



Happy Canada Day Dufferin-Caledon!

We have much to celebrate here in Dufferin-Caledon, as we mark Canada's 155th birthday.

Life has been slowly, but surely returning to normal following more than two very difficult and immensely challenging years. Despite this, our community has emerged stronger because of the care and compassion we witnessed through simple acts of kindness, as well as the outstanding efforts of many extraordinary community heroes and community groups.

On Canada Day, we come together to celebrate this strong sense of community in Dufferin-Caledon and what it means to be Canadian, which includes our shared values of mutual respect, equality, and peace. We also pride ourselves on being a welcoming, compassionate, and inclusive country. We embrace our differences and believe they make us stronger and more united, which is one of many reasons Canada is simply the best country in the world!

Canada Day is also a time to celebrate our rich culture, history, achievements, and our land. Canada's natural heritage is unparalleled, as is its people. This Canada Day, reconnect with old friends and make some new friends too by attending any of the fantastic Canada Day community events taking place across Dufferin-Caledon.

***See inside for details on how to
win a large Canadian flag!***

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Enter to Win a Large Canadian Flag!



Hopefully you've received my Canada Day newsletter by now, which includes a Canadian flag poster on the inside to help with your Canada Day celebrations. I would also like to invite you to participate in my 2nd annual **Canada Day contest** for my constituents who proudly display their flag poster and post a photo of it to Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter along with the hashtag **#CanadaDayDC22**



Here are some examples of a few constituents who proudly displayed their flag poster in 2021. Hopefully these photos may inspire you. I can't wait to see the creative ways you display this year's paper flag.

Contest entrants will have an **opportunity to win one of five 3'x 6' Canadian flags** from my office. Winners will be selected by random draw. If you don't use social media, no problem. You can still participate by e-mailing the photo of your flag poster at kyle.seeback@parl.gc.ca

No matter how you decide to celebrate this wonderful holiday and our magnificent country, show your Canadian pride and everything it represents to you on July 1st.

Happy Canada Day Dufferin-Caledon!



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Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Recognizing Community Service in Dufferin-Caledon

Nominate a Community Champion Today!

Do you know an unsung hero in our community who's made Dufferin-Caledon a better place through their selfless service? If so, let me know. This fall, I will be recognizing **70 community champions** with a commemorative Platinum Jubilee lapel pin to recognize their exceptional contributions to our community.

In honour of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's 70 years of loyal service and unwavering dedication to Canada, I want to recognize constituents who also dedicate themselves to community service and in doing so, make our community and country a better place.

You can help me with this initiative to celebrate these community champions by sending me a message which includes the following:

- The full name of the resident of Dufferin-Caledon you wish to nominate for the Platinum Jubilee lapel pin;
- A brief summary of their contributions to our community, including the name(s) of the local organization(s) where they've volunteered their time;
- The impact of their efforts on our community; and
- Your name and contact information, including your telephone number (in case I need to contact you for more information)

Your nomination of a local community champion can be sent to me by e-mail at kyle.seeback@parl.gc.ca and must be received by **August 15, 2022**.

In the fall, I will host an event where 70 of Dufferin-Caledon's community champions will be recognized for their outstanding service during a special ceremony at which time, they'll receive their Platinum Jubilee lapel pin.

Please send me your nominations today and help me honour those who go above and beyond to serve our community and country.



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ROCKING AND ROLLING: Leisa Way and her Wayward Wind Band perform 'Rock n' Roll Is Here To Stay' show at Fiddle Park on Sunday (June 26) to kick off the Shelburne Rotary Club's HMF Concert Series.

HMF Concert Series holds first show over weekend

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

Rock n' Roll made its way to Shelburne this past weekend.

The Rotary Club of Shelburne kicked off the 2022 HMF Concert Series at Fiddle Park on Sunday (June 26) with Leisa Way and her smash hit concert 'Rock n' Roll Is Here to Stay'.

The largest fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Shelburne, Sunday's concert focused on raising funds to help address food scarcity within the community.

"It feels great to see the support and it means a lot to everybody to know that people are showing up, coming out, and giving support," said Bobbi Ferguson, co-president of the Shelburne Rotary Club. "For us it means everything because a hundred per cent of the money we raise goes to our initiatives."

Around 40 cars and 30 patrons seated in

lawn chairs jammed out and danced along to the live music at Fiddle Park.

Patron Christine Tovey was a returnee of the HMF Concert Series, having seen Way perform her show 'Rhinestone Cowgirl, A Tribute to Dolly Parton' last summer.

"We came last year to it and really enjoyed it so we decided to come back again. Leisa is very good with all to different characters," said Tovey.

Starting the show with the 1950s when the genre of rock n' roll got its names, Leisa Way and her Wayward Wind Band (Fred Smith, Bobby Prochaska, Bruce Ley, Tyler Check and Don Reid) over two-hours explored the greatest hits and the stories behind them. The concert featured hits from Buddy Holly, Elvis, Chuck Berry, Freddie Mercury and Queen, Fleetwood Mac, Linda Ronstadt, Backman Turner Overdrive, The Who and many more.

During the intermission of the show, Way spoke with the Free Press about making the

return to the HMF Concert Series after her performance last year.

"It's pretty phenomenal to see people enjoying themselves," said Way.

She also noted the opportunity to lend her support to help raise donations for food scarcity, an issue she recalled bearing witness to during her recent concerts up north.

"Right near the theatre there was a good Samaritan centre and every day there were hundreds of people lined up – it was shocking to see," said Way. "So, to be able to do something through what we love, sharing our gifts while helping people it feels good. Our goal it that people's hearts and spirits are lifted up so if that can also help people that are having difficulties, especially during this time, it's a double gift."

The next HMF Concert Series event is on August 5 with Alberta's country sensation Dan Davidson performing at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex (CDRC).

MPP Sylvia Jones appointed health minister, deputy premier

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

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones is Ontario's newest Health Minister.

Premier Doug Ford unveiled his 30-person cabinet last Friday (June 24) during his swearing-in ceremony at Queen's Park as the 26th premier of the province. Jones is taking over the role of minister of health from Christine Elliott, who did not seek re-election.

Jones was also named deputy premier.

"We're ready to unite behind a positive

vision. Ready to unite behind a plan for the future of Ontario," said Ford. "I truly believe, I feel it in the bottom of my heart, that this is the government that must represent everyone."

