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## International Women's Day recognized through campaign

Written By **Paula Brown**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

International Women's Day (March 8) is a global celebration of the accomplishments of women and in honour of the day, Family Transition Place (FTP) made sure phenomenal women in the community were recognized.

Driving in Dufferin County signs reading "phenomenal women work here" or "a phenomenal woman lives here" can be spotted in front of houses and businesses. The signs are part of Family Transition Place's second Phenomenal Women Campaign, which looks to acknowledge the community's remarkable women.

The local organization normally hosts an annual event for International Women's Day (IWD) with a luncheon, vendors market and guest speakers, but switched to a community campaign in 2021 due to the pandemic.

Norah Kennedy, executive director of FTP, said they chose to bring the campaign back for another year after seeing a successful response from residents.

"One of the things that really appealed to us about this campaign was that it was in the public eye," said Norah Kennedy. "So often the work that women do goes unrecognized, and a lot of the challenges

are not necessarily visible. By putting out the signs we're drawing attention to the fact that at least on this one day of the year, if not every single day, that women's work and lives are being really recognized, acknowledged and celebrated."

Each year, International Women's Day is based around a theme and this year it's was focused on #BreaktheBias, which highlighted the need to address gender bias, discrimination, and stereotyping of women.

"The conversation around [the theme] is what are the biases we encounter that are holding women back, what are the assumptions really impacting the lives of women of colour, BIPOC, transgender, and LGBTQ+ folks, and getting in the way of allowing all of us to fulfill our biggest potential," explained Kennedy.

Working for an organization that addresses gender-based violence, Kennedy noted biases within current world conflicts have resonated this year's IWD theme for her.

"In the view of all of the bias, the potential for misunderstanding, and hatred that is built on top of it, right now more than ever we need each other as women to really take the time to not only examine our own biases but also help others examine their own and understand the impact they are

potentially having on the world and on each other," said Kennedy.

Over the last two years, a strong narrative surrounding women's rights has been the disproportionate impacts of the global pandemic, many of which continue to be felt.

In 2021, the Canadian Women's Foundation narrowed down four areas of impact that have been gendered about the pandemic including gender-based violence, economic stress and instability, increased burden of caregiving and house work, and reduced access to support services.

According to the World Economic Forum Global Gender Gap Report 2021, the time needed to reach gender parity increased by a generation from 99.5 years to 135.6 years.

Stats Canada reported in 2021 that more than four in 10 women have experienced some form of intimate partner violence. A report from the Canadian Femicide Observatory for Justice and Accountability (CFOJA) showed that 173 women and girls were killed by gender-based violence in 2021, an increase from the recorded 160 in 2020 and 118 in 2019.

"I hate to say it, but in some ways, I think we are losing some of the grounds that we've gained," said Kennedy.

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## Local resident's family supporting Ukrainians

Written By Paula Brown  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

While the devastating impacts of the conflict in Ukraine can feel like a world away, one Shelburne resident's family members are doing what they can to provide support to refugees arriving in Poland.

Ewa Kotwas, owner of Jelly Craft Bakery, says she is proud of her son, Paul Kotwas, and other family members in Poland as they open up their homes to Ukrainian refugees fleeing the war.

"He's doing what's right," she said in an interview with the Free Press.

Originally from Poland, in an area close to the Lithuanian border, Kotwas moved to Canada over 35 years ago after initially visiting. Her son Paul, a graduate of Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS), moved to Poland for a master's program at Kozminski University in Warsaw and chose to stay.

Speaking with the Free Press, Kotwas shared that her son had helped house a mother with a seven-week-old baby as she attempted to make her way to Germany, and

her niece was housing a mother with three children in her apartment.

According to the UN, as of March 8, more than 2 million people have fled Ukraine because of the Russian invasion, with Poland taking in the largest numbers at over 1.2 million.

While proud of her family, Kotwas told the Free Press she is also scared for them.

"My whole family is there and I don't know if they'll be next. I asked my son to come back home, but he wants to stay and my hearts with him. My brother said he has to fight and be there for what our mother and father built," said Kotwas.

Residents across Dufferin County have been raising donations from money to clothes to food and medical supplies to help support Ukrainians.

Kotwas said she would like to hold a fundraiser at some point for Ukraine such as giving out free coffees for donations.

"My family is helping out and I'm waiting because I want to find a way to send money to people who really need [it] not just a big organization," said Kotwas.

## Dufferin County Multicultural Foundation recently established

Written By Paula Brown  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

For four years the Shelburne Multicultural Event has celebrated diversity within the community and now organizers of the annual event will be able to do so year-round.

Althea Alli, founder and president of the Shelburne Multicultural Event, announced on March 2 that the annual event had officially become a non-profit known as Dufferin County Multicultural Foundation.

"It's definitely an amazing feeling to be part of something like this and I say part because it's been the different partnerships, the multicultural committee and so many different supporters and people who have believed in this," said Alli. "I'm just happy that we're able to be there to assist and support our community."

Transitioning the multicultural event from a one-day affair to a year-round non-profit foundation has been a two-year process that Alli said was the next logical step in helping the community.

"It offers us that opportunity to grow and partner with different organizations and agencies," she said. "It's quite a large undertaking so we wanted to make sure there was adequate support and that everyone participating in it would give it an opportunity to grow."

