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with Meest Canadian Shipping to send humanitarian aid to Ukraine. Items that were collected include 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. As well, over the counter medications were donated.

Town keeping vaccine policy, will reasess in July

Written By Paula Brown Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Shelburne is keeping its mandatory COVID-19 vaccine policy for negative result for COVID-19. its staff members.

28), Shelburne Town Council made the vided proof of being fully vaccinated while 95 decision to keep the policy and re-evaluate per cent or 21 of 22 part-time staff presented projects would be outdoors such as the tenin July, despite the provincial government proof of full vaccination. lifting proof-of-vaccination requirements earlier this month.

number of municipalities keeping their man- ington and Windsor. datory vaccination policies.

A confidential survey consulting town staff was held from March 17 until March 22 and also decided to continue with the policies. asked staff if the town should keep the vaccination policy currently in place.

cil, 20 staff members responded "yes" in sup- otherwise," said Mayor Wade Mills regarding motion excluding third party contractors port of the continued vaccine policy while the recommendation. nine staff voted "no".

November 2021.

The vaccination policy required town staff

against COVID-19 or a medical exemption by tion that applies to third party contractors Nov. 26. Staff members who chose not to pro- since that was a CAO directive, and that the vide proof would need to perform rapid anti- town's policy would be specific and exclusive gen testing minimum twice weekly to verify a to town staff," said Morrissey.

During their meeting on Monday (March of 25 Shelburne full-time staff members pro-versus indoors.

Ontario The government ended proof-of-vaccination requirements in most Shelburne's chief administrative officer public settings on March 1. Many munici-(CAO), Denyse Morrissey, said the recompalities across Ontario have chosen to keep mendation for the policy to remain in place the vaccination policies including Guelph, was based on input from staff members and a Toronto, Orillia, York Region, Sudbury, Clar-

> Within Dufferin County the Town of Orangeville as well as the Township of Mono have

"I tend to defer to staff and their wishes, they're the ones that are working in the envi-According to the report presented to Coun- ronment so far be it for me to try to tell them

Concerns were raised by councillors The COVID-19 vaccination policy that about continuing the policy, specifically applies to Shelburne staff members includ- how it would affect request for proposing third-party contractors went into effect in als (RFPs), and town projects with third party contractors.

"The way to accommodate that is I could members to provide proof of vaccination amend the town's policy to remove the sec- tion policy come July.

Mayors Mills questioned how many upcom-According to the report, 96 per cent or 24 ing projects in the town would be outdoor

> Morrissey noted majority of the town's big nis courts, off-leash dog park and the Jack Downing Park revitalization, but there could be indoor needs.

> Council suggested a hybrid approach for third party contractors exempting those working outdoors from the vaccination policy.

> "I don't believe that we see any problem, or I do not, if you wanted to amend the policy to remove contractors that are predominantly working in an outdoor environment from that restriction to not jeopardize firms that would otherwise maybe not consider working with us," said Morrissey.

> An amendment was made to the final from the COVID-19 vaccination policy subject to projects located outdoors. The amended motion also requires contractors to wear masks when accessing town property.

> Masks are no longer mandatory, but encouraged for staff members.

Council will be readdressing the vaccina-



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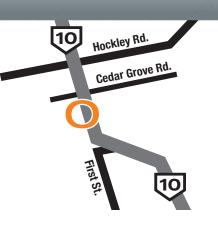
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LDD moth outbreaks could decline in Dufferin this year: CVC

Written By Paula Brown Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

As warmer spring weather arrives in Dufferin County, residents might find their trees home to a reappearing pest.

The Ontario Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (NDMNRF) is predicting an increase in population of the Lymantria dispar dispar (LDD) moth, also known as the spongy moth, across the province this year.

"That's largely due to the fact that there northern and eastern Ontario that are in tree health and mortality can happen. year one or two of an outbreak," said Bryana McLaughlin, coordinator of the invasive spread out over all the trees, but as you species and habitat structure programs for can imagine in urbanized areas or people's the Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVC). "They're expecting that those areas the trees are experiencing are a lot higher LDD moth egg masses before they hatch. will expand for most of the CVC watershed and probably into Dufferin County."

