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SUPPORTING LOCAL LEGION: The Shelburne Ladies' Auxiliary presented the local legion, Branch 220, with a cheque for \$7,500 last Thursday (Nov. 17) during their luncheon. The donation was raised through their various fundraisers held year round.

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Local program looks after seniors for the holidays

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Senior's Santa Christmas Stockings Program is working to bring some Christmas magic to local seniors this holiday season.

The Dufferin County-based organization is collecting donation items for their annual initiative that looks to provide gifts to local seniors living in long-term care homes, retirement facilities and within the community.

"Our goal is to put a smile on all seniors' faces and touch them with a little bit of Christmas magic so they know they haven't been forgotten," said Julie Evason, organizer of the annual fundraiser.

The Senior's Santa Christmas Stocking Program began in 2015, and Evason has been a part of the initiative as a volunteer since its second year.

"I had lost both my parents and Christmas really wasn't special for me. Working in health care I saw the number of seniors that didn't have visitors and it really touched me," explained Evason. "I decided to reach out and join, and I loved every second of it; it really warmed my heart."

The Senior's Santa Christmas Stocking Program works by having local residents fill stockings (bags or boxes) with a variety of gifts and donating them. Those stockings are then sorted through and distributed on

Christmas Day (Dec. 25).

The initiative also offers residents the opportunity to be a sponsor for a senior, where they buy gifts specific to one senior.

"These stockings and sponsored gifts give the seniors essential items and also gives them a little fun to brighten their day," said Evason.

As part of the fundraiser, the Senior's Santa Christmas Stocking Program is also hosting an online auction to help raise funds to go towards filling stockings.

The online auction will run until Dec. 15 and includes items such as an Instant Pot, restaurant gift certificates, pandora items, and candles.

Long-term care homes and retirement facilities involved in the Christmas program include Dufferin Oaks, Shelburne Long Term Care Home & Retirement Community, Avalon, Bethsaida and the Lord Dufferin Centre.

According to Evason, there are already over 560 seniors lined up to receive a stocking but she expects the number to rise closer to 800.

Specific items asked for to stuff the stockings include toiletries such as soap, lip balm, tissues, baby powder, hairspray and shampoo as well as personal items including word search/puzzle books, tea or coffee, slippers, calendars and gift cards for local business. The initiative asks that metal nail files and alcohol-based items are not included.

Monetary donations can be made by e-transfer at seniorssantasstockings@gmail.com.

Senior's Santa Christmas Stockings Program has a number of donation drop-off locations within Dufferin County.

Shelburne Drop-off Location:

- Marg McCarthy Realty (110 Centennial Road)
- Mono Drop-off Locations:
- Nifty Nook Restaurant (633432 Hwy. 10)
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Orangeville Drop-off Locations:

- Head Elf Head Quarters (98 Church Street)
- Re/Max Real Estate Centre (115 First Street - ask for Lorie Haddock and Kim Giles)
- Anytime Fitness Orangeville (224 Centennial Rd #13)
- Headwaters Physiotherapy (48 Centennial Rd, Unit 18)
- Absolute Insurance (71 5th Avenue)
- Expedia Cruise (489 Broadway, Unit 11)
- Nichol Insurance (4 Clara Street)

"Anyone who would like to donate but doesn't drive or have a means of transportation, I'm more than happy to pick up and I do have volunteers who are also willing to pick up items," added Evason.

If you know a senior who is struggling this holiday season and could use the help contact the Senior's Santa Christmas Stocking Program by phone at 519-215-8485 or by email at seniorssantasstockings@gmail.com.

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FEATURED ITEM

Education workers, government agree to a tentative contract

Written By **James Matthews**
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Education workers and the provincial government agreed to a down-to-the-wire tentative agreement on Nov. 20 that staved off a strike that was to kick off the next day.

Details of the tentative agreement are scarce. It's been reported that the Canadian Union of Public Employees secured a 15 per cent wage increase for its members over the life of the four-year pact. That's about a \$1 per hour raise.

The union is taking the proposed contract to its 55,000 members to vote to accept or refuse the deal.

