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DONATION DRIVE: Shelburne Fire & District has started collecting donations for their 11th Annual Toy and Food Drive. The annual fundraiser raises food donations for the Shelburne Food Bank, Shepherd's Cupboard, and toys for DCAFS. Mike Morrell (pictured) is the organizer of the local fire departments drive and started the first event 11 years ago. Donations will be collected from Nov. 18 until Dec. 18. Turn to Page 2 for a full story on the fundraiser.

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Michelle Hanson pleads guilty

Michelle Hanson, a mother who faced charges in relation to the 2018 death of her three-year-old son Kaden Young, has pleaded guilty to criminal negligence causing death.

Hanson appeared in Orangeville court virtually on Tuesday (Nov. 23), alongside her lawyer, Hal Mattson to enter her plea.

Hanson was charged in relation to her son's death after her vehicle was pulled into the Grand River on the early morning hours of Feb. 21, 2018, during a period of heavy flooding which saw river water rise up onto the road. Both Hanson and Kaden escaped the vehicle, but Kaden was pulled out of his mother's arms. His body was later recovered in Belwood Lake on April 21, two months to the day of the incident.

In an agreed statement of facts, read by Crown attorney Danielle Garbaty, the court heard that Hanson had taken Kaden, who was having trouble sleeping, for a drive into Grand Valley where she planned to attend a convenience store. Within minutes of leaving her home, Hanson drove her vehicle around a road closer barrier on the 10th Line of Amaranth onto a flooded section of

the road. Her vehicle was swept into the Grand River.

"She was able to escape the vehicle with Kaden, but lost grip of him as they were swept down the river by the strong current," said Garbaty.

Hanson was pulled from the river by EMS, and was described as showing "slow and odd movements and appeared confused", which are all consistent with symptoms of hypothermia, said Garbaty.

Paramedics attending to her detected an odor of alcohol. Blood samples obtained at the hospital, which were analyzed by the Centre for Forensic Sciences showed Hanson had a blood alcohol concentration of 60 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood.

Oxycodone was also detected, but was noted to be a concentration that has been associated with a "therapeutic range".

Garbaty said a toxicologist was unable to provide an opinion to whether driving would have been impaired at the time.

Mattson, Hanson's lawyer, prior to the reading of the agreed statement of facts requested a minor addendum to change the

word "would" in reference to having seen the road barricade to "should".

Following the reading of agreed statement of facts, Justice Gisele Miller accepted the guilty plea.

Hanson was charged in October of 2018, and was ordered to stand trial on counts of impaired driving causing death and criminal negligence causing death following a preliminary inquiry in 2019. Her trial, which was scheduled to begin in a Guelph courtroom in March of 2021, was delayed due to a hold on jury trials during the pandemic, and the request from her former lawyer, Marco Forte, to be removed as her counsel. Mattson said his client acknowledged impairment by alcohol caused impaired judgment that caused the incident.

In sentencing, Mattson asked the court to consider that Hanson has been seeing a counselor and provided regular urinalysis test to confirm she is not using illicit drugs.

"I think that would be a great assistance to the court so the court would know that she's on the right track," said Mattson.

Hanson's sentencing is scheduled for Jan. 18, 2022.

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Council given results on resident survey for Fiddle Park

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Skating paths, trails, a dog park, and a toboggan hill. Shelburne Town council has heard the thoughts of residents on what they would like to see happen at Fiddle Park.

During their meeting on Monday (Nov. 22), Shelburne Town council received a report from town planner Steve Wever with details on the Fiddle Park Master Plan, including the results of a community survey.

The Town of Shelburne received nearly 500 responses to their Fiddle Park Master Plan survey, which launched on Sept. 13 and ran until Oct. 11, with the majority of respondents from Shelburne at 83 per cent. Of the respondents, 60 per cent said they visited Fiddle Park for one or more events throughout the year. Based on the survey the top desired elements for Fiddle Park are trails (257 responses) and skating paths (251).

From the survey Town staff created a vision for the Fiddle Park upgrades, which reads, "Fiddle Park will be reimagined to benefit the entire community, creating spaces where peo-

ple can connect with one another, share experiences, and enjoy the natural environment of the park."

Guiding principles for upgrades to the park included designing it for community level usages, having flexibility in the design of the space, maintaining the natural setting, design for four season usages, and universal accessibility.

Fiddle Park is the largest park property in the town of Shelburne with a total of 114.5 acres, and 83.5 acres of it being protected natural heritage, as well as 31 acres of usable land.

Denyse Morrissey, chief administrative officer, said when the sale of the park was not supported it was indicated that council wanted to see the park evolve into something



recreation taskforce made primarily up of members from various service clubs.

"I've talked with staff a couple of times about that and I think Jennifer [Willoughby] has sent out an invite to the service clubs already. The plan is, I think I'll be sitting down with representatives of each of those clubs early in December," said Mills, adding his agreement in needing to speak with the various service clubs.

As part of designing Fiddle Park for level community usage, the report indicated the phasing out of camping, which was previously a main usage of the park in cases of tourism events.

Deputy Mayor Anderson added that he believes the park needs the new vision to modernize and provide amenities the community is asking for.

Morrissey concluded that four season usage, with an emphasize on winter usage, is critical and will be brought to council in the budget framework and draft 2022 budget to help bring amenities that will be "quick wins".

The next step in the Fiddle Park Master Plan is a draft park concept for community feedback expected in December.

Shelburne 164 Air Cadet Squadron hosting Christmas vendor market

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Shelburne 164 Air Cadet Squadron is hosting a one-day Christmas themed vendor sale at the Shelburne Legion, this Saturday (Nov. 27).

Tracy Walker, organizer of the event and chairperson for the 164 Squadron Sponsoring Committee (SSC) said the holiday market was created as a way to raise funds for air cadet activities not covered by the Department of Defense.

