town Hall. Unfortunately, given the COVID-19 restrictions in place, it was not possible to make this a public event, but I know that the officers are well aware of the support that they enjoy from our community. They were all

beaming with pride in their new uniforms and the smiles on their faces were a welcomed sight. Please offer a personal note of welcome when you see one of local

I am hopeful that we are soon able to leave winter behind us and welcome the rejuvenating spirit of spring. It is always a time to refresh and look forward with optimism toward brighter days. Again, I thank each and every resident for your continued support and ask that you keep doing your part to contribute to greatness of

All the best. Stay well, **Mayor Wade Mills**

officers on patrol.

our community.





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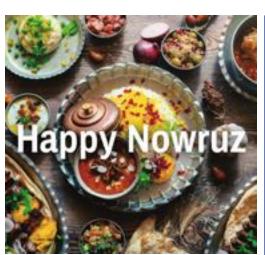
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Gas prices

If you are planning on taking a road trip any time soon, you might want to re-think your budget for how much it will cost you to finally cruise the ocean highway along Cape Breton.

It looks like we are about to get hammered again as gas prices are already on the rise and they are predicted to get a lot higher.

There's a whole list of reasons behind this, many of which, of course don't make a lot of sense, but the spin doctors have a whole list of factors that affect the price of this commodity which fluctuates on a global scale and hammers us here at home – and relentlessly so.

Remember when gas prices went through the roof last year and so did the cost of everything else because of the transportation costs?

Okay, that does make sense.

However, when prices dropped down to below .80 cents at the start of the pandemic, we didn't see any kind of relief due to the lesser cost of transporting goods. Nope - prices stayed at the inflated rate even though the cost of getting those goods to you went down by around 35 per cent.

The 'experts' give us several reason that the price of gas is going to up.

Production of crude oil is expected to go up, and so is the price per barrel. Oil production in Alberta has actually decreased by 20 per cent, and along with it a lot of jobs have disappeared.

As pandemic restrictions are eased, more people are expected to travel, which of course means a demand for more fuel.

As summer approaches, the price of gas always goes up for some reason. Go figure - people are more likely to drive somewhere in the summer to actually enjoy life, so let's make sure they pay extra for having

Finally, the liberal government's plan to raise their so called 'carbon tax' will increase the price per litre by .37 cents by 2030.

The government says we will all reap the benefits of a carbon tax through rebates and a whole other bunch of nonsense.

Nope, I don't buy it. Whenever government tells us we will have extra money or savings, we never see it unless it's some tax credit where each family will save "\$40 on some tax credit annually." Whoopee!

There are those that try to tell us that hav- over in Ontario by transit to do business

ing a vehicle and driving is a luxury and not and see how that

Of course, the only people who say that are the ones who are driven to work in a government provided limousine or some guy who lives in downtown Toronto and lives next to a subway line and their knowledge of the world is based on a train stop. I actually know people like that.

Maybe the experts should look at a map of this country. This isn't some tiny European nation where riding a bicycle will get you from one end of town to the other in five minutes.

Vehicles are indeed a necessity in this country.

Unless you think would you like to start jogging the 30 km to work, or walking 10 km to the grocery store while pulling a bundle-buggy before walking to the soccer field for the kid's game practice and returning home by midnight, would be a good lifestyle.

Some people like to reference public transit. Well, it's too late. We do not have the public transit in most areas that is suitable. Trying making your trip one town

goes.

BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW

> Vehicles all need fuel to move and that

includes the trucks that supply food, clothing, and all other goods, ambulances, and the fire trucks that get to your burning house in a couple of minutes rather than having a bucket brigade arriving on foot.

Rising fuels costs just mean we all will be paying more to drive across town and paying more for goods, and our salaries are not keeping up with the cost of living. And that will affect business because people will have less buying power - and forget about giving that extra money to charities because there won't be any extra.

The government can regulate the cost of items when they want to. Ever notice the difference between prices in a free-economy American liquor store and the fixed prices in the LLBO?

If the government wants to help the economy, the first priority should be getting fuel costs under control.

They can do it while relaxing in the limo we pay for on their way to Parliament Hill.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

sam@lpcmedia.ca

Open letter to Premier Doug Ford

Who is your government listening to when your people tell you they don't need another under-used highway?

Are there contacts with their hands out for that \$6 billion, likely to be \$10 billion upon completion, signalling you to ignore your people?

Why then carry on against responsible living, common sense, environmental protection, and research that say your people can live without 50 more kilometers, 2000 acres, of farmlands and neighbouring areas destroyed, and your creation of destructive short-term jobs by permanent destruction of green belts?

Are you counting on the silence/inaction of Are you so sure accountability will evade

Are you just following politicians who have

made reckless, short-sighted, self-serving decisions and escape to private bliss with no

Are you so full of disrespect for your people? Did you somehow conclude that your people are not as smart, worthy or sophisticated and therefore can be some sort of "collateral

Why then, oh why, premier, do you want to stick them with another highway they so sharply reject?

Are you getting in the way of their protecting precious farm lands and surrounding areas of great value?

Premier Ford, if you support destruction of farm lands, wouldn't you and your loved ones, and the elites, eat even if you have to pay \$500 for a single hamburger?

