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FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT: Solicitor General and Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones announced last Friday (March 11) at the Dufferin OPP headquarters in Primrose that the provincial government would be investing more than \$4 million over two years to expand mobile crisis response teams in 28 communities. Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) and Dufferin OPP are partnering to provide mobile support for individuals experiencing mental health and addictions crisis in the community.

Province expanding mobile crisis response teams

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter



The Ontario government is working to improve how law enforcement supports people in crisis with funding granted to numerous police services to expand mobile crisis response teams.

Solicitor General and Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones announced last Friday (March 11) at the Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) headquarters in Primrose, that the provincial government would be investing more than \$4 million over two years to expand mobile crisis response teams.

"Increasingly, police are confronted with the need to assist with vulnerable people in acute crisis situations that may be impacted by mental health and/or addiction issues, a promising solution is to recreate mobile crisis response teams," said Jones during Friday's announcement.

The Dufferin OPP is among 28 communities receiving a maximum funding of \$120,000 per fiscal year for a total of \$240,000 over two years.

Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) and the Dufferin OPP as recipients of the two-year grant will partner in providing

mobile support for individuals experiencing a moderate to severe mental health or addiction crisis in the community.

"We are excited about this new partnership and what it will mean for our community," said Kim Delahunt, president and CEO of Headwaters hospital. "The team will be able to provide assistance, where it's needed, which may not be in a hospital setting."

The Dufferin Mobile Crisis Response Team (D-MCRT) will consist of a police officer and a crisis worker who will collaborate on responding to calls where mental health or addictions may be a factor. Crisis workers - registered nurses, social workers, or counselors - will determine if an individual should be sent to the emergency department for treatment and connected to community programming to address their physical and mental well-being.

"This partnership will enhance our response to the community. We are building on existing services and taking our service delivery to the next level," said Dufferin

OPP Insp. Terry Ward.

One of the goals of the D-MCRT is reducing the number of emergency department visits and inpatient admissions in crisis situations.

Headwaters Hospital reports an average of 1,529 visits to the emergency department annually for mental health and addiction services equating to over four visits each day.

On Friday, Delahunt noted that 30 per cent of all emergency department visits for mental health and substance use are the first point of contact.

"The mobile crisis response team allows for a crisis specialist and the police to intervene early and connect to community resources ensuring that the first point of contact is in the community and not at the hospital," she said.

Delahunt added that only 26 per cent of all mental health and substance use clients coming into Headwaters hospital's emergency department are admitted.

"This shows that if these individuals are assessed and supported in the community by the appropriate supports, it is likely they could avoid hospitalization," she said.

The OPP reports an average of 74.5 mental health and addiction calls each month with most requiring an average of two and a half hours of response time.



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County Council approves donation and flag raising in support of Ukraine

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

Dufferin County Council is showing its support for Ukraine after passing motions to raise the nation's flag and provide funding to assist humanitarian aid and relief efforts as attacks by the Russian military continue.

During their meeting on March 10, a motion was brought forward by Warden Wade Mills, to fly the Ukrainian flag at county offices as a visual display of their solidarity with Ukraine and condemning of Russia's aggressions.

"Dufferin County Council condemns the unjustified aggression being waged by Russian military forces against the people of Ukraine," said Mills. "Council signals and affirms the support of our community for the Ukrainian people in defense of their freedom, independence, and autonomy."

Wade also called for the Canadian government to continue efforts with the global community to "unequivocally" oppose the military invasion.

The final motion unanimously supported by council also condemned the racist and xenophobic treatment of Black Africans,

Indian nationals, Pakistani nationals, and people of middle eastern descent as they flee the violence in Ukraine, reported by the United Nations (UN).

Dufferin County is joining various municipalities within the community in raising the Ukrainian flag in solidarity including Shelburne, Orangeville, Melancthon, Mono, and Amaranth.

An additional motion was moved during the March 10 meeting by County Coun. Darren White, to make two separate donations to assist in the immediate and emerging needs from the ongoing attacks.

White suggested making two \$10,000 donations with one going to the Red Cross and the other going to Global Medic.

"I know that anything we do is better than nothing, but nothing we do would ever be

enough," said White.

This is not the first time that Dufferin County has taken action in providing aid in this manner. Coun. John Creelman noted that at the time of the 9/11 attacks in New York, council made a donation to support the victims.

"We are not in unknown waters here," he said.

Coun. Steve Anderson, brought forward concerns with consistency, pointing to the fact that similar donations were not made in response to refugee crises in Syria, Haiti, and Afghanistan.

"This kind of donation that's being suggested by council was not put onto the table," said Anderson. "My question is, what's the message we are sending to those folks if we go ahead and make this donation."

The concerns raised by Anderson prompted

further discussion among council members including the need for policy surrounding funding contributions to global humanitarian aid and whether taxpayer dollars should be used for foreign relief efforts.

"Should we not have a policy that simply states in cases like this and the ones in the past, we donate so much money instead of giving one disaster X amount of dollars and another disaster another amount," said Coun. Earl Hawkins. "I really think we should be consistent."

It was suggested that a policy regarding donations to foreign relief efforts be developed with the county's General Government Services Committee.

Many councillors also noted the time-sensitivity of providing aid for refugees impacted by the attacks in Ukraine and voicing the need to support the cause.

The motion was put to a recorded vote and was carried 16-2, with Coun. Philip Rentsch and Coun. Chris Gerrits voting against. Coun. Sandy Brown was absent from the meeting.

Dufferin County staff will also be creating an information campaign that will direct residents to potential organization if they wish to make a personal donation.

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Local heritage organization commemorating 100 year anniversary of Bryce Report

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

Defining Moments Canada, a heritage education organization based in Dufferin County, has announced a national commemorative project entitled – The Bryce Report @ 100: The Story of a National Crime.

