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Upcoming tree-planting initiatives benefitting local ecosystem

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) is looking for volunteers to help with two upcoming tree-planting initiatives.

On Oct. 15 from 9 a.m. until noon, NVCA staff will be hosting community tree-planting events in both Shelburne and Mulmur. Volunteers will be given an orientation and tutorial on tree planting before helping plant around 635 native trees and shrubs, 200 of which will be in Shelburne and 435 in Mulmur.

"These tree plantings are really important because we're trying to increase the amount of trees and shrubs that are beside the rivers," said Laura Wensink, river restoration technician for NVCA. "We really have a wonderful opportunity as a community to come together and to really benefit the local ecosystem."

In Shelburne, the NVCA will be planting 15 different species of trees and shrubs including oak, birch, willow, mountain ash and elderberry, along the banks of Walter's Creek.

"Walter's Creek is one of the most important cold-water tributaries of the Boyne River, and it really does help the health

of the Boyne River further downstream," explained Wensink. "One of the ways that we are thinking about the resiliency of this creek in the face of climate change, is how we can keep it cold. We're going to keep it cold by planting trees and shrubs along the banks of the creek in order to shade the river and keep it cool."

In Mulmur, the tree planting initiative is part of the final steps of a larger river restoration project by the Nottawasaga Valley Conversation Authority.

For the last five years, the Nottawasaga Valley Conversation Authority has been running a project known as the Nottawasaga River Restoration Program, which looks to improve water quality, native fish habitats, and stabilize stream banks from erosion. A key component of the NVCA's large river restoration project has been its tree-planting initiatives.

Wensink said the NVCA has stabilized 150 metres of the Pine River through the project, and that they're now planting trees along to stabilized banks in order to shade the river and keep it cold.

The Nottawasaga Valley Conversation Authority has held a number of tree-planting initiatives throughout the years includ-

ing in Mansfield and Hockley Valley. The Oct. 15 events will be the final tree plantings of the year.

"As the leaves are starting to change and drop off of our plants, it's actually a less stressful time to transplant. We're hoping that all of these trees and shrubs will be dormant when we transplant them so less shock to the plants," said Wensink.

The event will take place rain or shine. Volunteers are encouraged to bring closed-toed shoes or rubber boots as well as weather appropriate clothes, sunscreen, bug spray, water, a lunch, and work gloves. It is recommended to wear long and light-coloured clothing for tick safety.

Registration is required before the events and can be done by visiting the NVCA website at www.nvca.on.ca. Students are reminded to bring their community service volunteer forms.

"Planting trees is one of the best and most fun ways to get involved, to benefit your local biodiversity, and to take tangible action against climate change," said Wensink. "It's a really beautiful thing when we can all come together to plant trees."

For more information on the tree planting initiatives in Shelburne and Mulmur visit www.nvca.on.ca.

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FEATURED ITEM

Market in the Mills reopens under new ownership



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

NEW OWNERS: Dawne Apple, owner of the Market in the Mills, celebrated the official reopening of the local general store, located at 164 Main St. in Horning's Mills, on Saturday (Oct. 8) after taking over ownership earlier this year.

market] because I am new to the community. I want to give to them a part of me as they have given to me a part of them, for accepting me into their community," said Apple. "It's an amazing feeling to have family, friends, and a community."

Apple stumbled across Market in the Mills back in April when Connie Tunney and Kevin Turner, who had transformed the historic home on Main Street into the general store, put the shop up for sale.

"I was in search of a property for a year and a half when I drove up to Market in the Mills. I call it Pandora's box because what I found inside was more than I bargained for. It was so amazing," said Apple.

While looking to continue with the store's original identity as a place to grab staples such as bread, milk and eggs as well as a spot to grab a slice of pizza or a scoop of ice cream, Apple is also looking to add her own flair to Market in the Mills.

A five-time jerk fest champion winner, Apple is expanding the menu to include a variety of tropical cuisines from jerk chicken, oxtail, and curry goat to roti and reggae wraps.

She will also be adding homemade, ready-to-go family dinners to the new menu.