Secretaries, clerks, computer technicians, custodial and maintenance staff, and educational assistants represented by the CUPE walked off the job Nov. 4 in protest of Bill 28. That legislation, the Keeping Students in Class Act, was designed to make a strike by CUPE members illegal. The provincial government used Section 33 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, called the Notwithstanding Clause. It was the first time any of Canada's premiers used that clause.

The labour action was short-lived and picket lines were dismantled days later when the crowd at Queen's Park agreed to repeal Bill 28 if negotiators for both sides would resume talking.

Fast forward to last week when the union threatened to hit the streets Nov. 21 if an agreement couldn't be reached over the weekend.

The Upper Grand District School Board, which operates schools in Dufferin County, warned parents that schools would close and classes will be held online. Such arrangement was averted, thanks to the Hail Mary effort to bear fruit on the final day.

This is the first tentative agreement reached through the 2022 round of collective bargaining in the education sector.

Education Minister Stephen Lecce said the government's focus throughout negotiations with CUPE has always been to keep children

in school.

"I am pleased to formally announce that the Crown, the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), and the school board trustee associations have reached a tentative agreement that keeps schools open so that kids can stay in class," he said in a prepared statement.

"This is not a win for governments or education unions. It's a win for Ontario families who finally have peace of mind knowing their children will remain in the classroom. After two and a half years of unprecedented disruptions, nothing matters more than stability in our schools. We are pleased to have reached a deal today that will make sure kids

Around 20 floats to roll through downtown Shelburne for Santa Claus Parade

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

Santa Claus is coming to Shelburne. The Shelburne Business Improvement Area (BIA) will be hosting their annual Santa Claus Parade on Saturday (Dec. 3) starting at 6 p.m.

"It's a fun way for residents to get out and

join in on a bit of town spirit. For businesses this is great exposure and a way to help run an event in their community," said Melissa Hooper, treasurer for the BIA.

The route for the Santa Clause Parade is slated to begin at the Shelburne Agricultural Community Centre, located at 377 William Street, and make its way down and across Robert Street where it will pass

in front of the Shelburne Long Term Care Home. The parade will then make its way down Jelly Street, towards Main Street, turning at First Avenue to make the return back to William Street.

This year, the Shelburne Santa Claus Parade will be created around the specific theme of "Gingerbread".

So far, the parade has 16 floats lined up to take part in the local holiday parade, but Hooper said they expect there to be around 20 floats in total.

For local businesses and organizations

interested in taking part, the BIA can be reached by email at info@shelburnebia.ca. Applications to participate in the Christmas parade will be accepted until Dec. 2 and is free of cost.

While the Shelburne Santa Claus Parade will kick off at 6 p.m., various festive events will also be taking place throughout the day at Jack Downing Park including photos with Santa from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., face painting from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., gingerbread tree decorating, and a tree light ceremony at 5 p.m.

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YOUNG AUTHOR: Local nine-year-old, Amaya James, released her debut book *Afro, No!* on Oct. 31. *Afro, No!* is available for purchase at Booklore in Orangeville, online at Amazon and to borrow at the Shelburne Public Library Hub, located at Streams Community Hub.

Local youngster writes and illustrates children's book

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

A local nine-year-old resident is now a published author.

Amaya James released her debut children's book called *Afro, No!* on Oct. 31.

Featuring main characters Emmie and Afro, *Afro, No!* explores the sometimes complicated relationship that young black girls can have with their hair. It also touches on the beauty, uniqueness and joy that comes with the pain and challenge of getting their hair done.

"When I do my hair it's a little bit of trouble because of all the brushing, and it hurts my head. So, the inspiration was for other little kids, if they have a hard time doing their hair, that they don't feel alone," explained James.

James initially began writing her children's book in August, and illustrated the entire book as a self-taught artist. Starting with a sketch of the book's cover she eventually digitized the artwork and slowly began to write and draw what would eventually become the 32-page story.

Speaking with the Free Press, James shared her favourite illustration from the book as well as the part she found most special to write.