Launched on March 9, the commemorative project shares the story of Dr. Peter Bryce, who self-published a 17-page pamphlet in 1922 known as “The Story of a National Crime: An Appeal of Justice to the Indians of Canada” detailing the horrific conditions at residential schools.

“We felt we could honour the story of Dr. Bryce as a real Public Health champion in this country and also shine a very important light upon the need to educate Canadians about what had taken place in the Indian residential schools and put to rest this notion that we didn’t know what was going on in the schools,” said Neil Orford, president of Defining Moments Canada.

Over the last five years, Defining Moments Canada has been marking a variety of milestone anniversaries of historic moments that most Canadians will have heard of but not known much about, through national commemorations projects.

“We spend a great deal of time as an organization examining Canadian history for opportunities to tell stories that have not tra-

ditionally been told and are not commonly understood because of school curricula, but require attention because of what’s going on in the context of today,” said Orford.

Orford said the local organization came across Dr. Bryce’s story almost two years ago through work led by Cindy Blackstock and other prominent Canadian Indigenous leaders to lobby the government in light of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s 94 calls to action.

A former Chief Medical Officer of the Department of Indian Affairs (DIA), Dr. Bryce initially submitted a report on the state of residential school in 1907. Surveying 35 residential schools at the request of the Department of Indian Affairs, the report detailed the poor health conditions at residential schools in the Prairie provinces.

While his report highlighted the staggering death rates at the schools, the DIA did not publish the 1907 reports, which was later leaked to journalists.

Dr. Bryce’s recommendations were largely ignored over the years, officially prompting him to publish the 1922 pamphlet “The Story of a National Crime: An Appeal of Justice to the Indians of Canada” at the end of his career.

Using the centennial anniversary of the Bryce Report publication to acknowledge a dark chapter in Canadian history and current issues, Defining Moments Canada is hoping

to help shape a learning journey of reconciliation for youth and the general public.

“All Canadians are called on a path of reconciliation right now, it doesn’t matter who we are,” said Orford. “This is one of those opportunities where we can teach young Canadians particularly about what went on more than a century ago and illuminate the story of a public health champion who blew the whistle on government inaction.”

Of the 94 calls to action included in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the project looks to target three calls to action focused on education including actions 53,62, and 63.

The Bryce Report @ 100: The Story of a National Crime is a free digital commemoration accessible to every province and addresses each one’s education curriculum. Learning materials have already been released with more content scheduled to gradually come out over the spring and summer.

As part of the project, Defining Moments Canada is developing a framework which utilizes the “Two-Eyed Seeing Approach” pioneered by Mi’kmaq Elder Albert Marshall.

“What we try to do is find the points at

which we can weave together traditional Indigenous knowledge of the world and our western modes of thinking so that we can deliver lesson to students that see with both eyes,” said Orford.

He added that they plan to bring teachers from across the country together to develop the Two-Eyed framed and provide resources to teachers to hopefully offer to students in September.

Defining Moments Canada received \$500,000 in funding to help develop The Bryce Report @ 100: The Story of a National Crime.

Orford said the money will be primarily targeted at working with Indigenous partners to build the educational framework that will eventually be used in the classroom.

As the project rolls out over the next two years, Orford said he hopes it serves as model of reconciliation.

“We need to know that there were people who stood on their convictions even at great costs. It’s important that we also recognized that the intergenerational trauma that comes from the residential school experience is very much still present with us. I really hope this project is a model for reconciliation.”



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TIPSY FOX IS BACK: Councillors and local leaders gathered at the Topsy Fox Pub and Grill in Shelburne on Friday (March 11) for a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the grand opening of the new restaurant alongside the owners.



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In Southern Ontario, the build is on – especially in regions north of the GTA.

I'm not sure why everyone is moving north. South is not an option, but there are plenty of points east and west that are available, however there doesn't seem to be a rush to the Windsor area.

The provincial government has designated some regions as 'growth areas' whether they like it or not.

Municipalities don't really have a lot of say about what is going to happen in their town.

I recall having a conversation with a mayor of one of the designated growth areas where there was considerable opposition to planned sprawling new subdivisions.

He told me that growth is "going to happen whether people like it or not," and followed up by telling me "that's the way the province wants it."

In other words, the province tells municipalities what they are going to do.

Some people in many smaller towns don't want the growth to happen. They like the charm and appeal of their town and don't see 1000 new cookie cutter, repeat every three models homes, built in a former corn field, as any type of welcome addition.

I can understand this. I'm no fan of urban sprawl, and I'm certainly no fan of the current way of designing many new subdivisions.

The fact that many communities have been designated as growth areas means developers will be arriving to start building.

If you're lucky enough to own a farm that has been in your family for generations and is in a prime area, you could end up being quite wealthy if you decide it's time to sell and move somewhere else.

Normally there is a whole process behind deciding where to build a new development.

Not all areas are suitable for housing. You have to consider the type of soil, the

amount of rock in the area, especially in northern Ontario, and environmental factors. You can't just decide to build over a stream or river and expect the water to go somewhere else. You can't just build on an area where the soil is not suitable only to have houses start to lean and foundations crack after a few years.

A subdivision must have a clean water supply and a source for that water.

All these things are normally considered when a developer makes an application to build in a municipality.

However, that is all changing as more and more developers are applying for, and receiving a Minister's Zoning Order.

An MZO is a green light given to a developer, by the provincial government, that allows them to go around municipal red tape.

An MZO did have a purpose. It was designed for northern communities where there was a small population or lack of a municipal structure to make development decisions. In this case the province would make the decision when no one else could.

However, a change in legislation a few years ago, opened the opportunity for

developers to petition for an MZO anywhere across the province.

The problem is, the province does not place any restrictions when granting an MZO.

