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STOP!: The Town of Shelburne has installed a new stop sign at the intersection of Gordon Street and First Ave. West. Town Council approved the new stop sign during their meeting on April 26 after safety concerns were brought forward by residents on the street. The speed limit on Gordon Street has also been reduced from 50 km to 40 km.

Ontario government unveils new reopening plan

Written By Paula Brown Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Out with the old, and in with the new.

The Ontario government announced last Thursday (May 20) the details of a new threestep plan, dubbed the Roadmap to Reopen, based on vaccination rates.

"The speed at which we get through this reopening will come down to one thing, how reopening of outdoor amenities in Mayor service will also open with capacity limits quickly we get people vaccinated," said Premier Doug Ford, during a press conference at Queen's Park.

"The daily vaccination rate is the single biggest factor in our fight against COVID right now, it's how we start to look forward to a great summer."

While restrictions under the new plan are expected to gradually easy through June, July, and August, the government reopened weekend.

Outdoor recreational amenities including Christine Elliott. golf courses, tennis courts, skateboarding parks, and sports fields were allowed to open with restrictions as of May 22. Outdoor with smaller crowds, permitting retail with gathering limits were expanded to allow the amenities to be used by up to five people not in the same household. No outdoor sports or people per table, and 15 per cent capacity recreational classes were permitted.

release following the announcement con- have a maximum of 10 people indoors and firming that outdoor facilities would be ready to reopen, but added that some ball fields and soccer fields may be posted as undergoing maintenance and the Kin Fam- Ontario adults have received at least one tions.



which will gradually reopen the province ily Park tennis net would be installed next

The Town of Shelburne also noted the Wade Mill's COVID-19 update.

Despite the new changes to some outdoor recreation the current stay-at-home order rites and ceremonies will be permitted to will remain in effect until June 2. The government said they expect step one of the three-step plan to begin the week of June 14 and will confirm closer to that date.

"Over the coming weeks our government will continue to work with businesses and sector partners to ensure a clear understandoutdoor recreational amenities over the long ing of when and how they could begin to safely reopen," said Ontario Health Minister Ontario have received one dose of a vaccine

Elliott said step one of the roadmap will have a focus of resuming outdoor activities restrictions including outdoor gathers of up to 10 people, outdoor dining up to four for non-essential retail. Weddings, funerals, The Town of Orangeville issued a news religious services, rites and ceremonies will outdoors permitted with capacity limited, but this does not apply to receptions.

dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

Elliott said on May 20 that Ontario had reached 58 per cent.

Step Two of the new reopening plan will see expansion on outdoor activities, and the resuming of outdoor sports and leagues. Outdoor gatherings of up to 25 people, indoor gatherings up to five people and non-essential retail at 25 per cent capacity will be allowed. Public libraries and personal care

and face coverings. Weddings, funerals, religious services, have 15 per cent capacity indoors and outdoors permitted with capacity limited.

To enter Step Two, 70 per cent of adult will need to have one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and 20 per cent of adults vaccinated with their second doses.

The final step in the reopening plan will begin when 70 to 80 per cent of adults in and 25 per cent have received both doses.

Step Three of the plan will permit indoor services with larger numbers of people with restrictions in place including gyms, cinemas, performing arts facilities, indoor dining, casinos and museums.

Weddings, funerals, religious services, rites and ceremonies will be permitted to have larger indoor services and outdoor services with capacity limited.

The province will remain in each step of the reopening plan for at least 21 days to Step one will begin after 60 per cent of evaluate any impacts on the relaxed restric-





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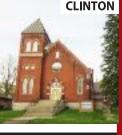


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Keep your vehicles off of new nature reserve: Bruce Trail Conservancy

Written By Paula Brown Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Bruce Trail Conservancy is pleading with community members in Dufferin County to keep vehicles and all-terrain vehicles (ATVS) out of the Pine River Nature Reserve following recent damage to the habitat.

In a press release last Thursday (May 20), the conservancy said several trespassers investigation is complete," said McDonald. entered the property on the weekend of May habitat.

Local volunteers have donated hundreds of hours to this project and it's sad to see a few individuals purposely undo this important Beech, and White Cedar. work," said Michael McDonald, CEO of the Bruce Trail Conservancy.

The conservancy added that the OPP are Reserve sits over last year. investigating the incident and security has been put in place to ensure no additional conservancy is working to restore the nature damage comes to the nature reserve.

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15 destroying fencing, blockades and sig-acres or 510 m of the Bruce Trail Optimum logical inventory, so that we can understand cle trails nage as well as damaging already sensitive Route, and is one of two natural areas protected in the Dufferin Hi-Land section. The "Local residents love this place and have local nature reserve is home to wetlands also raised funds to help with its restoration. inhabited by bullfrogs, salamanders, and snapping turtles as well as forests with trees such as the Eastern Hemlock, American McDonald notes the importance during eco-vancy is looking to have a pedestrian trail

The Bruce Trail Conservancy acquired

McDonald told the Free Press that the reserve to its peak ecological health and

"What happens when we acquire property The Pine River Nature Reserve, is 192- is that our ecologists go in and they do ecoall the different species that live within that cess that we're in right now."

Although no vehicles of any type are ever able way. permitted on the Pine River Nature Reserve, logical restoration.

"Before you can properly ecologically the property where the Pine River Nature restore an area, you have to make sure that vehicular access is cut off, the very first step can look forward to in the not too distant is securing the property, and from there step future." two is for us to go in and start to do that restoration work," said McDonald. "The whole goal here is that we're going to be able to

increase the biodiversity on this property for this local community."

Several ecological restoration projects scheduled for Pine River Nature Reserve to enhance biodiversity and restore the ecosystem including:

- · Removing and controlling invasive species (Phragmites and Periwinkle)
- Planting native trees, shrubs to expand the forest canopy and understorey
 - Removal of old building garbage
- Closing and monitoring of off-road vehi-
- Installation of a wooden viewing platecosystem," said McDonald. "That's the proform at a naturalized pond to enhance wildlife viewings in an environmentally sustain-

McDonald said the Bruce Trail Conserready at Pine River Nature Reserve over the next few months.

"It's something that the local community



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tual education celebration to be held at the Garden located at the Alder Recreation DCCRC Healing Garden on Saturday, June Complex in Orangeville. 19th beginning at 2pm. Led by Elder, Karen Vandenberg, viewers This virtual celebration will be featured of this event will learn the importance of the

The DCCRC (Dufferin County Cultural of local and regional Indigenous ancestries

National Indigenous Peoples Day

being recognized in the region

The intent of the virtual education celebration will be to provide an understanding place during this 30-minute virtual event.