Are you not remembering past politicians so defamed for the mess they left their people?

Is it because once politicians touch that political gold throne they will waltz off to "happily ever after" back clapping all the way to other gold thrones?

Premier, are you part of the rush to hastily fill certain pockets with money while having the "might and power" to do so and to hell with the people, and their abused

Do you have regard for the might and power of mother earth?

You always "God Bless" your people at the end of press conferences. Do you have chandize in landfill sites? respect for the power of God?

Are you feeling so secured that you and those you love will be long gone before the earth erupts worse than she has ever done before, making covid-19 look like a fly on the head?

Are you one that would have laughed at Noah and his ark asking where will the water come from?

Are you of the "sophisticated class" asking "What climate disaster? What fires? Where will the fires come from? Aren't fires, floods, volcanoes, hurricanes, famines normal?"

Are you one asking "Why not take all we can now? Why leave any for future generations we don't know?"

Do your people have enough monster homes, bottled water, perfume, jewellery,

water/skin/clothes softener, "perfect" toxic grass, chemical "beauty" and other foolish luxuries?

What do your people need so urgently 30 seconds faster? more hair dye? wigs? braids? false beauty painted, stained and glued on their bodies? tobacco? cannabis? More food for this over-eating nation? More dumping of perfectly good food and mer-

Are you santa giving them what they don't want and paying with their money and not giving them what they want e.g. clean envi-

If you don't discourage, are you then encouraging greed, insatiability and wastefulness?

When is it, and how much is, enough for your people, premier Ford?

How would it be if you were to be remembered as the covid-19 "saviour" in March and April and perhaps onwards, and then the environmental "destroyer" premier Doug Ford?

Tell me please. I so want to know.

Gloria Ramanth Shelburne

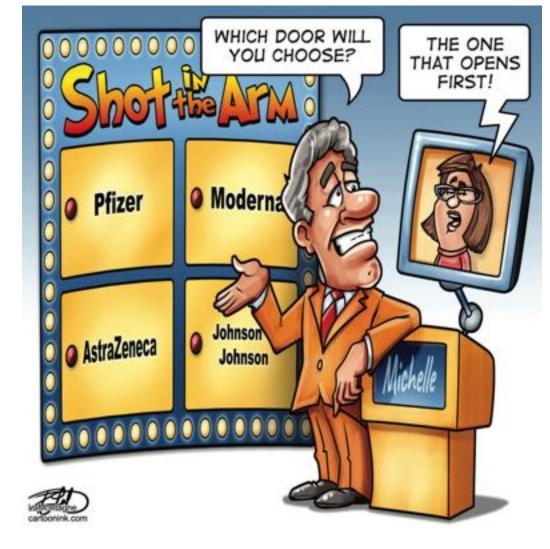


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Flato Developments helps polar plunge raise funds for Special Olympics

Written By Brian Lockhart

on a different format this year, the goal was we raised over \$5,300. The Polar Plunge goal still the same.

The plunge is part of the Law Enforcement and they raised over \$361,000." Torch Run program that raises funds for the Special Olympics.

The plunge usually takes place with groups cause. of willing victims and a lot of cheering spectators who gather around a freezing pool in they heard about the plunge and thought it the pavilion at Fiddle Park in February. If you just like to watch the event, there's still a good chance you're going to gets splashed when costumed participants take the plunge then beat a hasty retreat when they are sub- ments] and Mr. Rehmatullah was the one merged in near freezing water.

restrictions on gatherings, the Polar Plunge port this event and here we are." had to take a different approach to this year's event.

the Polar Plunge online," explained local organizations in the communities where event organizer, OPP Constable Jeff McClean. "We did a completely virtual plunge across the province where each individual was able munity that needs assistance, we're here to to sign up either as a group or an individual help," Mr. Medeiros said. and raise money for the cause rather than doing specific events around the province. People were using streams, pools, bathtubs, GT snow-racers, you name it. It is the Law

Enforcement Torch Run that presents the Polar Plunge. My goal this year was to raise While the annual police Polar Plunge took \$1,000. With the help of Flato Developments was to raise \$100,000 across the province

> Flato Developments heard about the local event and made a donation of \$5,000 to the

> Flato representative, Joe Medeiros, said was a worthy cause to contribute to.

"Local Shelburne councillor, Kyle Fegan, connected Constable McClean to Shakir, [Rehmatullah, president of Flato Developthat decided on the donation," Mr. Medeiros Given the current circumstances and explained. "Mr. Rehmatullah said we'll sup-

Flato Developments has made contributions to other local causes and has been "In 2021, due to the pandemic we brought known to be quite generous to charitable they are working.

"Any organization in the Shelburne com-

Mr. Medeiros made the cheque presentation to Constable McClean at the Dufferin detachment of the OPP.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

BIG CHEQUE: The annual Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Plunge took on a different format this year when participants did a virtual plunge due to the current restrictions on outdoor gatherings. Flato Developments participated by donating \$5,000 to the cause. Flato representative, Joe Medeiros, presents local organizer OPP Constable Jeff McClean with a cheque at the Dufferin OPP detatchment, on Wednesday, March 10.