The ministry simply says, 'yes' or 'no.' It does not consider environmental issues like wetlands, arable farm land, or anything else, when granting an MZO. It just stamps the order as approved.

This has caused considerable concern among environmental groups who say the MZO's are allowing developers to build on sensitive areas like flood plains and wetlands. It is also a concern for residents who are opposed to urban sprawl.

Growth is going to happen – it is just a part of accommodating a growing population. People have to live somewhere.

At the same time, growth should be well planned and well thought out.

It doesn't make sense to cut the ribbon during a ceremony to start a new development if that project is going to poison your water down the road.

BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW



Ukraine's Nuclear Mistake

Would Vladimir Putin's Russia have invaded Ukraine three weeks ago if it had 1,900 nuclear warheads on 176 ICBMs and 2,600 tactical nuclear weapons? Of course not. He wouldn't have invaded if Ukraine had even one nuclear missile capable of reaching Moscow.

When the Soviet Union was dissolved in 1991, Ukraine got custody of all those nuclear weapons because they had been based on its territory at the time of the break-up. Suddenly, Ukraine was the world's third biggest nuclear power, with more warheads than Britain, France and China combined.

I was in Kiev several times in that period. I interviewed quite a few of the Ukrainian nationalists who had suddenly emerged into the open (having been in deep cover during Soviet times), and I don't recall a single one who mentioned those nuclear weapons. And neither did I, to be honest. It didn't seem very relevant at the time.

But it certainly feels relevant to a lot of Ukrainians now. They gave away the one thing that could have kept them from being invaded.

The Russians and the Americans were very unhappy about Ukraine's nukes in the

early 1990s, as they both saw them as a kind of 'proliferation'. More fingers on more triggers (Belarus and Kazakhstan also inherited smaller numbers of Soviet nukes and delivery vehicles) made the task of maintaining mutual nuclear deterrence more complex and unstable.

So the two 'superpowers', as they were still known, used political pressure and judicious bribes to persuade the new Ukrainian government to hand all its nuclear weapons over to Russia for destruction. Post-apartheid South Africa was getting rid of its nuclear weapons at the same time, so it didn't seem to be a bizarre or foolish decision at the time.

The great difference, of course, was that South Africa did not have a nuclear-armed great power as a neighbour. Ukraine did, and it has come to rue its mistake. This is a stake in the heart of the anti-nuclear proliferation campaign that was once seen as mere common sense.

It is, in fact, the third stake to be pounded into that rather crowded heart, but the first two were less convincing. Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi dictator, had a nuclear weapons

programme during his war with Iran in the 1980s, but it was comprehensively dismantled by UN inspectors after he invaded Kuwait and was defeated in the first Gulf war in 1990-91.

He never restarted that nuclear weapons programme, but the United States invaded Iraq anyway in 2003 and the puppet government it installed in Baghdad hanged him.

Saddam Hussein richly deserved it for his many other crimes, no doubt, but the take-away was: for a dictator, nuclear weapons are the only life insurance that really works. North Korea tested its first nuclear weapon in 2006.

The Libyan dictator, Muammar Gaddafi, was so frightened by the American display of lawlessness in the 2003 invasion of Iraq that he let himself be bullied into closing down his own decade-old nuclear weapons programme. Big mistake.

Eight years later, in 2011, Gaddafi himself was driven from power by NATO air strikes, and then murdered by NATO-backed rebels. His own fault: he had jumped the wrong way. But once again, it was a cruel dictator who paid the price, so who cares?

In 1994, Ukraine let itself be sweet-talked into giving up all its nuclear weapons. In return it received solemn 'assurances' in the Budapest Memorandum that Russia, the UK and the US would "refrain from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of Ukraine." That

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worked well, didn't it?

A week ago, Sky News asked Svitlana Zalishchuk, foreign policy adviser to the Ukrainian deputy prime minister, if giving up the country's nuclear weapons had been a mistake.

"Yes, without a doubt," Zalishchuk replied. Countries that own nuclear weapons are "untouchable", and it is "because we voluntarily gave up on our nuclear weapons and the Budapest Memorandum has been ignored (that) we find ourselves in the situation that we are in."

It turns out that not only evil dictators need nuclear weapons. Any country that has a nuclear-armed neighbour with a grievance urgently needs them too. Indeed, any country that thinks it might one day find itself in a confrontation with a nuclear-armed country, however far away it may be, needs nuclear weapons.

If you doubt me, just ask the Iranians, or the Taiwanese, or the South Koreans, who are all watching closely. Or even the Japanese and the Vietnamese, come to that.

If you get into a confrontation with a nuclear power, and you don't belong to a nuclear-armed alliance like NATO, then you cannot trust any other country to risk a nuclear war on your behalf. 'Guarantees' and 'assurances' are useless. You need to have your own nukes.

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Melancthon resident creates theatre company, Act 3

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Being an older woman working in theatre can be challenging with roles, stories, and employment reflecting you becoming fewer and far between.

Marni Walsh, a Melancthon resident and former Free Press freelancer, is working to counter ageism in the industry as she and fellow actor Debra Hale co-create theatre company, Act 3.

Founded in 2020, Act 3 consists of 23 professional female actors and writers over the age 50 working to counter ageism in the theatre industry and give voice to the perspective of women in the 'third act' of their careers through their artform.

"We were talking about theatre as older women and how we weren't seeing ourselves reflected on the stage. I asked [Debra] if she would be interested in co-founding a company with me specially for women over 50 and that's how Act 3 came about," explained Walsh.

Creating a space for the commonly under-utilized demographic, has become a close cause for Walsh as she makes her return to acting after decades of temporary retirement to raise her family.

"Once you're older, what do you do and how do you adapt - that's the challenge," said Walsh.

Meeting virtually on a bi-weekly basis, the group of women would bring pieces they had written on their own and read for each other.