Planning for the first Shelburne Multicultural Event began in 2017 and was designed to promote diversity, inclusion and equity as well as bring the community together

through arts, entertainment and food. The first Multicultural Day Event was held in 2018 in partnership with the Shelburne Public Library, and doubled in size the following year before moving to a virtual format in 2020. Multicultural Day (June 27) was proclaimed for the first time in Dufferin County in 2021 and saw the raising of the Unity in Diversity flag, created by the multicultural committee, throughout the county and Caledon.

In creating the Dufferin County Multicultural Foundation, Alli said they are hoping to provide support such as workshops, initiatives to assist the community in diversity and inclusion, and equity in employment.

"We're essentially an organization that supports diversity, inclusion, equity, and equality in our community. As our community continues to grow, not only Shelburne but Dufferin County, we want to make sure that we're able to have a seat at the table to represent BIPOC, marginalized, and racialized communities, and offer a space to be heard," said Alli.

Now officially established as a non-profit, the Dufferin County Multicultural Foundation is well underway in planning for the 2022 Multicultural Day event. The organization recently released a call for artists to take part in the event.

The Multicultural Day Event will be celebrated in June and is expected to see further details provided by mid-April.

Anyone interested in sponsoring the event can contact the foundation by email at [shelburnemulticulturalevent@gmail.com](mailto:shelburnemulticulturalevent@gmail.com).

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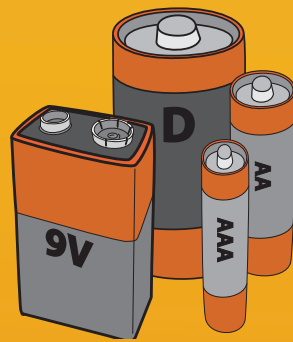


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**MAKING DONATION:** Theatre Orangeville (TOV) artistic director David Nairn (left) and TOV general manager Sharyn Ayliffe (right) present the Orangeville Food Bank executive director Heather Hayes with a cheque for almost \$4,000 last Friday (March 4). The money was raised during TOV's Christmas Carol late last year. At the end of each show a bucket would go around the audience and patrons would make donations. The Christmas fundraiser has been going on at TOV for over five years.

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## International Women's Day recognized through campaign

"It makes it that much more important that we take the time to acknowledge and celebrate each other as woman and to find ways of supporting each other as women. We still have to take the time to really celebrate the achievements that individual women have made throughout the years even while we're looking at the need to perhaps recommit and step up our efforts."

While International Women's Day now over, the entirety of March marks Women's History Month.

Concluding another International Women's Day celebrating women's accomplishments, Kennedy said, "I hope the women in our community got out of this, if absolutely nothing else on the big heavy side, a little bit of a feel-good moment and seeing the signs out made somebody smile."



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# Ontario lifting mask mandate after March Break

Written By **Sam Odrowski**

The Ontario government will be lifting mask mandates in most settings on March 21 and is set to drop all mandates by the end of April.

Dr. Kieran Moore, the province's chief medical officer of health, announced the new changes in a press conference on Wednesday (March 9).

"We are now learning to live with and manage COVID-19 for the long term," said Moore. "This necessitates a shift to a more balanced response to the pandemic."

As of March 21, mask will no longer be required in most indoor settings such as

restaurants, schools, gyms, and large event spaces. However, the mandatory mask mandate will remain in higher-risk settings including public transit, long-term care and retirement homes, hospitals, jails, and congregate living settings.

Moore cautioned on Wednesday that removing the mask mandate "does not mean the risk is gone".

He noted the possible need to reinstate mask mandates if there is an increase in COVID-19 cases, if a variant of concern emerges or potentially during the winter months.

"We should all be prepared that we might need to resume mask wearing," said Moore,

who also added he recommends the continued use of masks for those most vulnerable to the virus.

Dr. Nicola Mercer, medical officer of health for Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph (WDG) Public Health, released a statement Wednesday afternoon following the province's announcement.

In the press release she noted the region will be removing the local Section 22 Orders on masking on March 21, pursuant to the province's direction and will continue to monitor local COVID-19 conditions and response as the situation requires.

"While many of us are ready to take this next step, many are not. For families with

children under five, members of our community with underlying health conditions and many who are just not ready to get 'back to normal', your concerns are very valid," she wrote. "Please continue to follow the public health measures that support you and your families needs."

"While we continue to move forward, there is no end date for the pandemic. We can each move forward only as quickly as our individual situations dictate. As a community, we have done so much together during this pandemic. We must continue to treat each other with empathy and kindness."

Mask mandates will be lifted as of March 21.

# Dufferin Warden bringing forward request to fly Ukrainian Flag

Written By **Paula Brown**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

As communities across the county show their support for Ukraine, Dufferin County could be the next to join the wave of solidarity.

Dufferin County Warden Wade Mills announced in a press release last Friday (March 3) that he would be bringing a motion forward at the next County Council meeting seeking support to fly the Ukrainian flag at County offices.

"We have all been horrified by recent news of the Russian military's unprovoked attacks on Ukraine. Dufferin County lends our community's collective voice to the millions of other voices around the world seeking up to vehemently condemn this aggression," said Mills in the statement. "On behalf of Council, staff and our Dufferin County community, I offer our thoughts and support for the

Ukrainian people as they defend their freedom and autonomy."

Communities in Dufferin County including Shelburne, Orangeville and Mono have already passed motions to have the Ukrainian flag fly at their respective town halls.

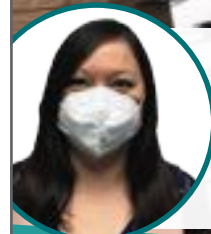
In the statement, Mills also encouraged residents to show support for the people of Ukraine and Ukrainian-Canadians by donating to the Canadian Red Cross Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal.