Resource Circle) will recognize this year's through the history of the Land Acknowl-National Indigenous Peoples Day with a viredgement as well as a tour of the Healing

on Facebook Live as shown on the DCCRC's Healing Garden and how best to support Facebook page; facebook.com/DufferinCir- and nurture its long-term viability and presence in the Orangeville Community.

Other educational activities will also take

Weekly COVID-19 cases in Shelburne

May 21 (Friday)

WDG Region: 25 (New cases), 253 (Active cases), 26 (Newly Resolved) Dufferin County: 6 (New cases), 72 (Active cases), 8 (Newly Resolved) Shelburne: 18 (Active cases)

May 25 (Tuesday)

WDG Region: 107 (New cases), 250 (Active cases), 108 (Newly Resolved)

Dufferin County: 26 (New cases), 64 (Active cases), 33 (Newly Resolved) Shelburne: 22 (Active cases)

May 26 (Wednesday)

WDG Region: 2 (New cases), 221 (Active cases), 30 (Newly Resolved) Dufferin County: 3 (New cases), 58 (Active cases), 8 (Newly Resolved) Shelburne: 20 (Active cases)



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Community rallies together for Amaranth family

Written By Sam Odrowski

The community has rallied together, raising over \$4,000 through GoFundMe for a local family facing extraordinary medical challenges.

Larissa Jago of Amaranth and her threeyear-old son, Hayden have been at Sick Kids for the past six months, where he's spent most of his life, undergoing 14 surgeries and is currently receiving hemodialysis six days a week as he has no kidneys. Hayden also gets seizures due to a stroke he suffered at one month old.

"[Larissa's] full-time job is taking care of Hayden and it's incredibly tough when they're spending most of his life in Toronto at the hospital, away from home," said Danielle Bignell, Larissa's sister.

"The amount of surgeries Hayden's had to go through – a lot of them we were incredibly scared for, each surgery holds a risk and sure enough, every time he comes back just fighting and when there's a new problem introduced - it's heartbreaking."

Bignell was ready to give her kidney earlier in the month and was put under general has made things more challenging for her anaesthesia for a laparoscopic surgery at family in a lot of ways. Toronto General Hospital. While the surgeons were moving Bignell's organs around Sick Kids with Hayden at one time and beto access her kidney, moments away from removing it, they received a call from Sick House, no visitors are allowed there as well. Kids telling the surgeons to cancel the oper- She also can't leave for more than 24 hours, ation immediately.

While Hayden was put under as well, ready to receive his aunt's kidney, information that one of his nurses was a close contact of COVID-19 came forward, forcing the have also have children on hemodialysis, surgery's cancellation.

"It was a hard call for all the doctors and ive and understanding as well. surgeons and Sick Kids because no one has ever had something like this happened before. No one ever thought in a million years know how. I just love them all... a lot of the that they would get the phone call right before they were about to cut into my child and family," said Larissa. say 'please stop what you're doing, there has been a significant exposure," said Larissa.

Bignell was heartbroken once she heard the news, after fully regaining consciousness and understanding what took place.

"When I was coming off the anesthetic, of course, I totally forgot where I was and once 5 per cent of their meal boxes to the Jago I remembered, I was actually pretty excited family. thinking, 'wow, he finally has a kidney', then a surgeon came over and lets me know I still you to the community I don't even have the have both," she recalled.

"Once I rationalized afterwards knowing of them," said Larissa. the consequences of let's say, him [Hayden] testing positive, it made a lot of sense, but it how much the community really comes towas it was still disappointing."

Having spent weeks away from work in ven't even met. It's amazing." quarantine before the surgery, she now faces weeks in recovery, but plans to do it all Hayden and her can be home in Amaranth again when it's safe to do so, about a month for Christmas this year, if all goes well with from now.

"My sister's a champ, she's the bomb, I love her," said Larissa

She told the Citizen that in addition to the com/f/helping-hayden-and-his-family kidney surgery being cancelled, COVID-19



HAYDEN'S BATTLE: Three-year-old Hayden of Amaranth is currently at Sick Kids Hospital awaiting a kidney transplant.

There can only be one parent allowed at cause Larissa is living at Ronald McDonald so a quick trip home to see her husband, Jacob Jago, is very difficult.

Fortunately, she's made friends with some of the other moms at Sick Kids who and says the hospital staff are very support-

"I'm just so eternally grateful for them taking care of my child as much as they doctors and nurses here are like a second

Meanwhile, the Jago family has been blown away by the community's support, and Larissa said she was completely shocked when finding out about the GoFundMe page and all the donations that have come in.

Deja Vu Diner has even began donating

"I just like want to extend a huge thank words to properly thank each and every one

Bignell added, "It is absolutely incredible gether, caring for some people that they ha-

Going forward, its Larissa's hope that the kidney transplant.

To learn more about the GoFundMe page for Hayden, visit: https://www.gofundme.

Greyhound Canada shuts down

Written By Sam Odrowski

in cross-regional transit.

COVID-19 hit Canada in March of 2020.

Over a year without revenue made it im- tion that many Canadians need." possible to continue operations after nearly a century of service in Canada.

the news came as a "huge disappointment" be- Greyhound, Seeback says he doesn't believe cause so many Canadians rely on Greyhound it's the right path moving forward. as an affordable means of transportation.

"I think it's a massive failure by the federal government because Greyhound clearly Greyhound Canada shut down all bus ser- communicated the issues they were having vices permanently on May 13, creating a gap and the government did not address those issues and find ways to support an import-After the bus carrier pulled out of West- ant transportation carrier in the country," he ern Canada in 2018, it paused its remain- said. "I think the government should have ing routes in Ontario and Quebec when looked at all kinds of ways to keep them here in Canada, providing the transporta-

When looking at a national transit service, which some anti-poverty group leaders and Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback said student advocates are calling for to replace

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Who's leaving all the garbage

"These are actual trees son. And those things, well they're rocks."

"Are we going to see any bears? Or moose? Or maybe a wolf?"

"Possibly son. We're north of Highway 7 this is frontier land."

If you ever had a conversation with someone who grew up and still lives in Toronto, that's pretty much how they view anything outside of their city.

I once heard a Toronto radio reporter calling in a report from London, Ontario, where she referred to London as 'this small town.' The last I checked, London had a population of over 380,000 people, and every time I've been there, I had lots to do.

