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HONOURING QUEEN ELIZABETH II: A wreath is placed in front of the cenotaph, located beside Shelburne Town Hall, in memory of the late Queen Elizabeth II, during a memorial ceremony on Monday (Sept. 19). Read a full story on the ceremony on Page 2.

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Primrose Elementary School facing serious water issues

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

Parents of students at Primrose Elementary School are calling on the Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB) to be more transparent as the local school continues to face water problems.

"We feel completely disappointed in the school board and we feel like there is a distinct lack of transparency in the communications that they have sent to us and to all parents," said Karen Kennedy, co-chair of Primrose's School Council. "We have been fighting this for so long and we are fed up that they didn't do what they said they would do when they had the opportunity."

On Sept. 8, Primrose principal Marianne Millsap, issued a statement notifying families that the decision had been made to close the school for the day "due to water concerns at the school and a lack of available portable toilets."

According to updates from the UGDSB on Sept. 14 and Sept. 16, the existing well for the school was determined to no longer be sufficient to supply the water flow needed. A long-term solution of digging a new well was provided to families.

In the meantime, the school board said portable toilets and alternative water sources

would be utilized as short-term solutions.

"I'm obviously mad about it. I feel like it's not fair that these kids have had two very difficult years of a pandemic and now this," said Kennedy, who has two children attending Primrose. "It just seems like it's the bare minimum, they're providing the bare minimum for those kids and I'm shocked because of where we live."

While the water problems at Primrose may seem new, the water system at the local elementary school officially showed signs of failure dating back to the previous school year.

In May of last year, the school began receiving shipments of clean filtered drinking water due to high sodium content.

"As a parent I wouldn't be caught dead drinking it and we were expecting our kids to," said Kennedy. "It was the result of letters that got us drinkable water, because the board must have recognized that this was a serious problem."

According to the Primrose School Council, a solution via reverse osmosis at the filtering stations was proposed to the school board in 2019 as a solution to the drinking water problem.

"Nothing was done," said Kennedy.

During the same school year, concerned parents sent letters, which the UGDSB confirmed were received, regarding the water pressure.

Kennedy told the Free Press at the time teachers were reporting having to pour buck-

ets of water in toilets to allow them to flush.

In an email to the Free Press, the UGDSB said an investigation into the water taste and pressure were completed over the summer.

"However, the well water level dropping as low as it did was a new development that happened at the beginning of the school year," wrote Heather Loney, communications manager for UGDSB.

Kennedy said she believes the water issues at the school are the result of the over capacity in students. Built in 1994 with the capacity for 377 students the school now has 600 students.

"I think the school was functioning with a smaller population of students. They readjusted the boundaries about three or four years ago and we got a bunch of new students drawn into our school that were not there before," said Kennedy. "We are a tiny country school that is on a well and a septic, the system cannot handle that."

The UGDSB said it would not provide details on how much is being spent financially to pay contractors and service companies through the short-term solution.

A timeline for how long the process will take to fix the water problems has yet to be provided, but reports indicate upwards to six months.

The Shelburne Free Press is following for future developments.

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Shelburne Legion Br. 220 holds memorial for Queen Elizabeth II

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

It was a somber moment in time, as the Shelburne Legion Br. 220 held a memorial service in honour of Queen Elizabeth II.

Veterans, dignitaries and community members gathered outside of Shelburne Town Hall on Monday (Sept. 19) to pay respect to the late monarch.

"She was a veteran, which we forget sometimes. As a veteran and as our queen, we felt that we should honour her," said Liz Whitton, president of Branch 220.

The ceremony began shortly after 11 a.m.

with the marching of the colour parade, followed by the playing of "The Last Post", a moment of silence, and the singing of "God Save the King".

A wreath was placed in front of the cenotaph by legion president Whitton and a veteran in memory of the Queen.

Attendees of the remembrance service were given the opportunity to place a poppy in honour of Her Majesty.

"For many of us, we have known no other monarch, and the Queen has served as a symbol of stability and constancy on the world stage over the course of her more than 70-year reign," said Wade

Mills, Mayor of Shelburne and Warden of Dufferin County. "In a world that is sadly too often devoid of these virtues, Queen Elizabeth II served as a model of dignity, honour and civility, and in honour of our Queen, perhaps the sincerest gesture we can offer on this occasion is to commit ourselves to more fully embracing these virtuous qualities in our lives."

Queen Elizabeth II died at Balmoral Castle on Sept. 8, at the age of 96. She was the longest reigning British Monarch, with over 70 years on the throne.

Her funeral was held on Monday (Sept. 19).



PAULA BROWN PHOTO
ON GUARD: The Shelburne Legion paid tribute to Queen Elizabeth II on Monday (Sept. 19) with a memorial ceremony.