"My favourite drawing is the one of baby Emmie, and girl Emmie," said James. "I

like the part 'some days he's silky, some days he's puffed, some days he's easy and some days he's rough', its about all different hairstyles."

A significant part of *Afro, No!* is the relationship between Emmie and Afro. James spoke about her decision to make Afro an active character within the story.

"Sometimes your hair is pulling and tugging and it's like its own person, doing what it wants," said James.

Released on Oct. 31, in its first week of publication, *Afro, No!* reached #1 on Amazon in the Beauty category.

"It was super exciting and very overwhelming," said James about the emotional experience.

Since publishing her debut book, James said she is now looking to continue writing stories around the characters of Emmie and Afro.

"I think 'Afro, No!' should be a series with more stories about Emmie and Afro," said James.

When asked what she hopes other children can learn from reading *Afro, No!*, James said, "I hope they learn to just be themselves, and that they're not alone."

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Local fire department holding 12th annual Toy and Food Drive

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Shelburne & District Fire Department has kicked off its 12th annual Toy and Food Drive fundraiser.

The local fire department began collecting donations of non-perishable foods and toys for the drive on Nov. 17 and will be collecting items until Dec. 17.

“What we do on a daily basis as firefighters is help the community and people in emergencies, and what we’re doing with this food and toy drive is helping the community that needs the extra help,” said Cpt. Mike Morrell, coordinator for the annual event. “It feels good to help, but the need has become even more so it’s more pressing

to try and help.”

Each year, the Shelburne Fire Department’s Toy and Food Drive fundraiser collects food donations for the local food bank, Shepherd’s Cupboard, and toys for Dufferin Children & Family Services (DCAFS).

Cpt. Morrell said they were able to help over 400 families with toys last year through the holiday fundraising event.

Helping as many families as they do each year, Morrell noted that they are expecting the number of those in need of aid for the holiday season to increase.

“With the cost of everything going through the roof, we know the numbers are going to be even more. The ones that could give, can’t do anything because they’re now in

the other bracket,” said Morrell.

Some of the specific food items the food bank is looking for this year include peanut butter, mayo, cooking oil, canned fruit, cereal, cookies, hot chocolate, coffee, and canned salmon.

When it comes to gifting toys, Morrell shared one tip.

“Think of an age group and think of a gift that you would like to get as a child in that age group.”

Monetary donations will also be accepted and turned into gift cards.

Donations can be dropped off at the Shelburne Fire Hall, on Thursdays and Fridays between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m., and Saturdays from noon until 4 p.m. The local fire department will also be hosting collection events

in the community including on Nov. 26 at Giant Tiger, Dec. 10 at No Frills and Dec. 17 at Foodland.

The Shelburne & District Fire Department also has community partners including Streams Community Hub, Starbucks and TD Bank with drop boxes for donations.

Community members that are unable to attend the drop-off dates or access any of the locations can contact the Shelburne Fire Hall, and leave a message for Cpt. Mike Morrell asking for an item pick up.

“We are trying to help those in need and anyone in the community that can give or would like to, please do because the people you’re helping could be your neighbour. The thing is, is that not everybody knows everybody that need help,” said Morrell.

Electronic patient record system shut down due to cyber attack

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

An electronic patient record system used by Dufferin County Paramedic Service and other paramedic services across Ontario was shut down early last week due to a cyber attack.

Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) said in a press release issued on Friday (Nov. 18) that they were informed that ESO, the third-party platform used to record patient data, was taken offline in response to “unauthorized access”.

Headwaters Health Care Centre said that the service interruption would not affect

the paramedic services’ ability to respond to 9-1-1 emergency calls.

“Patient care is our top priority,” said Tom Reid, Chief of Dufferin Paramedic Service. “We are still providing services and responding to 9-1-1 calls. We are documenting all our actions locally now until the system is back online.”



paramedicine services and other management functions.

Cybersecurity experts are supporting the investigation with ESO.

“There is also no evidence to date that any confidential information has been compromised,” said the press release from HHCC.

Until further notice, patients under the care of Dufferin County Community Paramedicine Program can confirm or book their appointments by phone at 519-941-0509 or toll free at 1-844-791-1182 or by email at communityparamedic@dufferincounty.ca.