Following her swearing-in Jones released a statement via Twitter:

"It is my true privilege to become Ontario's Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. I am deeply grateful to Premier Ford for this honour and to Minister Elliott for seeing this portfolio so successfully through some of our province's hardest day.

"I look forward to continuing to build

hospitals, grow our talented healthcare workforce, and improve access to world class health care across Ontario. Here's to the next chapter."

Jones will now be responsible for handling the largest ministry while the province continues to deal with two plus years of the COVID-19 pandemic and the effects it left on the health care system, including a shortage of registered nurses.

Jones, who is serving her fifth consecutive term at Queen's Park, previously held the role of solicitor general.

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Melancthon Day celebrates 169th anniversary of township's founding

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

Residents of Melancthon celebrated the 169th anniversary of the township this past weekend with their annual Melancthon Day park party.

Community members gathered at Horning's Mills Community Park on Saturday (June 25) to enjoy a fully day of festivities including a barbecue, kid activities, live music from Gary Heaslip, and a first responders' competition.

"We've been derailed over the last two years so this is the first time that we've been able to all come back as a community and we're really excited to bring everybody back," said Melancthon Councillor James McLean, organizer of the event.

"We've got a really special community here and it's so important that we come together as a community and celebrate this special place that we have."

The day of events kicked off with activities for kids including a potato-sack race and an egg-spoon race.

"It's cool to see them playing games that I would play as a child and that they haven't seen before, it's really neat," said Ainsley Squirrel, who attended Melancthon Day with her husband and three children.

Six-year-old Sadie Cerson took part in the



E.M.S. SQUARES OFF: Mulmur/Melancthon Fire Department, Dundalk Fire Department, and Dufferin County paramedics compete for bragging rights in inaugural First Responders' Challenge.



PAULA BROWN PHOTOS

EGG RACE FUN: Kids take part in egg-spoon race as one of the many activities included at the Melancthon Day Park Party on June 25.

egg-spoon-race and gave her seal of approval for the game.

Speaking with the Free Press she said she was looking most forward to the bouncy castle.

The Melancthon Day Park Party also saw the first-ever First Responders' Challenge featuring members from the Mulmur/Melancthon Fire Department, Dundalk Fire Department, and Dufferin County paramedics.

The Dufferin County paramedics teams took the win in the tug-a-war contest, but it

was the Dundalk Fire Department who took home bragging rights with the shortest time in the obstacle course relay race.

The day closed out with fireworks at dusk. An annual tradition in the community, the Melancthon Day event honours and reflects the townships' long history.

Located in northern Dufferin County, the Township of Melancthon was incorporated on January 1, 1853 and consists of three Hamlets – Horning's Mills, Corbetton, and Riverview. The main occupation in the town-

ship is farming.

According to the township's website, Melancthon was the first municipality to approve and have constructed the largest wind farm in Ontario with 45 wind turbines. Melancthon Township is now home to 167 wind turbines.

"It's important to celebrate the history of this community. There's a lot of deep roots here and for many people who grew up here this community means a lot. Taking the time to all come together and celebrate, I think, is really important," said McLean.

Council agrees to public meeting following racially motivated conflicts at CDDHS

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

As the Shelburne community continues to reel from escalating 'racially motivated' incidents at the local high school, a call for a public meeting discussing the matter has been raised by members of the community.

During their meeting on Monday (June 27), Shelburne Town Council received a delegation from resident Gary Whitworth requesting a meeting between council, parents, teachers, principals, school board trustees, and the Dufferin OPP liaison to address the incidents.

"When there are children that fear for their lives and have nightmares about being shot and killed, and yes that's what they are afraid of, we as adults are at fault," said Whitworth. "Children do not see skin color it is adults who teach children that there is a difference. Words can be harmful."



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

CENTRE DUFFERIN: Shelburne's local high school saw 'racially motivated' conflicts in the final days of instruction.

Mayor Wade Mills affirmed council's support and willingness to take part in a public meeting at Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS), but also noted the need to have representatives from both the high school and the Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB) present for there to be any impact.

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—Gary Witworth, resident

"We cannot be the only player at the table and one of the most significant players at the table must be the schools and school board," said Mills. "Quick frankly, if we cannot have them at the table then I don't think we can have a constructive conversation about this incident."

At a council meeting earlier this month, Dufferin OPP Insp. Terry Ward informed council of two incidents at the local high school that had been deemed "racially motivated". At the time, Ward told council there was little the police service could do without there being a call to service.

A notice released by Centre Dufferin shortly after the initial incident confirmed that the fights at the high school were precipitated by the use of anti-black language and anti-black slurs.

Tension came to a boil, when information of a 'potential general threat' and indication

it would be carried out on the final day of instruction (June 17) resulted students being moved to virtual learning. An investigation by police and the school did not substantiate any potential threat.

The incident is being managed internally by Centre Dufferin and the UGDSB.

Shelburne's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee issued a statement during Monday's council meeting in response to the incident at the high school and growing tension within the community.

In the statement the DEI Committee said they were troubled by the incident and reject all forms of racism and discrimination. They also noted that all the details have yet to be released and that they want to be respectful to all parties involved as well as to the ongoing investigation.

"It is important that our schools remain safe, welcoming and inclusive for all of our students and staff," wrote the DEI Committee. "While significant progress has been made to strengthen our schools and community, we recognize that more work needs to be done."

The committee added they support an open and transparent investigation followed by meaningful work and recommend implementing a process to work with the school, school board, students, families, and community partners to find solutions to issues raised.

A date for a potential public meeting has not yet been determined.

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Issued June 28, 2022

At the regular Council meeting held June 13, 2022, the Council of the Town of Shelburne directed staff to give notice to surplus lands known municipally as 420 Victoria Street.

NOTICE is hereby given that, in accordance with Town of Shelburne By-law # 7-1995 - Procedures to Sell or Otherwise dispose of Real Property, The Town of Shelburne declares the current lands municipally known as 420 Victoria Street and legally described as Plan 10A Part Block A Con 3 Part Lot 32 being approximately 0.73 of an acre as Surplus Land to subsequently sell the surplus land at a future date.