Annually, cadets from the 164 Squadron take part in a 'tagging' fundraiser, with the sales from that typically going towards additional cadet activities such as trips and events. With the ongoing pandemic, the

group has had to stop the traditional fundraiser.

"We were looking at different fundraising ideas, and I like the idea of doing things with the community. I suggested we try running a vendor sale with whatever the vendors pay for a table as what we would earn," explained Walker.

While the event was organized as a way to help the Shelburne cadets, Walker also noted their desire to help the community.

"We teach the kids about leadership, community, and giving back to people. The community has helped us through the years and we wanted to have them benefit from our fundraiser," said Walker.

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Shelburne Fire Department 11th Annual Toy and Food Drive kicks off

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Shelburne & District Firefighters Association has kicked-off their 11th annual Toy and Food Drive fundraiser.

The local fire department began collecting donations of non-perishable foods and toys for the drive on Nov. 18 and will hold a number of collection events up until Dec. 11.

"We help the community in times of trouble, somebody calls 9-1-1 and we're there

for them giving it out 100 per cent. With the Toy and Food Drive, people also need our help so again we're there to do our part," said Mike Morrell, coordinator for the annual event and Captain at the Shelburne & District Fire Department. "We do it this because we know there's a need, and we just want to give back to the community."

Each year the Shelburne Fire Departments Toy and Food Drive fundraiser collects food donations for the Shelburne Food Bank, Shepherd's Cupboard, and the toys for Dufferin Children & Family Services. All donations made stay within the community.

Morrell said through the event last year they were able to donate a total of 400 toys to DCAFS.

A week into the month long fundraiser, the fire department is seeing a good beginning turn out for donations.

Some of the specific items they are looking for this year include kid snacks, juice boxes, pasta and pasta sauce, cold cereal, canned veggies and fruit, Kraft Dinner, peanut butter, and feminine hygiene products.

Donations can be dropped off at the Shelburne Fire Hall, Thursday and Friday nights from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. Shelburne Fire Department will also be holding collection events. They will be out at No Frills on Nov. 27 and Foodland on Dec. 18.

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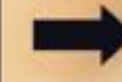
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Fifth Annual Shoes4Shelburne kicks off in December

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Everyone deserves a good pair of reliable shoes.

Shelburne Family Chiropractic & Wellness Centre is gearing up for their fifth Shoes4Shelburne initiative this December, and has announced exciting changes to the yearly shoe collection going forward.

Started five years ago by local chiropractor Dr. Richard Magder and Alexandra Georgie from Shelburne Family Chiropractic, Shoes4Shelburne has been an annual initiative focused on providing new and gently used shoes to Shelburne and Dufferin County residents.

The inspiration for the campaign came after a pair of Dr. Magder's shoes were stolen when left outside to dry.

"Anytime you're the victim of theft it's not

a great feeling, but then we started to think for someone to steal old wet shoes they must really need shoes," explained Georgie. "That's how Shoes4Shelburne started and from there every year it seems to grow bigger and bigger in terms of the number of shoes collected."

The first year Shoes4Shelburne was launched the initiative was able to collect around 500 pairs of shoes and in 2019 collected a total of 600 pairs. In 2020, the initiative saw a huge influx in donations with 2,000 pairs of shoes collected over a week span.

"It was really humbling to have that many shoes and for the people that were needing the shoes to have so many options to choose from," said Georgie.

While seeing consistent growth in the number of shoes donated each year, the initiative is also seeing a dramatic increase in

the number of people reaching out for shoes. To help with the demand, Shoes4Shelburne is now being revamped to help individuals and families all year round with three collection periods; December, April, and August.

Georgie said through the new full year program, they'll be asking for specific types of shoes depending on the time of year such as indoor shoes during the August collection for children returning to school.

Shoes4Shelburne is currently looking for winter boots for all ages from babies to adults as well as work boots and easy slip on shoes like Birkenstocks or Crocs for seniors.

As an owner of a local chiropractic business, Georgie notes the importance shoes and a good pair of footwear and impact a person's overall health.

"If you don't have good footwear it can really negatively affect everything going on in your body like your posture, lower back

pain, hip pain and knee pain," said Georgie. "Also, everyone feels great when you get a new pair of shoes."

She also made note of how expensive shoes can be.

"Shoes sometimes get lost, it's not always a top of mind item. With how expensive shoes are now, it's becoming more unattainable for people to buy a good pair of shoes," she said.

Shoes4Shelburne will kick off a two week collection period of new and gently used shoes on Dec. 11.

"We're very thankful to the community of Shelburne and all the business that have helped support this program, it's quite humbling for Dr. Magder and myself," said Georgie.

Donations of new and gently used shoes can be dropped off at the Shelburne Family Chiropractic & Wellness Centre located at 310 Main Street E.

Shelburne Christmas Hamper program starting up again

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The local Shelburne Hamper Program has started collecting donations for their annual Holiday Hampers as they look to provide a helping hand to families in the community over the holiday season.

"[The Shelburne Hamper Program] is really the community coming together," said Bobbi Ferguson, chair of the local initiative. "It's a project that helps anyone, no matter how you celebrate the holidays, it's a community coming together to help local families."

Existing locally for over 50 years, the Shelburne Christmas Hamper program is organized and supported by the many service clubs in town. The program traditionally gives out

"hampers" or boxes containing both staple and holiday specific foods as well as grocery gift cards for families to purchase a turkey, ham, or traditional favourites. Children are also given gifts with those aged 12 and under receiving a toy, and gift cards for ages 12-18.

Last year, the Shelburne Christmas Hamper saw just under 150 families access the program, and with the financial effects of the COVID-19 pandemic still being felt, Ferguson said they are anticipating to see similar numbers again this year. As of Nov. 18 the Shelburne Christmas Hamper has had 90 registrations.