Dufferin Farm Tour returning to the region after two-year pause

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Have you ever wondered how the local farms in Dufferin County operated on a day-to-day basis?

After a two-year hiatus, organizers have announced the annual Dufferin Farm Tour is returning to an in-person tour at a number of different local farms. The tour, which is self-guided, will run on Oct. 1 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"It's nice to be back. The tour is always an upbeat day, where everybody gets outside for fresh air and explores a little bit of what Dufferin County has to offer," said Trevor Pugh, secretary for Dufferin Farm Tour.

The Dufferin Farm Tour was established in 1999 by a group of dedicated farmers, who wanted to bring rural and town people together on the farm to hear firsthand the



challenges of providing safe, nutritious food.

While agriculture serves as one of the largest economic contributors in the community, with around 520 farms calling Dufferin County home, the connection between these farms and the food on our plates is often lost.

For one day each fall, a different group of local farmers open their doors to the public to showcase their farm, in an attempt to bridge the farm to table knowledge gap.

"It is very easy to walk into the grocery

store and grab something off the shelf, but to really think about what went into getting that product, growing the crop, raising the animal, all the way through the whole production to a finished product at the grocery store, is very important," said Pugh. "When we have world events, like we've had, that create issues in the food supply chain it's incredibly important to know what we can grow and produce in Dufferin County."

This year, the Dufferin Farm Tour will be visiting farms in the Grand Valley area. Five farms are slated to be featured in the tour including a jersey farm with over 300 jersey cows, a goat farm, a sheep, cattle and horse farm, and a lavender farm.

Grand River Farms, located in East Luther Grand Valley, is one of the local farms that will be featured in the tour. Siblings Josh and Rebecca Landman will be showing the working aspects of their separate enterprises on the family's farm.

The tour at Grand River Farms will

include a walk through of the barn, where visitors will see the day-to-day operation of Josh's goat farm such as kid management, feeding and milking, as well as a look at Rebecca's bakery, food booth and the Blackhouse attraction.

"Generally, the public doesn't get to see farms due to biosecurity and logistic reasons so it's nice to be able to open it up and have people come to see a snap shot of a day," said Josh. "It brings awareness to how much farming is done in Dufferin County with small, medium and large farms, that otherwise would go unnoticed."

Organizers are asking those interested in visiting the local farms to pre-register to secure a spot on a tour as spaces may be limited. To pre-register for the Dufferin Farm Tour, visit their website – www.dufferinfarmtour.com.

Donations to local food banks are being accepted as price of admission for this year's tour.

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MASSIVE SUCCESS: Heidi's Walk for Hope saw roughly 200 people participate on Sunday (Sept. 18) at Island Lake Conservation Area, generating over \$30,000 for Family Transition Place.

Heidi's Walk For Hope raises record \$30,000 for Family Transition Place

Written By Sam Odrowski

In honour of victims of domestic violence, Heidi's Walk for Hope returned to Orangeville in person on Sunday (Sept. 18) for the first time since the pandemic started.

The 5km walk, held at Island Lake Conservation Area, raised over \$30,000 for Family Transition Place's (FTP) programs and services, taking in more than double what was raised last year.

Roughly 200 people attended and heard from a variety of public speakers, shopped at vendors, ate at food trucks, and participated in yoga demonstrations.

FTP's director of development and culture, Brennan Solecky, said the \$30,000 raised from the walk will help with programs that are exclusively donor funded.

"Certainly, events like Heidi's walk for hope allows us to continue with that programming and to improve our programming. But moreover, the event also allows us to raise much needed awareness of violence against women in our community, and the services and supports that exist if folks are experiencing violence, or if they're experiencing homelessness," said Solecky.

Heidi's Walk, formerly known as the Ferguson Memorial Walk, is a way of honouring the life of Heidi Lee Ferguson (nee Bogner) who tragically died in 2009 from a domestic dispute with her estranged husband. The walk also raises awareness and aims to pre-

vent future violence against women.

"It was originally conceptualized by the family of a woman who lost her life to domestic violence," said Solecky. "But it's truly in honor of all of the women who have lost their life to domestic violence in our community, and a way for us to continue to highlight that it very much exists, even in a small community like Orangeville."

A survivor of domestic violence shared her story at the event and overall it was educational, in addition to being a great opportunity for friends and families to connect through a hike at Island Lake.

In terms of fundraising, FTP has to raise over \$400,000 each year to support programs that aren't covered by government funding, such as the youth education program that's in every school across Dufferin County.

"That's the hope arm of what we do," said Solecky. "We've seen over 150,000 students since the program's inception in 2001."

The program teaches kids what healthy self-esteem and positive relationships look like, so they're less likely to need FTP's services when they grow older.