While a population increase is predicted for across the province, in Dufferin County the population could possibly be on a decline as areas enter year three to four of an outbreak of the tree pest.

every single area is going to see a decrease, CVC watershed, which includes the southwe're noticing that the egg mass numbers ern most part of Dufferin County. These are quite patchy, at least across the CVC watershed when we did our surveys at the fungus that infects the moth, their eggs end of 2021. There are some areas where being preyed upon and natural predators. the egg mass numbers were extremely light high," said McLaughlin.

moth, following a recent name change, is a expecting minimal decline in egg mass due naturalized invasive species that eats the to the cold. leaves off of trees sometimes completely to defoliation. The insect species was brought didn't see that sustained cold period such to Canada as part of the silk trade and later as -20 degrees Celsius for a couple of weeks escaped to the natural environment. Spikes in a row. The reason the cold kills LDD is in population of the moth occur around because when it gets too cold the eggs every seven to ten years, and it is during freeze so if they're below snow cover or on



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are some areas on large swaths in sort of three to five years, that problem in declining hatch being buffered a little from the tem- LDD moth will seek shelter in the burlap

"In large forests, the impact kind of gets backyards, or in parks, the stresses that with drought, compaction, salts, and heat stress," said McLaughlin.

She added, "Another major stressor for death in these types of areas."

"Now, that doesn't necessarily mean that LDD moth population in pocket areas of the signs include the presence of the virus and

Climate change and milder winters and select pockets where they were fairly has played a contributing factor in LDD moth outbreaks, and despite what felt The LDD moth, also known as the spongy like a colder winter, McLaughlin said they

"Although the weather did get cold, we these spikes, which typically last between the side of a warm building those will still

Upper Grand District School Board launching learning recovery initiatives

Written By Paula Brown Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB) is launching a new three-part program to support students in elementary and secondary schools.

The Ministry of Education announced in February that it would be providing funding to school boards to support learning recovery initiatives

The UGDSB was allocated just under \$4



dents struggling with their current courses. The second phase of the plan will take million through the Ministry's Priorities place over the summer with a literacy/nuand Partnership Funds (PPF) which will meracy camp for elementary students and go towards summer programming, read- courses on summer learning strategies for

perature. We're expecting that there prob- and will make it easy to pick them off. ably will be some that were killed by the

able to take early precautions to remove said McLaughlin.

maples, willows and poplar, and also prefer the edges of the forest. warmer areas such as slopes, higher elevaseveral years in a row can cause a lot of tree tion, and areas with rolling or hilly terrain.

McLaughlin noted that there are specific home to the LDD moths include removsigns occurring to suggest the decline in ing the egg masses by scraping them from said McLaughlin.

areas such as trees, patio furniture, houses, and garages between the end of October to early April, and putting them in a container of soapy water for a couple days before disposing of.

McLaughlin added that people have used shock vacuums as an innovative way to remove the eggs from the tree quickly.

If you don't remove the eggs before they hatch another way to remove the LDD moth is banding the trees with a folded length of burlap between May and July.

McLaughlin said the caterpillars of the

"Both methods, especially when you cold, but not all of them," said McLaughlin. do them together, can be pretty effec-As we enter early April, residents will be tive in protecting individual trees,"

For those with larger property are for-LDD moths prefers trees such as oaks, ested areas it is recommended to focus on

"We've noticed significant differences when we're doing our surveys that the Tips for residents that find their trees edges of the forest are a lot harder hit than say the interior of the forest property,"

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ing intervention programs, and student secondary students. success initiatives.

ing gaps caused by the pandemic.

highest needs as a result of the learning in secondary schools. disruption caused by the pandemic, with a focus on literacy and numeracy needs," said the board.

The first phase of the plan is set to begin this spring and will run until the end of the these programs through examining student current school year.

schools providing a reading intervention greatest needs. program led by qualified teachers, while secondary schools will have support for stu- ilies if the additional support is available.

The final and third phase of the plan will The UGDSB is launch a phased plan fo- begin on September 1 and run until Decemcused on student success and intervention ber 31. This phase of the plan will once to provide support to students facing learn- again see a reading intervention program in elementary schools and support for stu-"The plan will focus on students with the dents struggling with their current courses

> The UGDSB said each phase of the plan will use a blended approach of both in-person and virtual opportunities.

Students will be selected to participate; in achievement data, which the school board The first phase includes elementary said will help identify students with the

Schools will reach out to students or fam-



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From another angle?