Starting with the holiday hampers seven years ago, Ferguson has seen demand for the program increase from around 80 families to 105 in 2019, and 147 in 2020.

"There's been a 40 per cent increase since

2019," said Ferguson.

The Shelburne Christmas Hamper and Shepherd's Cupboard have partnered again this year for the month of November, allowing food bank clients to register for the hamper through the food bank.

For those looking to help Shelburne Christmas Hamper, Ferguson said the best way is through cash donations.

"Although we very much appreciate all donations of toys and food, the reality is that the best way to help is with a cash donation. This enables the purchase of gift cards for older children and food items to complete the hampers," said Ferguson.

The program has provided examples of how accumulative cash donations are used such as \$20 for stocking stuffers, \$50 for toys or gift

cards for children, \$75 for a senior hamper, and \$150 for a large family food hamper.

Registration for the 2021 Shelburne Christmas Hamper has been running during regular hours at the food bank throughout the month of November. The Shelburne Christmas Hamper is also holding an alternative registration date for Dec. 2 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Mel Lloyd Centre Community Meeting Room, entrance C.

Donations of non-perishable food items and toys can be dropped off at the Shelburne Town Hall until Dec. 16 and the Mel Lloyd Centre Community Meeting Room between Dec. 14 and Dec. 17. For information on the Shelburne Christmas Hampers email ShelburneChristmasHampers@gmail.com or call 519-278-4578.



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Shelburne 164 Air Cadet Squadron hosting Christmas vendor market

"Shelburne is a huge family, we stick together."

Through vendor fees, the Shelburne 164 Air Cadet Squadron were able to raise a total of \$1,180 to go towards an upcoming Christmas party as well as a future trip.

"The kids have had such a hard time, but they've stuck with the program and they need something to look forward to," said Walker.

The Christmas market of local small

businesses will consist of a total of 25 vendors on Saturday with products ranging from clothing, jewelry, and bath bombs to jams, jellies, and artwork.

"There's a huge variety of everything that's going to be there," said Walker.

The 164 Christmas Vendor Sale is scheduled take place in the Warrior Hall at the Shelburne Legion this Saturday (Nov. 27), and will run from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

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Another payout

I had a discussion with a client about a year ago about the Chinese solution to the COVID-19 pandemic.

He was telling me how efficient the Chinese were as they had built an entire hospital in ten days to treat COVID patients, and how it would take years for the inefficient western system to get the same job done.

At the time, it did make news, and for some reason the media wrote stories of how impressive the Chinese could be by building an entire hospital in less than two weeks.

Impressive, until you saw the photos and video of the actual 'hospital.'

It wasn't a hospital, it was a bunch of steel shipping containers slapped together to create rooms. There was no infrastructure, no plumbing, crude electrical work, and no sanitation.

We could have done the same here by taking all COVID patients to a local arena, placing their beds on the floor, and turning out the lights.

A real hospital is an incredibly complex place, and by western standards, should have running water, a heating system, and

well-designed floor layout.

Many people don't realize how hospitals are built and maintained in Ontario.

While the provincial health system pays for doctors and staff salary, when it comes to the actual buildings and equipment, communities are on their own to raise the funds needed to keep a hospital current and updated.

When a local hospital foundation is asking for donations, they usually have a goal in mind. There is usually a campaign to raise funds for a certain need, whether it be a new piece of equipment or an entire wing to be added, that money comes from public and business donations.

It can be a real challenge to raise the money for needed equipment although the foundations in Ontario do an amazing job of stepping up and getting the job done.

You would think that in a country that has universal health care, that the government would allot funds to help create and support local hospitals when it comes to equipment and supplies.

Ontario Premier Doug Ford toured a cou-

ple of local hospitals recently, one of which is currently in the middle of a multi-million-dollar campaign to refurbish its aging facility. At the end of the tour, he simply thanked them for their efforts.

There was no mention of the province stepping up to help get the job done. Although in fairness, the province will be spending money on the hospital refurbishment, although the community has to raise around \$43 million on their own.

According to the province's website, the province is spending \$1 billion on its vaccination plan, \$2.6 billion to support 30,000 long-term care beds and upgrading nearly 16,000 spaces, and \$5.1 billion to support hospitals since the start of the pandemic. That's a lot of money for a province of 13.5 million people.

Hospitals should be considered the most important of all public facilities. If you can't take care of your own people, what else can you do?

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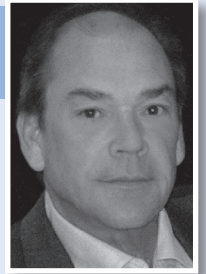
The federal government has hundreds of millions of dollars put aside for foreign aid. Polls indicate that public support for foreign aid in Canada is actually pretty low.

While many people believe it is necessary to supply aid during an emergency or natural disaster, sending money to many developing countries means a good chunk of that money will be lost due to bribes, corruption, and other 'government' expenses.

Just ask any business person who deals with some countries, what it takes just to get your product unloaded from a ship.

Maybe it's time to take some of those funds, which we all contributed to, and place them back in our own communities.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Cost-of-living crisis must be addressed

We've all noticed an increase in our grocery, gas, and home heating bills over the last several months. Canadians are paying more for the necessities of life and trying to do it with the same paycheque. The cost-of-living crisis isn't something that quickly snuck up on Canada. It's been a growing problem. Conservatives had warned the Liberal government about it long ago, but they ignored us and carried on with their disastrous economic policies. The crisis only worsened following the election and despite that, Prime Minister Trudeau still delayed recalling Parliament for two months. The crisis has now reached an all time high. The Prime Minister must stop burying his head in the sand and address the cost-of-living-crisis in Canada.

