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PUSH-IN CEREMONY: Shelburne firefighters marked a new pumper truck being put into service with a small ceremony outside the fire hall last Thursday (Jan. 6). Firefighters pushed the new fire red truck back into the hall as part of a traditional "push-in" ceremony, which dates back to when fire trucks were wagons pulled by horses. The new pumper is a replacement for the fire department's old 1999 pumper.

New fire truck put into service locally

Written By Paula Brown Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Don't be alarmed, Shelburne & District Fire Department has put a new fire truck into service.

Fire Chief Ralph Snyder and volunteer firefighters for the local department held a small outdoor ceremony last Thursday (Jan. 6) to officially mark the new truck being put into service.

teamed up to push the new truck back said Snyder. into the station as part of a "push-in" ceremony. Chief Snyder explained the ceremony is a long standing tradition that the price of a rescue truck, but is at least honours the days when firefighters had to actually push their trucks back into the ing through custom order would cost. station after a call because they were wagons pulled by horses.

local fire department's old 1999 pumper. Shelburne has been using for many years. Initially the fire department was approved to purchase a rescue truck, but due to var- sion to keep the prebuilt truck red was ious delays such as the shortage in vehicle chips and delivery dates pushed to 2024, the department chose to replace the get a yellow truck," said Snyder. "I can buy lon tanker truck as well was an SUV and pumper instead.

66 This truck has a very loud siren, which is very nice when we're running car accidents on highway 10, 24 and 89.

- Fire Chief Ralph Snyder

"This truck was coming off the line prebuilt in red, so we negotiated and they From outside the fire hall, firefighters gave us a pretty good deal to buy it,"

> The total cost for the new truck is about \$588,000, which is about \$130,000 over the past."

Residents will likely notice the different 2004 rescue. look to the new pumper truck, which is fire

Snyder told the Free Press that the decirelated to cost savings.

a lot of equipment that will save lives and pickup truck.

protect property for \$20,000, and the color of the fire truck will never save a life."

Colour aside, Snyder noted the features the updated truck has that will help firefighters at the department further aid the community.

"This truck has a very loud siren, which is very nice when we're running car accidents on highway 10, 24 and 89. People will hear us coming and it's got a very nice light package on it," said Snyder. "We ordered some very specific nozzles for rural firefighting too so that we can draft water easier than what we could in

With the new pumper truck now here \$75,000 cheaper than what a pumper com- and in service, the oldest truck the Shelburne Fire Department has running is its

"We try to replace them every 15 to 20 The new truck will be replacing the red amongst the fleet of yellow trucks that years; our frontline trucks 15 years, but they go to a backup truck for another 5 years," said Snyder.

> Shelburne & District Fire Department's fleet of vehicles continues to include two "It was going to cost us over \$20,000 to pumpers, a rescue, a ladder, and a 300 gal-









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Headwaters hospital pauses non-emergent procedures

Written By Paula Brown Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Headwaters Hospital had once again paused all non-emergent surgeries and proimaging and ambulatory clinical activity.

sures are in response to the province's di- gent cases only. rective, effective Jan.5.

ernment is in response to the dramatic in- requiring urgent care. All other clinics will crease in COVID-19 cases due to the highly be closed. transmissible Omicron variant," they wrote in the public notice.

human resources.

"It is our priority to ensure we have apour community."

dures, and diagnostic imaging has paused, tect yourself as we navigate this next wave."



cedures as well as all non-urgent diagnostic the hospital said emergent and urgent surgeries such as cancer care will continue. The local hospital issued a public notice Urgent Ambulatory Care Clinics including on Jan. 7 from president and CEO, Kim fracture and plastic clinics, dialysis, oncolo-Delahunt, chief of staff and vice president gy, and urgent stress testing will also remain of medical affairs, Dr. Peter Cino, and chief open while telemedicine, diabetes, and infuof surgery, Dr. Grace Wang, noting the measions operate at a reduced capacity for ur-

Headwaters Hospital's emergency depart-"This direction from the provincial gov-ment will remain open 24/7 to see patients

Patients who have upcoming surgeries and appointments that will be post-The pause, they said, is to preserve poned will be contacted by their specialthe hospital's bed capacity and health ist's office or a member of Headwater's registration team.