There is a famous study from the Second World War that is used in some places to show why looking at a problem from a different angle will sometimes provide the solution.

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That study may also provide answers to some modern problems when examined from a different viewpoint.

During the war, the Allied Bomber Command began a study to determine where their aircraft were most vulnerable to attack and damage from enemy planes.

When a bomber returned from a mission, they noted all the bullet strikes and made a record of them.

After putting a lot of data together, they mapped out the most likely places an aircraft would receive bullet hits.

The wing tips and fuselage had the most damage so they started a new plan of placing more armour on those parts of the aircraft to protect it and the crew from enemy bullets. It seemed to make sense – at first.

However, one man involved in the pro-

gram examined the situation and had a startling revelation about the facts in the study.

He noted that they were studying only the

aircraft that had returned safely, although damaged from a mission, while ignoring the bombers that had been lost.

He reasoned that if an aircraft was shot down, it was those aircraft that should be studied, not the ones that had returned.

He was right. They realized that the blank spots on their aircraft damage reports that showed no bullet strikes, would indicate the places that an aircraft that had been shot down had received enough damage to drop it from the sky.

They quickly reversed their way of thinking and started placing the extra armour on those areas that showed no bullets strikes on returning aircraft.

This way of thinking has since been referred to as 'survivorship bias.' It is the error of concentrating on the people or things that made it past some selection process while overlooking those that did not.

A typical example may be when examining school grades. If a number of students presented their high school grades to a university during the admission process, and three out of five of those students with exceptional grades came from the same high school, the thought may be that the high school provides some kind of superior education.

However, when you look at it from a different angle, it turns out it just happens to be a much larger high school than the others so the odds of having more students with good grades is higher.

This way of looking at things from a different angle may explain a lot of things about modern society and why some things may seem more prevalent than they used to be.

I recall being in a museum on a school trip and the teacher pointing out a mannequin wearing a suit from the late 1800s. The teacher noted how small the suit was and told us that people were a lot shorter back then.

Well, there may be some truth to that, as the average height at that time was slightly shorter than today, however there were a lot of cowboys well over six feet tall who would have been considered giants at the time if the average height was only 5' 2". But history does not note people over six feet tall being unusually large.

I did some research with a museum on

FROM THE SECOND ROW this topic. It turns out that many items of clothing in museums are a of a small size – not

BRIAN LOCKHART

because everyone at the

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time were short by today's standards – but because the clothes worn by average sized people would have been purchased, worn, then finally discarded, while smaller sizes just happened to be less saleable, left over, and made their way to museum collections.

If you look at the museum clothing with just one view, it seems people were all very short – but when you look at it from a different angle, things are really much different.

This way of thinking may provide a clue as to why some things seem to be more prevalent than they were in the past.

If you've ever wondered why some things seem to occur more now, than they did in the past, it might be that the way of diagnosing problems and issues has taken a different angle of approach and made them more identifiable than they once were.

It's an interesting way of thinking but it might solve a lot of problems or at least broaden the spectrum of how we view the world.

Is war in their blood?

The geopolitical views of my grandmother, Florence O'Driscoll, could have been summed up in seven words: 'The Germans Have War in their Blood'. Even as a child I suspected that the world must be more complicated than that, but I never contradicted her. She came by those views the hard way.

Most Irish Catholics of her time hated England, but she reserved her hatred for Germany because half the young men she had known were killed in the First World War. She had to make sense of why Newfoundlanders were being killed by Germans thousands of kilometres from home, and that was her answer.

During the Second World War she ran a boarding house where naval officers on the North Atlantic convoy run stayed between trips. The only surviving baby picture shows me in the lap of a young Canadian lieutenant who was dead less than a month later, torpedoed by a U-boat right outside the harbour-mouth. Germans again. She never forgave them. She was wrong, of course, and nobody talks about the Germans like that nowadays. Well, some Russians still do, but a lot of people in the West are in the process of transferring that slander to the Russians themselves. They now believe – largely

thanks to the invasion of Ukraine – that it's the Russians who have war in their blood.

What dragged this growing conviction out into the light was Joe Biden's unfortunate remark that Russian President Vladimir Putin "cannot remain in power." That was widely interpreted as an incitement to regime change in Moscow, which would be a good idea but is not a permissible comment in terms of international diplomatic discourse.