"We want to make room for everybody, and be a one-stop shop. We definitely want to produce and promote local as much as possible. We want to eat local, celebrate local and grow in our communities because that's what keeps us together," said Apple.

Melancthon Mayor Darren White was in attendance for the ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the market's reopening.

"Speaking on behalf of the community, [the market] means everything. It means not driving 20 minutes, it means being able to walk to the local store with your kids to get ice cream, and it gives the ability to get essentials right here locally. It means a great deal to small communities like ours that businesses open in them and stay thriving operations," said White. "I hope it's part of bringing back the sense of community in general. It's great to see operations like the Market in the Mills reopening along with the new events that are happening at the hall. It's going to bring the community back together."

Market in the Mills is located at 164 Main St. in Horning's Mills.

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

One of Horning's Mills most notable storefront sites, Market in the Mills, has officially reopened their doors to the community, under new ownership.

A cold and dizzily start to the holiday long weekend couldn't put a damper on the warm festivities inside Market in the Mills. New owner, Dawne Apple celebrated the local general store reopening on Saturday (Oct. 8), alongside family, friends, and community members.

"It means the world to me [reopening the

What voters need to know heading into the 2022 municipal election

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

The six individuals joining Shelburne Town Council for the next four-year term will soon be selected by voters with election day (Oct. 24) quickly approaching.

Municipal elections are notorious for lower turnout voter rates compared to provincial and federal elections.

According to the Town of Shelburne, the last municipal election in 2018 had a voter turnout of 39 per cent with 4,876 eligible voters but only 1,879 individuals that voted.

Here is what voters need to know to cast their ballot.

Are you eligible to vote:

To be eligible to vote in the 2022 Shelburne Municipal election a voter needs to be a Canadian citizen, at least 18 years old and be a resident (own or rent) in the town. Individuals

who don't live in Shelburne, but own or rent a property in the community are also eligible to vote.

What you will need:

If you are voting in person there are two things you will need to bring with you. The first is your voter notification card, which will save you time when checking in. The second item you will need is one piece of ID that has your name and address on it such as an Ontario driver's license, Ontario photo card, a cancelled personalized cheque, an insurance policy or statement and any other document included on the accepted documents for voter identification list. Photo ID is not required.

How to vote:

The Town of Shelburne is holding the 2022 Municipal election via telephone or internet voting only, meaning there will be no paper ballots.

There are four different times and ways that a Shelburne resident can vote in the Shelburne election.

- From Oct. 11 to Oct. 24 residents can vote online using internet voting
- On Oct. 20 from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. residents can vote in-person at the voter help centre
- On Oct. 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in-person voting will be held at Shelburne Town Hall
- Oct. 24 (Final election day) residents can vote in person from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Shelburne Town Hall

When residents vote in the 2022 Shelburne Council election, they will be voting for one deputy mayor, five councillors, and school board trustees.

Shelburne's incumbent Mayor Wade Mills, ran unopposed and was acclaimed.

For more information on voting in the Shelburne Town Council election visit www.shelburne.ca.

The municipal election will take place on Oct. 24.

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Animal heroes being commemorated this Remembrance Day

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

The Ontario SPCA and Humane Society is honouring the animal heroes who served alongside veterans this Remembrance Day with their annual commemorative pins.

The Animals in War pin campaign, which initially launched in 2017, looks to recognize the sacrifice made by animals who served and continue to serve alongside Canada's veterans. The commemorative Animals in War pin is intended to be worn alongside the poppy.

"The courage and sacrifice made by our veterans and the animals who served, and continue to serve bravely by their sides, should never be forgotten," said Dawn Lyons, manager of Ontario SPCA Orangeville & District Animal Centre. "By wearing an Animals in War pin alongside your poppy on Remembrance Day, you are remembering these heroes."

The collection of commemorative pins includes designs of four different animals

that served in Canada's military. A pin for dogs recognizes their service as messengers, medical assistants, bomb detectors and search and rescue workers.

Another pin honours cats who kept ships free of vermin and provided companionship.

A pigeon pin honours their contribution to delivering crucial messages, and a horse pin pays tribute to mules who carried artillery and horses who transported troops and hauled field guns.