During these strange times, suddenly everyone has this urge to walk in the woods for

Hiking, as it's called, is a pastime where you walk on trails through the woods, around the rocks, and if you're lucky, to some kind of lookout spot where you can stop and say, "Look at that view!"

I guess since so many activities are banned or restricted, turning to the exciting sport of walking at least gets you out of the house.

If you drive by any area that has Bruce Trail access, you're going to see cars. It could be three o'clock on a Tuesday afternoon, and there will still be some cars parked and groups of people marching through the woods and marveling at the fact that trilliums, the provincial flower, do actually grow in the wild, and are not just some fancy logo created to emboss signs or documents.

Yes, everyone wants to see the natural environment as it was meant to be seen - with

The new environmental movement over the past few years is just a different twist on an old

Of course, any normal thinking person should want to respect the planet.

If an oil carrying ship hits some rocks and spills oil into the ocean, there is a huge outcry. Then of course some enterprising soap company will come out with a commercial showing someone using their product to wash the oils off ducks or sea birds.

"Not only will our product make your dishes sparkle, it cleans oily ducks!"

The problem is the environmentalists are apparently all talk and no action.

Being an environmentalist means you respect the environment at all levels, not just when it makes a good photo for your non-profit group of some guy washing a duck.

BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW

Oh, and it's got to be a baby duck - a little tiny one with fluffy feathers for the full effect. No one is moved to tears by a full-size old

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duck getting a soap bath and snapping angrily at its handler.

You've probably seen the photos or at least heard about the problems at Mono Cliffs Provincial Park.

It really is a beautiful park, and if you're a hiker, this is a great place to go.

The problem is it has become a little too popular. Last week the police started handing out tickets to people who had parked their cars illegally.

I can understand why the locals who live in the area are getting a little disturbed. There are photos showing cars parking all over the road, hundreds of them, and blocking private driveways and parking on private property.

You think that people who want to commune with nature so badly they will park a mile away and complete half their hike before even reaching the park entrance would respect the park and what it is all about.

A friend of mine who lives nearby and has frequented the park for years, before it became some kind of crazy place where hiking means going on a walk with a thousand other people, said she was disgusted by the amount of

garbage left behind by these environmentally friendly people.

Discarded face masks were all over the parking lot. Water bottles were

tossed on the ground, and other refuse scattered around.

Who are all these people who have total disregard for their environment that they are too lazy to walk ten feet and dispose of a water bottle properly?

It's not you of course – you would never do that.

But take a drive down a local rural road and see how much garbage is tossed out of car

If you did a random poll on the environment, you probably wouldn't find a single person who would say they think it's okay to toss your empty beer can out of the car window.

Well, someone, a lot of people telling the

If there was a bounty on discarded water bottles, you could make a fortune just cruising the back roads for an afternoon.

C-10: Censorship of Canadians?

Much has been said about the Liberal government's Bill C-10 and for good reason. The bill would give sweeping powers to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) to regulate user-generated content uploaded to social media platforms, much the same way it regulates radio and TV content. This raises serious concerns not just for me, but for millions of Canadians.

Bill C-10 was introduced by the Liberal government last fall. Its original purpose was to level the playing field between streaming services, such as Netflix and Canadian broadcasters. Initially, the bill exempted user-generated content. Unfortunately, the Liberal government changed direction and tried to quietly limit ordinary Canadians' freedom of expression online by remov- a kid's soccer game, or the Instagram reel ing the exemption for individual users who upload videos and content to social media sites. This is not only concerning for me, but for many internet advocates, civil liberties lawyers, academics, and media outlets.

University of Ottawa law professor and the Canada Research Chair in internet and e-commerce law, Michael Geist, said that the Liberal government is now, "the most anti-Internet government in Canadian his-(https://www.michaelgeist.ca). Geist has also said Bill C-10 is, "a 'dangerous' attack on free speech" (CTV News, May 04, 2021). Tamir Israel, a technology lawyer at the University of Toronto said, "losing the protection could mean podcasts uploaded to iTunes or videos uploaded to YouTube could become subject to regulation by the federal government" (Toronto Star, April 26, 2021).

Other media outlets have also expressed concerns with Bill C-10. Rachel Gilmore from Global News wrote, "The bill, in its current state, would turn the YouTube video of you posted of your brunch, into a 'program' that could be subject to regulation under the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission's (CRTC) rules" (Global News, April 30, 2021). She also

quotes former CRTC vice-chair and past newspaper publisher, Peter Menzies, "'It's your Facebook post. It's your tweet. It's your cat videos. It's your pictures of your children and grandchildren and that sort of stuff " and, "'What it means is that somebody will be watching that, from the government, or a government regulator, and will be able to order it to be taken down if they find that it doesn't suit whatever purposes they have" (Global News, April 30, 2021).

Many other media outlets have published articles raising concerns about Bill C-10. You can find web links to the articles I've cited here, as well as many others on my website at https://www.kyleseeback.ca/c10. The issues raised by the media and many experts on this subject matter are why I have very serious concerns about the implications of this proposed legislation. The actions taken by the Liberal government are unacceptable in a society that values its freedom. The last thing I want, or most Canadians is the government choosing what social media

posts or videos I can view online. Protection from hate speech, defamation and obscenity already exists. Controlling content is a

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MP KYLE SEEBACK

clear violation of our freedom of expression and a violation I won't stand for.

I've sponsored an online petition (e-3379) which calls upon the Liberal government to immediately withdraw or repeal Bill C-10 and respect Canadians' freedom of expression. You can add your name to the petition through my website.

As always, I invite you to share your thoughts with me about Bill C-10 and any concerns you may have about other pieces of legislation before Parliament. I may be reached by e-mail at kyle.seeback@parl. gc.ca or by phone at 519-941-1832 or toll free at 1-866-941-1832.