New initiative shining light on pandemic related challenges for youth

Written By Sam Odrowski

everyone differently and a local health campaign launches. group is working to understand how youth are coping.

Child and Youth Mental Health and Additions (CYMHA) sub-committee recently launched a call-to-action campaign where they're asking Dufferin-Caledon youth been impacted significantly by this panages 4-18 to provide input on how they change related to the pandemic.

Submissions will be accepted until March 31 and can be a piece of art, song, short story, a poem, or video. To submit something, visit: https://www.covidlessons-kid2kid.com/. Everyone who subton's Gift Card as a token of appreciation.

"We're looking to get input directly from the children and youth from the community, as to what their experience has been with COVID-19 and the changes that have happened, and how they're coping during the pandemic, and what's working for them," said Jenny Aguiar-Winter of Dufferin Child and Family Services (DCAFS), who helped to organize the initiative.

"From those submissions, we're looking to create mental health resources for the children and youth in the community, pretty much looking at creating what we're calling, 'COVID lessons for kids by kids.'"

The mental health resources for youth, created through their submissions will be shared in various social media posts and community videos to help reach children in the community who are in need of ideas

Continued from FRONT

Dufferin marks one year since start of pandemic

WDG Public Health has announced the second phase of vaccinations opening pre-registration to more eligible groups.

"We're hopeful hitting the one year anniversary that there is some light at the end of the tunnel with the vaccine rollout. We just have to now concentrate on getting those actual shots into actual arms and hopefully, we can get back to some semblance of normalcy," said White.

When Speaking about the community, he noted his appreciation for their response.

"I thank them for their tremendous patience. I offer my condolences to those who have lost loved ones and I offer my best wishes to those who got sick and have recovered or are currently recovering. But mostly, thanks for the work that every person in Dufferin County has done however big or small to get us to where we are today," White remarked.

As of March 17, Dufferin County has 26 active cases of COVID-19.

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and inspiration at this time.

The goal of the initiative is to see how the Hills of Headwater Collaborative could The Hills of Headwaters Collaborative's help children with their mental health, pandemic has brought about. "Children and youth as a whole have

demic. From a developmental perspectypical opportunities for socialization and the emotional growth that comes from connecting with peers in person," said Jennifer Moore, DCAFS executive director.

At the same time, we have seen many kids themselves." All qualifying submissions will be posted examples of resilience, adaptability and The COVID-19 pandemic is impacting online as part of a project gallery when the hopefulness that have left us as adults initiative is important, because youth are quite inspired."

> Aguiar-Winter says she's hoping those iar-Winter noted. who participate see this initiative as a creative outlet for expressions, where they children and youth. So, instead of having considering all of the changes that the can let their imagination guide them. It's an adult giving them some tips, somemay be struggling to adapt to all of the taken in when it's coming from other chilchanges created by the pandemic.

"What we're looking to do is really tap in demographic," she explained. manage the fear, isolation, anxiety and tive, they have lost so much in terms of to what they've kind of learned and what they're taking from this experience and an adult, so we're kind of hoping that they what their new normal kind of looks like," said Aguiar-Winter.

"We just thought since we're looking to "We have seen a significant increase in help the children and youth that might be May as part of the Hills of Headwaters Colour calls for crisis services as well as an having a challenging time, who better to laborative Ontario Health Team's Mental mits something will receive a \$5 Tim Horincrease in our calls for parental support. ask how they're kind of coping than the Health Awareness Week initiative.

The kids helping kids component of the more likely to listen to one another, Agu-

"Kids and youth, they respond to other also a way for youth to help others that times it comes across a little easier and is dren and youth of similar ages and similar

> "It's coming from a peer, as opposed to can teach us some things on how they kind of coped with everything this past year."

> The initiative launches the first week of

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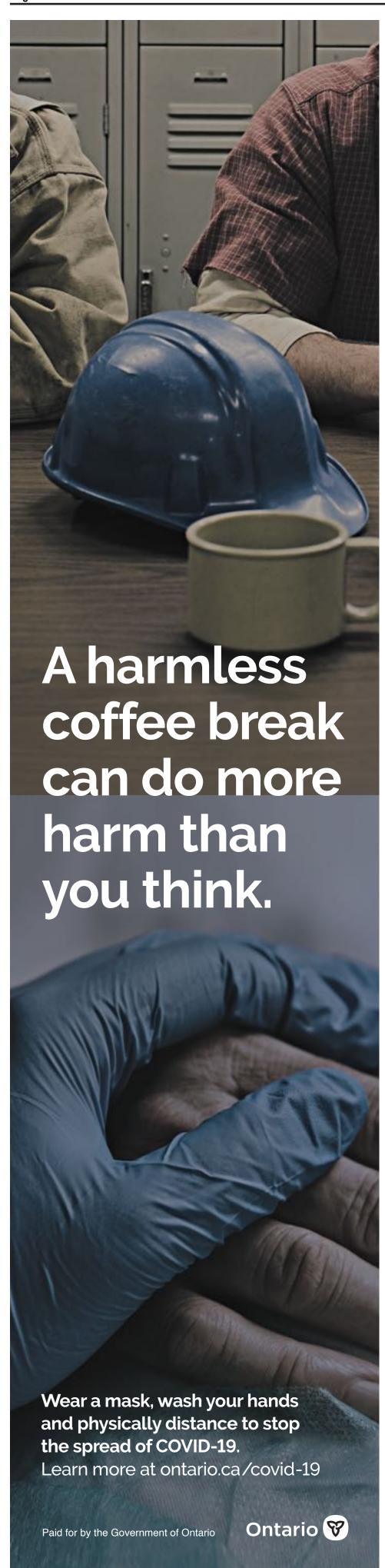
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COVID RECOVERY: Jelly Craft Bakery, was one of four member businesses of the Shelburne BIA to receive a cheque on Monday (March 15), as part of the organization's efforts to help businesses with the costs incurred in 2020 for COVID-19 safety equipment.