Heidi's Walk for Hope had over 20 sponsors this year, and Go Yoga, the presenting sponsor, is running a raffle, with a week-long yoga retreat in Nosara, Costa Rica as the grand prize. Tickets can be purchased for \$20 each at GoYoga (169 Broadway) or at FTP's Orangeville office (20 Bredin Parkway) until 11 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 23.



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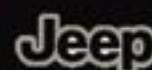
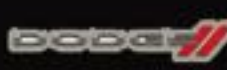
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Long-termism

Which would be worse: a global nuclear war with all buttons pressed, or real, self-conscious artificial intelligence that goes rogue? You know, the central theme of the 'Terminator' movies.

An AI called Skynet wakes up and immediately realises that humanity could simply switch it off again, so it triggers a nuclear war that destroys most of mankind. The few survivors end up waging a losing war against the machines and extinction. But this fantasy has too many moving parts. Let's try again.

Which would be worse: a nuclear 'war orgasm' (Herman Kahn's description of the Pentagon's nuclear war strategy circa 1960) or a designer plague created in some secret biowar lab? The plague, obviously, because it could theoretically wipe out the human race, whereas all-out nuclear war probably can't.

The distinction between a 99% wipe-out and a 100% wipe-out is insignificant if you happen to be one of the victims, but Oxford University philosopher Derek Parfit thought that it actually made a huge difference.

If only one percent of the human race survived, they would repopulate the world in only a few centuries. If the human race had learned something from its mistake, it might then con-

tinue for, let us say, a million years, the average length of time a mammalian species survives before going extinct.

Even if the human population is limited to one billion next time round, that's a trillion lives in the balance, and most of them would probably be worth living. (By the way, the climate change problem goes away instantly if you reduce the human population by 99%.) Whereas if 100% of the population dies now, all those potential future lives are also lost.

As Parfit wrote: "Civilisation only began a few thousand years ago. If we do not destroy mankind, these few thousand years may be only a tiny fraction of the whole of civilised human history." This perspective is sometimes called 'long-termism', and few people can manage to hold onto it for very long.

That's hardly surprising, because there has been little in our evolutionary history that really rewarded long-term thinking. We didn't even know about big threats to our survival like giant asteroid strikes, and if we had known there was nothing we could have done about them anyway.

Now we do know about them, and they have multiplied because of our own inventions, but it took another Oxford philosopher, Toby Ord,

to list and rank them. It turns out that the most dangerous threats are not human hardware. They're software.

"I put the existential risk this century at around one in six: Russian roulette," Ord says in his book 'The Precipice.' But 'existential' actually means a threat to the existence of (in this case) the human race, and we're quite hard to kill off.

Nuclear war is not likely to do it. Even if it caused a full-scale 'nuclear winter' lasting for years and starving the overwhelming majority of the human race, a few 'breeding pairs' (in Jim Lovelock's words) would almost certainly survive.

A hothouse world or an extreme glaciation wouldn't do the trick either. The planet's climate has been through all sorts of extremes in its long history, and life survived them all. On a big planet like ours there's always some places where it's warm enough or cool enough to hang on through the extreme times.

The truly existential threats are the ones we might create ourselves, like AI that gets out of hand, or an ethno-specific engineered killer virus that mutates just a little bit. But that's software (or 'wetware'), and few people take it seriously.

As Ord points out, "The international body

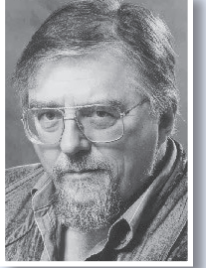
responsible for the continued prohibition of bioweapons (The Biological Weapons Convention) has an annual budget of just \$1.4 million – less than the average McDonald's restaurant." And only a few tens of millions is spent on research into AI safety, compared to many billions in general AI research.

So if we keep rolling the dice, some time in the next few centuries we're bound to get the apocalypse in one way or other. But Ord's prediction, even if it is accurate, is based on the assumption that we carry on heedlessly, and never develop the long-term perspective that would enable us to reduce the risks.

In fact, many human beings are already starting to think long-term and act accordingly – not all of us, and much too slowly, but it is happening.

We are trying to change our entire economy to avert catastrophic climate change. We are even experimenting with ways to divert asteroids on a collision course with Earth. It's not nearly enough, but it's not bad when you consider that 500 years ago most people didn't even know that the Earth is round.

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Working in the trades

One of the most stressful times in life, has got to be when you are finishing your final year of high school, and you realize that when you graduate, it's going to be a whole new life situation.

At the end of grade 12, many students, and I was in that same boat, simply have no idea what career they want to try to get into. It can be very daunting to think you have to choose something that will possibly define the rest of your life.

How do you choose a career path if you have no experience in that job, and really don't know if you will like it, until you actually start doing the job?

Some students, and I know a couple, had clearly defined goals, started preparing in high school, and went on to achieve those goals and are very happy.

I know others, that have taken a year off and have basic jobs to earn money, but just don't know what to do next. It can be a tough couple of years figuring it all out.