"Thank you to the dedicated team of propropriate staffing levels so that we can confessionals at Headwaters for once again ristinue to provide the best care possible for ing to the challenges of this pandemic," said Delahunt, Cino, and Wang. "Please make While non-emergent surgeries, proce- sure you are taking full precautions to pro-

Local COVID-19 cases this week

Jan. 10 (Monday)

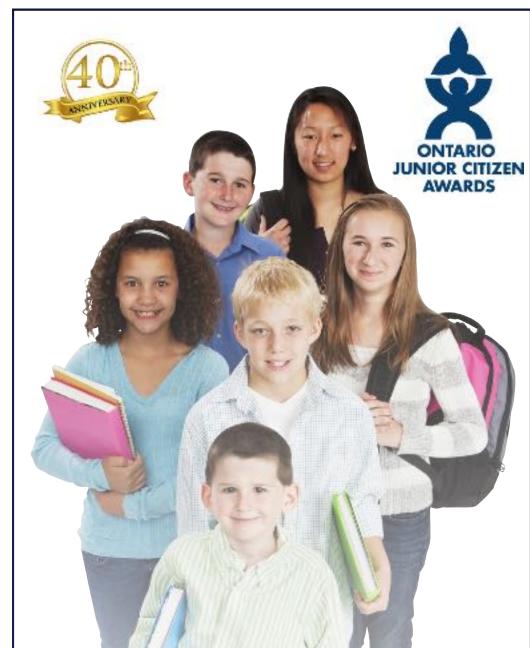
WDG Region: 640 (New cases), 2318 (Active cases), 635 (Newly Resolved) Dufferin County: 116 (New cases), 444 (Active cases), 95 (Newly Resolved)

Jan. 11 (Tuesday)

WDG Region: 76 (New cases), 1990 (Active cases), 403 (Newly Resolved) Dufferin County: 17 (New cases), 390 (Active cases), 91 (Newly Resolved)

Jan. 12 (Wednesday)

WDG Region: 186 (New cases), 1691 (Active cases), 485 (Newly Resolved) Dufferin County: 58 (New cases), 344 (Active cases), 104 (Newly Resolved)



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Support services in Dufferin get funding boost

Written By Paula Brown Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Ontario government has invested fund-funding of \$116,700. ing for upgrades and repairs for two Dufferin County community support services.

sition Place (FTP) and Kerry's Place have at Kerry's Place Autism Services. "We know both received funding totalling a \$139,000 that access to housing has been quite diffiinvestment to help with necessary building cult for those with autism spectrum disorder ment that their organization received. repairs and renovations.

delivering services to those who need them, We know that a home provides a sense of and I am proud that we are making the nec-belonging and can become a place of indepenessary investments to enable their important dence for people we support. Improvements work," said Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia to our housing infrastructure is essential to Jones. "By funding these repairs, we are tak-provide great quality support and care." ing the pressure off service providers so they in-Caledon who rely on them."

As part of the provincial investment, Family Transition Place has received \$22,500 in funding while Kerry's Place has received

"Kerry's Place is delighted to receive an investment for our supported housing infra-Announced in late December, Family Tran-structure," said Sue Coke, president and CEO (ASD), and recognize the importance that the "These two agencies play a key role in Ministry has placed on such critical supports.

boost in funding from the provincial govern-

Kerry's Place **Autism Services** Services en autisme

"We at FTP are really pleased to receive this investment in our shelter," said Norah Kennedy, FTP executive director. "We have worked hard, throughout the pandemic, to annual Partner Facility Renewal program, ensure that women and children living here is investing a total of \$18.5 million in 198 are kept safe and healthy. This funding sup- community agencies. The funding will be ports us in maintaining our facility's high used by the organizations for upgrades and A senior staff member at Family Transition standards, and in ensuring that all areas of repairs such as roofing, windows, security can focus on supporting residents in Duffer- Place also commented on the much-needed the building, including decks and outdoor systems, and fire alarms, electrical, mechanispaces, are safe and accessible for everyone." cal, HVAC, and plumbing systems.