Shelburne BIA grants funding for business members in need

Written By Paula Brown Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Area (BIA) is offering a helping hand to to see new businesses spring up, which is a member businesses with a new funding progod sign, so we want to keep the momen-

The local BIA has approved a grant of a lit- happy." tle over \$11,000, or up to \$750 per business, to help members of the BIA cover the costs Shelburne, was one of the four business that associated with COVID-19 safety equipment received the grant on Monday. in 2020. The funding for the program is coming out of the Shelburne BIA reserve funds, receive the grant was amazing because which includes money contributed by memas the cost of COVID-19 supplies are quite ber businesses.

Melissa Hooper, accountant for the BIA, said business members will be able to use reimbursing patios, and personal protective equipment (PPE).

Both Hooper and Shelburne Town Coundowntown core with cheques.

draw more business to the area and make safety equipment. everybody's business a great success," Buffet said to the Free Press about the grant.

"It give everybody some hope that we're finally going to get out of this and we have to do all we can to support local businesses. The Shelburne Business Improvement I think in the last little while, we've started tum going and make sure that everybody is

Spa-Cific You, located on Main Street in

"It was a great opportunity for us, so to extensive some times," said owner, Angela

Way added that for the day spa, the grant the grant to cover costs incurred such as has specifically helped cover some of the cost for the plexiglass installed between the hairdressers and the nail stations.

While four businesses have received the cil representative Lynda Buffet on Monday grant, the BIA says there is still more fund-(March 15) presented four businesses in the ing available for business members. Criteria to be eligible for the grant include being a "We'd like to ensure that they're [the busi-member of the BIA and receipts from 2020 nesses] are here and successful, that we can have to be provided as proof of cost for the

> Business member can contact the BIA to inquire about funding.

County Council adopts climate plan

Written By Paula Brown Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) in the iency to the impacts of climate change. community by 2050.

but also Dufferin County's commitment the temperature trend will continue to rise. to act as a leader on climate change in the through natural or technological solutions."

Councillor members were given a presenture generations to come." tation of the County's first climate action Climate and Energy, Sara Wicks.

ties will see in the future with inaction to- change. ward the current climate crisis, including increase in disaster response costs.

"The cost of inaction is actually great than cy for natural and agricultural systems. the investments required today," said Wicks.

Canada, along with 197 other countries pursue efforts to limit temperature increase ral environment. even further to 1.5 degrees Celsius.

net-zero, meaning the economy emits either ongoing debate towards the climate crisis. no greenhouse gas emissions or offsets the emissions, by 2050.

proposed a three-phase reduction timeline security, they talk to energy efficiency, proas a guide to the 2050 net-zero target. The tecting natural heritage features, protecting plan is to see a 10 percent reduction below wetland, enhancing and restoring those. 2016 levels of greenhouse gas emissions. These are things we should be doing any-

(GHG) by 2030, a 40 percent reduction by ways, the fact that that is a big part of the fix 2040, and 80 percent by 2050. Wicks said Dufferin County's target for

government.

While the Climate Action Plan is helping create a strategy for Dufferin County and Dufferin County Council has adopted the local municipalities to reach greenhouse a climate action plan to achieve net-zero gas neutrality, it is also aiding to build resil-

Dufferin County has seen about a one "A net-zero target is ambitious, reflecting degree increase in the annual temperature not only the urgency of the climate crisis, since 1948, and current projections show

"Local climate projections show that Dufcommunity," said Dufferin Warden Darren ferin can expect to experience rising tem-White. "This target means that by 2050 Dufperatures, changes in precipitation patterns, ferin County will have reduced community and an increasing number of severe weathgreenhouse gas emissions to as close to er events," said Mono Mayor Laura Ryan, in zero as possible while removing any un- a press release. "This plan is a critical step avoidable emissions from the atmosphere in ensuring that Dufferin remains a healthy and thriving community for current and fu-

The Climate Action Plan has six focus arplan during their meeting last Thursday eas (on the move, in our buildings, for our March 11, from Dufferin County manager of land, planning our county, in our bins, and empowering our communities), with 34 ac-Wicks, at the beginning of the presentations to help mitigate or reduce local greention, noted the increased costs municipali- house gas emissions, and adapt to climate

In the presentation five priority actions creased costs of maintenance and operation were highlighted to be completed by 2025 of roads and infrastructure, rising insurance based around energy efficiency and fuel premiums, self-insured liabilities, and in- switching, low-carbon transportation, green development standards and climate resilien-

According to a press release from the County, residents can expect an "accelerain 2015, adopted the Paris Agreement, an tion of initiatives" towards these priorities international treaty on climate change. The such as the installation of public electric vegoal of the Paris Agreement is to limit glob- hicle (EV) charging stations, energy saving al warming to well below 2 degrees Celsius programs with the County and local utility compared to pre-industrial levels and to companies, and enhancements to the natu-

Following the Climate Action Plan pre-The federal government has committed to sentation Warden Darren White noted the

"Take the words climate change out of the equation, those are things we should be do-The Climate Action Plan presentation ing anyway," said White. "They talk to food for climate change is a secondary."