Statistics Canada recently announced that the annual pace of inflation rose to 4.7 per cent in October, which is the largest year-over-year gain Canada has witnessed since February 2003. This disturbing development demonstrates the catastrophic damage Prime Minister Trudeau and his Liberal government have inflicted on the Canadian economy by spending a whopping \$400 billion above normal levels over the past two years, accompanied by a deficit among the highest in the G-20 last year.

The rising cost of groceries and gas has contributed to soaring inflation rates to a new record-setting pandemic-era high. This spiralling inflation and cost-of-living crisis is having a devastating impact on families here in Dufferin-Caledon and across Canada. Constituents write me regularly expressing

their concerns about the skyrocketing costs for the basics of life and trying to keep up with the same paycheques. What's worse, is they're telling me it's becoming so severe they're having to make the choice between paying their home heating bill and putting food on the table. No Canadian should be forced to make this impossible decision. We cannot continue with the Trudeau government's high tax, high-spending agenda.

Last month, we wrote Prime Minister Trudeau to ask that the inflation-control target (set to lapse in just over a month) be renewed at its current rate. We did not receive a response from him. If the costs of food, gas, and housing continue on this trajectory without the federal government and the Bank of Canada taking action to renew the inflation-control target, Canadians will witness prices rising to levels that haven't been experienced in Canada since Pierre Elliott Trudeau was the Prime Minister of Canada.

Canadians have had enough of the current Prime Minister's disastrous economic policies and want a path forward. Conservatives believe that instead of creating cash, we should create what cash buys, which is more food, energy, and housing. We can make more by: approving projects that produce more affordable energy; cut taxes and red tape to help farmers, workers, and businesses supply more food and goods; and cancel payroll tax hikes to lower the cost of hiring and allow workers to keep more of their paycheques. We can also cost less by: stop

printing money for government spending; review Prime Minister Trudeau's \$100 billion slush fund and return to normal pre-COVID levels; and shut down the multi-billion-dollar infrastructure bank that has cost Canadians a fortune and failed to finish a single project. Our approach boils down to this: make more, cost less, with paycheques, not debt.

Tackling skyrocketing inflation and the cost-of-living crisis is a top priority for me, as we begin the first weeks of the 44th Parliament. These issues are a top priority for

me because they are for my constituents struggling to make ends meet under the current government. My constituents and all Canadians deserve better than what they're receiving. They deserve a Parliament that will finally address the severe economic challenges facing Canadians across the country.

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Three impaired drivers in Dufferin County charged over the weekend

Dufferin OPP laid a number of charges over the weekend, when patrolling the county's roads.

On Sunday (Nov. 21) at approximately 11:15 p.m., a Dufferin OPP officer responded to the report of a two-vehicle collision on Highway 10 in Mono. The officer was led into an impaired driving investigation. There were no injuries as a result of the collision.

Manuel DEMELO, 59-year-old, from Amaranth has been charged with:

- Failure or refusal to comply with demand

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville in January 2021, to answer to the charge. Their driver's licence was suspended for a period of 90 days and their vehicle impounded for a period of 7 days.

On November 18, 2021, at approximately 1:28 p.m., a Dufferin OPP officer was conducting enforcement in the area of Main



Street in Shelburne. The officer conducted a traffic stop and was led into an impaired driving investigation.

As a result, Christopher SABEAN, 45-year-old, from Clearview has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Drive motor vehicle - no licence

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville in January 2021, to answer to the charge. Their driver's licence was suspended for a period of 90 days and their vehicle impounded for a period of 7 days.

On November 18, 2021, at approximately 9:22 a.m., a Dufferin OPP officer was conducting speed enforcement in the area County Road 11 in Amaranth. The officer stopped a vehicle that was traveling 96 km/hr in a 40 km/hr zone.

As a result, Moses THOMPSON, 52-year-old, from Amaranth has been charged with:

- Stunt Driving

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville in January 2021, to answer to the charge. Their driver's licence was suspended for a period of 30 days and their vehicle impounded for a period of 14 days.

None of these charges have been proven in court.

The Dufferin OPP reminds motorists to plan ahead when consuming alcohol or drugs. Use a designated driver, cab, ride-share, 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.

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Dufferin OPP seize large quantity of cocaine, other drugs

Dufferin OPP seized a large quantity of cocaine and charged four individuals with multiple related charges as a result of two search warrants that were executed in Orangeville and East Garafraxa.

Last Thursday (Nov. 18), members of the Dufferin Street Crime Unit (CSCU), with the assistance of the Caledon (CSCU) and Central Region Canine services executed a search warrant at a property in Orangeville and East Garafraxa.

As a result of the investigation, the following was seized:

- Cocaine - 400 grams
- Psilocybin
- Fentanyl
- Lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD)
- Cash - \$10,000 Canadian currency
- Cellular phones
- OxyContin Pills

In addition to the seizure, four parties were charged with the following:

Michael STAPLETON, 23-year-old, from East Garafraxa has been charged with:

- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Cocaine
- Traffic in Schedule I substance - Cocaine
- Possession of a Schedule III substance for the purpose of Trafficking
- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking - other drugs
- Unauthorized Possession of weapon
- Possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime over \$5000

Derek DIBATTISTA, 53-year-old, from Orangeville has been charged with:

- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Cocaine
- Traffick in Schedule I substance - Cocaine

Kyla WINCHESTER, 19-year-old, from East Garafraxa has been charged with:

- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Cocaine
- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking - other drugs
- Possession of a Schedule III substance for the purpose of Trafficking
- Knowledge of Unauthorized Possession of weapon
- Possession of proceeds obtained by crime over \$5000

Dana PIRIE, 36-year-old, from Orangeville has been charged with:

- Traffick in Schedule I substance - Cocaine
- Possession of a schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Cocaine

The four accused parties are scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville in January 2022, to answer to the charges. None of these charges have been proven in court.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). You can also submit your information online at: <https://ontariocrimestoppers.ca/>.