The Ontario government, through the

Local long-term care homes see outbreaks of COVID-19

Written By Paula Brown Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Outbreaks of COVID-19 have been care homes.

According to Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph (WDG) Public Health outbreaks were declared on Dec. 31 at Dufferin Oaks, located ty, located at 200 Robert Street.

Shelburne Long Term Care Home and Re- ited once per day. tirement Community, reported in their daily COVID-19 home status updates that 11 res-required by Public Health and we continue idents and four staff members tested posi- to have daily discussion with Public Health tive for COVID-19.

Southbridge Care Homes said the residents and staff members that tested positive long-term care homes in Shelburne are are fully vaccinated and that the staff mem- among a number of those that have been bers are currently isolating at home.

the time of the initial outbreak no residents the region. were affected.

found to be negative through a PCR test.

While the number of positive cases have remained low in Dufferin Oak's resident's population since the outbreak, large comdeclared at Shelburne's two long term munity spread of the virus has affected the homes staff.

> Power said that a total of 15 staff members have been affected.

As a result of the outbreak, Dufferin Oaks at 151 Centre Street, and Shelburne Long has implemented health measures on visita-Term Care Home and Retirement Communi- tion and access to the home including allowing only one essential caregiver per resident Southbridge Care Homes, who operates to visit at a time, and asking the visits be lim-

> "We implement all safety measures as pertaining to our outbreak," said Power.

The outbreaks of COVID-19 at the two declared by Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Dufferin Oaks released a public notice Public Health within the last month. As of on Dec. 31 identifying the outbreak was de- Jan. 11, WDG Public Health has declared clared on the third floor of the residence. At outbreaks at 21 long term care homes in

The public health region has also seen Jennifer Power, director of care at Duf- a steady rise in COVID-19 cases, with the ferin Oaks, told the Free Press in an email onset of the highly contagious omicron that one resident had tested positive for variant. WDG Public Health reported 1,500 COVID-19 at the home following the out- active cases of COVID-19 in the region on break, but has since resolved. She noted Wednesday with over 300 of those in Dufferthat three other residents were tested and in County and 60 in the Town of Shelburne.

Community Grant Program applications open for 2022

Written By Paula Brown Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

County's 2022 Community Grant Program.

county announced a new online application form, which launched on Dec. 23, and grant request categories.

created in 2018 through an agreement be- towards the grants. tween the County of Dufferin and Headwaters Communities in Action (HCIA), requirements for applicants to be eligible and looks to support not-for-profit or for funding which can be found on the charitable organizations to complete proj- Dufferin County website. ects or provide programming that benefits residents in Dufferin County.

food for thought grant up to \$3,000, and than their April 14 meeting. community grant over \$1,000.

the applications and ensure they meet the action@headwaterscommunities.org.

County's strategic priorities for each year. Strategic priorities the County notes

have been identified for 2022 include; Applications have opened for Dufferin climate action; cultural enhancement; diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives; To begin the round of grant funding, the economic development; and youth and seniors services.

The Food For Thought grant program sees one form used to apply for any of the supports organizations in providing direct food services to Dufferin resident The Community Grant program was and the County allocates \$10,000 annually

The grants have a number of mandatory

Applications for the Community Grant program will remain open until Feb. 4, The grant consists of three funding cat- with notifications to be sent out followegories – community grant up to \$1,000, ing approval by County Council no sooner

Questions regarding the applica-Recipients of the grants are chosen by tion and process can be directed to a team organized by HCIA, who review Headwaters Communities In Action at

Town Pharmacy employee shares his exprience and impact of COVID-19

Written By Paula Brown Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

and later open his own pharmacy in the ficially graduated this past October. Shelburne community. Now, Lekhi is folfamily business.

at Shelburne Town Pharmacy, located at pharmacy during the time of COVID-19 has 712 Main Street, as a pharmacy assistant meant his role has been focused on providin November.

Speaking with the Free Press, Lekhi said his goal in becoming a pharmacist has alhelp his family.

"I'm proud and very blessed to be able to could really help out in some way."