A corporate climate action plan will be 2050 keeps it in line with other levels of developed later in the year.

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ocal realtor hosting Golden Egg Hunt for Easter

corner, which means it won't be long until something." the Easter Bunny is making the trip to Shel-

the annual Shelburne Easter Egg Hunt, one tions and costly insurance, the event was local realtor is looking to bring some Easter revamped to take place in local businesses spirit to the community.

a Golden Easter Egg Hunt with local small Hornings Mills, Everett, and Creemore. businesses in town.

ing to look forward to, we've held back as business into their stores. It's getting them in the Golden Egg Hunt, is Shelburne Family far as celebrating certain holidays, things like Christmas, we're not doing it the same," said Claire Knight, organizer of the event. "The fact that we can't do a traditional Eas-

The original plan for the event, Knight said, was to hide a hundred golden eggs at one of While COVID-19 restrictions have held off the local parks, but with COVID-19 restricin the community. When word about the egg Go With Crowe Real Estate, starting March hunt in Shelburne got out, it quickly grew to 29 and running until April 5, will be hosting include surrounding areas such as Mulmur,

"It's actually better now, because the busi-"I think everybody needs something excit-nesses are not only super excited, it's driving excited for Easter and hopefully it will help as far as getting some revenue back into our community," said Knight.

The official start of spring is around the ter egg hunt doesn't mean that we can't do golden eggs (20-25 per business) over the tiative and also spread some positivity and local businesses and the grand prize; a \$250 time supporting local business." gift card to Great Wolf Lodge.

Golden Egg Hunt will have to ask the busi- they receive them. nesses for the eggs, as they're trying to limit the eggs to one per family to give everyone a Easter egg hunt include The Duffy, Limitless

One local business that will be taking part Jelly Craft Bakery. Chiropractic.

"It's a really great initiative that helps to drive traffic to local businesses so we out Go With Crowe on Facebook and Insta-The local businesses will be giving out 200 wanted to be part of this community ini-

week, filled with Easter-themed erasers, tem- help people venture outside," said Alexandra porary tattoos, stickers and more. Each egg Magder, from Shelburne Family Chiropracwill also contain a ticket to be drawn on April tic. "It's been a long winter and it's a really 5, via Facebook Live, for prizes donated by great activity for families and at the same

Madger said depending on weather, they Knight said families taking part in the plan to hide eggs outside of the clinic when

> Businesses in Shelburne taking part in the Inc., Shelburne Family Chiropractic, and

> The Golden Egg Hunt will start on March 29 and run until April 5.

> For more information on the event check

WDG Public Health assures residents of AstraZeneca vaccine safety

Written By Paula Brown

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

ily suspended the COVID-19 vaccine due to safety or supply of this vaccine in Canada," concerns of blood clotting.

"Concerns in the European Union that release on Friday (March 12). Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph (WDG) Public the AstraZeneca vaccine may be connected

public confidence in the AstraZeneca vac- indication that the vaccine caused these cine in Canada:

paign, there is some small risk of adverse version manufactured by the Serum Institute reactions which merit further investigation. At this point, incidences of adverse reaction ada or the Public Health Agency of Canada." in individuals receiving the AstraZeneca vaccine are extremely low.

There are two 'versions' of the AstraZeneca vaccine. The AstraZeneca vac- lem, especially in older people. It is therefore cine product that is currently being delivered likely that some people who receive a vacto Canada comes from the Serum Institute cine will, at some point, in the future develop of India under the brand name COVISHIELD. a blood clot for reason that are not related This is a different supply from the vaccine to the vaccine. It is the view of Thrombothat is being used in Europe, and the lots that sis Canada that, based on the available eviare being investigated are not being used in dence, there is no link between receiving this Ontario.

Canada is both safe and effective," said Dr. ciated with the development of blood clots." Nicola Mercer, Medical Officer of Health and CEO of WDG Public Health. "I encourage Union has suspended the AstraZeneca vacevery resident of the region to get vaccinated cine as the European Medicines Agency as soon as it is their turn with whichever (EMA) conducts and investigation. Accordapproved vaccine is available to them."

port the AstraZeneca vaccine and says the among 3 million people vaccinated with the benefits of the vaccine continue to outweigh AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine. the risks.