420 Victoria Street has a total land area of approximately 0.73 of an acre and is zoned institutional.

A map of the subject property is provided below.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the bylaw to surplus 420 Victoria Street will be give consideration at the regular Council meeting scheduled for 6:30 pm Monday July 25, 2022. Written comments will be received by the Clerk until 2 pm on July 20, 2022.

* Note: Boundaries and area are approximate.

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GIFT OF HEARING: Michael Lindsay of Shelburne (on the right), a 2022 Gift of Hearing recipient, gets a hearing test as part of his fitting with Bridgette Parke, Hearing Instrument Specialist at Hear Well Be Well in Orangeville.

Hear Well Be Well provides free hearing aid to Shelburne man

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

After decades of struggling with hearing loss, a local man has been given the gift of hearing.

Shelburne resident Michael Lindsay was selected as one of five recipients in the province to receive their hearing aids and support services free of charge with the help of the Gift of Hearing program. He was nominated for the philanthropic program from Hear Well Be Well, by his wife Ashley.

"This is going to change my life dramatically – being able to hear again. I can stop pretending everything's okay," said Lindsay.

Lindsay first began to notice hearing loss in his early 20s and attributes it to loud music as well as his time as a drummer in a number of bands.

"I was a reckless teenager with big headphones and loud music," said Lindsay. "I was in a couple bands, playing drums, as well as studio work. Back in the day when drummers had giant speakers pointed right at them and no hearing protection."

While managing to bluff his way through conversations by learning to lip-read the best he could, eventually his hearing loss began to affect his drumming abilities.

"Where it really started to affect me was in keeping time," he stated. "My brain knew what to do and my body knew what to do, but I was missing the syncopation. When the specialists at Hear Well Be Well said you don't hear with your ears, you hear with your brain it really helped me start understanding my hearing loss."

Lindsay's family also felt the impact of his hearing loss. With four children, three of who are autistic, Lindsay often had trouble hearing them with their voices sounding like mumbles when there was background noise or certain voice tones. His wife, Ashley, would interpret for him and his children would have to change their behaviours to accommodate his hearing.

"I'll be both a better husband and better

father because I won't be so frustrated and I won't miss things," said Lindsay.

Hear Well Be Well is an independent, family-run hearing aid clinic that has been helping people with their hearing health for over 35 years. The clinic has 13 locations in Ontario serving mid-size, small, and rural communities, with one located in Orangeville at 37A Broadway.

The Gift of Hearing program has been an important part of Hear Well Be Well since 2013. The program sees recipients chosen from nominations based on their need and circumstances. Recipients are selected by an impartial committee who review all nominations before selecting the final five.

"It's important to us to give back to the communities that have supported us," said Kathleen Tiede, co-CEO of Hear Well Be Well. "Every day we see the difference it makes in people's lives when they get their hearing back."

Dr. Rasha Tawfik, a family doctor, spoke about the impacts of untreated hearing loss and how it can affect an individual's health.

"Hearing is one of the senses we use and perhaps do not appreciate the importance of, or the impact it can have on us when it deteriorates over time. One of the first tests we undergo after birth is a hearing assessment because of how vital this is for our development," said Dr. Tawfik. "When we lose our hearing, we interact less with the world around us; we may become lonely, depresses or even develop memory problem."

Selected as a recipient of Gift of Hearing, Lindsay noted how being chosen for the program will change his life for the better for years to come.

"Your hearing is the last thing you think about. There comes a time when you learn wisdom comes with age. I look at where I am in life and now know you need to look after yourself," said Lindsay. "I feel better about who I am and this is probably adding another 30 to 40 years of happy experiences for me."

Dufferin OPP welcomes new recruit

The Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) welcomed Provincial Constable Jazzlin Thompson as a recruit this week.

On June 17, 2022, PC Thompson began her first shift as a newly graduated Constable at Dufferin OPP. We are so pleased that PC Thompson chose Dufferin OPP to embark in her new career.

PC Thompson comes to Dufferin County from Muskoka, where she developed her love for the outdoors, specifically backpacking and portaging. PC Thompson has also dedicated herself to high-level, competitive hockey.

When asked why she chose policing as her profession, PC Thompson stated, "it is the profession where I can help to create change, no matter how small. Every shift is an opportunity to help someone;



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GIFT OF HEARING: Jazzlin Thompson joined Dufferin OPP on June 17.

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Rising food prices

I don't really know a whole lot about farming other than it's hard work and the population and citizens of this country depend on farmers to feed cities.

Although, I did date a farmer's daughter for about a year at one time, so that should count for something, even though she taught me absolutely nothing about plowing a field or raising cattle. I did find out that farm girls are fun to be around with good attitudes, and seem to enjoy staying in shape.

I learned quite a bit about the science of the industry when I worked for a national farming magazine on a freelance basis several years ago.

At the time, I was given all sorts of assignments on a variety of differing farming topics like why a certain herbicide would not kill some kinds of weeds and I covered news on the chicken farming segment and the cattle and pork industries.

Quite often when doing research, I couldn't find an answer. At those times I would call the University of Guelph – a university renowned for its agricultural programs – and speak to a professor there.

There were two or three professors who I routinely called for help. They were very

accommodating, friendly, and very eager to share their knowledge. These professors are experts in their field.

Most of the times when I spoke to them, they had an answer for me on the spot. Either they were already aware of a problem that was taking place in farming, or they had an immediate answer for whatever question I had.

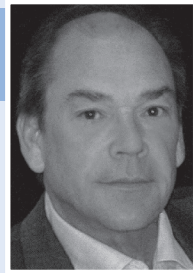
I learned a lot about the science of farming and what it takes to produce a successful crop through those professors. There's a lot more to it than planting seeds and waiting for them to grow.

Every time a plant grows, it takes nutrients from the ground – that's just basic science. Sooner or later those nutrients will be gone and you won't be able to grow anything.

At one time, a field was left fallow for a season to allow the soil to regenerate. That practice is still done in some countries.

In the west, the loss of nutrients in the soil is countered by applying fertilizer. One farmer told me that if you don't fertilize the land, you won't grow a crop – at least not the type of crop that makes a farm viable. Your yields will be low, and you'll soon be out of business.

BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW



Many Canadian farmers get their fertilizer from Russian sources. There are reasons for this, most notably the fact that Russia has the resources and production facilities to make fertilizer.