A recent university graduate, Lekhi began his studies in pharmaceuticals in 2016 at the

University of Wolverhampton in England, where he spent the next four years working to obtain a Masters of Pharmacy degree. For more than a decade, Shan Lekhi has Finishing his schooling in England in 2020, been familiar with the role of a pharma- Lekhi spent most of 2021 working towards cist, watching his father work in the field his credentials to practice in Canada and of-

While the daily work for a pharmacy aslowing in his father's footsteps joining the sistant might including filling prescriptions for customers and working on the dispen-Lekhi officially joined the team of staff sary side, for Lekhi starting his career at the ing vaccine shots for the community.

"I pretty much just give COVID shots all day and stay away from the dispensary side; ways been to work alongside his dad and to I'm kind of the main person that does them," Lekhi explained.

Despite the different focus, Lekhi said, work with my family," said Lekhi. "It's been "I'm able to really make a difference in the such as great thing, and made me feel like I community just because of the amount of COVID shots we do."

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Nova Scotia calling

A friend of mine recently sold her house a home with a lot of ocean front property. and headed off to the east coast to enjoy the freezing temperatures and hefty amount of snow in Nova Scotia.

As far as I can tell, she's living a free-wheeling nomadic type of life style fuelled by the good amount of cash she received when selling her Ontario house for well over a common sense price someone should be paying for a place to live.

She got the idea of heading east a few years ago when she went to Nova Scotia for a vacation.

She was looking at a large Victorian style house with an ocean view that was listed for \$250,000. At the time the locals told her they thought it was crazy that a house would be up for sale at that price.

The average home price in the area at the time was closer to \$150,000.

They could hardly believe it when she told them that same house in Southern Ontario would easily sell for over \$1 million.

Another friend of mine just retired. Guess where he's heading? Yes, the east coast.

Off to New Brunswick where they purchased

"Living the dream," he calls it.

For the first time in Canadian history, there is a reverse migration going on.

It has always been typical for many east coasters to leave their province and head to Ontario.

If you remember the movie, "Goin' Down the Road," it was a very realistic portrayal of two guys from Cape Breton who see Ontario as the land of opportunity.

Over the past two years, there are more moving vans heading east than west.

People see the lower cost of living and lower housing prices as a huge bonus and hope to see their money stretch a little farther.

Several towns are reporting a huge increase in population as more people are buying property in the area.

Moving from the coast to Ontario these days will probably be a shock for someone who wants to establish themselves in Ontario – especially in the GTA.

Rents for a typical apartment are going through the roof and have reached a level where you will be spending more of your earnings on a place to live than you should be.

The general rule has always been that your housing costs be about 30 per cent of your gross income.

That used to be a reasonable figure. However, for lower income people, that monthly rent now takes a big chunk out of their pay cheque. So much so, that there is little left at the end of the month.

If you want to arrive in Ontario and buy an actual house, you better show up with a lot of money in your bank account, especially if you are a first time buyer.

With average prices now in the \$800,000 to \$900,000 bracket, it's only the fact that interest rates are so low that allows many people to get into the market. A blip on the radar that sends interest rates up, even by one percentage point, would spell disaster for thousands of people across the province.

No one seems to be able to explain how some people are bidding on properties and submitting offers way over the asking price. Where are they getting the funding to pay for a property that is appraised at \$400,000 less than the offer, just so they can buy a house?

Southern Ontario is now reaching a point where the cost of living is just getting too high for the typical resident.

BRIAN LOCKHART

FROM THE SECOND ROW

I know I wouldn't want to be forced to spend so much money on a house that the mortgage payments leave nothing at the end of the month. I know a lot of people that haven't been to a restaurant or a movie in years because there's nothing left after their mortgage payment is sucked out of the bank account every month.

There's a lot of talk about building 'affordable housing.' Unfortunately, affordable housing means cheaply built, small townhouses iammed onto a street with barely enough room to park a bicycle, let alone a car.

You should be able to get much more than that for the several hundred thousand dollars it will cost to get into affordable housing.

The migration east is apparently going to continue as more and more people now see it as a land of opportunity.

Just make sure you budget for a snow blower – you're going to need it.

Kazakhstan: a quarrel among thieves

Kazakhstan. First, was last week's slaughterhouse battle between "20,000 bandits" and the regime's police in Almaty, the country's biggest city, really just a quarrel among thieves? And second, why did Russian troops get involved?