"Health Canada authorized the vaccine said WDG Public Health unit in a press based on a thorough, independent review of the evidence and determined that it meets WDG Public Health says there are two Canada's stringent safety, efficacy, and qualevents. To date, no adverse events relation With any mass vaccination cam- to the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine, or the of India, have been reported to Health Can-

> A statement from Thrombosis Canada included in the press release said,

"Thrombosis is a common medical probvaccine and the development of blood clots. "The AstraZeneca vaccine available in In general, vaccine of any type are not asso-

A number of countries in the European ing to the EMA, as of March 9, 22 cases of Health Canada is also continuing to sup-thromboembolic events have been reported

Health says the AstraZeneca vaccine is safe, adverse thromboembolic events (blood important pieces of information to reinforce ity requirements. At this time, there is no as number of European countries temporar- clots) in some recipients do not impact the ohnson's Income Tax 44 Proton Street, Dundalk, Ontario FARM, BUSINESS & PERSONAL INCOME TAX Refunds should be within 2 weeks if E-Filed Monday to Friday 8:30am - 5:00pm Saturday 10:00am – 2:00pm 519.923.2624 Fax 519.923.2481 • Toll Free 1.800.898.2126



Written By Paula Brown Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

well as staff-only areas of commercial estab-release.

eye protection, and screening.

WDG Public Health announced the update to the masking requirements on March 12 fined up to \$5000.

with the new order going in effect on March 15 at 12:01 a.m.

"As cases of COVID-19 variants of con-Wellington Dufferin Guelph (WDG) Public cern continue to grow across the province, Health has expanded orders on face cover- WDG Public Health is exploring all measure ings to now include common areas of multi- to keep cases low and the region as open as unit dwellings, and temporary lodgings, as possible," wrote the health unit in the press

Public Health has also provided updates The new Section 22 Class order, which for common questions noting that the order was last updated in September of 2020, is doesn't apply to someone in a room alone, additionally issuing owners and operators of but does apply when sitting at desks, even driver instruction vehicles or driver examif separated by plexiglass or other barriers, ination vehicles to require face coverings, and offices not open to members of the public with more than one person inside.

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Provincial AstraZeneca Primary Care Pilot launches locally

Written By Paula Brown Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Residents in Dufferin County, Wellington, and Guelph between the ages of 60 and 64 will now have access to the AstraZeneca-Oxford COVID-19 vaccine through their family

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph (WDG) Public the vaccine. Health announced in a press release on Tues-

March 10, allowing pharmacies and primary helping end the pandemic in our region." care settings in three public health units: tenac, Lennox and Addington to administer

"This is another key tool in our fight against

the list of regions participating in the pro- Officer of Health and CEO of WDG Public Health Team, East Wellington Family Health vincial AstraZeneca Primary Care Pilot. The Health. "I thank each Family Health Team, Guelph Family Health Team, Minto Ontario government announced the pilot on and each physician for their commitment to Mapleton Family Health Team, Mount Forest

WDG Public Health said the public should ily Health Team. Toronto, Windsor-Essex, and Kingston, Fron- not contact their primary care provider as participating physicians will contact eligible cines go to www.wdgpublichealth.ca/vaccine. patients to book a vaccine.

Local family health care teams participat-

day (March 16) that they has been added to COVID-19," said Dr. Nicola Mercer, Medical ing in the pilot include: Dufferin Area Family Family Health Team, and Upper Grand Fam-

For more information on COVID-19 vac-

Emerald Ash Borer continue to ravage Shelburne's Ash trees

have Town Ash trees destroyed by the Emerald Ash Borer.

ious locations to be removed starting the removed trees where space permits. week of March 22, 2021.

Hand delivered notices will be delivered to residents in the area prior to the removal destructive invasive beetle. It is a pest of ½ inch) and 3.1 to 3.4 millimetres wide (½ shelburne.ca/en/news/notice-of-emeraldof the trees. In most cases the infestation ash trees. It was confirmed as present in inch). While the back of the insect is an ash-borer.aspx

The Town of Shelburne continues to has been reported by the homeowners.

When a tree on public lands is removed a new tree will be planted. However, the in North America and poses a major eco- row and elongated, and the head is flat. We are issuing this notice as there may new location will be impacted due to the be questions from other members of the extensive root systems of the former trees. public on why the Town is removing trees. The Town is continuing our tree planting Currently there are about 30 trees in var- program this year and will replace the

What is the emerald ash borer?

Canada in the summer of 2002.

nomic and environmental threat to urban The eyes are kidney shaped and usually and forested areas across Canada and the black. Emerald ash borer larvae are white United States.

like?

The beetle is metallic green in colour The emerald ash borer is a highly and is 8.5 to 14.0 millimetres long (about is provided on our web site: https://www.

iridescent, metallic green, the underside is It has killed a large number of ash trees a bright emerald green. The body is narand flat, with distinctive bell-shaped seg-What does the emerald ash borer look ments, and can grow up to 30 millimeters long (1 inch).

More information on Emerald Ash Borer

Accelerated PSW program launches at Georgian College

Written By Sam Odrowski

seen shortages in Personal Support Workers (PSWs) and an accelerated program aimed at training thousands of new PSWs over the campus of Georgian College.

The locally offered accelerated program is part of a \$115 million investment to train looking forward to an increase in the numup to 8,200 PSWs for high-demand jobs in ber of trained PSWs through the accelerated Ontario health and long-term care sectors.