While there are notable potash producers in Canada, the other ingredients that go into making fertilizers are not as quite readily available.

As the war in Ukraine rages on, the federal government is creating sanctions to punish Russia for its militaristic endeavours. One of those sanctions is a tariff applied to Russian fertilizers.

The problem is the tariff is levied against Canadian farmers who buy the fertilizer. The Russians aren't being punished, Canadian farmers are the ones paying out an additional 35 per cent for the fertilizer to grow their crop. The idea is that if you apply a tariff against Canadian farmers, they will be forced to buy products from another market.

To make matters worse, the tariff is being backdated to apply to shipments purchased before that war even started.

No other western countries have applied a tariff to Russian fertilizer.

Sanctions are supposed to punish another

country, not your own. By charging Canadian farmers this tariff, you are adding an extra 35 per cent to their bottom line. Guess who's going to be paying that extra when those products start showing up on the grocery store shelves?

Add to that the rising cost of fuel, and you have the makings of some serious price increases when this current crop starts showing up on grocery store shelves.

During the American Civil War, William Tecumseh Sherman's march to the sea demonstrated the best way to defeat an enemy is to destroy the food supply. If you want a population to give up, cut off their food and you'll soon be in control.

However, the idea is to do it to the other guy, not your own people.

Whether Ontario farmers can find an alternate source for the majority of their fertilizers remains to be seen. Local co-ops and the farming associations are already lobbying the government for relief.

Expect to be paying more for that loaf of bread when the new crops start arriving at the mills.

Canada must combat food inflation

It wasn't a good week if you're a consumer on a tight budget – and that means most of us. Consumers are under attack.

We've just learned that Canada's food inflation rate was at a record 9.7 per cent in May. Every-one is noticing higher food prices and no section of the grocery store is immune.

What's hitting Canada is a global phenomenon; food prices aren't coming down anytime soon. The world will see a short-fall in commodity production this fall, which could push prices even higher worldwide. Supply chain issues, coupled with a new inflationary cycle triggered by the Ukrainian conflict, are impacting the food industry's ability to fill shelves.

The shift is so incredibly sharp that many vendors can't agree with grocers on pricing, pushing them to put their business on hold, as we saw with the Frito-Lay dispute with Loblaw's earlier this year. There are many stop-sells out there.

The macroeconomic picture is one thing. But some policies in Canada are just making things worse.

The Canadian Dairy Commission (CDC), a Crown corporation, believed a second milk price increase was necessary for dairy farmers. Last week, we learned that milk prices paid to farmers will rise again by

2.5 per cent, after a record increase of 8.4 per cent in February. Last winter's increase was so severe that most dairy alternatives are now priced the same as milk or lower.

The Dairy Farmers of Canada, one of the most powerful lobby groups in the country, requested another mid-year increase due to "exceptional circumstances" without telling us where the data is coming from.

To add insult to injury, the commission's decision to raise milk prices was made by a federal public body operating for several months without a full complement on its board. The board only has two members and both are in dairy farming.

Conflicts of interest are rampant at the commission, just as in politics and academia. Many Canadian university scholars aren't just researchers – they're essentially advocates for their funding agencies representing the dairy industry. The dairy boards have power and influence beyond belief. If only Canadians realized. The fact that Dairy Farmers of Canada and the Canadian Dairy Commission work as one is deeply disturbing. Canadian consumers need to be heard.

Many Canadians would empathize with dairy farmers – who face higher production costs – if only the commission would share more data.

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The lack of disclosure is very much about asking Canadians to support an inefficient dairy sector more than properly compensating farmers. And by fall, this new increase will price the dairy section at the grocery store out of the market for many consumers.

Ultimately, we stand to lose many more dairy farms as their sales decline.

The federal government is also coming forward with new labelling rules for saturated fats, sodium and sugar. Health Canada's front-of-package labelling was long overdue, and it will make our food healthier. But the new policy also aims at a key single-ingredient product that many Canadians enjoy: ground meat.

Ground beef and pork are among the most affordable sources of animal protein we have. Based on the plans we've seen, only extra-lean ground meats are exempt from the new labelling. If this goes ahead, grocers will stop carrying more affordable ground meat, making the meat counter even more expensive. It's just ridiculous.

The federal government is the consumer's worst enemy right now. It needs to think through some of these ill-timed policies that will make food even more expensive.

Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland's so-called anti-inflation plan presented recently won't do much for Canadians at the grocery store. Many of us hoped for tax breaks, anything to ease our fiscal burden, as many countries have done in recent months. But Freeland opted to make a 'microwave' announcement, basically reheating programs already in place – it's like clapping with one hand.

NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg recently said the war in Ukraine could last years. However regrettable this may be, this is what the Canadian government needs to focus on for the foreseeable future.

Farmers need help with inputs to prepare for fall, winter and next spring. The government should also become one of the world's most influential trade advocates and prevent other countries from hoarding food. More nationalistic protectionism can only make things worse.

Dr. Sylvain Charlebois is senior director of the agri-food analytics lab and a professor in food distribution and policy at Dalhousie University.

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Headwaters announces easing of some COVID-19 restrictions

Kim Delahunt, president and CEO of Headwaters Health Care Centre and Dr. Peter Cino, chief of staff and vice president of medical affairs issued the following statement on Wednesday, June 29:

“As we continue to experience a significant decrease in hospital as well as community COVID-19 infections, we are pleased to share that we will be easing some of the restrictions we have in place. These changes will be effective as of July 6, 2022.”

Moving to passive screening

“We will be moving to a passive screening model. Screeners will no longer be located at any of our entrances. Designated Care Partners are asked to self-screen before entering our facility. A Designated Care Partner is a person who has been identified by the patient or substitute decision maker, who can provide support to a patient during their visit with us (e.g. a patient under 18 years of age).”

Designated Care Partners will be not be allowed in if any of the symptoms listed below are present.

- fever



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RESTRICTIONS LOOSEN: Headwaters Health Care Centre is rolling back certain COVID-19 restrictions.

- new or unexplained cough
- unexplained shortness of breath and/or difficulty breathing
- diarrhea or vomiting
- runny nose/sneezing
- rash

“While we strongly encourage vaccinations, proof will no longer be required as a condition of entry for Designated Care Partners. Anyone seeking medical attention does not need to self-screen. You will find signage at our entrances to support this new process.”