Most people do not really follow their passions and real interests.

No little kid, when asked, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" ever replied, "I want to be an accountant."

I attended a skilled trades event recently in Orangeville that was geared towards graduating students and introduced them to possible career opportunities after school.

There was a lot of heavy machinery and examples of different jobs in the trades that provide on-the-job training and apprenticeships. There were also service groups like the military, police, and fire fighters.

For a while, I just observed and watched how students were attracted to different displays and took a real interest in what was going on.

During the last half of the 20th century and into the 2000s, the trades tended to be regarded as jobs for people who couldn't get into university.

A lot of that attitude comes directly out of the education system, where students were taught that if you don't go to university you are a failure. I knew a lot of kids who were told by their 'guidance counsellor', "you don't have the grades, you'll never amount to anything."

For some reason, the education system determined that you are only getting educated if you are sitting in a classroom taking notes.

The truth is, every time you take a piano lesson, you are being educated. Every time you read a history book on your own time, you are being educated. Every martial arts class you take, and every athletic game you compete in, teaches you something. Every time your grandfather took you fishing, you learned something. Every farm kid receives

training that they won't get anywhere else.

Every job you have gives you an education, and it's likely the on-the-job training you receive will serve you better than sitting in a classroom trying to figure out calculus.

My grade 8, home room teacher, was a person who probably should have chosen a different career path. She already had a reputation as a loud-mouthed child hater well before I had the misfortune of being assigned to her class.

After a full year of being yelled at every day and told how stupid we all were on a daily basis, she handed out the forms we needed to select our courses for our first year in high school.

Her words of encouragement to our class were "If you don't choose the right classes in grade nine, and follow through for the next four years, and go to university like her, and become a 'professional' like her, we would be failures for the rest of our lives."

The thought of turning out 'like her' did not inspire me or any of my classmates to follow

much of her advice.

The schools seem to be taking a different approach now. I guess someone finally realized that you can be successful and not have a degree, and that education goes far beyond the walls of a school.

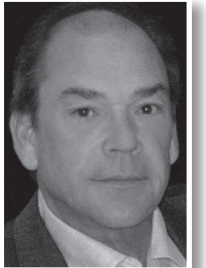
Students must now have volunteer hours as part of the requirement to graduate. Schools realized that experience volunteering with organizations is a valuable lesson.

They also realized that going into the trades can provide a solid career and a healthy income, and more schools are now promoting those options to students.

A smart teacher should recognize that fact that although a student is not good in math, they have other aptitudes and natural skills that should be explored and encouraged.

A smart school will help guide students to post-secondary life, not discourage them because they struggle to find the answer to 'x=y.'

BRIAN LOCKHART
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Dufferin OPP seize guns and drugs with search warrant

Dufferin OPP seized a quantity of cocaine and charged two individuals with drug related charges as a result of an ongoing drug trafficking investigation in Dufferin County.

On Sept. 14, 2022, members of the Dufferin Street Crime Unit (CSCU), with the assistance of both the Nottawasaga (CSCU) and Caledon (CSCU), Central Emergency Response Team (ERT) and Central Region Canine Services executed two search warrants, one in the Town of Bolton and the other in Adjala-Tosorontio. In addition to the warrants, an individual

identified as a suspect in the investigation was arrested in the Town of Orangeville by the Central Region Tactics and Rescue Unit (TRU).

As a result of the investigation, the following was seized:

- Cocaine
- \$50,000 Canadian Currency (approximately)
- Loaded .22 calibre rifle with a loaded magazine
- Ammunition
- Vacuum sealer with bags
- Scale and packaging materials
- 2018 Jeep Grand Cherokee SRT8 (approx.

value \$70,000) - seized as proceeds of crime
In addition to the seizure, two people were charged with the following offences.

Corey BYER, 38-year-old, from Bolton has been charged with:

- Traffick in Schedule I substance - Cocaine
 - Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking
 - Possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime - over \$5000
- Ryan CROFT, 39-year-old from Adjala-Tosorontio has been charged with:
- Careless storage of firearm
 - Unauthorized possession of firearm

- Possession of proceeds obtained by crime - over \$5000

Both accused are scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville at a future date in November 2022, to answer to their charges. These charges have not been proven in court.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation of any other criminal activity is asked to contact Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). You can also submit your information online at <https://ontariocrimestoppers.ca/>.

Collision between two dirt bikes in Amaranth currently under investigation

Dufferin OPP attended a serious collision involving two dirt bikes in Amaranth Township.

On Sept. 18, 2022, at approximately 5:45 p.m., officers attended a rural property on the 4th Line in Amaranth for two dirt bikes that collided.

As a result of the collision, a 36-year-old driver was transported to a local hospital

and later airlifted to a Toronto trauma centre with life-altering injuries.