The White House duly issued denials that Biden was threatening to overthrow Putin, and the news cycle moved on to the next topic. However, public discussion of the possibility that Putin might be toppled has raised a different and more fundamental question: would getting rid of Putin actually make any difference?

There are doubtless another dozen peo-

what he chooses to do with it, is that a large and powerful portion of Russian society actively likes what he does."

"Putin assessed what would make him a popular leader and set about doing it. The bloody trail of conflict he has drawn from Moscow through Georgia, Syria and Ukraine...is inherent to his pitch to his constituency, both at the top of Russia's economic, military and political establishments and to the man and woman on the street."

In other words, the Russians have war in their blood.

Even the polls say so. In a telephone survey two weeks ago by Lord Ashworth Polls, 76% said that they supported the 'special military operation' in Ukraine, 81% said it was necessary to protect Russian security, and 85% had a favourable view of Vladimir Putin. The numbers are untrustworthy, of course: would you always tell the truth to a stranger ringing up out of the blue and asking dangerous questions? It was also striking that a majority of the youngest age group (18-24-year-olds) actually opposed the war, so there's some hope there if you want it. But a clear majority of Russians strongly back the invasion of Ukraine. The Russians are deluded, but it's a deluOUR WORLD TODAY sion that has struck almost all the former

powers after they lost their empires. You

might call it 'post-im-

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colonial



perial muscle memory', like the phantom sensation that an amputated leg is still there even after it's gone. It generally involves several foredoomed wars.

The peak period for this was 1950-1975, when the French, the British and the Portuguese each fought several futile wars to hang on to their colonies, or at least to ensure that 'friendly' regimes inherited power after independence: Algeria and Vietnam; Kenya and Cyprus; Angola and Mozambique.

The Russian empire died much later (1991), partly because it was a land empire,

ple writing articles about this right now, but the first one to catch my attention was in the 'i', the London paper which claims to be for "lapsed readers of quality newspapers." Its title was 'Getting rid of Putin is not the answer – this runs deeper', and it is fairly representative of its kind.

It was written by Mark Wallace, chief executive of the ConservativeHome blog, who asserts that "the uncomfortable truth behind (Putin's) retention of power, and with lots of Russians settled in all the colonies, and partly because it pretended not to be an empire for its last seventy years, calling itself the Soviet Union instead. So most Russians don't even grasp the connection with decolonisation elsewhere.

But it is really the same transitory phenomenon, with the same inevitable outcome. The Russians don't really have war in their blood permanently. No more than everybody else does, anyway.

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Dufferin man helping transport animals out of shelled areas in Ukraine, rescues lion over the weekend

Written By Sam Odrowski

A Mono resident and business owner is helping transport animals out of Ukrainian particularly around the red zones, but it's not cities that are actively under attack by Russia. what he expected.

Since arriving in Ukraine two weeks ago, Centre, has been dropping off supplies and or are stuck in shelled animal shelters.

lion out of the Kiev Zoo, with the not-for- ground here - very different." profit organization Breaking the Chains, who he's been working with. Kooner noted zoo and the lion likely won't be the last nately from Odesa, Mauripol and Kiev. one they transport out, as Russian forces continue to attack Kiev.

There's going to be a few more exotic ani- ing in from Australia. mals, but they're a little bit more of a process to get out," said Kooner, during an over the getting more teams on the ground. We just phone interview on Tuesday (March 29). "We purchased two more vehicles, so we're able have to deal with permits and custom-made to get more extraction teams out there in cages, and bringing in specialized vets to sedate the animals. and all of that. It's an expensive process but we're getting [out] any animal that we can."

Kooner's operating from the Romania bor- until the Russian invasion is over if they der and estimates over 1,000 dogs have been complete the construction. safely transported out of Ukrainian war zones since he got there, with the help of several non-profit groups.

"I've joined up with quite a few really amazing organizations," he noted. "We've got a bunch of ex-military guys, and they go into the red zone to transport out the animals. We've been into Kiev, Mauripol, and Odesa. [The ex-military] guys go into the occupied cities, and they're doing a combination of resupplying [animal shelters] and getting as many of the shelter dogs out as possible."

Kooner said when it's safe he goes into the "red zones", which are areas being shelled or under Russian attack, but it is mostly the ex-military members of Breaking the Chains who go in since they have the appropriate training.