Opening our entrances

“We will be opening the main entrance as an entrance and exit to our facility. Our Ambulatory Care entrance will change to an exit only.

Entrances to our facility are locked from 9 p.m. – 6 a.m. We ask that you enter through the Emergency Department during this time. There is an intercom system located at the main entrance if you experience any difficulty entering the hospital.”

Masking mandate remains in place

“Patients and Designated Care Partners are required to put on a hospital provided surgical mask following self-screening at entrances and wear the mask for the duration of their time in the hospital.”

Access changes for Designated Care Partners

“While we will not be moving to open visitation at this time, we do plan to further expand access for Designated Care Partners.

“All inpatients will be permitted two Designated Care Partners with the exception of end-of-life patients who are permitted

four family members with only two at the bedside at a time. For those that qualify as a Designated Care Partner, visits must be pre-scheduled by calling the inpatient unit no later than 4:30pm the day before the visit.

“All Emergency Department and Ambulatory Care patients will be permitted one Designated Care Partner.”

COVID-19 testing

“As a reminder, the COVID-19 Assessment Centre at Headwaters Health Care Centre and the

Dufferin Cold & Flu Clinic will be amalgamating and relocating to the Orangeville Pharmacy at Unit 5 – 50 Rolling Hills Drive for appointments beginning on July 4, 2022. Hospital patients coming for surgery will continue to complete pre-operative COVID-19 testing at the hospital.

“These changes are welcomed news and we are grateful to each member of our team that helped bring us to this milestone. We will continue to navigate the impacts of COVID-19 and remain ready to mobilize and ramp up our collective response if needed at any point.”

Taste of Autumn back to in-person gala, early bird tickets now on sale

Written By Sam Odrowski

A celebratory fundraiser, featuring the flavours of fall, is returning to Dufferin County with an in-person event.

The 28th Annual Taste of Autumn, held by the Rotary Club of Orangeville Highlands, has been virtual the past two years due to the pandemic, but this year it is being held at Orangeville Best Western on October 22.

The fundraiser will feature an autumn-inspired dinner prepared by Gourmandissimo

Catering, live and silent auctions, music by Old School, and an area for dancing. New to the event this year is a craft beer tasting by Orangeville’s Taphouse Brewing Co.

“It’s going to be fun,” said Lori McHenry, Rotarian and event organizer. “Bring your family and friends and colleagues.”

All of the money raised is supporting the Alzheimer Society of Dufferin, Rotary Community Choice Grants, and Disaster Response in Ukraine.

The Community Choice Grants program is a relatively new initiative, started in February of 2021, where five \$1,000 grants with no strings attached are distributed to charities in Dufferin. The charities are chosen through a community vote, where residents select their favourite non-profits and the top three who receive the most votes get \$1,000. Two other organizations that are in need of the money but less well-known are selected by the Rotary Club.

McHenry told the Free Press that the Club’s hoping to expand the program, with revenue generated through Taste of Autumn, due to the program’s success the last two years.

“We’d really like to get those grants to a bigger number,” said McHenry. “So, the more we raise with this event, the more we can give back through the Community Choice Grants.”

Funds for Alzheimer Society of Dufferin will help offset their costs to deliver programming.

The funds going to Ukraine are through the International Rotary Club, and will be given to a Rotary Club in Poland that will distribute the money to Ukrainians in need.

McHenry said by attending Taste of Autumn, you are “making a delicious difference while you support your community.”

The Taste of Autumn is a local tradition and one of the longest standing galas in Orangeville, running almost three decades.

Early bird tickets are available until August 22 at \$195 per person or \$1,560 for a table of eight. From August 23 onwards it is \$225 per person and \$1,800 per table of eight. All tickets can be found at tasteofautumn.ca.

Tickets are limited to ensure attendees are comfortable and it isn’t too crowded.

“We want to have room for people to move and mingle,” noted McHenry.

It’s important to note, the ticket price doesn’t cover the overall cost to hold the gala, so most funds are raised through the live and silent auctions, sponsors, and donations.

McHenry said she’d encourage those interested in attending the event to buy their tickets and come out, as they’ll be helping the Rotary Club of Orangeville Highlands support their community with charitable initiatives.



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TASTE OF AUTUMN LAUNCH: Members of the Rotary Club of Orangeville Highlands gather together in front of the French Press to announce the launch of tickets for the 28th Annual Taste of Autumn.

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Fun ways to celebrate Canada Day

There are so many reasons to be excited about Canada Day this year. Canada Day 2022 falls on a Friday, allowing many people to enjoy an especially long weekend fit for barbecues and general relaxation.

Canada Day, also known as Fte du Canada in French-speaking areas of the country, is celebrated each year on July 1. It marks the anniversary of Canada's Constitution Act of 1867. The holiday is celebrated across all 10 provinces and three territories.

Each province or territory will host its own events in commemoration of Canada Day. Individuals can add to the festivities with their own contributions to the celebration.

CELEBRATE CANADIAN TRADITIONS.

Explore what makes Canada so unique and incorporate those things into your celebration. Maple syrup is as Canadian as food gets, so create a maple-bacon burger for the festivities. Learn about beavers or other wildlife that is native to Canada. Explore the rules of indigenous games with children and include them in recreational activities.

PLAY HOCKEY.

Few things are as Canadian as hockey, and millions of people watch or play hockey around the world. While ice may not be covering the ground come July, enthusiasts can don their inline skates and play hockey right in the streets on Canada Day. Give out hockey-themed party favours, such as cookies or chocolates shaped like hockey pucks.

ENJOY CANADIAN DESSERTS.

Canadians have created many highly regarded foods. While poutine garners a lot of attention, Canadians also have a notorious sweet tooth. Serve Nanaimo bars, which is a Canadian-born dessert named after the city of Nanaimo, British Columbia. The bars have a



wafer, nut and coconut crumb base; custard icing in the middle; and a layer of chocolate ganache on top.

CELEBRATE CANADIAN ARTISTS. Compile a playlist of famed Canadian singers, including Justin Bieber, Neil Young, Bryan Adams, Avril Lavigne, and Shania Twain for your backyard gathering.

MAKE SAFE FIREWORKS.