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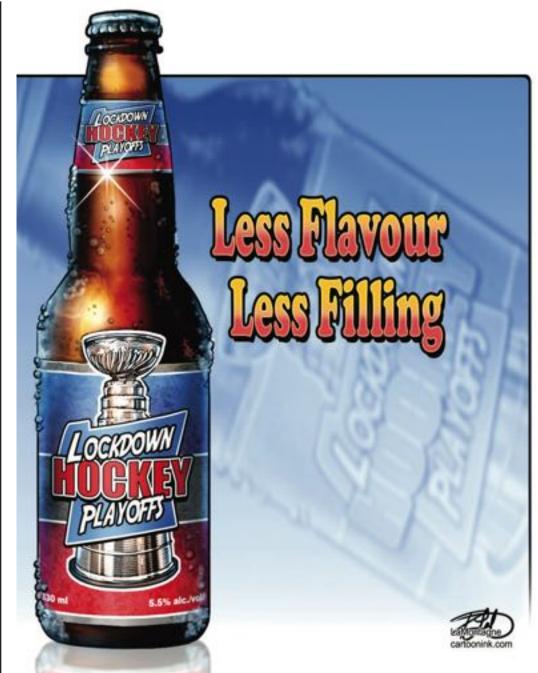
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Mono Cliffs Park Warden struck by vehicle over long weekend

The Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) was busy over the Victoria Day long weekend conducting traffic enforcement at Mono Cliffs Provincial Park in an attempt to keep visitors safe. Park staff have been overwhelmed with the influx of visitors and parking issues that have created serious safety concerns, resulting in a Park Warden being struck by a vehicle.

On Sunday, May 23, shortly after 1:30 p.m., officers responded to a report of a Park War- who refused to follow the Warden's direcden being hit by a car operated by a driver tion. As a result of the investigation, the will be ticketed and potentially towed if they



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A combination of over 200 parking tickets and Highway Traffic Act tickets were issued ful or suspicious activity is asked to call the over the Victoria Day long weekend. Park vis- OPP at 1! -888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to itors are reminded that vehicles found in vioremain anonymous at 1-800-222-TIPS(8477). lation of the Town of Mono Parking By-Law

driver, Viktoriya PEVNEVA, 54, of Brampton, are found to be in a hazardous location.

Our officers are dedicated to addressing arising public safety issues. The Dufferin OPP is engaged with our residents and The charges have not been proven in responds to their concerns to ensure the continuous well-being of our community.

Anyone with information regarding unlaw-

OPP promoting Safe Boating Awareness Week (May 22 - 28)

trolled waterways last year.

During a tragic year that marked a 12-year rendered unconscious. high in marine deaths in OPP jurisdictions, when they ended up in the water because a critical piece of life-saving equipment. their vessel capsized or they fell overboard.

Ahead of the boating season, the Ontario The second setback was the absence of a up boating this summer, the OPP is urging

As falling overboard and capsized vessels the majority of the people who died in 2020 are the lead primary causes in boating fatalifaced similar double setbacks to their safety ties every after year, it is in these situations in on the water. The first setback occurred particular that wearing a lifejacket becomes

Provincial Police (OPP) is urging Ontarians properly fitted lifejacket, which is not only all new, inexperienced boaters to develop to avoid taking the same risks that cost 32 designed to keep boaters and paddlers safe marine habits at the very outset. This boaters and paddlers their lives on OPP-pa-afloat, but also helps turn them onto their includes paddlers who accounted for half of backs, enabling them to breathe if they are those who died last year after heading out in when deciding where to go boating canoes, kayaks and other human-powered vessels such as stand-up paddle boards.

- Wear a Canadian-approved lifejacket or personal floatation device (PFD)
- Check the weather conditions/forecast
- Boat/paddle sober a! nd drug-free
- Tell people where you are going
- Be cold water aware
- Be mindful of your vessel's capabilities
- Take a boating course

The OPP remains committed to saving For a safe summer on the water, ALWAYS: lives on Ontario roads, waterways and trails.

With many more people planning to take (paddlers should always stick close to shore) Dufferin OPP asking residents to contact police about public safety matters

to contact police directly regarding public regarding any public safety or police related and lay charges in a timely manner. safety matters. Members of our communities matter. are vital partners in community safety.

through other agencies without immediate Incidents reported sooner give officers a with our communities.

The OPP takes all allegations of crimi- priority. Recently, the Dufferin OPP has been notinality seriously and conducts a thorough

The Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario or direct police contact. Members of the greater opportunity to locate the parties or Provincial Police (OPP) is reminding citizens public are reminded to call police directly vehicles involved, thoroughly investigate ing safe communities. If you have informa-

The members of the Dufferin OPP are an emergency. fied of incidents indirectly. Reports and com- and exhaustive investigation holding those committed to public safety, delivering proplaints have been shared on social media or responsible to the fullest extent of the law. active and innovative policing in partnership

Officers value your contribution to buildtion about suspected unlawful activity or a The concerns of our citizens are our top traffic complaint, please contact the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or 9-1-1 in the case of

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13.Smell, e.g.

24.Detached

27.Dill, formerly

31." Window"

33.Part of a circle

35.Indian's abode

34.Petrify

(Hitchcock film)

25.Jack- or Jill-of-all-trades

29.Yawn-producing mood

14.Fold

Dufferin OPP arrest impaired driver thanks to concerned citizen

On May 12 at approximately 8:52 p.m., an officer from the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) charged a driver with impaired driving on County Road 109 in the Township of East Garafraxa.

The officer was responding to a driving complaint by a concerned citizen in the area of County Road 109 and County Road 12 in East Garafraxa. The officer located the vehicle, conducted a traffic stop and commenced an impaired driving investigation.

As a result, Fareed Khan, 56-year-old, from Brampton, has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Operation while impaired alcohol or drugs

• Failure to comply with release order

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville in July 2021, to answer to the charges. The charges have not been proven in court. Their driver's licence was suspended and the vehicle impounded for a period of seven days.

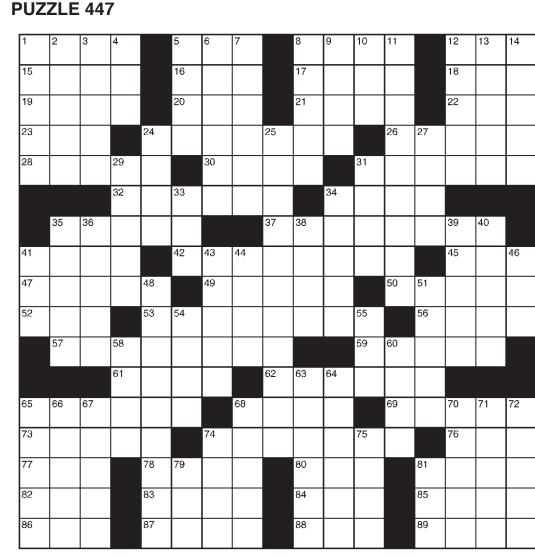
Thank you to the concerned citizen who called police. If you suspect an impaired driver, call 9-1-1.