"It was pretty tough, but we were able to do it and able to give feedback, encouragement and support to each other," said Walsh. "It's really an honour to work with them and

create with them."

Now, as they approach the two-year milestone of launching Act 3 Theatre, the group has created 60 original pieces and has announced their inaugural showcase The Mary-Go-Round Project at Aki Studio Theatre in Toronto.

The Mary-Go-Round Project centers around the idea of an all-female carousel and as it turns each female rider steps into their individual scene. While each of the 12 featured scene gives voice to the older women's perspective on issues that matter to them in their third act the common denominator is a character named "Mary".

"Many of these Mary's are figure of fame and infamy while other are everyday Mary's we might meet on the street," said Walsh.

In the spring of 2021, Act 3 became recipients of a total of \$32,000 in funding with grants from the Toronto Arts Council, The Ontario Arts Council and the Federal government's New Horizons for Seniors Program to support the inaugural showcase.

Walsh said the funding was significant on many levels in their ability to develop The Mary-Go-Round Project.

"It gave the money to not only produce this work, but to pay women to produce it," said Walsh.

She concluded that with the support they hope to expand the group to allow for more women in their third act to continue creating and doing theatre.

The Mary-Go-Round Project stars the 23 members of Act 3 Theatre including veteran performers Rhea Akler, Bonnie Anderson, Catherine Bruce, Heather Cherron Von Atzigen, Marjie Chud, Kerri Clarke, Rita Shelton Deverell, Andy Fraser, Liz Gordon, Debra Hale, D'Taborah Johnson, Brenda Kamino,

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Act 3 is inviting vaccinated audiences to join them from March 24 to 27 for five performances at the Aki Studio (585 Dundas St. E).



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14. Indian coin
15. String
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18. Garnish
19. Shudder
20. Parched
21. Net
22. Bird's "arm"
23. Manor
25. Head woe
27. Come again?
29. Soak flax
30. Push down
33. Detest
34. Detection device
35. Attire
37. Army NCO

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40. Western clock zone
41. Ride a bike, e.g.
43. "The ___ Shoes"
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46. Subside
48. Craggy peak
49. Drink cubes
50. Etna's output
52. Among
55. Santa has one
56. Dreg
57. Islamic ruler
59. Cheddar or provolone
61. Peter, Paul & Mary, e.g.
62. Oppression
64. Athens vowel
67. Muslim leader
68. Declaration
69. Hunting expedition
71. Conceited

ACROSS

73. Water growth
77. Dance costume
78. Yamaguchi, e.g.
81. Negative atom
82. Straightforward
83. Way out
84. Go swiftly
85. Brazen
86. Greek consonant
87. Pasta variety

DOWN

1. Compress
2. Uncalled for
3. Heroic poem
4. Maybe
5. Finger count
6. Embroidered
7. Prudish one
8. Islet
9. Private eye

10. "Go ____, young man"
11. Close by
12. Specialty
13. Chirp
15. Squalid sites
16. Cover protectively
22. Reporter's question
24. Charger
26. Riding whip
27. Owl's question?
28. Animosity
30. Infer
31. Meal course
32. Picket-line crosser
34. Rot
36. Andean climber
37. Lustrous cotton fabric
38. Shiny
39. Laconic
42. Showy flower
47. Shade of color
50. In motion
51. Reason
53. Skinny one
54. "All ___ Jazz"
58. Male cat
60. Heighten
63. Not mine
64. Bar, legally
65. Tan
66. Later
70. Uncle's mate
71. Editor's word
72. Buttlike formation
74. Big cat
75. Hired thug
76. Poker stake
79. CIA's former rival
80. "You ___ My Sunshine"
81. Cleo's nemesis

Dufferin resident leaves for Ukraine to provide aid

Written By **Rob Paul**
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The horrifying images of war stemming from the Russia invasion of Ukraine has led a local business owner to travel to the region to provide humanitarian aid.

Mono resident Nishan Kooner, who owns 10 and 10 Garden Centre, has been following the conflict since it started in late February and said he can no longer watch from afar.

"I see hundreds of thousands or millions of people and animals suffering because of the decisions of very few people," said Kooner. "I'm seeing animal shelters being abandoned with 100 or 200 dogs, or even animal shelters where one or two [people] stay behind and their hydro's being lost, and their pipes are freezing, and they can't get food for the animals.

"The animals didn't really do anything. They just exist, and because they exist, they're going to suffer," he added.

Kooner said 10 and 10 Garden Centre supports animal rescue organizations locally and seeing that the situation is

more desperate in the Ukraine, he felt compelled to provide assistance.

"We're just switching our focus basically from rescue's here to rescue's there," he noted Kooner told the Citizen he doesn't agree with war and isn't going there to fight, instead he plans to bring pet food and other supplies to animals and people in need.

"Since it started, I've been following it, hoping it will end, hoping there'll be peace, that there'll be a humanitarian corridor or something... and nothing happened. It's only getting worse, so it just came to the point where I couldn't really watch anymore," he said.

"I wasn't sleeping, I wasn't eating properly; I was very stressed and emotional. I wasn't conducting business properly, so it came to a point I just had to [book my flight], I felt obligated to go. I needed to go. There's really no other explanation."

Kooner caught a flight to London last night (March 16) and today he's making his way into France, where he'll road trip to Hungary from, before reaching Ukraine.

A trailer will be hitched to his vehicle,

which will be filled supplies to give to the people of Ukraine. The trailer will also be used to transport people and animals out of Ukraine when he exits the country. Supplies are at the border of Ukraine in Poland, so Kooner will be travelling back and forth to get resources to those in need.

"Our main goal is to get pet food and pet items into the country," said Kooner. "People are donating millions of dollars' worth of stuff, but there is very few people to actually transport it into the country. So a lot of it is in warehouses, and people just don't really have access to what's being donated."