Fireworks are fun to watch from afar when they are set off by professionals. For kids who want to enjoy some safe explosions, some simple science can fit the bill, courtesy of the positive parenting site OneTimeThrough. Mix 1 teaspoon of baking soda into three or four ice cube tray compartments. Fill the remaining space with

water and add four to five drops of food colouring to each. Mix until the baking soda is dissolved, then freeze. Pour white vinegar into a see-through jar to roughly 1 inch in depth. Then add cooking oil to a depth of 2 inches. Drop the ice cubes into the jars for some gas-powered pyrotechnics.

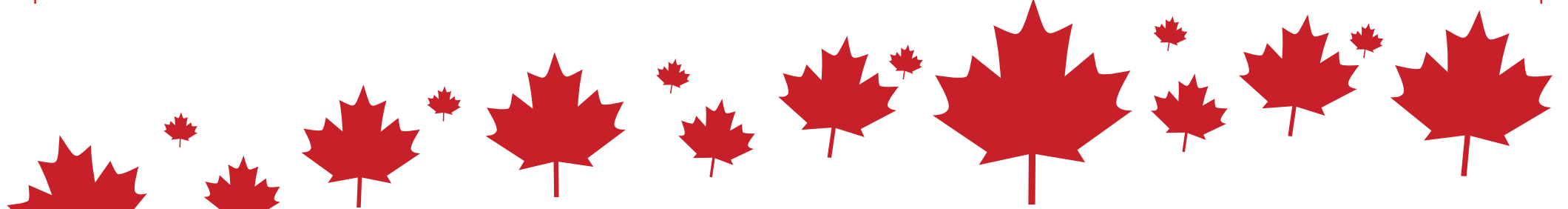
Canada Day is almost here and fun can be the name of the game when creative ideas come into play.



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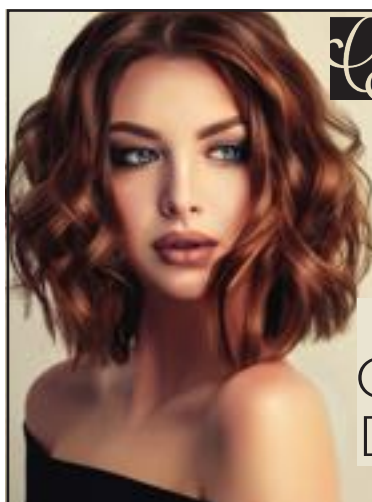
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Local celebration held for National Indigenous People's Day



CELEBRATING INDIGENOUS CULTURE: The Eagleheart Drummers and Singers closed out the National Indigenous Peoples Day celebration at the Alder Street Recreation Centre playing fields on Saturday (June 25) afternoon. They performed traditional songs, accompanied by two jingle dress dancers who danced to the drum's beat.



CRAFT CORNER: A craft area was set up by the Medicine Wheel Garden at the Alder Recreation Centre, where attendees of the celebration for National Indigenous Day made talking sticks. The Orangeville Public Library ran a station close by where there was storytelling.



TRADITIONAL DANCE: A jingle dress dancer leads a dance with attendees of the local National Indigenous Peoples Day celebration at the Alder Playing Fields on Saturday (June 25), to the beat of the Eagleheart Drummers and Singers.



BRASS AND BLUES: Larry Kurtz performed with a pianist and drummer during National Indigenous Peoples Day, providing some blues music for attendees. Other musicians who played during the celebration include Mama D and Renee Meshake.

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Orangeville Legion holding Canada Day celebrations

Written By Sam Odrowski

Canada Day is being marked with a special celebration at Orangeville's Royal Canadian Legion Branch 233, featuring music, BBQ, and bar service.

A grand attraction for children and their families will be the Orangeville Fire Department's "big rig", available for tours and photo ops, and several firefighters on hand to answer questions.

"That's always an attraction, to see some of the heavy gear that our emergency services have available and what they use," said John Harris, CD, Orangeville Legion public relation officer.

In addition to the fire truck, there will be loot bags for the youngsters who come out and a celebratory Canada Day cake to round out the festivities, compliments of the Legion.

The barbeque will feature hot dogs, hamburgers, and cold drinks at a nominal cost. The action starts at 2 p.m. at the Legion parking lot and hall on July 1.

The main thing, with an event like this, is bringing people back together to celebrate Canada as a community, said Harris.

"It's an opportunity for folks to come together, chat with each other and cele-

brate the day with the folks who carry their love of Canada to a pretty deep extent," Harris noted.

"I mean, that's what we do at the Legion. Our support of the veterans and their service to our country is the whole reason that the Legion exists at all. So, we're going to have an opportunity to share some of that knowledge and that affection with the folks in Orangeville who come and visit us."

Harris said it's important to remember and appreciate the sacrifices of those served and Canada Day is a great time to do that.

"It is an appreciation for the sacrifices of those who have gone before us," he said. "For fallen comrades, who went to a place they really didn't want to be, to do a job they didn't particularly want to do, but they went anyway and stood in front of us so that we could have the opportunity to have this kind of [Canada Day] gathering at all."

Harris said he likes to have one on one conversations with attendees to help them understand the importance of the Legion and Canada's founding.

"That's really what we're all about, is to be able to talk to people and show them

and help them understand and recognize and appreciate what Canada means to all of us," he noted.

Harris said it's hard to gauge how many people will come out to mark Canada Day with the local Legion this year, but he's hoping for around 100 to 200 attendees.

"If we do well with the numbers that's great, because it makes the celebration more fun," he told the Citizen.

Harris said he'd encourage everyone to stop by and participate in the Canada Day celebration if they can.

"If you have the opportunity, if you have the time and you're so inclined to meet with other like-minded folks, come on over," he enthused. "We'd be delighted to welcome you."

The event takes place at 2 p.m. at the local Legion tomorrow (July 1).

Big wheel chrome to shine at Orangeville Fairgrounds

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

All roads will lead to the Orangeville Fairgrounds for fans of the big rig road scooners.

The fifth annual 519 Loud N' Proud Truck Show and Shine will take place July 8-9 with judged spectator events to be held on the second day.

Trucks will be judged in more than 20 categories in the popular Show and Shine event.

Jay Henry, one of the organizers, said 187 trucks converged and parked at the Fairgrounds in the last event. He said truck fans basked in the high diesel rumble and the spit dirt of about 27 dead pull races the last go-around.