Kazakhstan is a kleptocracy: "a state where corrupt politicians enrich themselves secretly through kickbacks, bribes, and special favors, or simply direct state funds to themselves and their associates. They often export much of their profits to foreign nations." (Wikipedia definition)

A special Chatham House report last month found that the family and associates of Nursultan Nazarbayev, Communist ruler of Soviet Kazakhstan and then president of independent Kazakhstan for 35 years, bought 34 properties in London and southern England for \$720 million in just the four years 1998-2002.

Everybody in Kazakhstan knows they are ruled by thieves. The Russians who were doing well stayed after independence and the rest left. Kazakhs who are doing well don't mind the thieves-in-office either - but most Kazakhs aren't doing

They aren't all dirt poor – the protests this time were initially about a doubling in the price of fuel for cars – but a recent a couple of loose ends in the script.

Two questions about recent events in KPMG report says that 162 people own half the country's wealth. Nobody likes that sort of thing.

> So the peaceful protests that began on 2 January quickly spread to every corner of the country – and then things went crazy in Almaty. On Wednesday, 5 January, well-organised groups of people unknown to the protesters joined the crowds and began attacking official buildings.

> Equally strange is the fact that on that same Wednesday the police left key buildings in Almaty unprotected. The presidential palace was burned, the airport was seized, people were killed - but were they the right people?

> President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev sounded convinced of it. "Abroad there are calls for talks for a peaceful resoluwith criminals? We are dealing with armed and well-prepared bandits, both local and foreign, who should be destroyed. We must kill them."

> Tokayev was as good as his word. The shooting was over by Friday, and police and troops certainly did kill a lot of people. On 9 January they announced 164 killed and over 8,000 arrested, including "a substantial number of foreign nationals." But there were

On the same Wednesday that the violence started, President Tokayev dismissed retired President-almost-for-life Nazarbayev from his remaining job as head of the State Council.

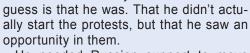
Nazarbayev resigned the presidency three years ago because of his age (he is 81), but everybody assumed he was really still in charge, and still grooming his daughter Dariga for the job. (The protesters shouted "Old man, go!") Then suddenly Tokayev asks for help from Russia's President Vladimir Putin – and Nazarbayev is completely out of the government.

2,000 Russian troops fly in within a day. They don't shoot any civilians, but once they are on the ground Tokayev orders the arrest of the country's former intelligence chief, Karim Massimov, tion," he said on television "What idiocy! on suspicion of treason. Massimov was What kind of negotiation can you have Nazarbayev's closest adviser. Would Tokayev have dared to arrest him before the Russians arrived?

> I can't help joining up the dots, and it looks like a coup to me. Maybe a failed coup attempt in which Nazarbayeva's people were trying to take power back from an over-mighty Toakyev who wanted to be the real boss, not just a place-holder for Dariga Nazarbayeva. Or maybe a move by Tokayev himself to sideline the Old Man and his ambitious daughter.

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Tokayev admitted himself on Monday that the protests were really a coup attempt, but he didn't say who was behind it. My



He needed Russian support to move against the Old Man, and he needed an excuse to invite the Russians in, so he sent his thugs in to turn the protests violent and create that excuse.

Or maybe nothing of the sort happened, and this is just another mundane tale of the rich and powerful crushing the little people. I'm allowed one conspiracy theory a year, and I'm getting it in early.

Either way, I know what Russia's motive was. Most people forget that the Soviet Union was just one more European colonial empire. The only differences were that it was a land empire, and that it decolonised a generation after the others.

Putin grew up in that empire, he still mourns its demise, and he'll take any chance he gets to restore Russia's dominant influence there. There's no coherent strategy here. Putin is tough and he can be nasty, but he's really a romantic, not a would-be world conqueror.