The next Dufferin County Council meeting is scheduled to be held on March 10 at 7 p.m.



PETER RICHARDSON PHOTO

**SUPPORTING UKRAINE:** Around 200 people gathered at Alexandra Park in Orangeville on Saturday for an event in support of Ukraine, which was recently invaded by Russia, in an unprovoked attack. There were several speakers who delivered speeches in support of Ukraine and condemned the actions of Vladimir Putin and the Russian military.



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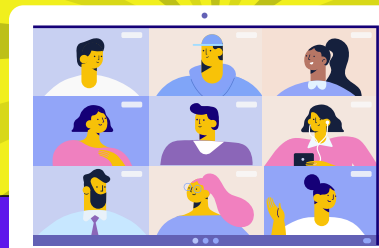
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You might want to read a newspaper or a birthday card, or write an e-mail, and being able to calculate a measurement or make change will most like happen sometime in your life.

I was reading an interesting story on how education has drastically changed over the past 30 or so years, and how many things are simply not taught in schools anymore.

Maybe some local teachers might disagree with the information, and that's okay because it is not a universal list.

In the age of tablets and keyboards, apparently cursive writing no longer has a place in a lot of schools. In a way, I can understand this because many kids now have no use for a pen or a pencil.

I did read a column about one parent complaining that when his son got his driver's license, he was required to write his signature. The kid printed his name in block letters because the concept of a written signature had never been taught to him.

It seems shop class is no longer offered

in a lot of schools, and not for the reason you may think. It's not that it wasn't a valuable class, it's the fact that there are liability issues when it comes to youngsters using machines that can lop off a finger or ruin an eye.

True enough – I saw my good friend put his thumb halfway through a band saw in grade eight.

With kids learning a keyboard from the time they are a toddler, there is no real need for a typing class anymore. Also, most kids have probably never seen an actual typewriter.

I did take typewriting class in grade nine as my mother thought it would be a good skill to learn.

It was. I still used the standard finger placement and can easily glide over a keyboard instead of hunting and pecking with two fingers.

This next one will probably make some librarians a little upset. I already had this discussion with a librarian friend of mine who gave me a solid lecture on why the Dewey Decimal System is still apparently one of the greatest inventions mankind has ever seen.

I learned the System in elementary school and was taught how to go to the card catalogue to look up book. That was during the time when speaking above a quiet whisper would get you a solid admonishment and a dirty look from the head librarian.

Is the Dewey Decimal System still relevant in a library when a computer can do it for you? Apparently even some librarians are saying it is now old technology.

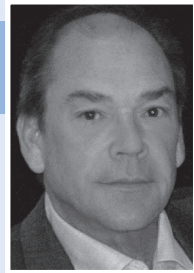
The moon landing of 1969, were backed by a bunch of engineers in white short-sleeved shirts and clip-on ties who used slide rules to make calculations. I recall learning the slide rule in grade 12, and thought it was quite the amazing tool.

Slide rules are long gone so maybe they shouldn't even make this list. They were replaced by pocket calculators and then computers.

I still recall a kid at my high school who carried his slide rule like it was a badge of honour.

If you happen to ask someone for the time, most likely they will look at their phone for reference, and you will get a very exact reply, like 'it is 3:42.'

**BRIAN LOCKHART**  
FROM THE SECOND ROW



The new generation of kids have grown up telling time in a digital format. The analogue style with hands and numbers doesn't make sense to them.

I had this confirmed by a friend of mine who was a curator at a museum. He was showing a class tour an old clock, and he had to explain how it worked because the concept of the hands pointing to numbers didn't register with them.

Languages are still taught in schools, but apparently the classics, Latin and Greek, which at one time were offered in all high schools, are no longer on the list offered at many schools.

I'm not sure about Greek, but Latin may come in handy of you are planning to go into law, medicine, or botany. Although I have still not been able to work the phrase, 'veni vidi vici,' into a conversation.

That fact that some things in schools are disappearing doesn't mean it's a negative thing. After all, at one time kids brought their own slates to school to write on.

This is more like evolving education that keeps up with the times.

## Ukraine: after the pause

Two weeks since Russia invaded Ukraine, and still no 'decapitation' of the Ukrainian government, no city captured except Kherson (which no non-Ukrainian had ever heard of before the war), and maybe 2,000 military dead on each side.

It's not exactly a stalemate, since the Russians have more tanks, more artillery and more air power, and they have not yet used them as aggressively as they might. So we can use this (relative) pause in the fighting to examine Moscow's remaining options.

The Ukrainians have no option except to stay on the defensive, keep fighting and hope for the best, but the Russians have a plethora of choices ranging from 'quit and go home' to 'use nuclear weapons'. Neither of those extremes is a likely choice, but with a little work we can figure out what they will probably choose to do.

What the Russians have done up to now is contrary to their own military doctrines. Indeed, it was probably imposed on the military by President Vladimir Putin, because it was based on magical thinking.

Standard Russian doctrine for attacking a country the size of Ukraine would require a methodical advance, with massive artillery and air strikes paving the way and logistical support following close behind. Instead, they sent tanks and motorised infantry on cross-country dashes to grab key targets with only the food and ammunition they

could carry.

It would have worked if most Ukrainians had really been praying for Russia to liberate them from the drug-addled Jewish Nazi gangsters who Putin said ruled their country, but it's unwise to believe your own propaganda. The Ukrainians resisted and the Russian armoured columns stalled. By Day Five Russian troops were buying or stealing food from the locals.