The OPP Traffic Collision Investigation (TCI) team was brought in to investigate. The investigation is continuing and anyone who may have witnessed the collision is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

If you witnessed the collision and wish to

speak to victim services, Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services can be reached at 905-951-3838.

Regardless of whether you're on public or private property, Dufferin OPP say to always wear your safety gear, including an approved helmet with the chin strap securely fastened, know your limits and never drive impaired.



Dufferin OPP respond to house fire in Shelburne, no injuries reported

Dufferin OPP and Shelburne Fire Services attended a house fire in the Town of Shelburne earlier in the week.

On Monday (Sept. 20) at approximately 4:30 a.m., Dufferin OPP and Shelburne Fire attended the scene of a house fire on Canfield Place in Shelburne. Thankfully, there was no one inside the home at the time of the fire and no injuries were reported.

The scene has been secured and the Office of the Fire Marshal is continuing the investigation.

If you have information regarding this fire or any suspected unlawful activity, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or visit Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or www.crimestoppersdm.com.

"Members of the Dufferin OPP are committed to public safety, delivering proactive and innovative policing in partnership with our communities. Officers value your contribution to building safe communities," said the Dufferin OPP in a press release on the incident.



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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Senior NDBL championship series down to one game

Written By Brian Lockhart

The North Dufferin Baseball League championship is down to one game to determine this year's Strother Cup champions after the New Lowell Knights won game six of the series with the Bolton Brewers, and forced game seven to decide a winner.

The final game was scheduled to be held on Sunday, September 18, but was postponed due to inclement weather.

It was a one-two line up for this year's championship series. The Knights finished the regular season in first place with a 21-3 record.

The Brewers were right behind them in second place with a 17-6-1 record for the season.

New Lowell knocked out the Creemore Padres and the Midland Mariners in the first and second rounds of playoffs to earn the right to advance to the championship round.

Bolton dispatched the Barrie Angels and Ivy Rangers in their path to the final series.

The final series got underway on Saturday, August 27, with New Lowell taking the first game 4-3.

Moving to Bolton for game two, the series was tied when the Brewers left the diamond with a 9-5 win.

New Lowell was again in the lead after winning 5-4 in game three at their home diamond.

Bolton tied it up again in game four with another home venue win at North Hill



Park. The Brewers took a lead after a low scoring mid-week game on September 14, that gave Bolton a 2-1 win.

New Lowell stopped the Brewer's chance of winning the series in game six, by blanking the Brewers 10-0 on September 17, in New Lowell, making the series tied at six, and forcing game seven to decide the winner.

With Sunday's postponement, the final game will now take place on Saturday, September 24, in New Lowell.

The game is scheduled to get underway at 1:00 p.m.

The long term weather forecast for that day shows zero chance of rain, so fans are hoping the weatherman is right on the mark.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

FIELD HOCKEY'S BACK: The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals varsity field hockey team take on the Orangeville District Secondary School Bears during their first game of the season in Orangeville on Monday, September 19. The varsity field hockey schedule is played in a tournament style with each team playing two games on scheduled days.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

CRICKET COMPETITION: The Shelburne Stars hosted the Brampton Strikers for the first Shel-Bram trophy cup match at KTH Park in Shelburne in Saturday, September 17. The Stars came out on top with the win and claimed the prize. The teams are hoping to make the trophy match an annual event.

Shelburne Cricket Club hosts trophy weekend

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Shelburne Cricket Club (SCC) has wrapped up its house league play for the season, but the Club continues to compete with other centres as long as the weather holds out.

The SCC created a new team, the Shelburne All-Stars, out of top players from its house league and played a trophy match – the Shel-Bram Cup – against the Brampton Strikers at KTH Park on Saturday, Sept. 17.

"We have 80 players registered in our house league," explained Club president, Ahsen Siddiqui. "We played the season from May 28 to September 9. From the league we selected the top 28 players, and that top 28 became the Shelburne Stars. Today, from that group, we chose 11 to play against the Brampton Strikers."

The Strikers are a top team playing in Division One cricket.

"We are still playing every Saturday and Sunday," Ahsen said. "We are hoping to bring some more new teams and we've had offers to play in some other cities like King City, Brantford, Hamilton, and Mississauga."

The trophy match was a T25 match. Getting underway at 2:30 p.m., the Stars won the toss to start the game and team captain Ahsen Siddiqui elected to bat.

The Stars made a total of 181 runs on the board. Samir Patel, made the highest score.

The Strikers came to bat but were not able to hold wickets. The whole team was out in 97 runs.

Rick Ramchand was declared 'man of the match' with a brilliant bowling performance.

This was the Stars first win against another city.

Shelburne Councillor, Lynda Buffet, was there to present the winning trophy.