"They go in and get dogs out," he told the Free Press. "There was a shelter that was bombed in Kiev, and 15 dogs died, but there was another 140 that survived. We were able to bring out 42 dogs, the ones that needed more care, and then we resupplied them."

Kooner's working with registered charities and pet rescues at the border, who transfer the animals he brings to pet sanctuaries in Romania, after they receive veterinarian care.

"The goal is to essentially get them adopted out in Europe, and then certain countries can bring them in too, like Canada, U.K," Kooner said.

In addition to Breaking the Chains, who spearheaded the lion rescue, other organizations Kooner is working with to get animals out of dangerous areas include DogBus, War Dogs, and Laika Animal Rescue.

very different than what you actually find here," Kooner added.

He said it's still very dangerous and scary,

"It's not what we see in the media - we only Nishan Kooner, owner of 10 and 10 Garden see burnt out tanks and blown-up buildings and hospitals being attacked, but the peotransporting pets who have been abandoned ple here are trying to live their normal lives as well as fight a war," Kooner told the Free Over the weekend, he helped transport a Press. "It's just a very different feeling on the

In a country of 44 million, the United Nations says 10 million people have fled their they've been rescuing other animals at the homes due to the Russian invasion, predomi-

> Meanwhile, more people are joining Kooner's team each day, with some volunteers join-

"The team's expanding quite a bit, we're Ukraine," he said.

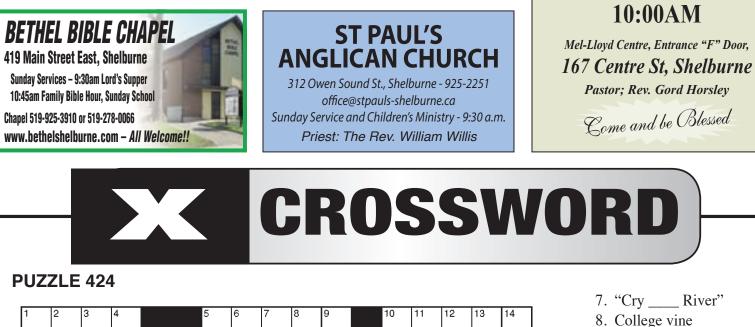
Kooner is currently working with the owner of an incomplete shelter in Romania who is allowing volunteers to use it

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SAVING THE PUPS: Owner of 10 and 10 Garden Centre, Nishan Kooner holds up one of the puppies he recently transported out of Ukraine.

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Meanwhile, plans changed quickly for Kooner when he touched down in Ukraine.

He was initially hoping to provide humanitarian aid in addition to aid for animals who have been caught in the middle of the Russia-Ukraine conflict, since it started on Feb. 24.

"When I got here, it's a whole different scenario on the ground," Kooner noted. "There are tons of humanitarian organizations here helping the people, but not a lot for the animals, especially with what we're doing resupplying these shelters, so they can survive another month or two."

He added, "There's not a lot of people doing what we do, so my goal has completely shifted from more of a universal care type of ethic to just taking in all the strays."

In addition to transporting dogs out of dangerous areas, resupplying affected animal rescues in Ukraine is an important part of Kooner's mission.

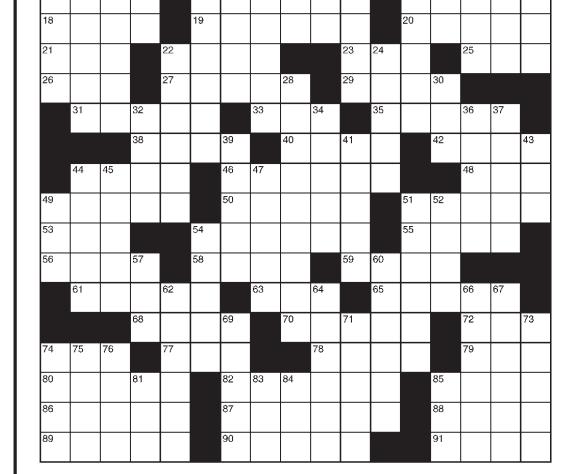
"They're not getting water [at the shelters] and a lot of times hydro's cut off," he said. "It's been cold at night here without hydro and water and heat. It has been an issue."

Being on the ground in Ukraine, Kooner said one thing the mainstream media and social media coverage of the war is missing is the scale of it.