The Dufferin OPP reminds motorist to plan ahead when consuming alcohol or drugs. Use a designated driver, cab, rideshare, public transit or stay overnight. Any amount of alcohol or drugs can impact your ability to make sound judgements. In a split second you could ruin your future, injure or kill others, and tear a hole in the heart of everyone who loves you.

The Dufferin OPP are committed to public safety. Officers value your contribution to building safe communities. If you have information about suspected unlawful activity, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-822-8477 (TIPS) or www.crimestopperssdm.com.



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65.Geisha's garb

69.Stop

73.Modify

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Headwaters to gradually restart elective surgeries next week

Headwaters' clinical team has assessed its internal readiness and has developed a safe and gradual plan to resume elective surgeries and procedures in the operating room and ambulatory care department, starting May 31st.

As you know, hospitals in Ontario were directed to ramp down non-emergency procedures on April 20th at the height of Wave 3, to preserve hospital bed capacity and allow May 18th giving hospitals the green light to

As new COVID cases, hospitalizations Ontario Health withdrew Directive #2 on ies that do not require a hospital stay. This



staff to be redeployed to areas of greatest gradually and cautiously begin ramping-up COVID, and to ensure people in their comelective surgeries and procedures.

The initial focus will be on the resumption and ICU admissions continue to decrease, of outpatient procedures and day surger-

increase in COVID patients, as needed.

inpatient hospital capacity and health human reschedule their procedures, using an ethiresources are available to support the province's critical care needs and remain ready to accept patient transfers as required. Headwaters has received 35 COVID-19 recovering patient transfers to date.

munities are able to access surgeries and for our communities that all our collective procedures, other hospitals may be called on actions, including widespread vaccinato provide support.

We recognize that patients are anxious to COVID-19 pandemic.

will allow us to continue to respond to an have their surgeries and procedures re-scheduled. Specialist's offices have started the Hospitals must also continue to ensure process of identifying and calling patients to cal framework to help prioritize patient care. Our Ambulatory Care programs will also begin gradually rescheduling services.

We appreciate your patience and understanding with the changes to our programs Some hospitals continue to be hard-hit by and services during the COVID-19 pantions, are helping us turn the corner of the

Dufferin EMS recognizing Paramedic Services Week May 23-29

Written By Sam Odrowski

a paramedic.

a great time to recognize the heroes in our physical health on the line. Despite the risks community who are the first to respond in they face, paramedics continue to show up

the event of a medical emergency.

There's never been a greater time to thank at the forefront of the fight against COVID-19. Day and night, these hardworking health May 23-29 is Paramedic Services Week and care professionals put their mental and

for Canadians, and serve their communi-Trudeau, in a statement on May 23.

"Thank you for risking your safety, sacrificing time with your loved ones, and going someone's throwing an event (post COVID) above and beyond every day to help keep us where there will be lots of people. safe and healthy. All Canadians are grateful for your incredible dedication and service."

The way that paramedic services are delivered has evolved rapidly over the last year another large part of the education Dufferin since COVID-19 began transmitting locally, but Dufferin County EMS Chief Tom Reid said his team has truly stepped up to the ister NARCAN has never been more importchallenge, facing it head on.

professionals, to be honest, when it comes to start of the pandemic, with 2,050 lives lost the response to COVID," said Reid. "People since last March. are starting to feel more comfortable with COVID now, certainly, but I can say at the received a training lesson from Dufferin EMS beginning when no one wanted to go and do on knowing the signs of opioid overdose and anything, everyone was afraid to step their how to best respond, using NARCAN. nose outside the door, these folks were looking after people that had symptoms on a dayto-day basis.

"The heroic efforts that they have done for the last year and a half – I feel extremely proud of the group and the team here, because they certainly have rose to the occasion," he added.

Some of the greatest challenges associated with the pandemic, especially when it was first taking hold in the community, was the rapidly changing information on COVID-19 and many unknowns, said Reid.

He noted that on the bright side, the community's response to the pandemic has been fantastic.

"The silver lining was the goodness of Reid. people," said Reid. "When we were short on PPE, they were the first people that came and donated to the health care providers. They the team, like we had folks sewing masks as well. - they have done whatever was needed, or whatever they could to assist.

community, because as a whole, the folks... that is helpful as well, said Reid. have done their very best to make a bad situation as best it can be, so I do want to tip our enter the home and lay out a stretcher to hat to the community as a whole."

Education in the community

izen Ready" and demonstrates the important role that paramedics have in educating the

One of the key education programs Dufthem away while the paramedics respond. ferin EMS runs is its CPR training, which has control.

A program that's continued to run during the pandemic is public access defibrillator the lights and the excitement and everything, one of the 150 public access defibrillators' Reid. set up throughout Dufferin County.

and teach on how to use it, the importance to the call is likely the easiest option. of it, where is it, when to use it, all of those types of things," said Reid.

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In addition to the training, residents can "Over the last year, paramedics have been ties, with the utmost care, compassion, and also rent a defibrillator free of charge if professionalism," said Prime Minister Justin they're awaiting a heart surgery or fear they may experience cardiac complications and require one. The program is also great if

Handing out and educating the public on NARCAN (naloxone), which can revive a person who's having an opioid overdose, is County paramedics provide.

The importance of knowing how to adminant as a new report shows Ontario's opioid "The guys and girls here have been true overdose deaths are up 75 per cent since the

Last week staff at Choices Youth Shelter

Reid said he recommends carrying a NAR-CAN kit if you take illicit drugs, know someone who takes illicit drugs, or will be somewhere that illicit drugs are taken.

He also stressed the importance of calling 9-1-1 after giving NARCAN as the person who was just brought back from their overdose still requires medical treatment.

How to prepare for the ambulance

Public education on how to best prepare for the ambulance after dialing 9-1-1 has been at the forefront for Paramedic Services Week.

The first thing is be aware of your surroundings and know where you are, said

"Get the best identifiers to make sure that we can locate you quickly," he noted.

Clearing the driveway of cars so there's a also did whatever they could do to support clear access for the ambulance is important

If someone who's with the person requiring medical attention can exit the house and "I just can't say how proud I am about our wave down the ambulances from the street,

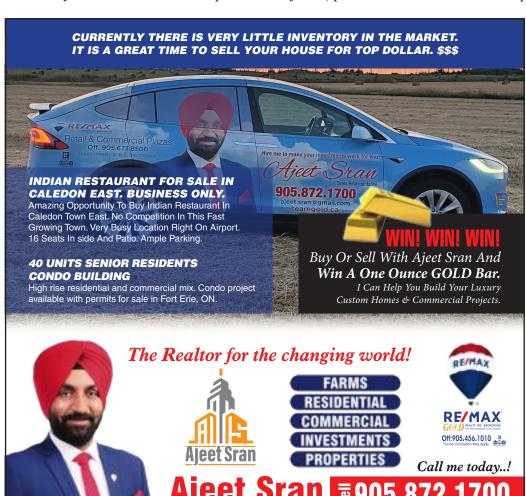
Clearing an area for the paramedics to transport the person in need is also recommended.