The sixty-km.-long military convoy that has been stuck on the road north of Kiev for a week could serve as a logo for the whole misbegotten operation. Now there is a pause while scapegoats are found (because Putin must not be blamed) and new plans are being made (perhaps by new commanders). But there will be a second phase.

It will probably be 'by the book', which means that the defenders will be crushed by massive firepower in order to spare the lives of Russian troops.

So far only Kharkiv and Mariupol have had the full treatment, with only occasional rockets hitting other big cities. This is probably because Putin thought he could win without destroying iconic cities like Kyiv and Odessa and killing tens of thousands of people. Even the man who levelled Grozny and Aleppo understands that too much blood is bad PR.

That possibility no longer exists (indeed, it probably never did), so now his choices are retreat or mass slaughter. Since

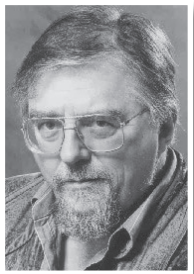
retreat would probably mean he also loses power – 'he led us into a needless war, he brought shame and humiliation on us, and he lost the war' – Putin will see that as no choice at all, so the mass slaughter will probably commence.

Beyond this, the questions multiply. How long will the sieges last? When will the guerrilla war against the Russian occupation start? Will the Ukrainian government retreat to Lviv? Will Russia invade western Ukraine too? Nobody knows the answers, but my guesses would respectively be a) weeks; b) months; c) yes; and d) yes.

Here's a more fundamental question: could all this have been avoided by some different choice in the past?

Not by refusing to let the formerly Communist-ruled countries of eastern Europe join NATO. Having suffered under Russian overlords for forty-five years after the Second World War, and in some cases having been invaded to bring them back into line – Hungary 1956, Czechoslovakia 1967 – they desperately wanted the protection of Nato membership.

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Some of them had even longer experience of Russian imperialism – Poles spent the entire 19th century under Russian rule – and they knew Russia's reflex is always to build a buffer zone of obedient vassal countries around it. It would have been unthinkable to leave them out in the cold.

That whole debate about whether NATO should have refused to let them in ignores the history. A better approach might have been to let Russia join NATO too, but it would have had to be a very different Russia.

Such a Russia may have been within reach in the 1990s if the country had been treated with respect, the carpet-baggers had been kept out, and the West had not put its money on that drunken fool Boris Yeltsin. But many people think all of that was inevitable, and maybe it was.

In any case, we are where we are, and the task for NATO now is to protect Ukraine, the country it kept out, while avoiding a nuclear war.



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## Three people charged by Dufferin OPP over stolen property

Members of the Dufferin OPP Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) have charged three people in relation to a several month-long investigation. The investigation involved stolen vehicles that had the Vehicle Identification Numbers (V.I.N.) tampered with.

In the fall of 2021, Dufferin OPP Community Street Crime Unit commenced an investigation into stolen vehicles after a previously seized vehicle was found to have had the V.I.N. tampered with.

In December of 2021 and January 2022, five vehicles were seized, with judicial authorization, in relation to this investigation. The seized vehicles were all found to have their V.I.N. tampered with. In February 2022, the Dufferin OPP CSCU charged three people with the following:

The identities of the accused will not be released for investigative reasons.

Accused #1, 30-year-old, was charged with:  
 • Possession of Property Obtained by Crime - 7 counts

• Fraud Over \$5000 - 2 counts  
 • Trafficking Stolen Property - 3 counts  
 Accused #2, 27-year-old, was charged with:  
 • Possession of Property Obtained by Crime - 7 counts  
 • Fraud Over \$5000 - 2 counts  
 • Trafficking Stolen Property - 3 counts  
 Accused #3, 30-year-old, was charged with:  
 • Fraud Over \$5000

The accused are scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville, in April of 2022, to answer to

the charges.  
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## Dufferin OPP investigating theft from vehicle break ins

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating after reports of several vehicles being entered over the last two weeks.

Since mid-February, 2022, Dufferin OPP has received several reports of thefts from unlocked vehicles on the roads surrounding the village of Laurel in Amaranth Township.

There is no suspect description at this time, however, the investigation is ongoing.

Dufferin OPP reminds local residents that theft is a crime of opportunity. Thieves

often look for unattended or unsecured property to steal. Always secure your vehicle by removing car keys, locking all doors and windows, removing all valuables from plain view, and never leave your car run-

ning and unattended.

If you have any information or video surveillance footage in relation to this theft, please call the Dufferin OPP Detachment at (519) 942-1711 or 1-888-310-1122.

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- 12. Quick
- 13. Turn aside
- 15. Pulverize
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- 24. Do penance
- 26. Indian melody
- 27. Woman's purchase
- 28. Cash in, as coupons
- 30. Regarding this matter
- 31. Swallow
- 32. Fan's hero
- 34. Memento
- 36. Unevenly edged
- 37. Highest point
- 38. Tranquil
- 39. Hero's horse
- 42. Sahara
- 47. Young salmon
- 50. Orchard
- 51. Tropical plant
- 53. Confuse
- 54. Skating jump
- 58. Retainer
- 60. Proposition
- 63. Elicit
- 64. Monastery head
- 65. Jelly fruit
- 66. Judge's issuance
- 70. Slight hollow
- 71. Buck
- 72. Pelt
- 74. Scruff
- 75. Mesh
- 76. Naughty
- 79. "TV Guide" abbr.
- 80. Part of a circle
- 81. Bronzed