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18. Brotherhood, for short
19. Trigonometric function
20. Eatery
21. Cloddish
23. Step
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26. Biblical pronoun
28. Matured
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56. Passe
59. Disturb
61. Hawaiian goose
62. Opera solo
63. Disconnect
64. Julep flavor
65. Set in
66. Light tan
68. Type of exercise
70. Word-of-mouth
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76. Fertilizer
80. Well-founded

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87. Principle
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89. Sundown direction
90. Cry out

DOWN

1. Facts, briefly
2. Short-billed rail
3. Take it easy
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5. Life story, briefly
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8. Go back on a promise
9. Pathetic
10. Customers
11. Fruit skin

12. In the sack
13. Muddy
15. Tooth pain
16. Far and ____
22. "____ Stoops to Conquer"
24. Dull-witted person
27. Otologist's concern
29. Adult females
30. Whirlpool bath
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62. Loving
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65. Freudian term
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69. Exposed
70. Presidential office shape
71. Indian princess
72. Came to ground
74. Small amount
75. Long-legged wader
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Orangeville SPCA kicks off holiday adoption campaign

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Ontario SPCA Orangeville and District Animal Centre has kicked off their holiday adoption campaign – ‘iAdopt for the Holidays’.

An annual holiday initiative, ‘iAdopt for the Holidays’ takes place at Ontario SPCA and Humane Society animal centres across the province, and looks to give as many animals as possible the gift of a loving forever home.

“When you give an animal a home, you’re not only changing that animal’s life, you’re also bringing joy and love into your life,” said Dawn Lyons, manager at Ontario SPCA Orangeville & District Animal Centre.

“iAdopt for the Holiday is all about making lifetime matches.”

With many people enjoying time off over the holidays and families home together, the SPCA said the holiday season is the perfect time to welcome an animal and help them settle into their new home.

According to the SPCA, last year 500 animals in Ontario found their forever homes during the iAdopt for the Holidays campaign. At the Ontario SPCA Orangeville & District Animal Centre, Lyons said they saw a total of 90 animals adopted through the 2020 initiative.

“There is nothing quite like the feeling of watching an animal go home with a loving family,” said Lyons. “You feel good knowing you helped them get their second chance.”

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—Dawn Lyons

At the time of print, the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society has seen 107 adoptions of animals for the 2021 campaign.

The Ontario SPCA Orangeville & District Animal Centre currently has a number of animals awaiting their forever home, including three-year old Scottish fold, Marvin.

“Marvin needs a special home and has been waiting patiently for the perfect family to come along since arriving in September,” explain Lyons. “Marvin needs a quiet, low-stress household and would do best as the only pet.”

Ontario SPCA animal centres are also awaiting the arrival of a group of dogs, who are coming from shelters in the United States nearing capacity, and don’t have the space to help any more animals that show up on their doorstep. The dogs will be involved in the iAdopt for the Holidays campaign in the hopes of finding their loving forever homes.

Adopted animals through the Ontario SPCA are spayed or neutered, micro-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

IADOPT CAMPAIGN: The three dogs pictured above are some of the many animals looking to get adopted this holiday season. The cat, Marvin, is a three-year old Scottish fold currently up for adoption at the Ontario SPCA Orangeville and District Animal Centre.

chipped and are given up to date vaccinations. Adopters will receive a Get Pet Ready Guide, which includes tips and tricks on how to care for their families new furry family members.

Animal lovers who are not able to adopt during the festive season can still give help to animals in need and are encouraged to help vulnerable animals by shopping at the Ontario SPCA’s Paws & Give

online store.

As part of the campaign those who have already adopted an animal can enter Ontario’s Cutest Adopted Animal Photo Contest for a chance to win weekly prizes and a \$5500 PetSmart gift card grand prize.

For more information on iAdopt for the Holiday, go to www.iadopt.ca. The adoption campaign will run until Dec. 31.

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Health Canada approves COVID-19 shots for kids

Written By Sam Odrowski

Health Canada authorized the use of Pfizer-BioNTech Comirnaty COVID-19 vaccine on children 5-11 last Friday (Nov. 19) and the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health Unit (WDGPH) has announced a regional plan to get kids vaccinated.

Danny Williamson, spokesperson for WDGPHU, said the health unit received 17,100 doses of the Pfizer pediatric vaccine on Tuesday (Nov. 23) and residents can begin booking a vaccination appointment by contacting their primary care provider or visiting the WDGPHU website. Similar to the adult vaccination program, the health unit will be running hub clinics in larger populated areas, mobile clinics in smaller municipalities, outreach pop-up clinics in areas of great need, clinics in schools with low vaccination rates, speciality clinics, and clinics at children's congregate settings/treatment centres.

Pfizer's study for the pediatric COVID-19 vaccine began in March of this year and concluded in September, with 4,500 kids participating. According to Pfizer's data, the shots were well tolerated and showed a robust immune response, with some side effects but none that were deemed serious.

Since the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine worldwide, Williamson said the number of adverse reactions has been low relative to the number of shots administered, and using available data, WDGPHU sees the benefits outweighing the risks for vaccinating children.

"Ultimately, your risks are very low, and the risk of what happens if you get COVID, even if you're young are concerning," he noted. "So, it's very important that people have the information they need to confidently make a decision, whether that's from Public Health or another health agency, whether that's speaking with their family doctor."

Chief Public Health Officer's Stance

Canada's Chief Public Health Officer Dr. Theresa Tam said she welcomes the NACI's advice on the Pfizer vaccine for 5-11-year-olds, noting that it takes into account available evidence and ethical considerations relating to COVID-19 vaccination in children.

She added that it's important for Public Health to support parents and be understanding of their choices with respect to vaccinating their 5 to 11-year-olds.