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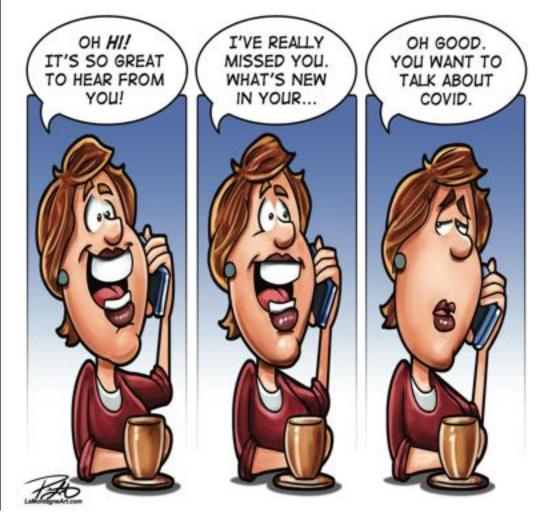
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Dufferin OPP investigating homicide of local 65-year-old

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Dufferin OPP have confirmed a death An initial press release from Dufferin from OPP Forensic Identification Services Officers from Dufferin OPP were called post-mortem examination was conducted Ontario Forensic Pathology Service. to a home on Main Street early Saturday on Jan. 10 by the Ontario Forensic Pathol-(Jan. 8) afternoon to check on the well-be- ogy Service in Toronto, and was officially information to contact Dufferin OPP at

Debra Neale, a 65-year-old resident of the direction of the OPP Criminal Investigation Branch (CIB), with assistance

deemed "suspicious" in Shelburne over OPP on Jan. 9 deemed the death as "sus- (FIS), and in conjunction with the Office picious". In an update, police said a of the Chief Coroner for Ontario and the

> Police are asking anyone who has any 1-888-310-1122. Anonymous tips can be The investigation is continuing under made by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222- TIPS (8477).



Charges laid for 19 people following reports of gunshots in Melanchton

The New Year started with a bang in Melanc- ton has been charged with: thon Township.

Dufferin OPP charged 17 people and seized • Careless Storage of a Firearm eight firearms after responding to reports of • Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm gunshots on Jan. 1.

When officers arrived on the scene they a Firearm heard the sound of gunshots coming from a • Possession of a restricted Weapon Obtained large field on County Road 17.

Dufferin OPP Officers entered the Melancthon property and located several people.

As a result of the investigation, 17 people have been charged with a total of 28 firearm related offences.

These offences include careless use of a firearm, weapon, prohibited device of ammunition, possession of a firearm at an unauthorized place, breach of firearms regulation - store firearm of restricted weapon, unauthorized possession of firearm, knowledge of unauthorized possession of Firearm, and occupant of motor vehicle knowing there is a prohibited or restricted weapon.

After the incident, Dufferin OPP said one person was outstanding to be arrested and charged accordingly, in a press release.

Last Friday (Jan. 8), Dufferin OPP Street Crimes Unit received judicial authorization to execute a search warrant at a home in Brampton. As a result of the warrant, two people were charged and three firearms seized.

Amandeep SINGH, 25-year-old from Bramp-

- Careless Use of a Firearm

- Knowledge of Unauthorized Possession of

- Trafficking Firearms
- Transfer Firearm without Authority Jagmohan SINGH, 30-year-old from Brampton has been charged with:
 - Careless Storage of a Firearm

by Commission of an Offence

Trafficking Firearms

• Transfer Firearm without Authority

• Fail to Report Lost or Stolen Firearm

The accused are scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville, at a later date in March, 2021, to answer to the charges. None of the charges have been proven in court.

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CROSSWORD

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Town Pharmacy employee shares his exprience and impact of COVID-19

Shelburne Town Pharmacy was opened in August of 2013 by local pharmacist Sanjay Lekhi, who is also Shan's father.

Returning to a community and role he familiarized himself with for many years before, Lekhi said he feels comfortable to be working in Shelburne.

"It hasn't really been much of a change for me, this is what I've been doing and it feels normal and comfortable," he noted.

Looking ahead to the future of Shelburne Town Pharmacy, Lekhi said he looks forward to helping residents in the community.

"I feel like I'm making a big difference in the community and I really enjoy the thought of that," he told the Free Press.