- ACROSS**
- 1. Decorative filling
  - 6. Thank an actor
  - 10. Large amount
  - 14. Drench
  - 15. Slacks
  - 17. Opera box
  - 18. Make into a statute
  - 19. Bucolic
  - 20. Fail to mention
  - 21. Lemony
  - 22. Kind of roast
  - 23. Riffraff
  - 25. Blue bloom
  - 27. Scamp
  - 29. Key word?
  - 30. Brazil
  - 33. Default result
  - 34. Break a promise
  - 35. Numb
  - 37. Mule's father
  - 40. Physics unit
  - 41. Energy
  - 43. Previous to, in verse
  - 44. Favorite
  - 45. Sheltered shore
  - 46. Take the honey and run
  - 48. Raw metal
  - 49. "\_\_\_ a Living"
  - 50. Literary monogram
  - 52. Card game
  - 55. Go right!
  - 56. Barracks item
  - 57. Seaman's jacket
  - 59. Consume
  - 61. Monster of folklore
  - 62. Soccer official
  - 64. Earlier
  - 67. Elect
  - 68. Distribute
  - 69. Hardship
  - 71. Drink heartily
  - 73. Exec.
  - 77. Invited
  - 78. Slanted font
  - 81. Jeweled headpiece
  - 82. Kitchen hot box
  - 83. Wear away
  - 84. Congealed dish
  - 85. Bakery offering
  - 86. Climax
  - 87. Destitute
- DOWN**
- 1. "Caesar and Cleopatra" time
  - 2. Words to a toddler
  - 3. Hawaiian party
  - 4. Attribute
  - 5. Nonetheless
  - 6. Pal
  - 7. Speak imperfectly
  - 8. Carpenter insect

## Discussions with Strada Aggregate set to begin this week

Written By **Paula Brown**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Discussions between grassroots organization North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Taskforce (NDACT) and Strada Aggregate regarding a proposed quarry are set to begin this Friday (March 11).

But, in the meantime NDACT published a news release recommending landowners wait to provide access to their property pending an agreement between Strada and NDACT.

"We're suggesting that it might be better to wait because if [the proposal] goes through

there's no requirement for a fund of any type should water be compromised. Individual landowners have to take the proponent to court and prove their damages and that's costly," said Karren Wallace, chair of NDACT.

In early February, Strada Aggregate agreed to meet with NDACT to discuss the local groups proposed terms and conditions regarding the proposal to quarry below the water table.

NDACT previously released a list of key terms and conditions they were requesting Strada Aggregate follow. The first condition the local taskforce requested was the hiring

of a community trusted consultant, whose findings would dictate the other conditions.

NDACT said if the consultant agreed with the science behind the application and deemed it viable, the taskforce would be prepared to not challenge the application. As part of the agreement not to challenge, Strada is asked to create a substantial fund to aid in court costs for residents who may experience water problems as well as commit to an annual funding of 10 cents per tonne of their extracted aggregate to the Honeywood Arena.

However, if the consultant sees the reports and does not agree that the science is sup-

ported, Strada is requested to not continue with the application.

NDACT said Strada has notified them that they will be conducting a study on ground and surface water resources and have already begun to reach out to properties within a kilometer of the prosed quarry site.

Wallace told the Free Press that Friday's meeting will negotiate the creation of the fund once the application has been approved, which will assist certain landowners to remedy water problems experience during the lifetime of the quarry.

## Shelburne Council approves contribution to community fund

Written By **Paula Brown**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Shelburne Town Council has contributed money towards a new community fund to benefit and help support local charities and programs.

During their meeting on Feb. 28, Shel-

burne Council approved a contribution of \$1,000 from the municipal grant funding reserve to establish the new Shelburne Community Fund with Dufferin Community Foundation (DCF).

"We look forward to working with the town, and making this grow so we can benefit the town," said Gord Gallagher, presi-

dent of Dufferin Community Foundation.

The Shelburne Community Fund is based on using interest income earned from donations to provide grants to qualified projects and charities that will enhance the quality of life for local residents. In October of 2021, Dufferin Community Foundation (DCF) made a presentation to Council requesting the town set up the community fund for Shelburne, and town staff has since worked with the registered charity to finalize an agreement and establish the new community fund.

Some stipulations of the newly established fund include having approved projects take place primarily within the Town of Shelburne and that the disbursement income is not used to support ongoing operations or services normally provided by the town.

Gallagher previously noted the fund could support projects such as trails

enhancement, programs for children or seniors, recreation and healthcare.

A similar fund also managed by Dufferin Community Foundation has been established in the Township of Mulmur.

"Once it's established then members of the community are able to make directed donations to that fund which will be used within the Town of Shelburne," explained Mayor Wade Mills.

In the council report, staff noted that it will take a number of years for the fund to grow and will need other donations or bequeaths to support grants being distributed. The report also added that no disbursement income will be given until the fund holds a minimum of \$20,000 in original capital.

Any donations made to the Shelburne Community Fund will be issued a charitable tax receipt by the DCF.