"It's not okay over here, but like 80 per cent of Ukraine is still operating normally," he noted. "From what we see in the media, what we expect to come see here is some sort of post-apocalyptic world, and it's really not that. Eighty per cent of this country is operating like nothing's going on, and 20 per cent is under siege."

"It's just the way it's reported at home is





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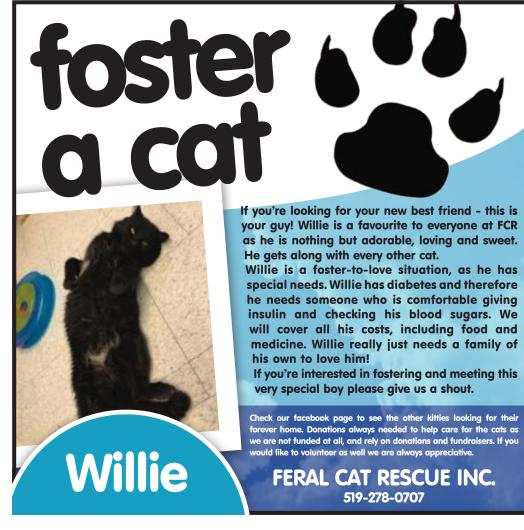
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HOCKEY ACTION: The Honeywood Hurricanes U11 LL2 team host the Midland Centennials for game one of the final series of the Georgian Bay Triangle Local League playoffs at Honeywood arena on Thursday, March 24. The Hurricanes are undefeated for the season and now lead the final series 1-0 after leaving the ice with a 6-1 win.



trict standings.

Honeywood U11 LL2 Hurricanes undefeated for the season

Written By Brian Lockhart

team are poised to win a championship came back it was time to really learn how after going undefeated for the season and to play the game. We lost all of January as winning the first game of the Georgian well as two weeks before Christmas." Bay Triangle Local League final series.

The final series is a race for four points together on the ice. with teams getting two points for a win and a single point for a tie.

nents, the Midland Centennials, in game who thinks they can do it all. We've had one of the final series on Thursday, March lots of improvement over the year. I'm 24, on home ice in Honeywood.

It has been a stellar season for the Hon- work hard." eywood U11 team. They are undefeated after 23 games. They took one tie earlier in wood LL2 without mentioning forward, the season and have 45 points for the year. Brayden Foulds.

They have outscored their opponents by a wide margin with 159 goals for, during and leads the Georgian Bay Triangle in the season - that averages out to seven points. goals per game - while allowing only 50 goals against.

"We're fortunate because almost all of coach Drew Foulds of that fact that the results not available at press time. team managed to gel so quickly early in have kids that have never played hockey March 31.

before. It's just one of those things where we teach them to work hard. With the pan-The Honeywood Hurricanes U11 LL2 demic we lost so much ice time. When we

Foulds said the team works well

"They play as a team, there's no individual players," Drew said. "They play as The Hurricanes won 6-1 over their oppo- a team, there's not one individual player really proud of them because they really

You can't speak about the U11 Honey-

Brayden has had an outstanding year

He has scored 128 goals, has 24 assists, and has 152 points for the season so far.

Game two of the final series took place these kids go to school together," said in Midland on Tuesday, March 29, with

If the series returns for game three, it the season. "It's definitely a bonus. We will be at Honeywood arena on Thursday,

CDDHS senior boys compete in District 4 championship

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Centre Dufferin District High School the fifth spot. Royals senior boys' basketball team will be going to the District 4 championship after playoff tournament. finishing in the number two spot in the Dis-

Due to current pandemic cautions, it was a shortened regular season this year. Teams other semi-final game. were scheduled for two tournament days rather than a regular season schedule.

The first day of basketball got underway District 4 teams.

The Royals gave up a 29-23 loss to Westside Secondary School from Orangeville in their first game of the day.

ing the court with a 70-25 win over Emman-tournament games.

in second place, Emmanuel in third, Erin in fourth place, and Wellington Heights in

The teams will now meet for a one-day

The Royals will meet Emmanuel in the semi-finals.

Westside will be up against Erin in the

The two winners will meet for the District 4 championship.

The championship tournament will take on March 10, in Orangeville with the five place on Thursday, March 31, with the venue not available at press time.

Juniors

The District 4 junior boys schedule was They rebounded in the second game, leav- also short three games played over two



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uel Christian High School from Fergus.

ment day on Monday, March 28, with a full Orangeville. day of games scheduled to be played in the gym at Centre Dufferin.