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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Ski hills open across the province, including Mansfield

Written By Brian Lockhart

provincial government may have closed can go on a chairlift together. indoor arenas and recreational facilities but many outdoor sports are still permitted.

ating for the season.

the restricted activities list, forcing them not have an opportunity to step indoors and to put a stop to all operations. This hap- warm up. pened right at peak season for Ontario winter resorts.

provincial government in a bid to allow the their runs. Other runs are closed. resorts to open, however they missed most of the season.

because of the shut-down.

This year, ski hills were not placed under means snow machines can start operating. any operating restrictions under the new provincial shut-down rules.

However, there are still plenty of minor ing public access beginning in February. restrictions when it comes to hitting

Most notably, you must book lift tickets dic (cross-country) style skiing.

and rental equipment online before you show up at the resort for a day on the slopes. The recent restrictions imposed by the There are also rules in place regarding who

Face coverings are required for all visitors.

There are also restrictions on indoor Ski resorts in Ontario are open and oper-facilities like restaurants, so if you decide to go for the day, be prepared to spend all Last year, ski resorts were placed on your time outdoors. You most likely will

The ski season has gotten off to a slow start this year. A lack of snowfall means The Ontario Ski Association lobbied the many of resorts are operating only some of

As of Jan. 8, the Mansfield Ski Club reported eight of 17 trails open. There was The resorts took a huge financial hit extensive snow making taking place on some of the hills as the colder temperatures

> Mansfield is a private club but opens to the public on some days, and will be allow-

> There are 59 ski resorts listed on the OSA website that feature both downhill and Nor-



BUSY SKI HILLS: With indoor recreational and sporting activities put on hold during the current provincial restrictions, there is still some activities in the great outdoors you can enjoy. The hills at the Mansfield Ski Club were very busy over the Jan. 7-9 weekend as people took advantage of the winter weather, while having fun and getting some exercise.

Hockey in 'pause' mode during current provincial restrictions

Written By Brian Lockhart

ting down hockey arenas across the prov-their season. ince, the current buzz-word in hockey circles is that the season is 'paused.'

Pretty much every league across the province is using that word in hopes that their tion (WOAA) Senior Hockey League issued seasons will get back on track in a couple a statement saying: "Provincial restrictions of weeks.

current lockdown needs to be extended.

Locally, hockey leagues seem to be pretty optimistic that their season will be able term in nature and the season will be able to continue at the end of January and finish to be completed." their schedules.

leagues will extend their season to make up to get back on track and finish the season. for the missing games.

ment: "Unfortunately, this means SMHA going into playoff mode. must pause all hockey activities through If restrictions are further imposed, this three-week period."

all in-person programming, games, practhe season depending on how much longer tices, on-ice and off-ice training, etc., in its restrictions are in place. entirety beginning January 5, 2022, at 12:01 a.m. until 12:01 a.m. on January 27, 2022, the season is just 'paused' for now and will unless restrictions are eased by the Ontario continue at the end of the month.

Government prior to the set date."

In the Senior leagues, the Shelburne With current provincial restrictions shut- Muskies are just past the half-way mark in

They are also sitting it out and waiting to see what happens.

The Western Ontario Athletic Associahave forced the season to be put on hold The restrictions on arenas will remain in temporarily. Due to arenas being closed for place until at least Jan. 27, and possibly lon-three weeks, the WOAA Sr. Hockey League ger if the provincial government decides the season was obligated to shut down for the duration of the closure. It is hoped and anticipated that this measure will be short

If the restrictions are lifted as currently The pause in hockey may mean that scheduled, hockey leagues should be able This could mean extending the schedule to Shelburne Minor Hockey issued a state- include the games that were missed before

leagues may have to adjust their schedule or Adding, "the OHF and OMHA are pausing in a worst-case scenario, cancel the rest of

Currently there is an optimistic view that



MAKING SNOW: The ski season got off to a late start this season when a lack of natural snow and milder temperatures delayed the opening of many resorts. Now that the colder weather has arrived, resorts are going into high gear to make all their runs available. The hills at the Mansfield Ski Club get the full treatment from several snow making machines on the hills.