Updates will be shared as they become available.

Christmas Assistance for Dufferin County helps kids have a fun holiday

Written By Brian Lockhart

Families who are struggling to buy toys for their children this holiday season can get some help through the New Hope Community Church’s Christmas Assistance for Dufferin County program.

The church collects toys donated by members of the community through their Toys for Tots initiative every Christmas season.

As each child is different, parents are allowed to visit the church and select something they know their child will appreciate.

To be a part of the program, parents must register and visit the church at an appointed time prior to the toy pick-up date.

You will be required to show proof of income, as well as a way to identify the number of children you have.

This is to verify families that need help and the church does not record this information.

“People can call our family services number to set up an appointment so they can actually come into the building and register because we’ll need ID for the children and proof of income,” explained New Hope Community Church Pastor, Roger Barrow. “It’s for people who need help at Christ-

mas who can’t afford toys or [are] having a tough time. This is for the toys, and we also do food through the Christmas hampers. Last year we gave out over 7,000 Christmas gifts to children in Dufferin County. This initiative is the process whereby they apply for that.”

The initiative also helps and supports groups in both Grand Valley and Shelburne that distribute toys to deserving kids.

“People can come in and register and tell us how many kids they have,” Pastor Barrow explained. “We will assign a shopping day so they can come back to the church when it’s filled with toys, and the parents can walk through and do their shopping. We’re able to do a shopping model, so the parents can walk through and find something appropriate... All the toys come from the community. We do have a number of locations that collect toys for us around the community.”

Depending on how many children a family has, they can select appropriate gifts in terms of size, for a girl or boy, as well as some stocking stuffers.

To call ahead for an in-person appointment, you can call 519-943-1203 ext 1.

Registration dates will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 29, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Tuesday, Dec. 6, from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

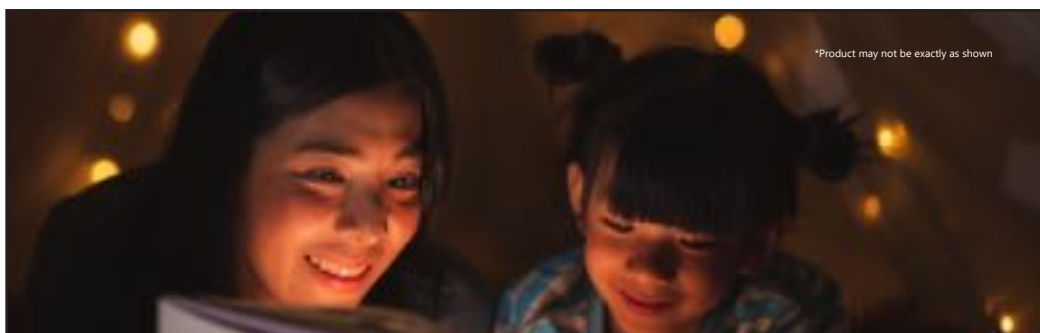
Dufferin OPP are involved in Toys for Tots each year and will be in front of the Orangeville Walmart from 5-8 p.m. on Fridays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays to collect new, unwrapped toys, non-perishable food and gift cards. They will be there from Nov. 25 to Dec. 11.

Other locations where people can donate to Toys for Tots includes:

- The Salvation Army New Hope Community Church, 690 Riddell Road
- The Salvation Army Thrift Store, 162 Broadway

- Orangeville Townhall, 87 Broadway
- DUCA Financial Services, 16 Broadway
- LCBO, 510 Riddell Road
- Royal LePage RCR Realty, 75 First Street
- 7-Eleven, 288 Broadway
- YMCA of Greater Toronto, 46 Dawson & 65 McCarthy Street
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Pave paradise, put up a parking lot

If you are an urban dweller, you probably don't give a whole lot of thought about rural areas, wetlands, fields, floods, and wildlife.

Most people tend to focus on things close to home.

There are, of course, many suburbanites who take a real interest in nature and the environment. After all, we all share it no matter where you live.