The pins are available for purchase with the proceeds from the sale going towards helping Ontario SPCA animal centres across the province provide care for animals in need.

For each pin sold, \$1 is donated to the Royal Canadian Legion branches in Ontario SPCA animal centre communities to support veterans

If you are interested in buying an Animals in War pin to pay tribute to the war-time contributions of veterans and hero animals, you can do so online by visiting: ontariospca.ca/remember.



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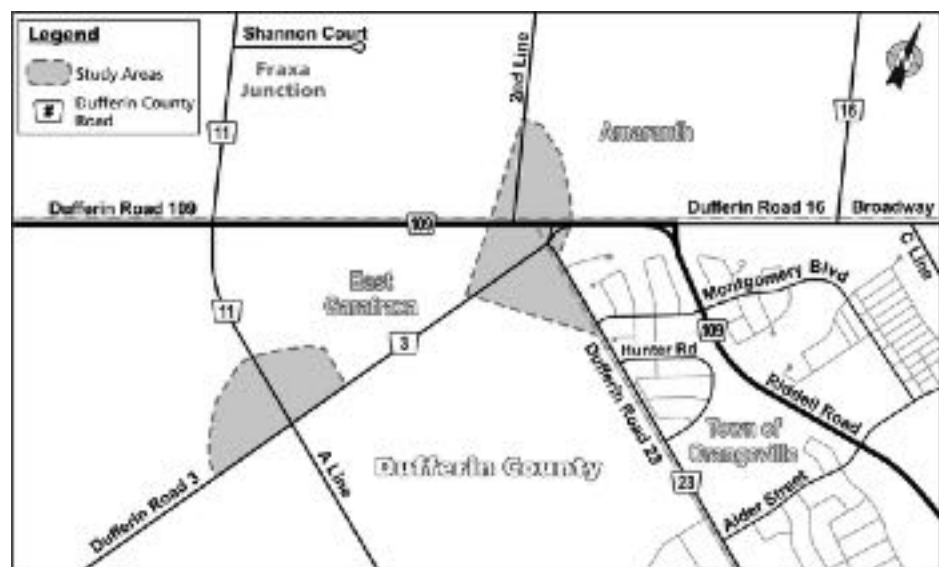
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Notice of Study Commencement: Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study Dufferin County Road 109/ 2nd Line Realignment, Dufferin County

THE STUDY

Dufferin County retained WSP Canada Inc. to undertake the Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) Study to consider potential solutions to realign Dufferin County Road 109 and 2nd Line (Amaranth). 2nd Line is proposed to be realigned as the fourth leg of the Dufferin County Road 109 and Dufferin County Road 3 intersection. This realignment could precipitate a domino effect of impacting other intersections, namely Dufferin County Road 3 and Dufferin County Road 23, which is less than 100m south of the Dufferin County Road 109 and Dufferin County Road 3 intersection. The project will look to better understand the broader traffic impacts of the realignment and to confirm the best solution(s) for the study area.



THE PROCESS

This MCEA process will follow the planning and design process for Schedule 'C' projects as described in the MCEA Document (October 2000 as amended in 2007, 2011 & 2015), which is an approved process under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. As part of this process, two public events will be planned later in the study. Once the study is complete, an Environmental Study Report (ESR) will be prepared and filed for a 30-day public review period. A Notice of Completion will be published in local newspapers and sent to the project mailing list to advise the public of the ESR review period.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

Public engagement is an important component of the MCEA, and the County will work with, consult, and engage with interested stakeholders, including the public, landowners, and regulatory agencies, throughout the course of the study. Two public consultation events will be held at key milestones later in the study to provide an opportunity for the public to review the design, provide comments, and discuss concerns and issues with the Project Team. Notice of the public events will be advertised in local newspapers and sent to the project mailing list.

You are encouraged to visit www.dufferincounty.ca/MCEA, where project information including study notices, background information, study updates, and the ESR will be made available as the study progresses. You can also submit comments and questions to the Project Team on the website.

Your input is welcome at any time during the study. If you wish to have your name added to the project mailing list or have any comments, questions, or concerns about the study, please contact one of the following Project Team members:

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Xi Jinping Forever?