Kooner is in contact with several humanitarian organizations such as Red Cross, which is transporting supplies into Ukraine, as well as Doctors Without Borders. He plans on connecting with other volunteers who he'll be working with to provide aid.

"I don't intent to go into a warzone, we will try to stay as safe as possible. The entire country is not safe, but there are some areas that are obviously less safe than others," Kooner noted. "Our goal is purely humanitarian, get people and animals supplies,"

Kooner's family worries for his well-being, going to an active war in Ukraine, but are supportive of his mission to provide humanitarian aid.

He told the Citizen his wife is very into animal rescues and would be with him if they didn't have to take care of their garden centre business and other responsibilities here at home.

Kooner is running an online fundraiser where donations will be distributed to various humanitarian and animal rescue groups such as the Red Cross for Ukraine. Some of the funds will be given directly to be people fleeing the war by Kooner, and the remaining portion of donations will go towards equipment used in the defense of Ukraine.

"If this [conflict] ever happens in our home, we would all beg the world to help us, and we would expect help," he said. "These people are no different than us. They need assistance on a global scale, and anybody with the means to do so should help."

For updates on Kooner's trip, watch the 10 and 10 Garden Centre Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/10and10GC>.

Melancthon man charged with impaired operation following collision

On March 5, 2022 at approximately 12:30 a.m., The Grey Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a rollover collision on Highway 6 in the County of Grey Bruce.

Police arrived on scene and discovered that the driver had failed to remain. They were located a short time later. Officers

detected signs of impairment, and the driver was placed under arrest. They were transported to a local police detachment for further testing.

The Grey Bruce OPP have charged Warren SWIDERSKY, 18 years-of-age, from Melancthon with the following offences:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol
 - Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
 - Fail to remain
 - Fail to report accident
 - Race a motor vehicle - Stunt
- The accused was released and will appear

at the Ontario Court of Justice in Owen Sound at a later date. These charges have not been proven in court.

Police have also charged a 21 year old, and 19 year old passenger, both from Grand Valley, with having liquor in open container in unauthorized place.

Dufferin OPP investigating after two residential break ins

Dufferin OPP is currently investigating a pair of residential break and enters in the Town of Mono.

On March 10, 2022, Dufferin OPP received a call for service at a residence in the area of First Line EHS and Stonegate Avenue in the Town of Mono. It was the keen eye of a neighbour who noticed that a residence had been broken into. Later the following day, upon returning home, another resident discovered that their home had been entered. Valuables were removed from both homes. Security footage collected shows that the homes were entered in the early

morning hours of March 10, 2022.

The suspect is described as a lone male, wearing dark pants, dark jacket and a mask. The suspect vehicle is described as a 2011 to 2018 white Jeep Cherokee.

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 and your homes by removing car keys, locking all doors and windows, removing all valuables from plain view, and never leave your car running and unattended. As well, if you are

leaving your home for a length of time please have family, friends or neighbours checking on your property, clearing snow and removing newspapers.

If you have any information or video surveil-

lance footage in relation to these break and enters, please call the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Crime Stoppers is also available at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit your information online at <https://ontariocrimestoppers.ca/>.

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UKRAINE FUNDRAISER: Dr. Richard Magder and wife Alexandra Georgie, have organized a donation collection to help with humanitarian efforts in Ukraine. Starting March 17 and running until March 24 local residents can drop-off donation items at Shelburne Family Chiropractic, located at 310 Main Street E between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m.

Local Ukraine Donation Collection running now until March 24

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

Shelburne residents who are looking for a way to help Ukrainian refugees will have an opportunity to do so with a donation collection scheduled for March 17 to March 24.

Organized by local residents, Alexandra Georgie and Dr. Richard Magder, the week-long donation campaign will help collect needed items to send to refugees.

"Just like everyone, we've been watching through the news and social media, the unfortunate events that are unfolding in the Ukraine right now. [We're] especially being moved by live content from people directly in the Ukraine capturing videos of the horrible things that are happening, how they're having to pick up their lives and flee their homes and communities," said Georgie. "We just want to do whatever we can to help those individuals and refugees who have had their lives turned upside down.

Donations collected over the week will be taken to Grace Church, an Oshawa-based Ukrainian Pentecostal Church, who have partnered with Meest Canadian Shipping to

send humanitarian aid to Ukraine.

Items that are being asked for including new or gently used air mattresses, coloured duct tape, construction gloves, emergency blankets, goggles, thermal underwear, Kevlar helmets, sleeping bags, tactical backpacks, tents and candles (new only).

Medicine items include: allergy, fever and cold medicine, first aid kits, Polysporin, sore throat lozenges, pain relief such as Tylenol, Advil, Ibuprofen, Aleve and muscle relaxants, sterile wipes, bandages, and PPE.

Georgie noted that the collection has already begun to see donations of items on the list come in from the community including a donation from local pharmacy Caravaggio I.D.A.

"It's a humanitarian crisis and we just wanted to be a part, even a small part, of helping out others around the world," said Caravaggio I.D.A owner and pharmacist, Margerit Bebawy.

The donation collection will begin on March 17 and will run until March 24. Donations can be dropped off at Shelburne Family Chiropractic, located at 310 Main Street E between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m.

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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Fans looking forward to small town hockey playoffs

Written By Brian Lockhart

Small town hockey has a big following in the region, and fans of Junior C hockey are looking forward to what promises to be one of the most exiting rounds of playoffs the league has seen for several years.

In the North Carruthers division of the Provincial Junior Hockey League, the Stayner Siskins finished as the top team after the completion of the regular season this year.

The Siskins were a dominate force in the division this season taking over the top spot early in the year and staying on top for the remainder of the season.

The next three teams in the standings, the Schomberg Cougars, Orillia Terriers, and the Alliston Hornets finished one point apart.