"As we closely monitor the domestic rollout of the pediatric program and continue to consider new information from international programs and research, it is very important that we all support children and their caregivers in making informed decisions about COVID-19 vaccination, while respecting their choices and pace of decision-making," Tam tweeted on Nov. 19.

Local Parents' Concerns

While many parents are excited to vaccinate their young children, providing them with better protection against COVID-19, some are hesitant due to the unknown long-term safety impacts of the COVID-19 vaccine and the virus's low risk to children.

"As a parent, I can tell you that I'm not quite sure what the government nor Public Health call safe when they talk about these vaccines. I'm not sure what their measure of safety is because when I looked at the data, there is no long-term data," said Peggy Bond, local parent of a 12, 15, and 17-year-old. "I write to them regularly asking for the evidence - they do not reply to me at all."

Bond said for healthy young people, who have no comorbidities, the risk of a severe reaction to COVID-19 is extremely rare. Because of this, she said the possible long-term risk of giving them the COVID-19 vaccine, in her view, outweighs the benefits since their risk of ICU admission, hospitalization or death is low.

"Statistically, with my kids being under 19, and even more so for those in the under 11 group, they have such a low risk of any severe

outcomes, which would include hospitalization, or deaths... and I don't feel the risks of the vaccine are being clearly communicated."

Since the start of the pandemic in March of 2020, a total of 19 individuals in the age 0-19 category have passed away with COVID-19, out of the nearly 30,000 COVID-19 deaths in Canada, while there have been 245 admissions to ICU for the 0-19 age group out of 17,552 total, according to Public Health Canada. The same data shows the 0-19 age group account for 1,951 out of 91,044 hospitalizations.

Meanwhile, in Ontario, since the start of the COVID-19 vaccine rollout, there has been 3,626 "Other Severe or Unusual Events" which are defined as "any death of a vaccine recipient linked to immunization within one month, where no other clear cause of death can be established" or "Pregnancy-related events (E.g., maternal death, miscarriage/stillbirth)". Since the start of the rollout, 11.2 million people have been fully vaccinated in Ontario, according to Public Health data.

Bond said while she sees no purpose for her own kids, who are healthy, to get vaccinated, she encourages parents to seek out the information necessary to feel confident in whatever their decision is.

"I feel everybody should make their own informed decision based on their own personal set of circumstances and their research," she noted. "But for me personally, in terms of risks, benefits and purpose, I don't feel that the benefits nor the purpose outweigh the unknown risks of the vaccine at this point."

WDGPHU Stance on 5-11 Vaccine Passports

Despite Tam's recent comments about respecting parents' choices and pace of decision making for vaccinating their 5-11-year-olds, Williamson said WDGPHU would look at a provincial vaccine passport program for that age group favourably, as it's been shown to help "encourage" vaccination and reduce cases.

"If the province looked at expanding the coverage they have right now to include similar requirements for children in this bracket as they're able to get vaccinated, I think that that's something certainly we'd look at favourably, without kind of seeing the details of it yet," said Williamson.

When asked if there were ethical concerns for imposing a vaccine passport onto 5 to 11-year-olds, since it's largely their parents' decision, Williamson said, "Yeah, I mean obviously there are, and obviously we all want kids to have the access to the things that are important to them like we all do. But ultimately, like all things, we empower parents and caregivers to make decisions for their kids."

He added, "You'll hear a lot about Public Health talking to parents over the next couple of months to make sure they understand and they have what they need to make this decision... I think it is really important that parents do the research, have the conversations they need to put themselves in a place to really strongly consider it, because it offers so little risk and so many benefits."

Alberta and Manitoba have announced they'll exempt 5 to 11-year-olds from their vaccine passport systems. Ontario has yet to formally announce a decision on the matter.

Impact of Passports on 12-17

Since the implementation of the vaccine passport system in September of this year, Bond said the impact has been significant on her kids.

"I have a 12-year-old who I had to remove from hockey, he was so upset," she said. "It's terrible because of course, he's going to miss out on those benefits of participating in physical activity in a group environment with his friends, competing."

"The tenants of medicine are informed consent and this is not informed consent when you're holding something over people's heads, whether it's their livelihood, their ability to par-

ticipate in society."

Bond said pre-screening and testing should be options instead of entirely excluding youth from organized sports.

With the evolving science surrounding COVID-19 and the vaccinations, she noted that the government shouldn't be imposing vaccine passports to exclude unvaccinated people from select settings.

"I mean, they're discovering these side effects [from vaccination], because they're hitting the general population. My biggest issue with all of this is, first they say the first vaccine is the best vaccine, then they pull the AstraZeneca, then they change the ages of appropriateness for the Moderna [removed for 18 to 24-year-olds], then they change the times between the dosage schedule," Bond remarked.

She said if Public Health is evolving with the science, then the science isn't settled, and we shouldn't be imposing a medical intervention onto people to engage in society, especially if they can become injured from said intervention and receive zero compensation. Vaccine manufacturers are protected from legal liabil-

ity of adverse reactions.

A 12-year-old girl from Ontario who is unvaccinated and wants to keep her region as well as name anonymous due to the controversial and sensitive nature of the issue, said the past two months have been very challenging.

"I was really excited to do All Star Cheer this year but I couldn't do it because of the vaccine mandate. I practiced the whole summer to be ready for the try-outs. I felt so disappointed," she told the Free Press. "My best friend made the team and chose to get her vaccine so that she can continue doing cheer. We would have been doing Cheer together if not for the vaccine mandates. I hear her talking about her practices and how much she enjoys it. It's hard knowing that I could have been there with her, but am not."

The 12-year-old added, "Sometimes, after school hours, my friends and I hang out at Tim Hortons. I have to wait outside since dining in is restricted to vaccinated only. Even though they try to eat and drink quickly, I feel left out. I feel cold. I see them inside and wonder how come this seems right to others?"