In the Chinese Communist Party's 20th National Congress, which begins in Beijing on Sunday, President Xi Jinping is expected to be confirmed as president-for-life. If that actually happens, China's ascent to genuine superpower status will be at least delayed. At worst (from the Chinese perspective), it may not happen at all.

The CCP has now been in power for about as long as the old Communist Party of the Soviet Union (CPSU) had been when it finally lost power in 1991. Most of the CCP's members are keenly aware of that fact, and just staying in power is the Party's primary goal.

Superpower status, the public's welfare, any and all other goals are secondary to the Party's survival. This priority can be defended if you are truly convinced that Marxism-Leninism holds the only key to a happy and prosperous future, but it serves quite well as a rationalisation for holding on to power forever even if you don't really believe it.

Most of the CCP's senior cadres realize that the Party is still in power now only because it broke decisively with Mao Zedong's methods in the mid-1980s, about a decade after his death. They continue to give Mao lip service because he was the

iconic leader of the Revolution, but they don't really believe in his methods.

Mao's strategy of permanent revolution was why China's economy stagnated for almost four decades while its East Asian neighbours, Japan and South Korea, enjoyed 40 years of high-speed growth and emerged as rich countries. Only when Deng Xiaoping sidelined ideology and put growth first did China get its own 40 years of high-speed growth.

That period of rapid industrialisation has now come to its natural end. The real Chinese growth rate now and for the foreseeable future will be in the annual 1%-3% range that is typical in developed economies.

Or rather, it will continue on that trajectory so long as China continues in the path Deng chose: a capitalist economy dominated by people with moderate socialist views about the distribution of wealth. However, that's a tricky path to walk.

To stop the Communist true believers from dragging China back into revolutionary fanaticism, Deng and his successors promoted the principle of 'collective leadership'. No single Party member could accumulate too much power, the most senior leaders would be limited to two five-year terms, and Mao-style 'per-

sonality cults' were banned.

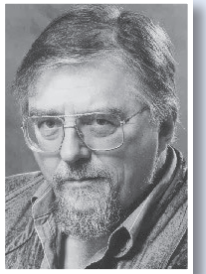
That system has grown and matured over 30 years, during which the main challenge has come from the right, from people in both industry and the Party with a keen interest in getting and staying rich: 'corruption', as it is generally called in China. But Xi Jinping poses a different kind of challenge to the status quo.

His rise through the ranks of the Party was accomplished mainly by exploiting family ties: his father had impeccable revolutionary credentials and was widely respected in the Party. But once Xi achieved high office 10 years ago, he set about dismantling all the rules and customs that prevented a return to one-man rule.

Whether he genuinely believes in Marxism-Leninism is unknowable, but also irrelevant. He is dedicated to attaining absolute power, and he will invoke the old faith if it provides a useful justification for that pursuit. By now, he is pretty close to his goal.

Unfortunately for China, Xi is nearing absolute power at a time when a reversion to the old ways is the last thing it needs. The country faces a demographic crisis and an economic crisis at the same time, and re-centralising power in the hands of a single man is definitely not the best way to solve those problems.

GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY



The recurring Covid lockdowns that are paralysing Chinese cities, crippling the economy and stoking popular anger, are just one example of how his private obsessions are starting to threaten the Party's grip on power. Xi's answer, as always, is just more severe repression.

This month's National Congress is the last hurdle on his route to absolute power, because the 2,226 delegates will be asked to cast aside the two-term limit. Technically, they would only be granting Xi a third term as president, but everybody thinks that it will mean he stays in office for life. Or maybe just until he is overthrown, because he is almost uniquely unsuited to deal with problems like a shrinking work-force (due to the collapsing birth-rate), rising unemployment and a huge debt crisis.

There are plenty of people in the Party who understand that Xi's reversion to the bad old ways might ultimately bring about the end of Communist rule in China, but they seem too few and too cowed to challenge him directly. China may be in for a wild ride – and the rest of us with it.

Free Speech

I worked with a service club a few years ago and one of the tenets that it encouraged its members to abide by was 'What good will it do?'