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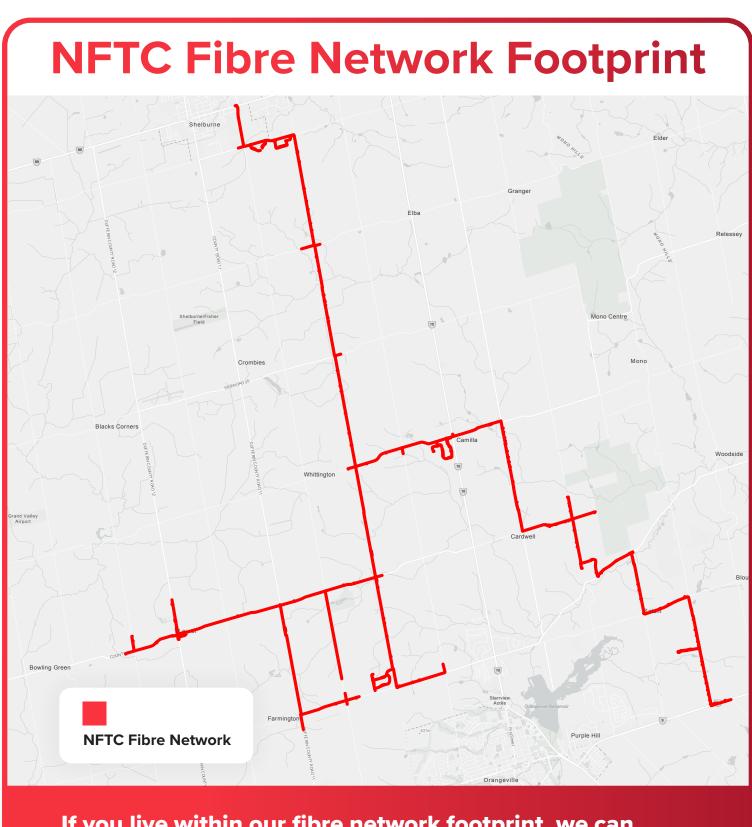
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OBITUARIES

ROSEMARY MOLESWORTH (NEE ULCH) 1950 - 2022



We are sad to announce the passing of Rosemary Molesworth (nee Ulch) 1950 - 2022 of cancer. She was predeceased by her parents Alex Ulch and Margaret (nee Lougheed) Ulch.

Rosemary grew up in Simcoe, Ontario and attended Queen's University where she earned a BA and a BEd. A shared balcony in the Science 44 Co-op in Kingston introduced her to Hugh Molesworth and led to marriage in 1975. She taught high school art for a year in Orillia but returned to Kingston to supply teach, join the Kingston Potters' Guild and find her vocation. A Diploma in Ceramics from the Sheridan School of Crafts and Design was followed by a two year position at the Harbourfront Studios as well as valuable experience working for potter Bob Kavanagh.

Hugh and Rosemary moved to Shelburne in 1983 and she opened a studio but another move to the country allowed for much better facilities and space to practice and refine her art and move through a variety of styles and forms, often inspired by her travels. Recognition and appreciation grew steadily and countless art shows, several awards and inclusion in galleries such as The Guild Shop, The Gardiner Museum and the McMichael Gallery attest to her abilities.

Rosemary was instrumental in the organization and success of 'Quintessential', an annual showcase of the work of 5 women artists from the Dufferin area and produced a yearly "Sale at Home" that was eagerly anticipated by many for the art and its party atmosphere. She served on committees that focused on showcasing the work of local artists and was a long term member of a writing group that produced "Voices" which highlighted work by each writer.

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Hugh and Rose loved living in the house they built near Shelburne, enjoyed watching the fallow farmland they bought become a forest through planting and care and experienced the joys of sharing it with the wildlife that found a home there. They traveled extensively, enjoying especially the round the world trip of 6 months they took in 1995 as well as trips to Europe and across Canada. The friends they made around the world and the many that they embraced at home will miss her enthusiasm, hospitality and warmth.

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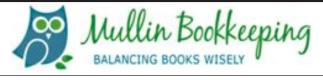
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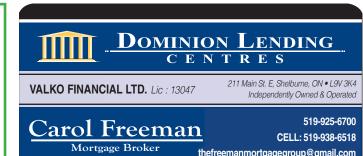


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