### Upcoming events at local library

The Shelburne Public Library is running the following March Break programs:

- Monday, March 14 – 10am – Scientists in Situ (now full)
- Tuesday, March 15 – Virtual Art Show Link
- Tuesday, March 15 – Booking It Video
- Wednesday, March 16 – LEGO Challenge
- Thursday, March 17 – Sleepy Story Time @7pm on our Facebook page
- Friday, March 18 – 10:30 -Story Time video on YouTube
- Friday, March 18 - Explore the Toronto

Zoo – registrants will receive a link  
• Saturday, March 19 – 10am –Scientists in Situ

To register for these upcoming events call 519-925-2168 or send an email to [frontdesk@shelburnelibrary.ca](mailto:frontdesk@shelburnelibrary.ca)  
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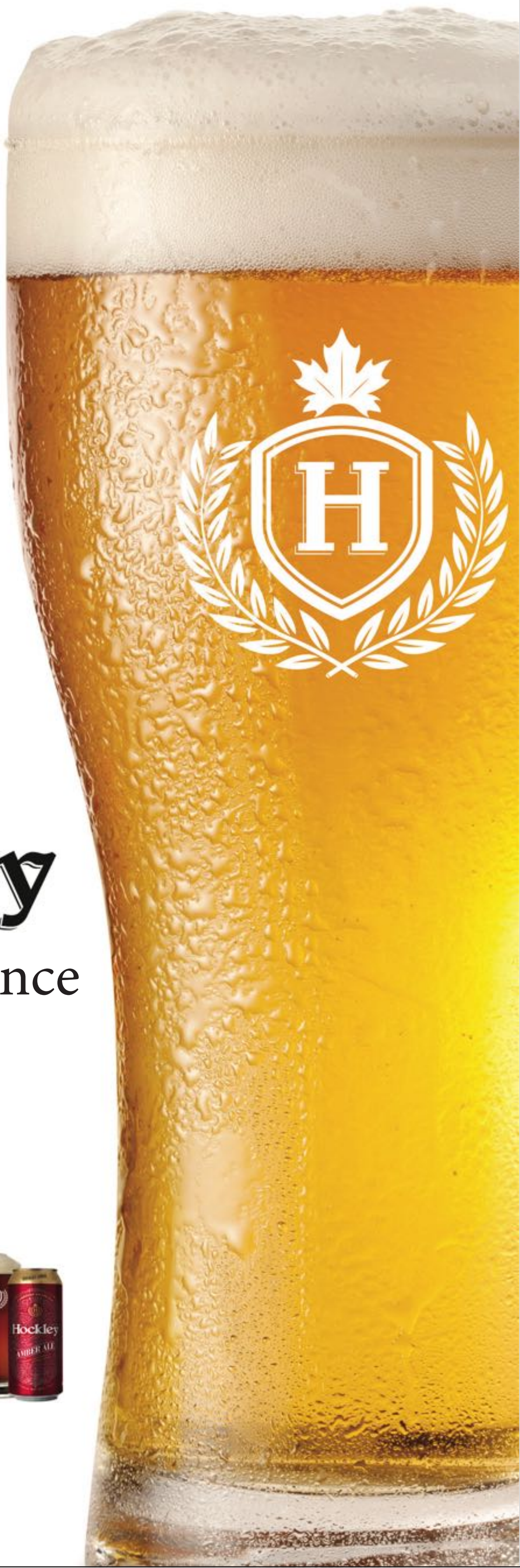
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# SHELBURNE SPORTS

## Shelburne Cricket Club looking for new players

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Shelburne Cricket Club is looking for new players to join and play the sport this season.

After the inaugural season last year and a lot of success, the Club is expanding and looking for players who want to become involved.

Last year the Club played several matches at KTH Park in Shelburne against several other cricket clubs from around the region.

Because of the Club's success in 2021, the Club registered as a non-profit organization.

Once registered, members officially elected Ahsen Siddiqui as Club president.

Once elected, Ahsen selected a team made of multi-culture and diverse residents of Shelburne including youth and women.

The Club's management team includes Creg Parker, vice president, Maira Qurashi, treasurer, and Zaid Baig, media operations.

The club executive wants to make sure that the 2022 summer cricket season is professionally organized, more competitive, and more fun than last year in order to capture the community's interest and youth involvement in the sport.

This year the Club is planning to have several events during the cricket season including an opening ceremony in May. They will also have fundraising events, such as Hi-Tea, a barbecue, and an awards gala night at the end of the season.

You can find out more about the Shelburne Cricket Club at the website at: [www.shelburnecricketclub.com](http://www.shelburnecricketclub.com) and on Facebook and Instagram.

This year the social media hashtags are #gameison and #shelburnecricket.



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**PREPARING FOR SEASON:** The Shelburne Cricket Club is ready for a new season and is actively seeking players who want to get out on the pitch this summer and enjoy the sport. The Club recently elected a new executive including, Ahsen Siddiqui, president, Creg Parker, vice president, Maira Qurashi, treasurer, and Zaid Baig, media operations.

## OMHA offers players tips heading into qualifiers

Written By Brian Lockhart

With provincial qualifiers now in full swing, the OMHA is providing tips to minor hockey players on how to prepare for a game as teams begin the quest for the Red Hats this season.

While the stress level can be high for young players during qualifiers and their quest to turn out their best performance, the OMHA

encourages players to continue having fun while playing the sport.

As this could be the final few games for a team, having fun should be part of the season.

Sticking to a routine during qualifiers is very important. Keeping focused on the task at hand can help players relax before a game and remove any anxiety associated with trying to get the win.

Take the qualifiers one game at a time.

Instead of being overwhelmed by a schedule of several games, players should focus on the game they are about to play.

Don't be distracted by thinking about games down the road. Play each game as a single event.

Never think your team can't win. Every year the OMHA has an underdog story about a team who rises to the challenge and wins.

Putting out a full team effort during every game may mean a team who is not favoured to win will come out on top.