The plan now is to make the Shel-Bram Cup an annual event.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

AHSEN SIDDIQUI

As a player, umpire, and president of the Shelburne Cricket Club, Ahsen Siddiqui is well versed in the sport of cricket.

"I've playing cricket for 16 years," Ahsen said. "I played premier and elite cricket in Ontario and some games in Regina, Saskatchewan. There was no cricket in Shelburne and Dufferin County so we started something for the young kids."

Ahsen said he appreciates the way the sport is played.

"It's all about discipline," he said. "It's a game of gentlemen, you have to control your temperament. It's all about having a game plan."

Ahsen also works with kids to teach them the nuances of the sport.

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'Pride rally' held in response to 'freedom rally' protests downtown

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

Members of Shelburne's LGBTQ+ community are speaking out against transphobic and homophobic rhetoric they say is being used in the bi-weekly Shelburne 'Freedom Rally'.

At the latest local "Freedom Rally" on Sept. 10, groups of protesters once again gathered on either side of Shelburne's Main Street, waving Canadian flags and hold signs with scattered messages on mandates, vaccines, and Netherland farmers.

Against the backdrop of the tailgate party for 'freedom', a small number of Shelburne's LGBTQ+ community stood outside Town Hall hosting their very own "Pride Rally", a counter protest.

Ethan Praxis, organizer of the 'Pride Rally', said the event was a positive alternative to the protests happening every other weekend and a time to highlight the hateful rhetoric aimed towards the LGBTQ+ community.

"There's a whole homophobic, transphobic and hateful undertone and it's been driving them since the beginning," said Praxis. "I just

got sick of it. I started making complaints and I encourage other people to do it too."

Speaking with the Free Press, Praxis pointed to a sign attached to the back window of a mini-van that read "Today I Identify As A Toaster", as one example of the hate being directed at the LGBTQ+ community.

"That's a reference to people who are transgendered or gender fluid," explained Praxis, who identifies as non-binary. "They're basically saying you can be whatever you want, it's not real and you're not really two-spirited."

Initially beginning in February with the Freedom Convoy, the 'Freedom Rally' protests in Shelburne have become a reoccurring weekend event, led by organizer Jeremy Glass. Over the months more than a dozen 'freedom' protests have been held in the downtown core leading to complaints from businesses and residents.

After months of the ongoing protest, Praxis is urging that more needs to be done and that the Town of Shelburne needs to talk a stance.

"The homophobic, transphobic and racist rhetoric they're using inevitably leads to physical violence against people like us," said Praxis.

According to the Dufferin OPP, no arrest or criminal charges in relation to the freedom protests have been laid.

"The role of Dufferin OPP in these demonstrations is to ensure public safety and to keep the peace, at which we have been very successful," said Dufferin OPP Media Relations.

Officer, Terr-Ann Pencarinha. "The OPP has maintained public safety and would investigate any criminal wrong doing in accordance with legislated responsibilities."

Praxis also noted the impact the 'freedom rally' is having on the younger LGBTQ+ community in Shelburne.

"It can be detrimental. Being younger and to see this kind of thing is going to put you in a very difficult place, and how do you process that?" said Praxis. "It breaks my heart to think they're seeing those signs and it could keep them or put them back in the closet."

The Town of Shelburne is in the process of seeking outside legal advice on how to respond to the ongoing 'freedom' protests in the downtown core.

"We need to do more to counter this kind of nonsense," said Praxis.

UGDSB collecting data with new census

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

The Upper Grand District School Board is collecting data on their students through a new census aimed at making systemic changes.

The local school board launched the "UGDSB Counts Student Census" on Monday (Sept. 19) for all students in grades Kindergarten to Grade 12. The student census looks to get a better understanding of the cultural, social, and demographic diversity of students.

"The UGDSB recognizes the disproportionate impact on students who are racialized and have identities connected to the margins," the UGDSB said in Monday's press release. "The school board will use the results of the survey to better understand these impacts, to make positive change."

Students who chose to participate in the census survey will be asked questions about first languages, Indigenous status, ethnicity/cultural origins, racial background, religious/spiritual affiliation, gender, sexual

orientation, disabilities, citizenship, and socio-economic status.

For students in Kindergarten to Grade 8 the survey will be completed on behalf of, or with a parent or caregiver, and will be sent to their email address. Students in Grades 9 to 12 will complete the survey on their own, with the survey link sent to their student UGDSB email address. Time will be provided in class for completion. While the census is a confidential and voluntary survey, the UGDSB said it is not anonymous.

"It is not anonymous because, to be able to analyze the data, we need to collect the data using a personal identifier. We will use this personal identifier to join the census data with the data sets we would like to analyze," explained the UGDSB.

The Ontario Ministry of Education mandated school boards across the province to complete a student census. School boards are required to complete a census by 2023.