"PSWs are an integral part of the health-Ontario," said Dr. MaryLynn West-Moynes, President and CEO, Georgian College.

"The pandemic has proven there simply prepared to partner with the government and our local health providers to deliver quality training through an in-depth, hands-on accel- the Provincial Government's commitment to erated format to get PSW professionals in an average of four hours of direct care per our long-term care and acute care facilities day for Long Term Care Residents demonat this crucial time."

is a tuition-free opportunity for 6,000 new ensuring Ontario's seniors receive the addistudents and is expected to take only six tional care they need and deserve, especially months to complete, rather than the typical important as our Resident population grows eight months.

After three months of coursework, and plexity." experiential learning in a clinical setting, stu-

assistance to in-process PSW students who including Avalon Care Centre. started the program at one of Ontario's pub
Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones noted

studies, as well as a stipend to complete the will be part of the new training program. clinical placement part of their training.

Registration for the program is available next year is launching at the Orangeville through the Ontario College Application Service: https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/

Locally, staff at Avalon Care Centre are

"The recent announcement of the Accelcare team and the backbone of care in erated PSW Program is a step in the right direction, as staffing shortages have been a systemic matter within the Long Term Care Sector at large," said Stephanie Barber, Avaaren't enough of them. At Georgian, we're lon Care Centre community relations coor-

"This progressive strategy, coupled with strates leadership that will support the The Accelerated PSW Training Program long-term sustainability of the sector while and their needs continue to increase in com-

Barber added that Avalon looks forward dents will complete the final three months in to leveraging the accelerated PSW training paid onsite training in a long-term care home program and working in collaboration with or in a home and community care environ- the provincial government to create a workforce where thousands more skilled health-The province is also offering tuition care workers can join long term care Homes,

licly-assisted colleges in January 2021. These that the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted students will be eligible to receive a \$2,000 the need for more PSW and is pleased that residents in long-term care homes; PSWs Long term care homes across Ontario have tuition grant to help them complete their the Orangeville campus of Georgian College are a critical part of the daily care that many

Ontarians rely on," said MPP Sylvia Jones.



Shelburne Public Library shares news and new book arrivals

Seedy Mondays March 8 and 15, 2021 catalogue.

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Teen Scene:

We delighted our taste buds this week by creating shamrock gummies out of applesauce, sugar, gelatin, and Jello powder! Each month we prepare a kit full of creative activities for Teens (ages 13+). We're getting ready to help your Teens relax and stay entertained virtually over Spring Break. Supplies will be limited for some of the activities, so keep your eyes on our social pages and Teen eNewsletter next week for the registration link—you won't want to miss out!

Upcoming events:

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Each week, Jade and Rose post a new vid-Seedy Monday thanks to the partnerships eo on our YouTube channel and review new

Our new books will be arriving soon and still have a few lovely and exciting packets there will be so many to choose from that left so if you are looking for some seeds give you will have trouble choosing what to read!

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Five total strangers by Natalie D. Richards April showers by Briana Swann

Wolf's bane by Kelley Armstrong Gutter child by Jael Richardson

Butter honey pig bread by Francesca Ekwuyasi

Old Lovegood girls by Gail Godwin The night gate by Peter May

Non fiction:

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TOWN OF SHELBURNE SEASONAL STUDENT WORKERS **DEVELOPMENT & OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT** Competition #01-2021

The Development & Operations Department will receive applications until March 31, 2021 for two (2) seasonal student labourer positions. Work duties will consist of grass cutting/lawn maintenance, landscaping/gardening/horticultural, painting, cleaning, assisting with internment and other related cemetery duties. This position will include the use of push mowers, riding lawn mowers, large tractors with under carriage mower decks and weed trimmers.

This position is 40 hours per week including weekends and stat holidays. The rate of pay is \$14.75 per hour and the work period is from May 10, 2021 to August 29, 2021 (16 weeks). Legislated benefits (vacation pay, stat holidays) will be in accordance with the Employment Standards Act. There is no benefit package associated with this position.

The following qualifications/information must be clearly identified in your resume:

- Prior experience using push mowers, riding lawn mowers, large tractors with under carriage mower decks and weed trimmers.
- Prior landscaping, grass cutting, and lawn maintenance experience is an asset.
- Current valid class "G" license.
- Completion of Grade 12 or equivalent.
- Must provide your own CSA approved safety footwear.
- Submission of satisfactory Drivers' Abstract required.
- First Aid & CPR Training would be an asset.
- Applicants must be starting or returning to College or University.

These positions are partially subsidized under the Summer Jobs Service and/or Summer Career Placement Program. Please specify all educational and training information, work experience and

The successful candidates will report to the Supervisor of Public Works.

Resumes must be marked as "Competition #01-2021" and may be mailed to the Shelburne Municipal Office or emailed until 3 p.m. Wednesday March 31, 2021 addressed to:

Maryon English - Deputy Treasurer

Town of Shelburne

203 Main Street East, Shelburne Ontario, L9V 3K7

We thank all applicants for their interest and advise that only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

The Town of Shelburne promotes the principles of diversity and inclusion and adheres to the tenets of the Canadian Human Rights Act and the Ontario Human Rights Code. The Town encourages applications from women, Aboriginal peoples and persons of all races, ethnic origins, religions, abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities and expressions. The Town will provide accommodation during all parts of the hiring process, upon request, to applicants with disabilities. If contacted to proceed to the selection process, please advise us if you require any accommodation.