This year's drivers will be Pulling for Pink with all proceeds from the truck pulls to go to support Trucking for a Cure in the fight against breast cancer.

Henry said that's a common charitable

cause for the group. Other causes such trucking events often support include Trucking for Kids to benefit the Ronald McDonald House and various Special Olympics efforts.

While it's billed to be the fifth edition of what's dubbed an annual outing, the lot was empty the last two years. After all, certain concessions have to be made to accommodate a global pandemic.

"We're hoping to have good numbers this year," despite having been silent the last two summers, Henry said.

The 519 Loud N' Proud endeavours have enjoyed good support in previous years. Orangeville and surrounding area is typically a trucking industry hub with Highway 10 heading north and south and close access to the 400 Series of thoroughfares.

"And it's somewhat central to the other industries around trucking," Henry said.

For more information about the event, check out 519loudnproud.com



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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Single run gives Junior Cubs an edge over Orangeville Bengals

Written By Brian Lockhart

It was a lot of good defence that kept Friday (June 24) night's junior game between the Mansfield Cubs and the Orangeville Bengals to a low score.

Both teams put up a solid effort on the diamond with few errors and a lot of good hitting for the night.

Mansfield's Cody Bryan got the first hit of the night for a single in the first inning.

The Bengals were first to get on the scoreboard with a run brought in during the first inning.

It was a tie game in the second inning when Jake Armstrong singled, and that was followed by a hit to the shallow outfield by Brodie Hunter that brought a Cubs player across home plate.

Orangeville took a one run lead in the bottom of the second inning after getting men on first and third.

The Cubs were trailing by two, when they started the fifth inning.

Ben Nicholson led off with a double to

start the inning.

Cody Bryan stole home plate when a bad pitch gave him enough time for the dash from third base.

The game was again tied when Dylan Brown hit deep to centre for a double and Jake Armstrong brought him in with a hit to the field.

The Cubs managed to score again to take a one goal lead and held on for the rest of the game to leave the diamond with a 4-3 win.

"It was a very low scoring game," said Cubs' coach Lance Bryan. "The last time we played these guys it was an 18-16 game. This game was awesome to see, very few errors, very few walks. It was good baseball. It was a good clean game. Going into this game our record was 4-3, and their record was 4-3, so that gives us a little bit of an edge in the standings."

The Cubs will be back on their home diamond in Mansfield on Thursday, June 30, to host the Midland Twins.

Game time is 6:30 p.m.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

COMING IN HOT: Mansfield Junior Cubs shortstop, Ben Nicholson, covers second base and waits for the throw as an Orangeville Bengals player slides into base on a steal attempt during the first inning of their game at Princess of Wales Park in Orangeville on Friday, June 24. The Cubs came from behind to win 4-3 in well played defensive game.

Senior Mansfield Cubs win 7-4 in a fast paced game with Lisle Astros

Written By Brian Lockhart

It was a lot of good hitting and some really solid defence that gave the Mansfield Senior Cubs their win over the Lisle Astros on Wednesday (June 22) night on the diamond in Mansfield.

The Cubs started off well bringing in two runs in the first inning.

Mansfield went ahead 5-0 when Devon Caldwell hit a three-run home run over the left field fence in the second inning for a big early lead.

The Cubs had the bats moving in the third inning getting the bases loaded but they couldn't finish.

Cubs defence worked especially well in this fast past game. They shut down the Astros for three innings before the Lisle

team could score in the fifth.

Both pitchers, including Mansfield's Lance Bryan who pitched the entire game, wasted little time on the mound preferring to keep the pace of the game moving by spending little time between pitches.

It was a 5-2 game in the fifth inning when Lisle brought in two runs.

The Cubs managed two more runs in the sixth inning to take the game 7-4.

"The two pitchers who were pitching like to work quickly," said Cubs coach Emerson Pendleton about how quickly the game was played.

"We had great defence tonight. For us, I think that was the difference. They made a couple of errors and we didn't. Good defence makes those innings that much quicker; an error here and there makes it

that much longer."

The Cubs really performed well in this game and played well through all the innings.

"We're starting to hit our stride, we're starting to get warmed up," Emerson said.

He added, "Devon Caldwell's home run was the difference maker tonight. We had some solid hits to shallow field, they were

solid singles. If we stick to our thing, we'll get some wins. It was a big win for us. We're getting our confidence and hoping to make a push for one of the last playoffs spots."

The Cubs will be back on the diamond in Mansfield on Sunday, July 10, to host the Midland Mariners.

Game time is 1:30 p.m.



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SLIDE TO BASE: A Mansfield Senior Clubs player dives back to first base to avoid the tag during their game with the Lisle Astros on Wednesday, June 22. The Cubs had a solid game and left the field with a 7-4 win.

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Open house being held for County's Municipal Comprehensive Review

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Dufferin County residents and stakeholders are invited to learn more about the County's Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) through an upcoming open house event.

The County of Dufferin will be hosting the Public Open House on July 26 at the Mel Lloyd Centre – Horizon Room, located at 167 Centre Street in Shelburne, from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. The event is part of the County's efforts to increase public engagement around the MCR process.

"On May 12, 2022, Dufferin County Council approved a phased approach to the MCR process. Community and resident feedback are critical as the MCR will shape the future of the County," said Cody Joudry, director of development and tourism for Dufferin County. "This event is an opportunity for residents and stakeholders to learn more about the MCR, and the projected and allocated growth in population and employment by community. We look forward to seeing and hearing from people at the event."

Currently, Dufferin County is home to 66,000 people and according to the Province of Ontario's Growth Plan, is expected to grow to 95,000 by 2051. As a way to address the predicted growth in population, Dufferin County is working on the Municipal Comprehensive Review – a series of studies that will influence Dufferin's official plan and shape its growth for the next 30 years.

The Public Open House event will look at the findings from the Land Need Analysis report and transportation study.

The event is open to all community members and residents of Dufferin County and can be registered for by emailing planner@dufferincounty.ca. Walk-ins will also be welcomed.

EarlyON services will be available on-site during the event as well as free transportation if needed. Registration for EarlyOn or transportation services is required and can be done by emailing dmarwaha@dufferincounty.ca by July 21.

For more information on the Public Open House and the Municipal Comprehensive review visit the County's website at www.joinindufferin.com.