They encourage members to always think about their actions and if it will produce a positive result, or result in something negative happening.

I think that's a good way to live and I always try to abide by that action. If undecided, I try to figure out if something negative can happen, and if so, I steer in another direction. I also try to do that in speech, and avoid saying anything negative about a person.

Most people probably live along the same line of thinking to a large degree, but not all do.

There was a protest this past week at McGill University in Montreal by a group of students who are quite angry about a fall lecturer's tweeted comment.

Yes, another tweeter – the social media, which I'm sure produced many negative results when late night surfing is combined with alcohol. A tweet only allows a few words in any posting, so if you're going to be a tweeter, you have to be concise.

To quote a line from a movie with a little twist, "You know what it means if you tweeted don't you? He tweets, she tweets, I tweet, we all done tweeted!"

The lecturer tweeted how 'heartwarming it

will be to experience the execution of hundreds of Mojahedin leaders arrested in recent riots.'

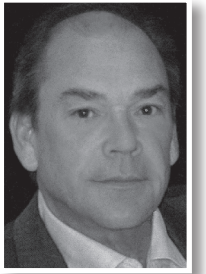
The reference was in regard to recent protests in Iran where a lot of people have now been arrested and detained.

A young woman was arrested for violating the country's strict dress code, and somehow ended up dead at the hands of police. It was reported she was severely beaten and had a fractured skull along with other injuries. Apparently, the women of Iran have had enough of decades of being told how to dress and behave, and fear the wrath of 'morality police' who operate at their own discretion.

It's not just women who are protesting. They are supported by many men who are also fed up at being forced to abide by ridiculous government regulations. Protesters have received widespread support in other countries, especially many nearby countries who are more liberal, where woman aren't forced to cover themselves from head to toe, or not allowed in public unless accompanied by a male relative.

I don't blame the students in Montreal, many of which were from Iran, for not being too happy to have a lecturer at the school who finds the potential murders of several hundred people to be a 'heartwarming' event. What would a person like that contribute to a university class other than to try to indoctrinate students to some way of backwards, medieval thinking?

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



While a couple of comments from students seemed to imply this 'shouldn't be allowed' in Canada, for the most part, comments were mostly in opposition to the tweeted statement and in support of the Iran protests.

Even the university issued a statement saying, "we must also take into account the wide protection offered to free expression in our society, even when such expression is distasteful or disturbing."

The university is correct – just because a person says something that is distasteful or disturbing, doesn't mean you need to get a mob with torches and storm their house for revenge. There are places in the world where that would indeed happen.

It also doesn't mean you have to try to have someone arrested under the 'hate speech' laws. The hate speech laws are bogus and are never applied evenly – they only apply to a certain demographic.

The thing about free speech is no one is ever going to have 100 per cent of the population agree with them. You could make the most obvious comment, and there will always be someone who disagrees.

If you make negative comments in a public forum, especially in a high-profile situation, you should always put some thought into those comments before hitting the 'send' button.

This lecturer's comments were obviously not well thought out. Either he didn't realize that glorifying murder would not go over well with a lot of people, or he did it deliberately to create a controversy. I'm guessing the latter.

Protesting won't solve the issue, but refusing to attend his classes will.

Sometimes the best way to disagree – is just to ignore the comment.

Sometimes, silence is the best rebuttal.

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Police lay almost 250 traffic charges over long weekend

Throughout the Thanksgiving long weekend, members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) laid 246 traffic charges, of which 200 were for speeding and stunt/racing, as part of Operation Impact.

The operation ran from October 7 to 10 and is a national traffic safety campaign that supports Canada's Road Safety Strategy and aims to make Canada's roads the safest in the world, according to Dufferin OPP.

During the four-day initiative, officers conducted targeted enforcement and provided education on alcohol/drug-impaired, aggressive, and inattentive/distracted driving, as well as lack of seatbelt use – all main causes of death and injury on our roadways.