The Corporation of the **Township of Melancthon** is now accepting

applications for the position of:

(Full-time permanent position)

PUBLIC WORKS GENERAL LABOURER

Reporting to the Public Works Superintendent, this position requires the ability to operate and maintain various types of equipment as well as manual work. The successful applicant must be able to work flexible hours, winter shifts, and occasional weekends as weather and circumstances dictate.

The preferred candidate will have:

- A valid DZ drivers license (AZ preferred) with a clean driver's abstract
- 3-5 years experience operating the following equipment:
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- Grader with snow plow equipment
- Dump truck with snow plow/sander combination
- Be able to respond to emergency call-outs within 30 minutes
- Experience in road maintenance and construction Strong team work skills
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- The ability to perform a variety of tasks involving strenuous manual labour outside in all weather conditions

The Township of Melancthon will offer the successful candidate a comprehensive benefit package and enrollment into the OMERS Pension Plan. The pay range for this position is \$27.21 - \$30.92 per hour.

Applicants are invited to submit their cover letter and resume in confidence no later than 2:00 p.m. on March 31, 2021.

Corporation of the Township of Melancthon

157101 Highway 10 Melancthon, Ontario

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Attention: Craig Micks, Public Works Superintendent

The Township of Melancthon is an equal opportunity employer. We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, personal information is collected and will only be used for the purposes of candidate selection. If you require an accessible format, please email dholmes@melancthontownship.ca. Accessibility accommodations are available for all parts of the recruitment process. Applicants need to make their needs known in advance.



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MARJORIE HAWKINS

away peacefully Monday, March 15, 2021 at Dufferin Oaks Long Term Care, Shelburne in her 99th year.

Beloved wife of the late Elwood Hawkins. Mother of Lucille (Ralph) and Earl (Rhonda). Marjorie will be fondly remembered by her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Predeceased by her brother Harry Anderson.

Public Visitation will be held at Drury Funeral Centre, 519 Victoria St. E., Alliston on Friday, March 19, 2021 from 11:30 a.m. until time of Funeral Service at 1 p.m. Interment to follow Mansfield Presbyterian Cemetery.

Please note due to COVID-19 visitation will be scheduled in 15 minute intervals. To book a time to attend the Visitation or Service all visitors must e-mail druryfc@bellnet.ca to reserve a time. Visitation times available are 11:30, 12 and 12:30 p.m. An email will be sent back confirming time and instructions. All visitors are required to wear and provide their own mask. If you are not feeling well, we will pass along your condolences to the Hawkins family.

If so desired memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Fdn., or the Alzheimer's Society would be greatly appreciated.

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SOPER, BETTY ILENE COLVA (NEE MIFFLIN)

It is with deep sorrow and much love that we mourn the passing of Betty Soper of Orangeville on March 11, 2021 in her 94th year at Extendicare, Lakefield, Ontario with her daughter by her side. Beloved wife of William James Soper (2002). Dear mother of Linda Gilbert and her husband Tom Hobbins, Jim Soper (deceased 2010) and Larry Soper and his wife Cheryl Soper. Grandmother to Chad Soper (Chantal) and Amber Gallaugher (Sean). Great-grandmother to Charlotte and Phoenix, Grady and Sophie whom she adored. Survived by her brother Keith Mifflin; predeceased by her parents Elmer and Clova Mifflin; brothers Glenn, Morley and Bob. She was always there for her family and provided loving care for her husband in later years. She will be remembered for

her subtle wisdom and sense of humor. Betty was always happy to host a family get together, or share a meal with friends; her home will always be remembered as a place of light and laughter where all were welcome. Her love of knitting/ crocheting, doing jigsaw puzzles and word search games were all things she loved to do. Many of the items she made were given as gifts. She loved her card games at the Senior's Centre and Oddfellow's Hall in Orangeville, and often went to the Shelburne Legion on Monday afternoon. Definitely a force to be reckoned with when playing cards. In the past she was also an active member in the Elder Mills institute where she made many friends and

contributed to the community. Betty will also be greatly missed by other relatives and many friends

Due to current restrictions a Private Family Service will be held at Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre on Thursday, March 18, 2021. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County or the Orangeville Seniors Centre. A Celebration of Betty's Life will be held at a later date as COVID permits. Details to follow.

A tree will be planted in memory of Betty in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. The next annual dedication service will be held on Sunday, September 12, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com.

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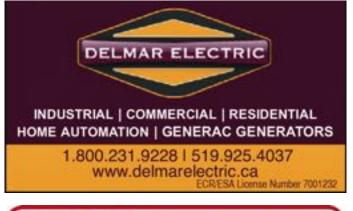
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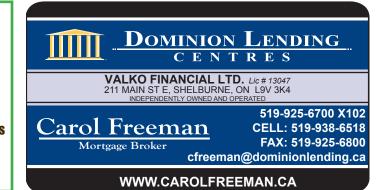
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