The UGDSB Counts Student Census will be open until October 9. For more information about the student census, visit ugdsb.ca/census.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

FOOD TRUCK OPEN: Shelburne Foodland turned part of its parking lot into an outdoor cafe on Saturday, September 17. The Foodland food truck arrived and was offering burgers, salads and ice cream to visitors for a small donation. The Foodland truck goes to different locations and serves all products from the stores. Shelburne Foodland recently opened at its new location and has been a big hit with local shoppers.

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2022

The public meeting is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m., or as shortly thereafter as possible, and will be held in an online virtual meeting format, as outlined below. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the following planning applications:

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

1) **Application for Minor Variance A22/08** - Andrew Cunningham has submitted a Minor Variance application for the property located at 715 Hammond Street, to request relief from Sections 3.4.1(ii) and 5.68 of Zoning By-law 38-2007 in order to construct a converted dwelling with a second dwelling unit in the cellar of the existing single detached dwelling. The application is seeking relief from the regulation which states that a dwelling unit shall not be located in the cellar of a dwelling.

A map showing the location of the subject property is provided below.

The Committee of Adjustment meeting will be held electronically through Zoom video conferencing and will be livestreamed. To participate in the meeting electronically through Zoom video conferencing, please contact the Secretary-Treasurer at clerk@shelburne.ca to register in order to have access to the public meeting, no later than Thursday September 29th, 2022. Should you wish to view the proceedings, you will have the opportunity to view a live stream of the meeting on the Town of Shelburne's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsar-MwF8CXrqPbe2EVxh-w>.

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Terry Fox Run in Shelburne sees great support from the community



SUPPORTING CANCER RESEARCH: Landry and Graydon Grin with parents Janine and Cedric Grin took part in Sunday's Terry Fox Run in Shelburne. Landry and Graydon raised \$1,025 of donations in honour of their poppa James Gostick who lost his battle with cancer in March of this year. The funds will go to the Terry Fox Foundation, which does cancer research.



SUPPORTING TERRY FOX: Players and family members from Shelburne Minor Hockey took part in the annual Terry Fox Run in Shelburne on Sept. 18, where both 5km and 10km routes were walked, jogged, and ran by participants.



RUN SUPPORTERS: Jane and Dean Belrose participated in the Terry Fox Run in Shelburne on Sunday. Jane is a cancer survivor, having battled it seven years.



LONE WALKER: Candice Crook and her dog Cooper took part in the Terry Fox Run on Sunday (Sept. 18) to raise money for cancer research through the Terry Fox Foundation.

PAULA BROWN PHOTOS

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Council candidate hoping to bring balanced and diverse voices to the table

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Alethia O'Hara Stephenson is looking to bring balanced leadership to the council table with an opportunity for diverse voices as she runs for a spot on Shelburne council in the upcoming municipal election.

O'Hara Stephenson is among twelve candidates running for the five open seats for the next term of Shelburne Town Council.

"It's important for me to be able to give back to my community and this is just one way of doing so," said O'Hara Stephenson about her decision to run for council. "Stepping up for a leadership position."

Looking for a place to raise her family, O'Hara Stephenson moved to Shelburne in 2014 based on the community's quiet charm and tranquil environment appeal. In June of 2020, she founded the Dufferin County Canadian Black Association (DCCBA), which

looks to provide education and awareness around the contributions of black Canadians to Canada's history.

O'Hara Stephenson has also sat on a number of committees and boards, most notably the joint Accessibility and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee. She was also a key figure in establishing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committees across the County.

Speaking with the Free Press, O'Hara Stephenson said one of her main focuses in her campaign will be recreation, specifically the development of a multi-purpose recreation facility.

"My blue-sky idea would be to have a fully functional recreation facility with year-round swimming, and where we are able to have indoor facilities," said O'Hara Stephenson.

Her other main focus will be enhancing economic development.

"Enhancing the work that we've already



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COUNCIL HOPEFUL: Alethia O'Hara Stephenson is vying for a council seat in the upcoming Oct. 24 municipal election.

started and increasing economic opportunities for young people and our growing community," she said. "How can we attract more growth sectors to the town that will allow us

to have more business growth?"

Asked on how her role as founder and president of the DCCBA will help if elected to council, O'Hara Stephenson said, "What is unique for me is the fact that I'm hearing all sides of the story; I'm hearing voices from everyone in Shelburne. I think that's a great advantage that I bring to the table because I now have the lens that affords me the opportunity to hear and to speak on what the entire community is asking for."

Residents interested in speaking with O'Hara Stephenson about her campaign can contact her via email at alethia.stephenson@gmail.com.

"It's fantastic that I have all of these ideas but ultimately, it's our residents that have the voice. It is our residents who will have the biggest impact. They're the driver for what changes we need to make as council," said O'Hara Stephenson.

The municipal election will take place on Oct. 24.