Another helpful tip is having a list of med-The theme for this year's Paramedic Ser- ications, medical records, and the Health vices Week is "Paramedic as Educator - Cit- Card of the person experiencing the emergency for paramedics when they arrive.

If the person requesting an ambulance has pets, in particular dogs, it is best to tuck

"That's quite a risk that a lot of people don't been put on hold because of COVID-19 but think about you know, particularly if their will resume once the pandemic comes under owner or master's been hurt or is sick. Pets don't really understand that and sometimes when emergency responders come, you get training, which shows residents how to use that puts a quite the risk to our staff," said

He added that putting your pet in a locked "We continue to go around and orientate bedroom or kennel while they're responding







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County hears first community safety and well-being plan

Written By Paula Brown Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Dufferin County Councillors have had a look at the first official safety and well-being plan for the community.

Consultant Jennifer Kirkham presented the details of the four-year Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Plan to councillors during their last meeting on May 13.

"It's fairly unique in that the plan will go to your local municipal partners as well so it will become a shared plan across Dufferin County," said Kirkham.

Plan was mandated by the provincial gov- ment, prevention, risk intervention, and safety and well-being plan. ernment in January 2019, under the Police incident response. Services Act.

and adopt a plan, created in partnership services so police services, fire services with a multi-sectoral advisory committee, and EMS more of those critical incident organizations, and a youth focus group to tion. which targets risk and protective factors pieces," said Kirkham. specific to Dufferin County residents.

The province also created a planning that we think beyond that." framework to help guide municipalities



Municipalities are required to develop nity safety we go to things like protective plan. The group conducted an online sur-

"As part of the plan the province asked

The Community Safety and Well-Being ority areas, which include social develop- erty, and food security in developing the violence prevention

"Typically when we think about commu- holders came together to help create the governance of a specific area of priority. vey for the general public, community on community safety and violence prevenconsult of the plan.

evidence informed, meaning we just didn't approved by July 1. Kirkham added that they looked at housget together in a room and develop a plan

based on what we thought, but we actually went out and looked for data and gathered information to help us develop and inform the development of the plan," said Kirkham.

The committee had identified five priority areas to focus on in the initial community safety and well-being plan including:

- Mental health and well-being
- Housing and homelessness
- Substance use and addiction
- Discrimination, marginalization and
- · Community safety, gender-based vioin developing the local plan with four pri- ing, sense of belonging, education, pov- lence prevention, and family and domestic

To ensure implementation of the plan, An advisory committee of fifteen stake- existing lead tables will be taking over

A new lead table will be created to focus

Municipalities are required to have the "We wanted to make sure the plan was Community Safety and Well-Being Plan



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CO-OP PLACEMENT: Izabela Busby (left), Brandon Busby, Taylor Brown (CDDHS co-op student) and Mike (the apprentice) have been working together over the past several weeks, with Taylor learning a variety of skills in electrical contracting.

CDDHS Co-op Corner: EVO Electrical

Written By Taylor Brown

ness in Shelburne for 6 years.

high quality electrical services for a wide them together. range of businesses and homeowners.

cal work for a competitive price for anyone the future is 3-way switches. who may require an electrician.

are the main workers but alongside them tween one another to organize each job, like is their apprentice Mike Melhorn and of when they're done and when the next trade course I have joined the team.

For me, this is a great opportunity to gain before drywallers. experience in the field before going to col-Electrician.

My co-op experience so far has been real-

ly enjoyable.

strippers, wire, and screwdrivers. Brandon and Mike have given me demonam continuously learning as I go.

Tasks that I do at the moment include,

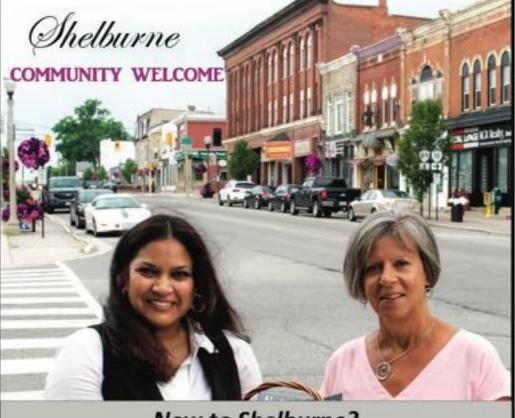
helping get tools and wire. As well as helping them with their tasks. I also do my own My name is Taylor Brown and I am do- tasks that need to be done, including pushing my Co-op placement at EVO Electrical ing wire from one box to another. Or setting Contracting. This company is a husband and up switches and outlet boxes. I also have wife run company which has been in busi- helped set up pot lights from beginning to end by locating where they go, cutting They were founded in 2015, and provide holes, pushing the wire through, and wiring

One task that I have not done yet in my They do many different types of electriplacement that I will probably be doing in

Other job-related information I've learned The owners Brandon and Izabela Busby more about is how trades communicate beshould go in. For example, electricians go in

Trades also communicate about what the lege to pursue my dreams to become an clients want done in their houses to plan how we should approach it.

The apprentice Mike is a volunteer Firefighter for Mulmur, when he's not doing Some special equipment I use at my electrical work, he can be found helping placement is drills, electrical boxes, wire others in need. EVO Electrical Contracting supports Centre Dufferin DHS by taking on Co-op students and giving them the opporstrations to ensure I do the job properly and tunity to learn more about pursuing a career in the Electrical trade.



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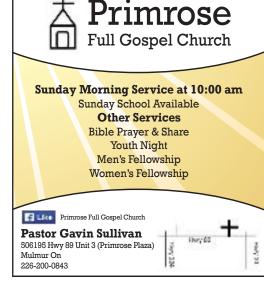
CHRISTADELPHIANS THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

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Theatre Orangeville and the Town are – calling all artists

Written By Constance Scrafield

A tremendously exciting project is looking for an artist from the Dufferin/Caledon area to produce just the right design for a mural in the centre of town at 114 Broadway. The design theme for this masterpiece-to-be is the main stage of Theatre Orangeville. The object of the exercise is its attraction as an interactive focal point, a place to pose for photographs, a feature of the town to enhance its beauty and tell a story at the same time.