The Royals were up against Erin District and left with a 49-30 win.

At the end of tournament play, West-

The CDDHS juniors did well on the first The teams returned for a second tourna- day of the tournament held at Westside in

> In their first game they won 47-34 over Emmanuel Christian High School.

The second game of the day saw the High School. The CDDHS team played well Royals leave the court with a 60-27 win over Westside.

The District 4 championship final game is side was in first place. Centre Dufferin is slated to be played on Thursday, March 31.

OMHA introduces new format for hockey championships

Written By Brian Lockhart

cial championships this year.

OHMA executive introduced the meaningful hockey going into March.

Leading up to the OMHA championnew league championships in each area.

qualifying showdowns to see who move on to compete for the Red Hats. The Red take place over three weekends. Those Hats remain the ultimate minor hockey weekends are March 24 to 27, April 1 to goal for players in Ontario.



egories of teams playing within that league. This process was used for the purpose of The Ontario Minor Hockey Association determining the number of teams within has announced a new format for provin- each tier compared with the over- all number of teams in other areas.

This determined the number of teams changes to have playing involved in more that each league would send to the OMHA championships.

The league standings and the perforship weekend, there will be important mance of the individual team determines which tier teams will compete at for an League playoffs will now be regional OMHA championship.

The 2022 OMHA championships will 3, and April 8 to 10. Five locations have At the beginning of the season, each been chosen to host the championships. league was assigned a tier based on the cat- They include Barrie, Kingston, Oakville, Whitby, and Windsor.

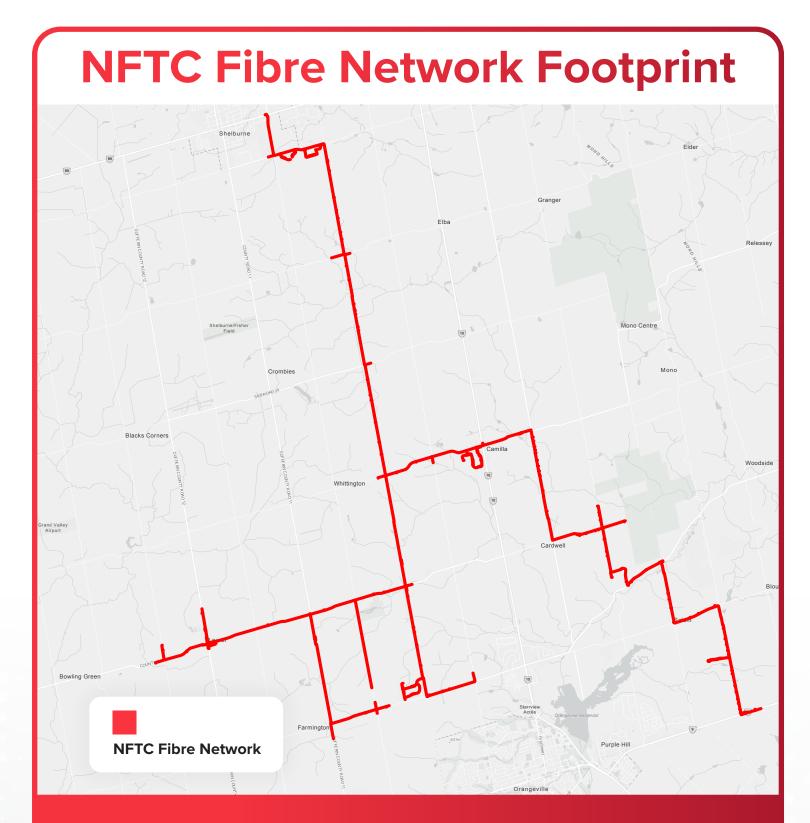
Round-robin play will occur on the first to days, with the semi-finals and championships being decided on the Sunday of each weekend. Consistent game-play formats will be followed at the U14 and below level, and the U15 and above level, regarding period lengths and floods.

"Our players, parents and volunteers have endured so much during the pandemic. We have been planning this for months and believe this is a great way to give them something special to look forward to and to ensure all our participants can be involved in more meaningful hockey right up to March and beyond," said Ian Taylor, Executive Director of the OMHA.