Make sure you eat right before a game. Getting a proper night's rest and eating the right kind of foods before a game will help your energy levels and avoid feeling sluggish on the ice.

When you're on the ice, remember it is the little things that can make a difference during a game.

Those puck battles in the corner and the effort to get the puck before your opponent will add up over the course of a game and can tilt the odds in your favour.

Plan ahead and stay focused. You will know your game schedule in advance.

Avoid distractions by getting your homework completed before you head out to the rink and make sure you are at every practice.

By staying focused on the task at hand you and your team will have an advantage when it comes to playing for a provincial championship.

# feral cat rescue



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Check our facebook page to see the other kitties looking for their forever home. Donations always needed to help care for the cats as we are not funded at all, and rely on donations and fundraisers. If you would like to volunteer as well we are always appreciative.

## Flato hosts public engagement meeting

Written By Brian Lockhart

Flato Developments, the company building the new development in Beeton just off Main Street on the west end of the town, hosted a community engagement meeting on Thursday, March 3, to get input from local residents about their proposed senior's housing.

The meeting was held at the community hall at the Beeton arena.

The seniors' complex will have five buildings and 400 units in close proximity to Main Street.

Each building will have 80 apartments.

Flato's vision for the project includes a gym, yoga and wellness centre, a library and media room, an outdoor patio with gazebos and barbecues, and a faith room. It also includes open concept floor plans with wide hallways for accessibility, wide accessible balconies, private vegetable gardens, and a parkette.

The complex has not yet been designed and the company is seeking input from the public on what they want in a seniors' complex before they started the final design.

"This is an informal public open house where we are here to get input from the general public to find out what they have to say about the proposed senior's buildings - we want to get their input on the size of the buildings," explained Shakir Rehmatullah, President of Flato Developments. "We want to find out what size of units people would prefer - one-bedroom suites or two-bedroom suites - especially when they are seniors."

Mr. Rehmatullah, said they are working from experience after developing other seniors' units in different communities.

"We have heard in our other communities from people who say they prefer two-bedroom suites," Mr. Rehmatullah said. "Some people have come to us and said 'we need wid-




BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

**OPEN HOUSE:** Flato Developments held a public information meeting in the Community Room at Beeton Arena on Thursday, March 3, to get input from the public about their proposed senior's complex on Main St. in Beeton. New Tecumseth Mayor Rick Milne, and Councillors Paul Foster, Fran Sainsbury, Donna Jebb, and Wayne Noye, joined Flato Developments President Shakir Rehmatullah, at the meeting.

er sidewalks.' Some people have said 'we need bigger bathrooms' or 'bigger closets.' That's the reason we are here. We have our planner and our architect here. We just want to hear from the community to tell us how they want it to be designed and how they want it to look. They might like brick, or stone, or stucco. We want to build something that people will appreciate. We are in the beginning phase right now. We want to engage with the community and we care about the community. We want to inform them of what's happening and be transparent and get their feedback so the architect can take that feedback to the drawing board and design it on [what] the comments were, and come up with a community people will appreciate."

The meeting was an informal affair and local residents were encouraged to look at some of plans for the new development and ask questions or give advice on what they would like to see in the new development.

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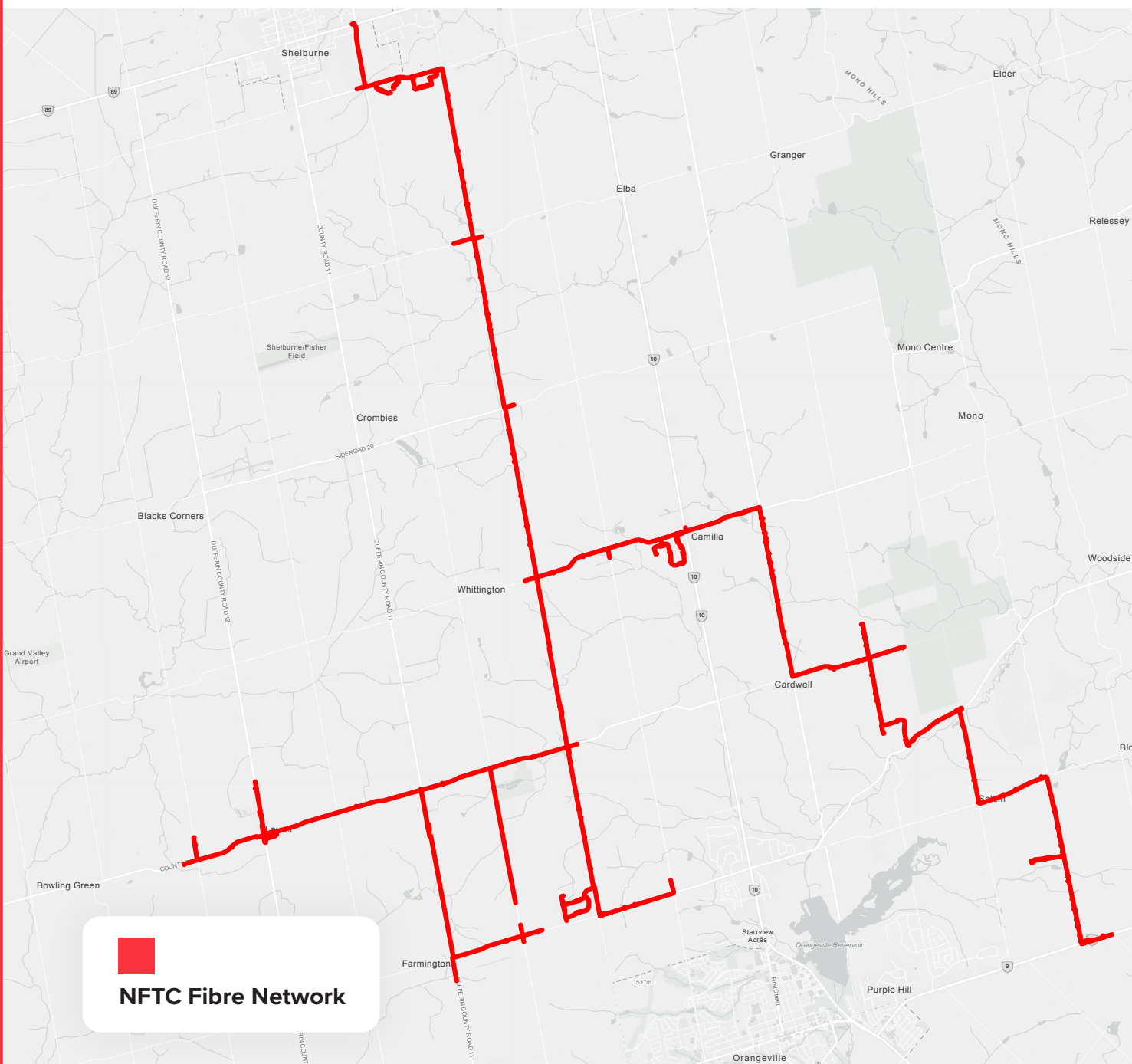
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The visitation was held in the Jack & Thompson Funeral Home Chapel. A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date and the information will be updated on the funeral home website. Online condolences may be placed at [www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com)