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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Muskies lose at home – win one on the road

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Shelburne Senior Muskies split the weekend with a loss at home and a win on the road.

The Muskies hosted the Shallow Lake Crushers on Saturday (Nov. 20) night at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex in front of a good crowd of fans.

Hoping to get revenge for the previous week, the Muskies want the win to equal out the loss they took to the Crushers the previous week. In that game, the Shelburne squad outplayed Shallow Lake but just couldn't bury any pucks in the net.

They lost the game when the Crushers scored with less than a minute remaining.

Saturday's game didn't provide the pay-back the Muskies were hoping for.

Much of the first period was spent in the Shallow Lake zone but the Muskies couldn't put one past the goalie. At the end of the period Shallow Lake was leading 2-0.

At the end of the second frame, they had extended the lead to 4-0.

A final goal in the third period gave the Crushers a 5-0 win.

The Muskies out-shot the Crushers 31-24 for the night, but 31 saves for the Crushers goalie meant all the difference.

The squad was back on the ice the next day when they travelled to Tavistock to take on Royals in a Sunday afternoon game.

At the end of the first period the Muskies were leading 3-0 on goals including two from Josh Sguigna.

The big turnaround in the game came in the second period when Tavistock scored five powerplay goals to tie the game at five.

At the end of the third the game was tied at six, and they went to a shoot-out to decide the winner.

Sguigna scored on his shot. Muskies goalie, Malcolm Young managed to shut the door on all four Tavistock shooters to give the Shelburne squad the 7-6 win.

The Muskies will be on the road on Friday night when the travel to Saugeen Shores to take on the Winterhawks.

They will be back on home ice at the CDRC on Saturday, Nov. 27, to host the Seaforth Centenaires.

Game time is 8:00 p.m.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

RUSHING THE NET: The Shelburne Muskies host the Shallow Lake Crushers on the ice at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex on Saturday, November 20. The Muskies lost to the Crushers the previous week in a game that was tied to the last minute of play. The Muskies couldn't get payback on Saturday night and had to settle for a 5-0 loss to the visitors.

PJHL has strong contenders in top spots in Carruthers Division

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Provincial Junior Hockey League is, so far, remaining pretty consistent with the standings telling the tale of the season so far.

Overall, the standing look pretty much like they do every year and in every division with a couple of top teams, a few in the middle of the pack, and a couple struggling at the bottom.

The Stayner Siskins continue to lead the Carruthers Division. The squad is having a strong showing this year having lost only one game after 13 times on the ice.

With a couple of exceptions, the Siskins have not been a high scoring team this year, but their strength seems to be stopping other teams from scoring against them.

The Orillia Terriers remain in second place in the division with a 12-3 record. The Terriers started out in second place but dropped to second after taking a couple of losses.

They are only two points behind the second place Siskins.

The Schomberg Cougars have had a good

season winning ten of 15 games so far and ending one game in a tie to land in third place.

In the middle of the pack, the Alliston Hornets and Penetang Kings are having an average season so far, but both teams are looking like they are getting stronger as the season goes on.

Alliston has a 9-6-1 record and 19 points.

Penetang has a 7-8 record including one overtime loss.

Both teams are having a good season but lack consistency on the ice.

The Caledon Golden Hawks are struggling and are currently in sixth place in the standings with a 3-12 record including one overtime loss.

In the basement, the Midland Flyers and Huntsville Otters have been struggling this season.

Midland has taken 12 losses after 15 games.

Huntsville has taken 13 losses after 15 outings on the ice.

Small town Junior C teams will be back on the ice this weekend as they get back to play at towns across Ontario.

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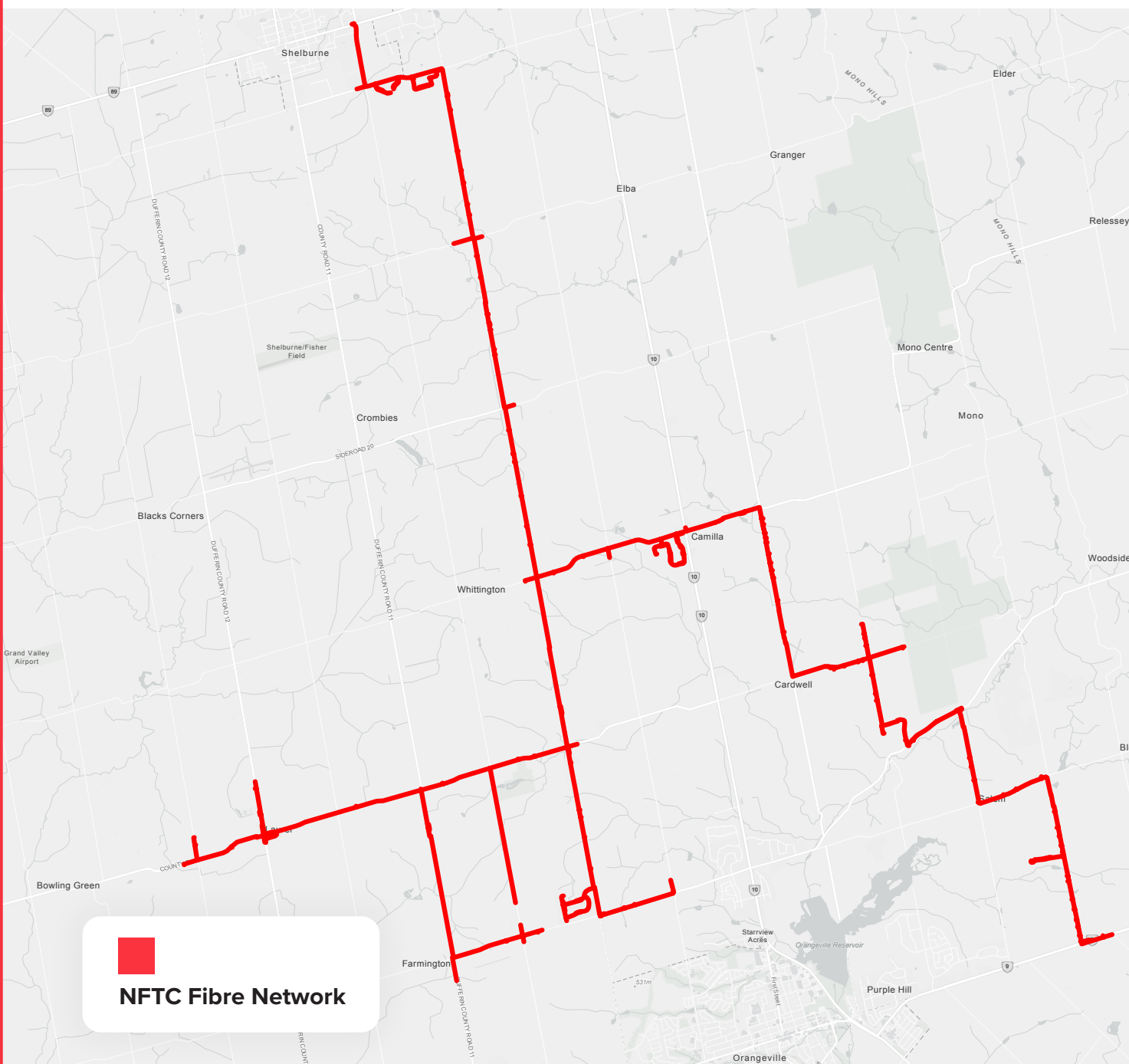
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Full details for this position including hours of work and wage ranges are available on the Town of Shelburne website at www.shelburne.ca