There is everything to gain from this proposed endeavour. When the town hired Destination Development Specialist, Roger Brooks, to assess ways in which Orangeville could become a destination town, one of his recommendations was public art installations throughout the town. Many of Orangeville's tree sculptures were already in place and utility boxes carry reproductions on their social media. The whole point is to the Chocolate Shop." of artists' paintings on many street corners, attract visitors, who have a lovely time here a concept clearly appreciated here.

At a subscribed 15 feet wide and 11 feet the strength of the arts community in this recommendations made by the consultant. region; to attract people to visit Orangeville

photographs of each other and post them one. Number two is this one on the wall of their own ideas. The jurists are part of the said Ms. Scheel. "We are very blessed."



SUBMITTED PHOTO

LARGE MURAL: Submit your art for a chance to have it displayed on the side of 114 Broadway for the Town of Orangeville and Theatre Orangeville's mural contest.

ilv spread.

In a brief telephone interview with the high, the new mural will fulfill many wishes: Citizen, Alison Scheel, General Manager of to promote Theatre Orangeville and the the BIA, talked about the initiatives raised Opera House as a cultural centre of the town by the town's task force helped to create and its wider environs; to show evidence of the, "Better Together Task Force," following

"The mural is planned to go on the wall of and enjoy the art they can see by simply the Chocolate Shop at 114 Broadway," she them." strolling around and - to discourage graffiti. said. "It was our own suggestion. There is

She mentioned further, "There is plan for we hope – its theatre. The mural should demonstrating that the idea of public art is and spread the news as the news is so read- a third mural on the wall across the open have an interactive aspect, people wanting space from the Chocolate Shop but that is to photograph it and themselves posing in still under discussion. There are two murals front of it. on that wall higher up. The next one will be placed lower down, at the ground level so Orangeville," said Ms. Scheel, that people can take pictures of themselves and others in front of it. There should be designs online by 5:00 pm, June 4." something about the paintings that draws people in so they want to interact with ists submitting their design and information

Submissions to the mural project by way By its interactive nature, the painting another mural on Little York Street, on the of a presentation of design is a natural commissions/mural-at-114-broadway should encourage people to have fun, take side of the Outlet Centre. That was the first petition with the many who will each offer

Better Together Task Force, formed by the BIA: two members of the folk who represent Theatre Orangeville, two from Heritage Orangeville and members of the BIA.

"We're trying different ways to choose the right artist for the work," Ms. Scheel commented. "For the third one, we may commission an artist but for this one, we decided to call on artists to offer their designs.

"The fee for the work is \$1,500, which is

coming from BIA funds," she told the Citizen. Every aspect of the information on the BIA website about Calling All Artists to submit designs for this ambitious and worthy project talks about the need for the mural to be interactive and very welcoming. The mural is a story about the Town of Orangeville, its friendly, vibrant culture, its heritage centre and love of art in all

things from the mural itself to the shops,

restaurants and, of course, one day soon

"It is important that artists submit their

"The job of the BIA is to attract people to

All the details as what is required by artare on the BIA website, and specifically at: https://theatreorangeville.webflow.io/sub-

"We have many great artists in this area,"

UGDSB opens registration for elementary remote learning

Written By Paula Brown Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB) has started registration for remote learning teachers. learning in elementary schools for the upcoming 2021-22 school year.

School (ERS) began last Thursday (May year compared to what was offered in the instruction. 20) and families are being asked to register 2020-21 year. before the June 3 deadline at 4 p.m.

"We recognize that making a decision now about next school year may be challenging, however we will be using the registration programs as was offered during the 2020-21 information we receive now to organize and create our staffing, class organization and timetables for the fall," said a news release remote learning and in-person learning will these programs are much better served in from the UGDSB.

program for the 2021-22 school year will be tions for many students and classrooms". placed in standalone remote schools, where

The UGDSB said families should be aware that there will be some differences in the instruction, or asynchronous learning, a 300 Grade 8 will continue to be modelled under Registration for Elementary Remote remote learning program for the next school

> "For instance, with more students expected to return to in-person learning, our be special education supports for students, ability to offer a similar breadth of remote but they can't guarantee specialized classes. school may be limited," said the board.

be for the entire school year as "movement person," said the board.

Students enrolled in the remote learning between learning modes can cause disrup-

Students that register in the elementary classes are staffed by dedicated remote remote school will have the option of select- said they cannot guarantee it in the ERS with ing either synchronous learning, a 300 min- limited availability of qualified teachers. ute daily schedule set by a teacher with live minute schedule set by family with no live the current safety guidelines and health unit

> For special education and alternative education programs, the UGDSB said there will tration is expected to take place in August.

placements (e.g. DD, MID, LD, Gifted), we (www.ugdsb.ca). UGDSB noted that the decision between strongly encourage in-person instruction as

Families interested in French Immersion (FI) programming are also being encouraged to opt for in-person learning as the UGDSB

In-person learning for Kindergarten to protocols.

Secondary school remote learning regis-

More information about remote learning and registration can be found on the "For students enrolled in specialized class Upper Grand District School Board website

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Passed away peacefully Headwaters Health Care Centre on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 in his 81st year. Devoted husband of the late Iris. Loving father of John & Carolyn O'Neill and Lorraine & Brent Smith. Proud grandfather of Emily, Joshua, Julia (Leutrim) Bajraktari and Clayton. Private arrangements entrusted to the Jack & Thompson Funeral Home, Shelburne. If desired, donations to Lung Cancer Canada would be appreciated. Online condolences may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com

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The family would like to thank Dr. Cormier, Bayshore Homecare Solutions and everyone at Matthews House Hospice for their care.

A small family gathering will take place at a later date. If desired, donations to Matthews House Hospice would be appreciated. Online condolences may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com

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While inventory increase, seller's market continues in Dufferin

Written By Sam Odrowski

Inventory is slowly increasing for the region's real estate market, but the demand still far outweighs the supply.

All houses in Dufferin County are up 30 per cent in price Year to Date (YTD) and the average number of days a house stays on the market is hovering between six and 10, while it was all the way up at 27 days back in January of 2020.

"Currently in Orangeville, the prices that seem to do the best in our area is \$1 million plus," said Jerry Gould, local real estate agent for Remax. "Believe it or not, at one point, selling a house for \$1 million in Orangeville seemed unheard of. Now, that's the hottest selling property around in all of Dufferin County."

shift the sentiment in the marketplace is an increase in the historically low interest the city and move to Dufferin County. rates currently being offered by the banks recently tabled legislation by the federal increase to its foreign investment tax might slow down sales.