Len Guchardi running for Shelburne council again following narrow loss

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Falling short of a spot on the last term of Shelburne Town Council by four votes, long-time resident Len Guchardi is back in the municipal election running and says council can do better.

"The priorities of the community are taking a backseat to the priorities of the corporation. Council tends to put the corporation ahead of the community, at least this last term has, and it's time to get focuses back on the people in the community," said Guchardi on his decision to re-run for a councillor position.

A long-time resident of Shelburne, Guchardi recently retired from a 22-year career in education at Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS). A graduate of Queen's University, his first career was in broadcast production and included 15 years working in Toronto radio and television.

An avid volunteer within the community, Guchardi has worked on an ongoing basis with the Shelburne Food Bank, BIA, Special Olympics, Dufferin Child and Family Services, the Town of Shelburne's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, and on the board for the Northern Dufferin Agricultural Community Taskforce (NDACT).

Speaking with the Free Press, Guchardi said his campaign platform would be focusing on similar issues to his fellow election candidates, including infrastructure, recreation, accessibility, transit, housing, and diversity.

"At the end of the day, we're all going to be parroting each other, but I think the difference is I have always conducted myself as a person of integrity above reproach, and everybody that knows me, knows I keep my word," said Guchardi. "I believe in the end; they all need to be addressed at some time."

If elected to council, Guchardi said one of his first priorities will be addressing accessibility in the community.

"The storefronts on the downtown core



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VYING FOR COUNCIL: Len Guchardi is again competing for a council seat in the upcoming Oct. 24 municipal election after a close loss in 2018.

are not accessible because the concrete step and stair, yet we've planned to spend that money on revitalization of parks and making the place look pretty," said Guchardi.

Another of his priorities he said will be expanding local transit.

"The town is certainly spread out more. The north and south, they're so far apart and now we're going so far east and they've got a subdivision off the west. It makes it tough to get around and bring the community together," said Guchardi.

As part of his campaign, he has also promised if elected, he will donate 30 per cent of his council pay cheque to the local food bank.

Guchardi is one of twelve candidates in the local municipal election running for a spot on the five open councillor seats.

"My focus has always been on this community and making Shelburne a better place to be for everybody," said Guchardi. "Being born and raised here, I have a very unique perspective and long-term vision for the town that doesn't end with the election cycle."

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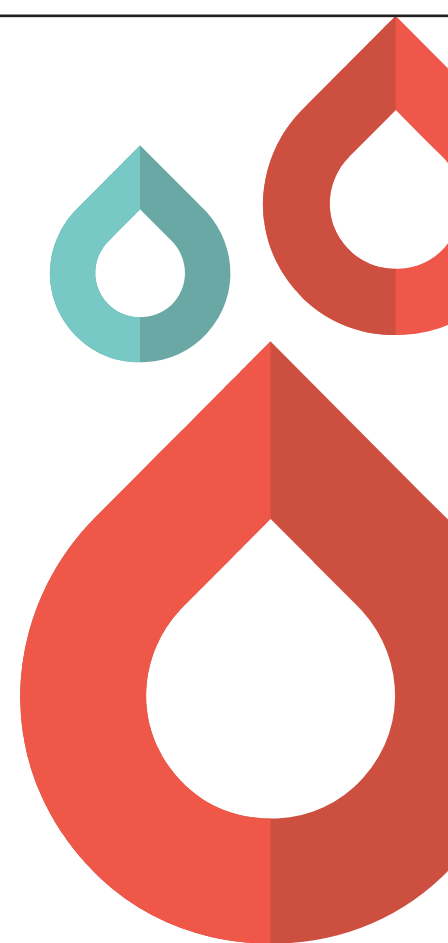
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He spent his career at Victory Aircraft, AVRO Canada and Orenda Engines Hawker Siddeley retiring in 1993.

Remo and his wife Joy also owned Rico's Fruit Market in Bolton for nearly twenty years, prior to semi-retiring in 1974 at a farm where Remo's big heart, love of animals and willingness to help, brought all manner of animals home.

Remo was a dedicated Father, Papa, and Great-Papa and is survived by his children Perry and Kimberley, grandchildren, great grandchildren, his beloved dog Sophie, brother Reno (Marion) and many nieces and nephews.

Our family would like to thank Headwaters Health Care Centre, Dufferin County Paramedic Services, and Shelburne Residence for their care. A special thanks goes to the Nurses, Personal Support Workers, Linda Kennedy and Randy Mugford of In Memoriam, who have all gone above and beyond caring for Remo.

Cremation has already taken place. A Memorial Service is to be held at a later date. To see the full obituary please visit In Memoriam at: https://imfunerals.com

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As per Margaret's wishes there will be no funeral. Cremation has already taken place. Interment will take place with the immediate family at the Bayview Cemetery in Warton. If desired, donations may be made to Trinity United Church. Online condolences and donations may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com



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