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The Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex 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 CDRC encourages applications from women, Aboriginal peoples and persons of all races, ethnic origins, religions, abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities and expressions. The CDRC 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. Personal information is being collected pursuant to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used only for candidate selection.

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OBITUARY

CROCKFORD, WILLIAM LYLE

Passed away suddenly at his home on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 in his 87th year. Lyle was predeceased by his friend Marj Elliott. Loving father of Brian (Susan) and Debbie (Phil). Proud grandfather of Jeanette (Jason), Michael (Tyna), Brittany (Jake) and Robert and great-grandfather of David and Tyler. Lyle will be missed by Marj's children David (Janice), Anne, Allan (Diane) and their children. Survived by his brother Gerald (Wilma) and his sister Beryl. Predeceased by his brother Ken and brother-in-law Terry.

Lyle was an active member in the town of Dundalk his entire life, including being the Charter President of the Dundalk Lions Club and he will be missed in the community.

The family has chosen to have a private service. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or the Cancer Society would be appreciated as expressions of sympathy.

Online condolences may be placed at www.mcmillanandjackfuneralhome.com



OBITUARY

REABURN, RUBY MURIEL (NEE LLOYD)

Peacefully with family by her side at Matthews House Hospice on Thursday, November 18, 2021 in her 100th year. Devoted wife of the late Earl (2005). Loving mother of the late Thomas Wayne Reaburn (1947), Donna (Stewart) Lemon, Diane (Barry) McLean, Paul Reaburn and David (Chris) Reaburn. Cherished grandma of Krista and Wayne, Kelly and Rick, Rob, Ryan and Rose, Donald and Meaghan, Cassie and Matt, Kevin and Elisabeth, Dan and Britt, Jennifer and Dan and great-grandma of Zack and Nicole, Josh and Chloe, Emma, Marcus, Ellie and Hendrix, Soren and River, Abby (2016), Sam and Alyssa. Special grandma of Tyler Robinson. Predeceased by her brother Harvey and his wife Marjorie.

Due to Covid restrictions, a private family service was held at the Jack & Thompson Funeral Home, Shelburne on Saturday, November 20, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. Interment followed at Shelburne Cemetery. If desired, donations to Matthews House Hospice, St. Luke's Anglican Church, Rosemont or a charity of your choice would be appreciated. Online condolences and donations may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com



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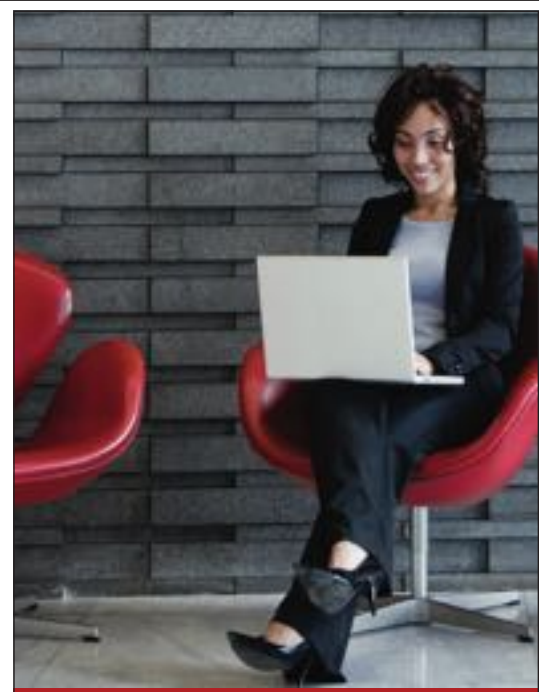
Ed was preceded in death by his beautiful wife and mother to his 3 daughters, Madeleine Yvonne Robichaud and his parents Leo and Treva Robichaud. He is survived by his children Selena Parris, Adam Parris, Mandy Podkin, Rod Podkin, Cindy Joseph, Eric Joseph.

His grandchildren Gregori, Ashley, Avery, Jordan, Caleb, Preston, Jakob, Grace, R.J. His great grandchildren Dakota, Cole.

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