The League's regular season was extended into March this year after the provincial shut-down in January closed arenas across the province.

The League had to make a decision

whether to continue with the schedule or extend the season.

League executive decided to extend the season to finish the schedule with each team recording 30 games to decide the final standings.

After the final regular season games, they transitioned right into the first round of the playoffs.

If the predicted winners of the first round of playoffs all manage to get through, the second round will be a real battle this year between four very evenly matched teams. Each squad will have to bring their best to the ice in order to advance.

As of the weekend, the Stayner Siskins were leading their series against the Huntsville Otters 3-0.

The Alliston Hornets are leading 3 - 0 in their first round series against the Penetang Kings.

The Orillia Terriers have taken a 3-0 lead over the Midland Flyers.

The Schomberg Cougars are leading 2-1 in their series with the Caledon Golden Hawks.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

TAKING SHOT: Junior C hockey around the province is now in the first round of playoffs with small town teams from across Ontario hoping to win their divisions for a chance to go to the Schmalz Cup Championship. The Alliston Hornets take on the Penetang Kings in Alliston on Sunday, March 13, in game three of their best-of-seven series. The Hornets won 5-1 and now lead the series 3-0.

CDDHS Royals boys basketball team play short season this year

Written By Brian Lockhart

Boys basketball is once again taking place on the courts at local high schools, but it's going to be a short season with no spectators allowed to cheer on the teams.

Both the regional CWOSSA and provincial

OFSSA competitions have been cancelled this year so the District level will be the highest level a team can aim for a championship this season.

Centre Dufferin District High School has developed a tradition of having strong basketball teams over the past few years. The

CDDHS senior girls captured the district title in December.

Now the boys are back on the courts.

"In a short season we took a bigger group than usual and the focus is really a lot about bringing back the culture that we had built up over the last number of years and providing kids that opportunity to get out and play that they've been longing for over the last two years," said CDDHS coach, Matt Barlow. "In a short period of time we have already developed some strong bonds and I'm super excited about the next few years with this group."

In the junior division, teams will play three regular season games before going into playoff competition.

The Royals junior team won their season opener 60-27 over Westside Secondary School in Orangeville.

They still have to play District 4 rivals, Emmanuel Christian School and Wellington Heights Secondary School.

The District 4 junior championship day will take place on March 24, with a consolation round, a semi-final, and a championship game.

In the District 4 senior division there are five teams entered this season.

The seniors will play a four game schedule so all teams will meet once during the schedule.

The Royals gave up their first game by six points when they went up against Westside Secondary School on March 10, and lost 29-23.

They rebounded in the second game with a 70-24 win over Emmanuel Christian High School.

The Royals seniors will still have to face Erin District High School and Wellington Heights Secondary School to finish the regular season.

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Tips for March Break hockey players

Written By Brian Lockhart

March break offers students and parents a chance to step back from the rigours of a daily schedule and relax a little bit.

For some, a trip away from home can be an annual event, while for others, just relaxing around the house is the break they need.

For hockey players, March Break often means final tournaments of the season. Depending on where your team is in the provincial qualifiers, this could mean the final week on the ice this season.

The Ontario Minor Hockey Association is offering tips to hockey players if they will be hitting the road to take part in a tournament.

First off - check, and double check your hockey equipment before you hit the road. You don't want to spend hours on the road driving to a tournament only to realize that you forgot to pack an important piece of equipment.

Those few minutes will be worth the effort and may save you hours of time or finding yourself unable to play in the game.

You should plan to eat properly when on the road.

It can be tough to eat healthy with every meal when on the road, but planning ahead of time will spare the headache of trying to find nutritious food.



Many hotels offer a mini fridge in the room that have enough room for fruits and other pre-made snacks. You can also bring a cooler with you to keep food fresh.

It's important to eat the right food that will pack a boost of energy to help you perform your best on the ice.

Another important tip - use your time wisely. When you have down time between games, in the hotel, or on the way to the tournament, you can use the time wisely to complete your schoolwork that needs to be done.

With a week off from school, there aren't many excuses for returning to class with incomplete work.

Finally - have fun. The tournament could be one of the last occasions that your team spends together as a group on the ice.

End the season on a positive note. Always work to achieve your goals and enjoy your time with the team.

Quite often it is the pizza parties and mini-stick tournaments that you will remember most fondly.