Results from double header weekend at the Shelburne Cricket Club

This week was a double header for the Shelburne Gladiators of the Shelburne Cricket Club (SCC).

The Gladiators had a game against the Shelburne Warriors on Saturday, June 25. It was not a great performance by the Gladiators who gave their wickets earlier on the game but managed to score a decent total of 107, thanks to Shamsheer Singh for hitting some strong boundaries.

At the end of the game, the Warriors finished the score in the 18th over.

Shamsheer Singh was named the man of the match due to his all-around performance.

The Gladiators were back at it the next day when they were up against the Shelburne Knights.

Several records were made and broken during the match.

SCC had the first ever century (100 runs) in the club with Hassan Adil scoring 104 runs.

Weylin Kapp was not far behind scoring 40 runs.

The Gladiators broke the record and

scored a total of 180 runs on the board making them the highest scoring team of the season.

Akhil Yadav, a youth player on the Knights scored 22 runs – the highest score by a youth player this season.

Gladiators broke the record and scored a total of 180 runs on the board thus making them the highest scoring team of the season so far. The Knights tried hard but were short of 76 runs. Akhil Yadav, one of the youths in Knights stepped up and scored 22 runs, the highest score made by a youth in this season so far.

Hassan Adil was declared 'man of the match' due to his action-packed century and a wicket.

Adil, a new member of the club and Sunday's man of the match said, "I am very happy to be a member of this club. The way both youth and seniors play together and support and mentor each other is worth being a part of. Hats off to the management for excellent organization of the league and a well-disciplined club"



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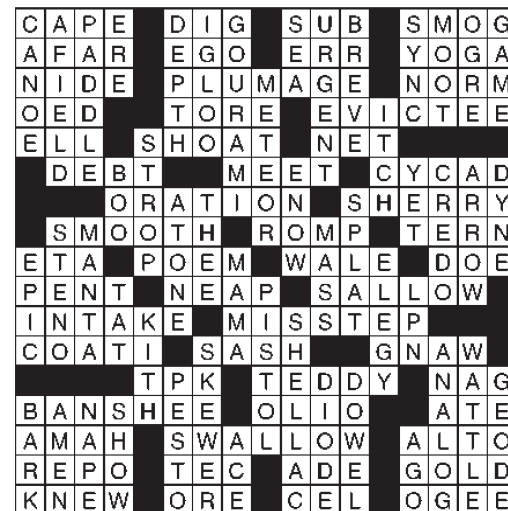
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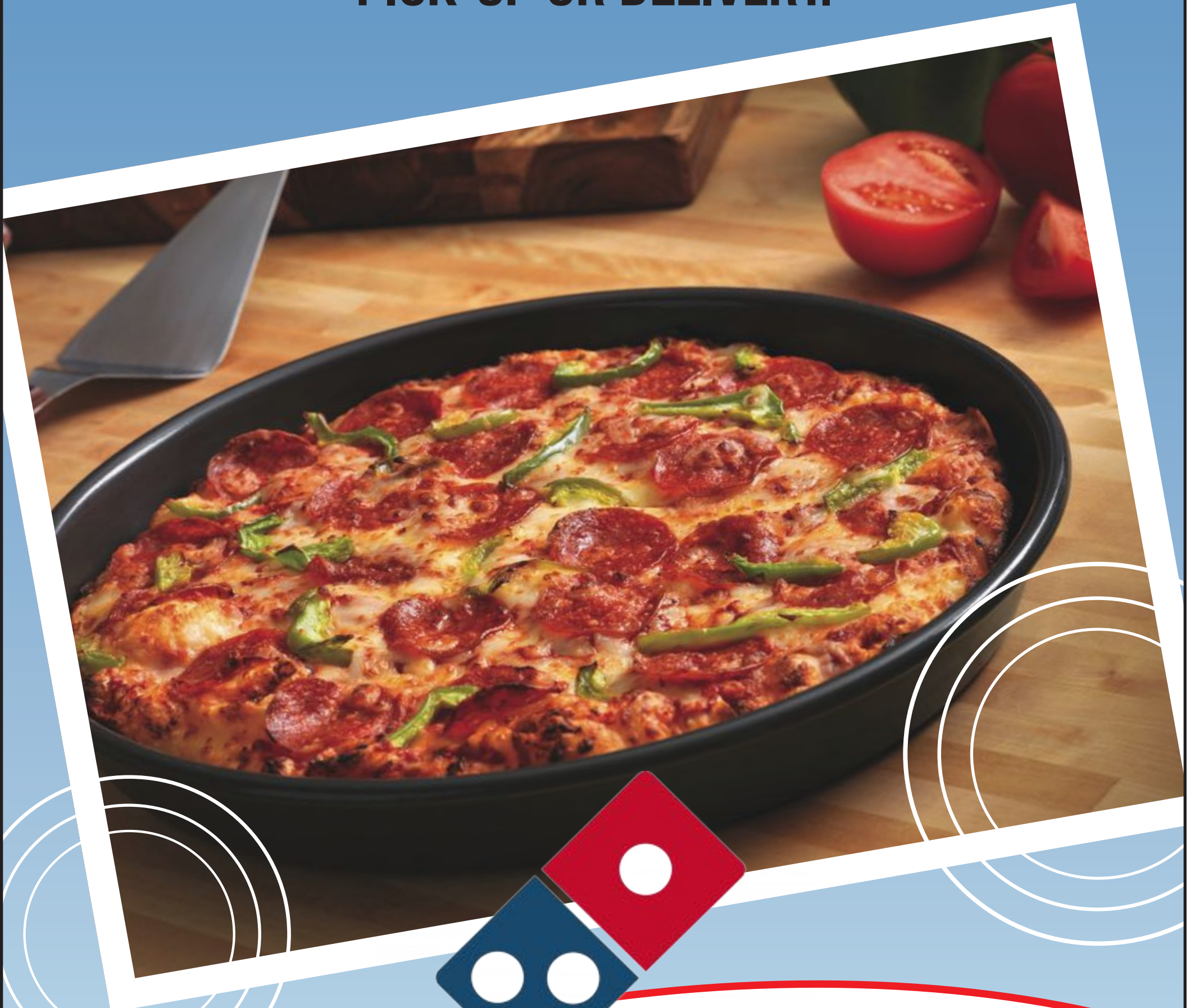
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