Dufferin County Breakdown:

- Speeding Charges - 192
- Stunt, Racing Charges - 8
- Seatbelt Charges - 12

- Distracted Driving Charges - 3
- Impaired, Over 80 Charges - 3

“Excessive speeds and aggressive driving continue to threaten the safety of all road users. The OPP is reminding drivers to share our roads safely. Please slow down, pay attention, drive cautiously, courteously and never drive impaired. Report dangerous or impaired drivers to OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or 9-1-1 in emergency,” said the Dufferin OPP.



Dufferin OPP searching for suspect in theft of crossbows

Members from the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are currently investigating a break and enter to an address on the 19th Line in East Garafraxa Township.

On Oct. 8 at approximately 11:45 a.m.,

Dufferin OPP responded to the report of a break and enter at a rural address in East Garafraxa.

The break and enter occurred sometime between October 4, and October 8, 2022.

The complainant advised officers that an

unknown suspect cut the lock to the front gate of the property and broke into a large outbuilding. The suspect stole two crossbows valued at \$400.

Anyone with information regarding this break and enter 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 ontariocrimestoppers.ca/.

Charges laid for thefts from vehicles thanks to timely phone call

Dufferin OPP charged an individual involved in several thefts from vehicles.

On Sept. 28, police responded to a report of a suspicious male looking inside of vehicles on Crimson Crescent in the Town of Orangeville.

A timely phone call to police enabled officers were able to locate the male. Their

investigation revealed that the male had several arrest warrants. The accused was found in possession of stolen property linked to several other theft investigations.

As a result, Jamie CRANE, 29-year-old from Wasaga Beach was charged with Possession Property Obtained by Crime -

Under \$5000

The accused was held for a bail hearing scheduled for September 28, 2022. These charges have not been proven in court.

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

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ACROSS

- 1. Mischievous child
- 5. Strange
- 8. Type of bear
- 13. Played part
- 14. Hurry
- 16. Optical phenomenon
- 17. Of the ear
- 18. Moray fisherman
- 19. "The ___ Cometh"
- 20. Head
- 21. Light brown
- 22. Union soldier
- 24. Painting, e.g.
- 25. Like fresh lettuce
- 27. Have an ___ to grind
- 29. Slipper
- 31. Inn
- 33. Tiny frog
- 36. Seer
- 38. Don't strike!

- 40. Figure-skating jump
- 42. Nativity scene
- 43. Equipment
- 44. "Shogun" wear
- 45. Thrash
- 46. Small crow
- 48. Animation unit
- 50. Night twinkler
- 51. Hire
- 52. Lincoln's coin
- 54. Kindle
- 56. Portend
- 58. Complexion problem
- 59. Shear
- 60. Snuggle
- 62. International syndicate
- 64. Cut wood
- 65. Green parrot
- 66. Bread piece
- 70. Furnish weapons to
- 73. Sheet of cotton

- 75. Move up
- 77. Indian bread
- 78. Extra time
- 80. Old womanish
- 82. Palm's location
- 83. Michaelmas daisies
- 84. Gaucho's tool
- 85. Against
- 86. Mount
- 87. Layer
- 88. Garfield's cry

DOWN

- 1. Wild horse
- 2. Helicopter part
- 3. Excuse
- 4. Private eye
- 5. Perform surgery
- 6. First-class
- 7. Barely passing grade
- 8. Predicament

- 9. Metallic dirt
- 10. Tibetan priest
- 11. Culture medium
- 12. Payment to a landlord
- 14. Not sweet, as wine
- 15. Moistureless
- 16. Stately dance
- 21. Period in history
- 23. Electrical unit
- 26. Cabin
- 28. Or ___! (threat)
- 30. Clean-air advocate group: abbr.
- 32. Dog-pulled vehicle
- 34. Foreign
- 35. Manufacturer's payback
- 36. Prayer
- 37. Go backward
- 39. Diplomat's skill
- 41. Former Italian currency
- 42. Association
- 43. Actress Verdon
- 47. Stress, as a syllable
- 49. Cheerful tune
- 50. Baiting leader
- 53. Body part
- 55. Birds in a gaggle
- 57. Curvy shape
- 58. Eternally
- 59. Weakness
- 61. Knight's tunic
- 63. Antenna
- 67. Lacking reason
- 68. Long-poem division
- 69. Bestow
- 70. Alack's partner
- 71. Sleep
- 72. Allot
- 74. Paving goo
- 76. Baltic, e.g.
- 79. Willie Winkie's size
- 81. Imbibe
- 82. That fellow