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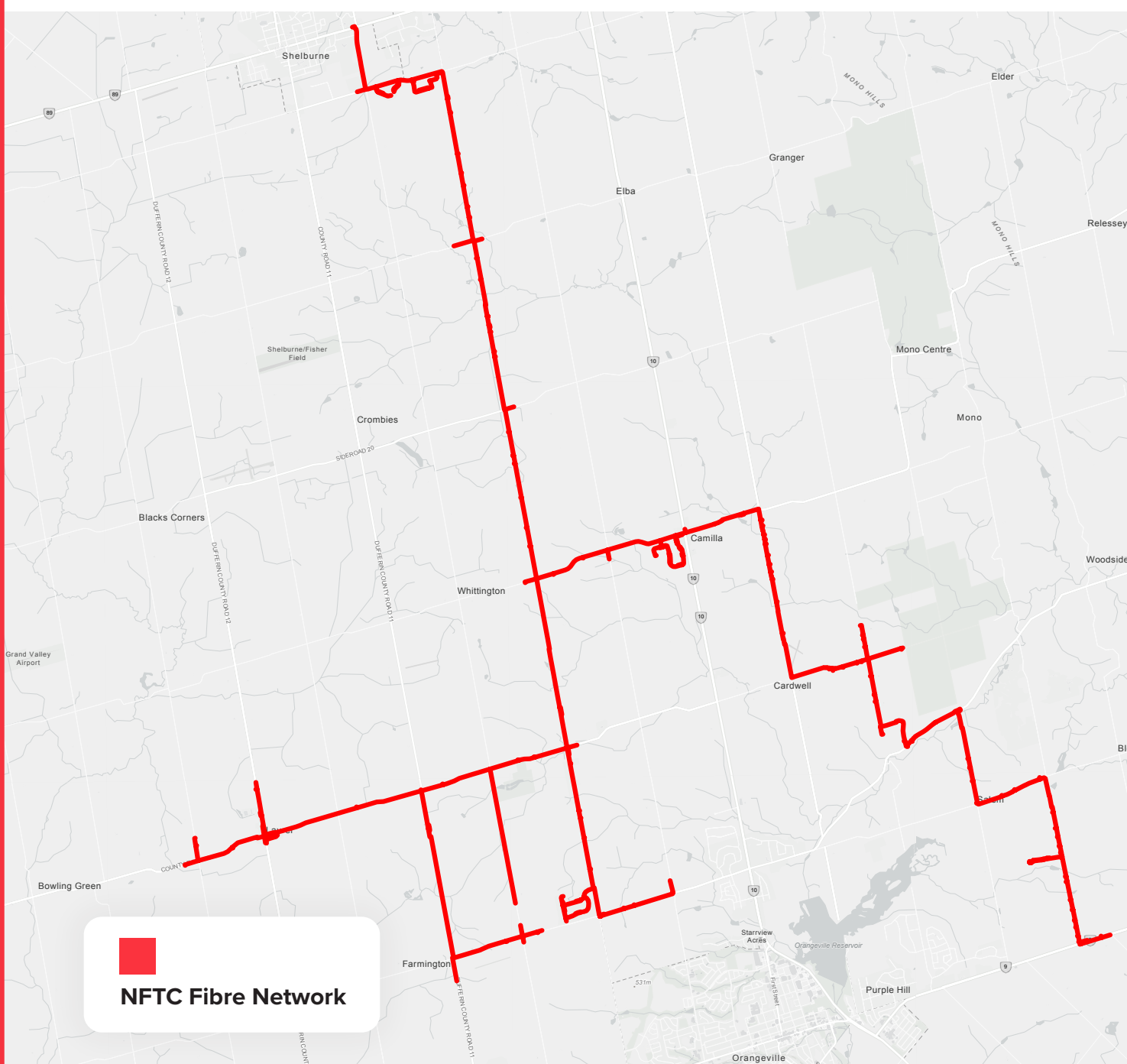
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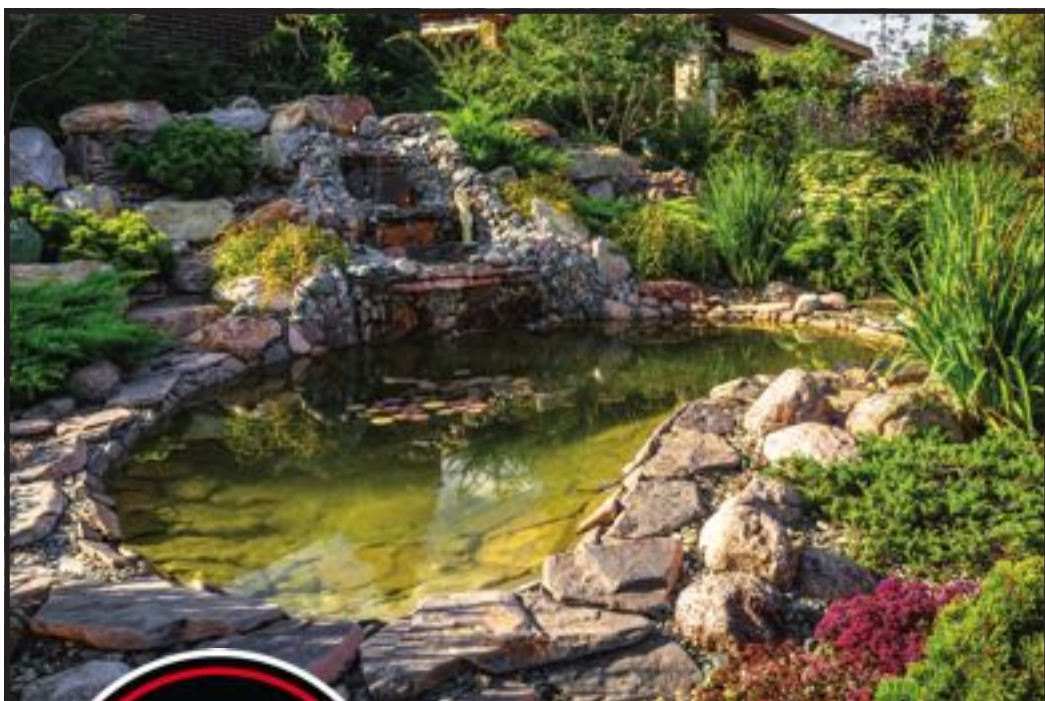
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OBITUARIES

DEBORA JEAN ELLIS

November 18, 1955 – March 10, 2022

A unique and well known Shelburne and Orangeville personality has died peacefully, and on her own terms, surrounded by family and close friends at Headwaters Hospital in Orangeville.

Predeceased by her beloved life partner, John Perry, parents Walter and Jean (Fyfe) Ellis, and brother Craig.

Debora studied Culinary Arts at George Brown College. This led her to discover the craft of creating fine chocolates. After gaining experience working in the chocolate shop in Forest Hill Village, Debora became a chocolate maker of the highest standards. She and John established a small manufacturing facility and sold their chocolates to local Toronto shops. They opened a chocolate boutique at Crawford's Pine Valley Farms in Norval. The success of this operation led them to open their first store and manufacturing centre in Erin. Another store on Broadway Avenue in Orangeville was opened later. Both were thriving businesses. In time both stores were sold to new owners. The Erin store remains operating under the name, Debora's Chocolates and the Orangeville store operates under the name, The Chocolate Shop.