While the equity tax might be seen as a home when relocating to Dufferin. negative to homeowners looking to sell, an increase to the foreign investment tax may hot spot for people that are moving out of tached homes have been for sale for over sion. help Canadian citizens secure real estate, York or Peel and because you have Highway a month, showing signs things could be over foreign purchasers.

"To be honest, a lot of people are purchasing properties that don't actually live in Canada, they're coming here and buying up property, especially in the Toronto GTA area, that's been a big thing for years and years," said Gould.

He noted that one of the factors for higher house prices in Dufferin is the "mass exodus" of people leaving Toronto as many employers have permitted working from home since commute to the city and live in Orangeville the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"If they have to work from home and may never go back to the offices, they might as where they work. well be in the country, and that's what they consider Orangeville – the country. It's a safe, beautiful place to live," Gould remarked.



works in Orangeville, said much of buyers obviously driving up all the [house] prices," she's seeing are from Brampton, Missis-Gould said the only things that might sauga, and other densely populated areas,

One of the key attractions for the local or major legislation changes. He noted that market is that the houses in Peel or York region are selling at even higher prices, progovernment to introduce an equity tax or an viding an opportunity for people from those mortgage or increase the size/quality of their over asking.

to from both areas," Depalma noted.

Depalma said she works with a lot of first-Dufferin County attractive, as the average price of a detached home is over \$1 million in Brampton and some townhouses are selling as high as \$1.5 million in Aurora – making Dufferin the more "affordable" option. She added that people are more willing to or Shelburne than spend an extra \$100,000-\$300,000 on their home so they can live

everyone's mindset is, they're thinking if I'm ward an offer without conditions and a single clause protecting the buyer." home, I don't mind driving out a bit more deposit cheque certainly helps. If a finance

Anna Depalma, Century 21 realtor who to get into the market, but as a result, it's noted Depalma.

In the heat of the market, Depalma said where people are looking to get away from she's seen a townhouse listed at \$650,000 sell bar for townhouses locally, pushing many of them starting to list at \$700,000.

\$100,000 to \$200,000 over asking price, while ant for sellers to still prepare their homes areas to sell and reduce the size of their York Region is seeing as high as \$300,000

"This Dufferin areas seems to be like a big its way into the local market, some semi-de-10 and Highway 9, it's very accessible to get slowing down. As of last week, there were 43 homes for sale in Orangeville, which is is getting professional help. a massive increase, compared to the begintime home buyers from the city who find ning of the year, when only nine houses were fast and it can be a little intimidating. Before listed in the entire town.

> rally, buyers have more to choose from, so then the ones that are not necessarily as nice like country property when they're coming - those end up sitting a bit longer because out of the city, they really should use a realpeople have more to choose from versus tor that is local, that knows the area," he said. being the only semi or townhouse on the market," Depalma explained.

condition is required, get a letter from the lender showing what you're pre-approved

Also, writing a letter to the sellers with an attached photo, sharing a bit about your family and why you want the home can sometimes swing the sellers' decision as well, when they're looking at multiple offers.

"It's not necessarily always just about money. It's very emotional and personal, if people feel a personal connection to you, they'll go off of that as well," said Depalma. "That actually has helped a surprising amount in this market."

Individuals looking to sell their home and get the most bang for their buck, should make their house as presentable as possible and not assume that it will sell quickly in any condition because of the hot real estate market, warned Depalma.

"I know some sellers are kind of just getfor \$820,000 in Orangeville, which raised the ting hung up on how much over asking homes are selling for and they're not necessarily presenting their home in the best way Locally, some offers have been coming in possible," Depalma explained. "It's importlike they're competing with other homes."

Being flexible with showings for potential However, more inventory is slowly making buyers and hiring a professional photographer can help make a positive first impres-

> Gould, meanwhile, says his biggest piece of advice when listing or purchasing a home

"The current market is definitely moving anybody decides to jump in, they should "The more [houses] that comes on, natu- really consult a realtor and also if they are buying in an area that they're uncertain with,

"The last thing you want to do is come up here – and I see it all the time – they come For those looking to buy a home in Duf- up to our area with the city agent who has ferin, Depalma has a few recommendations never seen a septic system or a well before "That seems to be consistently what to make it a success. She says putting for- and when they put the offer in there's not a

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Greyhound Canada shuts down permanently following year without revenue

"I think it's always dangerous when the tional bus transit network for Canadians, be-country is a critical piece of infrastructure ties are," she explained. ed with that. We already have a really large not well." deficit and I never like it when government nesses that exist, so that they are able to not would be the ideal solution. just survive, but also to thrive," Seeback explained.

transportation networks, but I don't think at this point," he noted. the government should be providing a na-

Seeback said allowing the free market decides to inject itself into these kinds of to step in and replace Greyhound, possibly things. We have to find ways to support busi- with some form of government support,

"The government can provide some financial assistance to either regional carriers or inter-community transportation. "I'm interested in finding ways to work other start-ups so that they can expand. That

government decides to create new nation- cause I just think it's going to be run poorly, for people that can't afford to fly or take al anything, because of the costs associat- because governments often run companies the train, we've got to find a way to make it in 39 communities across Ontario as a pilot

> Meanwhile, Dufferin-Caledon MPP Syl- program could be further expanded. via Jones said one of the things Ontario's Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is doing ment has to move very quickly on replacing to assist in promoting cross regional transit

"One of the things that we heard was that over a year. with existing companies to expand their would be the best way to go about doing that licensing requirement for inter community transportation was a barrier, so by removing need action really quickly," he remarked. "Because having a bus network across the it, then you see where the further opportuni-

There MTO is currently subsidizing transit project and depending on its results, the

Moving forward, Seeback said the govern-Greyhound as Canadians will be moving out was eliminating a licensing requirement for of lockdown and likely wanting to travel to friends and family who they haven't seen in

"We need actual action and I think we

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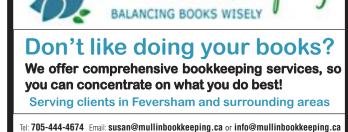


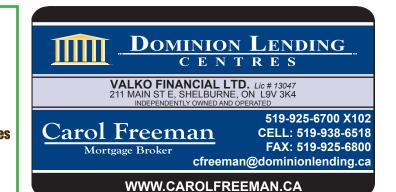












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