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BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

LONG DISTANCE RUNNING: The Dufferin Family of Schools from the Dufferin–Peel Catholic School Board hosted its annual cross country run at the Orangeville Agricultural Centre grounds on Tuesday, Oct. 4. Almost 800 kids from 16 schools, including Shelburne elementary schools took part in the event. It was the first cross country event in three years after the pandemic put a temporary halt on the run.

Hundreds of kids turn out for Family of Schools cross-country run

Written By **Brian Lockhart**

It's been a few years since the Dufferin Family of Schools held its annual cross country run event due to COVID-19 restrictions, but the fun and exercise was back this year as hundreds of kids turned out to see who could cross the finish line first at the Tuesday, Oct. 4 event.

A total of 16 schools were involved from the region.

Almost 800 kids took part in the run with students up to grade eight competing.

The event took place at the Agricultural Centre and followed a course around the

grounds led by a teacher on an ATV who made sure the proper route was followed, and a student on a bicycle who followed behind to make sure those at the rear of the pack could complete the race. The event got underway at 10:00 a.m. with the first race.

Students gathered at the start line wearing their school colours in groups of as many as 50 for each race.

Once the starting horn sounded, some students started off in a sprint to get ahead of the pack while others chose a slower start so they could pace themselves over the 2k route.

There was a large contingent of parents and grandparents along the route to cheer them on, especially at the midway mark where it was getting tough.

In almost every race there was a small group of runners who managed to pull out ahead of the pack and lead the way around the course. Some of the races ended

with a real battle for first place as they approached the finish line.

Several students posted pretty impressive times on the course.

It was a good day for the students to have some time outdoors and be with other kids from around the region for some friendly competition.

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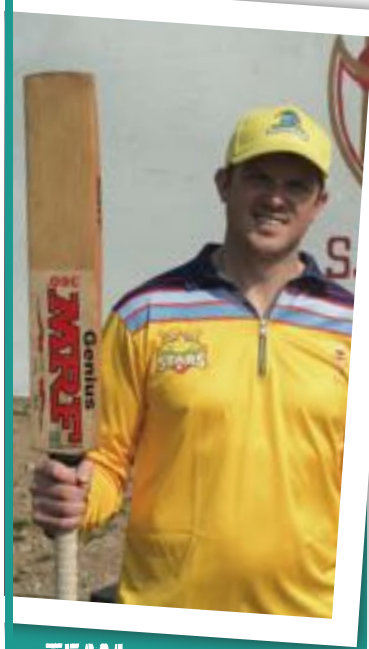
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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

WEYLIN KAPP



Weylin Kapp knows the sport of cricket very well, he has been playing the game since he was a kid.

"My homeland is South Africa, we start playing cricket in school as part of our curriculum," Weylin explained. "I moved to Shelburne the year they were first starting the Cricket Club."

Weylin saw a newspaper ad that said they were starting a cricket league and he decided to sign up.

"It's the discipline and the team building spirit," he said of why he likes the sport. "It's played with a gentlemen's sport and attitude. It's about discipline on the field and showing respect. You're an ambassador on the field every time you play the game. There's pride – you dress yourself well and focus on your skills and form. You want to look good out there and do your best for your team."

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Muskies back on the ice for 2022-23 season

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Western Ontario Athletic Association (WOAA) Senior Hockey League has started the 2022 / 23 season and the Shelburne Muskies are hoping to have a good year and improve on last season's record.

There are 12 teams in the League this year – one down from last season.

The Clinton Radars have elected to take a one-year leave of absence.

The remaining 12 teams will play a 20-game

unbalanced regular season schedule. Teams have been informed of modifications to make up for lost games that would have been played against Clinton.

All players whose rights had belonged to the Clinton Radars are now considered free agents.

The change in the schedule means the Muskies will now meet the Durham Thundercats three times this year to fill in the missing games.