Debora and John lived in Shelburne for a time, until his death in 2001. Debora then moved to a small bungalow in Orangeville until health issues brought her back to Shelburne in 2005.

In her late 20s, Debora was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. After John's death, the effects of the disease made independent living more difficult. Fortunately, the new March of Dimes/McKelvie Burnside facility had just opened. Debora loved her new home and the activities-of daily-living assistance and support she received from the staff.

Debora's unit affectionately became known as Studio 12, reflecting her passion for painting. Debora inherited her mother's flair for decorating. In the 16 years of her residency, Debora rejoiced in the changing seasons by beautifying Studio 12 with flair and artistry, thanks to décor sourced from local businesses.



Throughout her years in Shelburne, and in all weathers, Debora could be seen zipping about town in her wheelchair she had named, Nuisance. Debora's was a familiar face in many local businesses.

Debora became a strong advocate for wheelchair accessibility when the stairs of several local establishments barred her entry. Kudos to the two businesses who went out of their way to provide portable ramps: the TD Bank and the Beyond the Gate restaurant.

Deepest and most heartfelt thanks to Kelly Semple, Community Support Leader, and the Personal Support Workers of McKelvie Burnside residence whose kindness, patience and care allowed Debora to live life to the fullest.

Particular thanks to hospital staff, Julia Lau and Lois Stainton for their admirable support, and to the doctors and nurses who cared for Debora in the final weeks of her life's journey.

Debora is survived by her brother, Stuart (Monica), nieces Lauryn and Katie, and nephew Cameron.

Cremation has taken place. As an expression of sympathy, donations may be made to The March of Dimes. Debora also suggests, "You plant a tree or three in memory of me".

To share a memory or send a condolence, please go online to: www.dodsandmclair.com

OBITUARIES

HUXTABLE, ILA

Ila Huxtable, passed away peacefully at Headwaters Health Care Centre on March 7, 2022 at the age of 73. Ila was the daughter of Neil and Alyce Madill (predeceased), and loving sister of Ken Madill (predeceased), John Madill (Jillian) and Ruth Crawford (Carl). Ila will also be lovingly remembered by her many nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws and so many dear friends! Ila was born on September 22, 1948, and married Murray in 1966. She worked for many years in medical records at the Shelburne Hospital, before retiring and buying Chipwoods Park near Shelburne with husband Murray. Ila loved a good party, and "get-togethers" with new and old friends there, as well as at their home across the road. Ila's loving and generous spirit will be remembered by all who knew her. It was recently said that "Ila loved Murray, and everything Furry" and she lovingly cared for Murray at their home until his passing recently on February 18. Thanks to the staff of Princess Margaret and Headwaters Hospital and to the many who provided loving care at home for Ila, Murray and their dearly loved pets! As per Ila's wishes, there will be no funeral service, and donations to the Shepherds Cupboard Food Bank, Shelburne Feral Cat Rescue or a charity of your choice are welcomed. Online condolences may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com



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R. PETER RIGGIN

1929 - 2022



Passed away in Alliston at Matthews House Hospice, on March 15, 2022.

Born and raised in London, Ontario to Lunella and Clair Riggan, both deceased. Peter leaves a much loved family. Doreen his friend and wife for over 69 years, 4 children and their spouses Linda (Brian) Cullen, Judy (Ian) MacLellan, Adam (Brenda), Peter (Alexandra); 8 grandchildren, the treasures of his life, Christine and Andrew Cullen, Duncan (Emily) and Graham MacLellan, Courtney (Chris) Libbey, Olivia Riggan, Mackenzie and Cassandra Riggan. Peter's newest blessings are 4 great grandchildren, Mary and Harrison MacLellan, Aubrey and Mason Libbey. He is also survived by sister Lois (Roy) Merkle, brother John predeceased him.

Throughout his youth he actively participated and excelled in Hockey, Baseball, Basketball and Golf and was a Blue Jay supporter from day one.

Peter graduated from Osgoode Hall in 1954 and joined Noranda Mines where he remained for over 35 years becoming the Senior Vice-President of Corporate Relations. Retiring in 1988 he moved to Violet Hill in Mulmur and worked to bring to life his dream of building a golf course. When completed he opened it freely to family, friends and neighbours.

Many thanks to the Shelburne Paramedics, the staffs of Stevenson Memorial Hospital and Matthews House Hospice.

No service at this time. Cremation has taken place and a tree will be planted in the spring. In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favourite charity, Matthews House Hospice or Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston. Arrangements entrusted to Jack & Thompson Funeral Home, Shelburne and online condolences and donations may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com.

"A long life is never long enough and a life lived simply is never a simple life."

SHAW, JAMES ARTHUR LLOYD

Passed away peacefully on Sunday February 27, 2022 at Matthews House Hospice one day after his 96th birthday. Art Shaw, beloved husband of the late Leona (nee Pendleton). Dear father of Blaine (Pat), Terry (Ev), Ed (Jody) and predeceased by Greg (Rose). Loved Grandpa to Mandy (Dave Silver), Erin (Mike McEachern), Becky (Graham Zwicker), Alli (Matt Robson), Clayton (Belinda), Joshua, Claire (Rob Morton), Heidi (Andy Cliffe), Casey (Jamie) and predeceased by Adam. Art was a loved great-grandfather (Poppa) to Holdyn and Kadynce Shaw, Quinn Robson, Emmett and Reese Shaw and Charlie Zwicker. Private family interment Mansfield Presbyterian Cemetery. A celebration of life will be held for Art later this spring. In lieu of flowers, donations to Matthews House Hospice would be greatly appreciated. The family would like to thank the staff and volunteers at Matthews House for the professional and compassionate care shown to both Art and his entire family during their time spent there.



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