The new format has been designed to removed elimination style series and have more teams playing during the year for a longer period of time.



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Dufferin man helping transport animals out of shelled areas in Ukraine, rescues lion over the weekend

there with veterinary care and everything, rejoined with their families." so we'll be completing that shelter, and then we'll be operating all these volunteer to prepare 10 and 10 Garden Centre for the have put a dent in this issue. It's going to be groups together. Then we have our own spring season. secure facility where we can bring dogs out, house them, treat them and get them for a few weeks, but as soon as possible,

"There's spots for almost 1,000 dogs adopted," Kooner said. "I want to get them he'll return to Ukraine to continue providing tions on the ground in Europe, but money

Next week he'll be heading back to Mono

Kooner said he'll likely be back in town

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aid indefinitely.

"Even when this war is over, we won't said Kooner. a really long rebuilding effort," he noted.

to join Kooner when he returns, so he might satellite phones. be coming back to Ukraine with a small team of area residents.

"People are seeing what I'm doing and if I said. "This is not something you just have to vEIAkrJNYhNvEI sit back and watch, you can help."

donations from humanitarian organiza- about his efforts in Ukraine.

is needed for the purchase of equipment,

Some of the items he needs funds to purchase include gas masks, bullet proof There are a few people locally who want vests, helmets, night vision goggles, and

> Gas is another major expense as diesel is just under \$3 a litre in Ukraine.

The best way to help is through moncan do it there's no reason other people can't etary donations, which can be sent to either. They can help with resources or help Kooner through his online fundraiser: fnd. with manpower. Everybody can help." he us/11xoQ0?ref=ab_8B6NRb_sh_AkrJNYhN-

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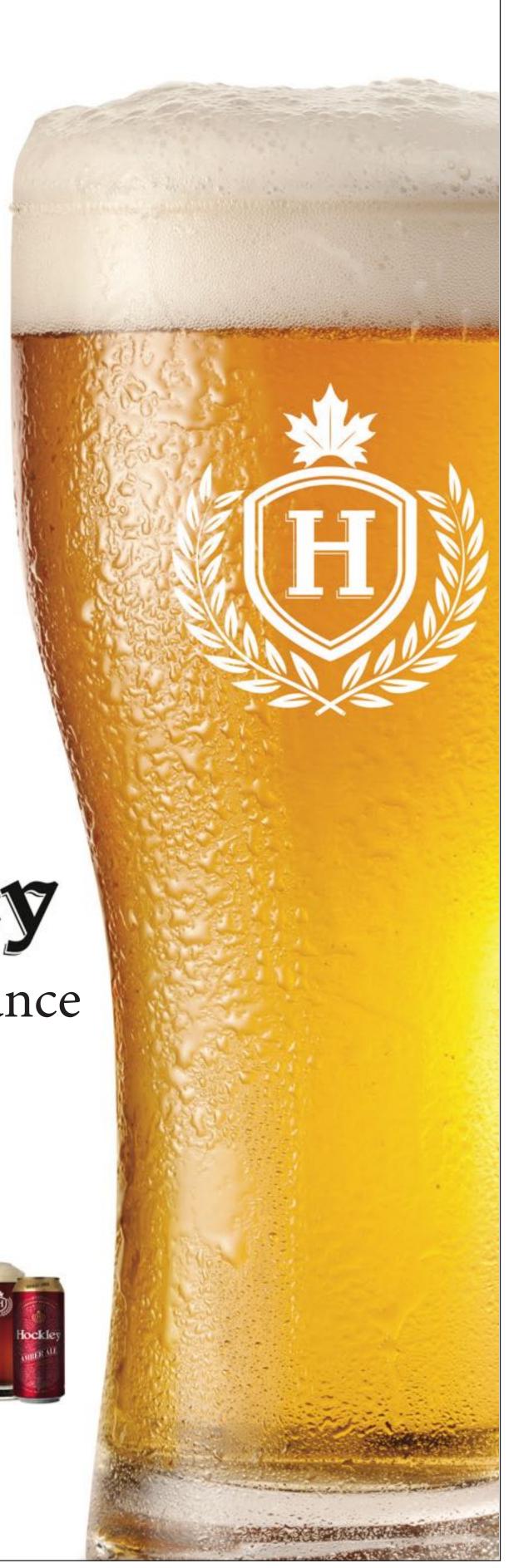
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