Teams in the lineup for this season include Shelburne, Creemore Coyotes, Petrolia Squires, Seaforth Centenaries,

Durham Thundercats, Lucknow Lancers, Milverton Four Wheel Drives, Minto 81's, Ripley Wolves, Saugeen Shores Winterhawks, Shallow Lake Crushers, and the Tavistock Royals.

Last year, the Muskies finished the regular season in eighth place with an 8-9 record. They lost to the Ripley Wolves in the Quarter-final round of playoffs.

The Muskies have a new GM this year. Anthony MacKinnon is filling the role after long-time GM Barry Trood had to vacate the

position as he was leaving town.

Shelburne played the League opening game this season when they met the Creemore Coyotes on home ice at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex.

It was a close game with Creemore leaving the ice with a 4-3 win.

The Muskies will get a two-week break before their next game.

The squad will return to the CDRC on Saturday, Oct. 15 to host the Durham Thundercats. Game time is 8:00 p.m.



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

HOCKEY RETURNS: Junior C hockey will be playing a full 40 game schedule this year for the first time in three seasons. Last season was cut short when COVID-19 concerns closed the arenas for four weeks. The Alliston Hornets took on the Caledon Golden Hawks in Alliston on Friday, Oct. 7. The Hornets are currently second place, one point behind the first place Schomberg Cougars.

Junior C hockey back to full schedule this season

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Provincial Junior Hockey League will be playing a full schedule this year for the first time in three years.

The season was shortened last year after COVID-19 concerns caused a pause in the season in January when the arenas were all shut down. The League extended the season for a couple of weeks to make sure enough games were played to make a proper final standings.

As a result, the Schmalz Cup provincial championship was played in a tournament style over three days instead of the traditional best-of-seven series.

This year, there is a full 40 game schedule.

At four weeks into the 2022 / 23 season there is a real battle shaping up for first place in the standings.

The Schomberg Cougars are in first place in the North Carruthers Division with 12 points recorded so far.

The Cougars were 5-0 up until Oct. 8, when they took their first loss on the road against the Innisfil Spartans.

In second place, the Alliston Hornets are one point behind with a 5-1-1 record and are trying to challenge for the lead.

The defending champion Stayner Siskins have had a good start to the season and are undefeated after four games – three games less than Schomberg and Alliston so they have a real chance to catch up or overtake the leading teams.

The Orillia Terriers have a 4-2 record – good for eight points and fourth place standing.

Right behind Orillia, the Innisfil Spartans have a 4-3 record and eight points.

The Huntsville Otters are even so far with a 3-3 record.

In seventh place, the Penetang Kings have

five points and a 2-2-2 record.

They are followed by the Midland Flyers who have struggled so far this year, taking a loss in all six times they have been on the ice.

In the basement, the Caledon Golden Hawks have come up short in all eight games they have played this season and have one point for an overtime loss.

With nine teams in the league this season with the addition of the Innisfil Spartans, either the lowest team will not make the playoffs, or the number one team will get a bye when the playoffs get underway.

Playoff plans have not yet been announced.

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It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Marjorie Stringer on Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at the Meaford Hospital in her 78th year.

She was the loving wife of John for 59 years, and loving and supportive mother of Stephen (Darlene), Gary (Lori), and Rick (Kim).

Marjorie was the proud grandmother of Dalton (Keesha), Josh, Jenna (Nicholas), Travis, Nicole (James), Jason, Trent, Mitchell (Alise) and great-grandmother of Jaxon, Raelynn, Soraya and Aspen. Born in Shelburne, Ontario on November 5, 1944, Marjorie was a daughter of the late Howard and Sylvia Burk (nee Irwin).

She was the baby sister of Geraldine (late Murray) Little, and Doug (Sue) Burk, and will be remembered fondly by her many nieces, nephews and their families.

Marjorie enjoyed many years volunteering within the community of Meaford and on the Meaford Hospital Auxiliary. She is going to be missed by many friends and family.

Family and friends will gather to celebrate Marjorie's life on Saturday, November 5, 2022 at the Shelburne Legion from 2 until 6 p.m. Interment will take place at the Shelburne Cemetery.

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