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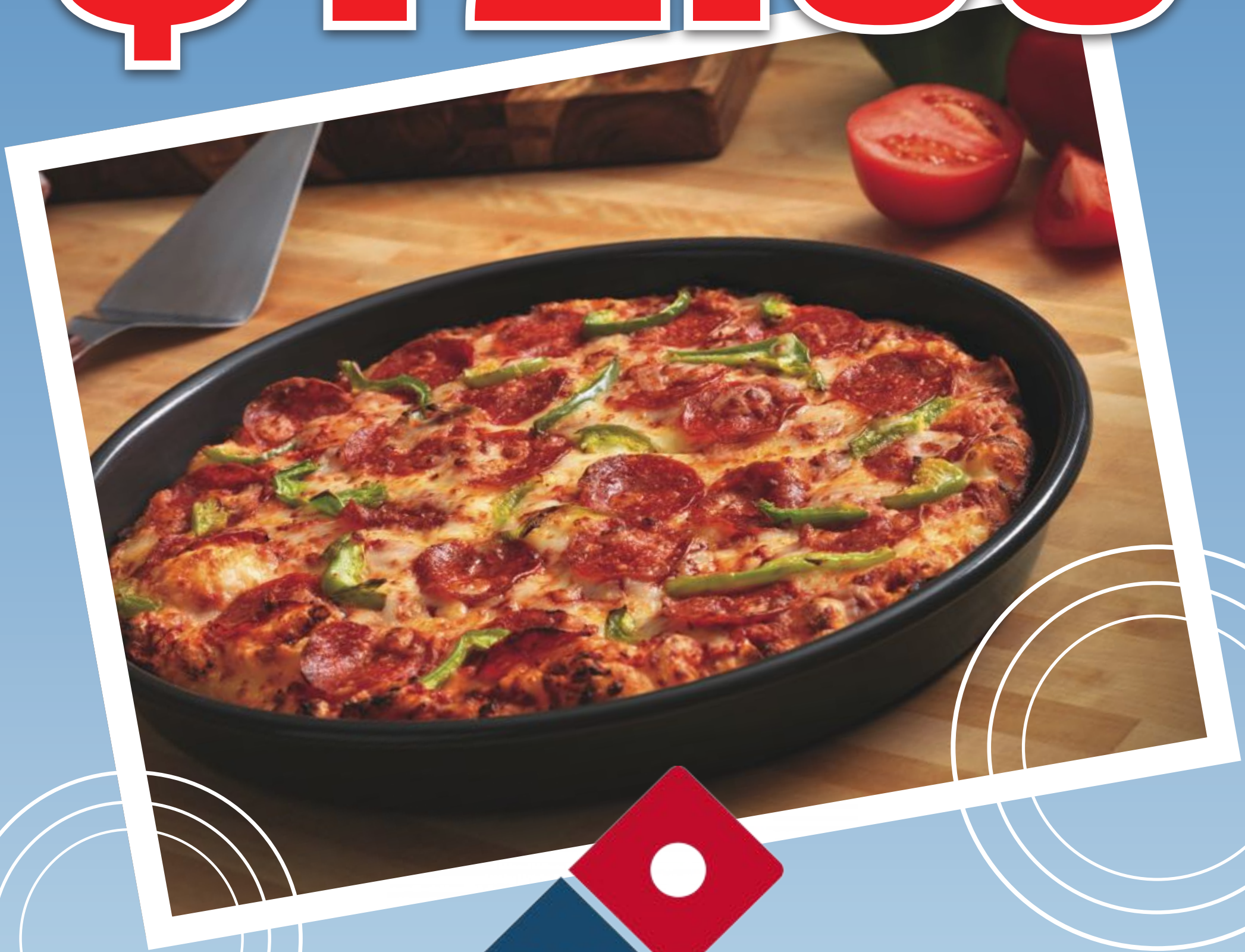
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