When people take over a land mass, you have to take care of it because you are interfering with the natural process that takes place when trees grow, rivers flow, and a turtle needs a place to live.

The Conservation Authorities Act, in Ontario, was established in 1946, when it was realized that much of the renewable natural resources of the province were in an unhealthy state as a result of poor land, water and forestry practices during the 1930s and 1940s.

When Hurricane Hazel ravaged the province in 1954, it caused millions of dollars in damage as well as loss of life.

There are many dams and old mills across Ontario with a historic plaque that details how the dam was washed out during that storm.

I interviewed a local man who told me the

story of coming out of his farmhouse as a kid, the day after the storm, and their entire lake had been drained. A friend of his family downstream spent two days in a tree waiting to be rescued.

That storm underscored the importance of the Conservation Authorities Act to protect lives and property.

The provincial government's proposed Bill 23 – called the More Homes Built Faster Act – calls for the building of 1.5 million more homes in Ontario over the next decade. That's an ambitious goal, but is it good for the province?

Bill 23, raises some serious questions about where these houses will be built and the process that is currently in place to keep development in check.

There are plans now to open up parts of the so-called "green belt" to development. The green belt was put in place for a reason – to keep it green, and protect environmentally sensitive areas and farmland.

If the green belt was so important when it was created, it must still be important today.

Bill 23, as proposed, would undermine Conservation Authorities' ability to control interference with rivers, creeks, and wetlands.

It would also pretty much eliminate a

municipality's ability to have a say in its own growth, as it would remove requirements for public meetings on certain planning matters, and remove the people's right to appeal planning decisions.

The Ministry of Environment would have the power to override municipal planning decisions.

In short, the Bill would give developers a pretty free hand to build where they want, with little input from other sources including local government, residents, and Conservation Authorities.

The Bill also has very little respect for designated heritage properties that may be bulldozed to build another 20 townhomes jammed together like ant colonies.

The Bill will exempt developers from developer charges, which municipalities use to meet critical infrastructure needs. This means they will have no real obligation to build the 'affordable housing' that people are calling for.

There's a whole list of other considerations in this Bill that should be closely examined by the public.

We definitely have a housing problem in the province right now. There are plenty of younger people who cannot buy a house in their own hometown due to rising hous-

ing costs.

We can only fit so many people into the number of available houses, and yet the federal government is planning on bringing in over 400,000 immigrants over the course of a year.

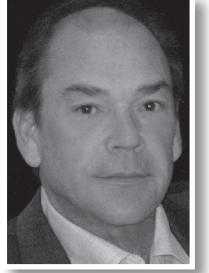
Do the math here, and you can easily find the problem. People have to live somewhere, but being pushed out of your own hometown because too many people have moved the housing market above your ability to afford a home does not serve the public well.

Just building massive developments is not the solution – especially when the province is calling for 'intensification' in a society that relies on automobiles. Whether you like it or not, automobiles are a necessity for most people across the province.

New neighbourhoods are jammed with cars parked on the streets because when a family grows, so does its need to have more than one spot to park a car, even though you paid over \$1 million for your home.

Bill 23 needs some serious opposition before the long-term effects are realized and we all pay the eventual price.

BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW



Our Readers Write

Bill 23

Editor

As the public cannot help but notice, there has been a lot of news coverage around the introduction of Ontario's Bill 23 that proposes to dismantle parts of Ontario's Greenbelt in order to address the housing crisis. And the public should notice, as Bill 23 is a real cause for alarm. The Greenbelt is an 800,000-hectare swath of Ontario's prime farmland, forests, and wetlands essential in the protection of sensitive areas, in the reining in of sprawl in the GTA, and the preservation of Ontario's (and half of Canada's) prime farmland (which we are currently losing at a rate of 319 acres per day in Ontario – at this rate a child born today who lives into their nineties will live to see the disappearance of all farmland in Ontario. Who needs to eat?).

Some of Bill 23's impacts are the following:

- According to Wellington Water Watchers, Bill 23 will repeal no fewer than 36 regulations under the Conservation Authorities Act, as well as the Planning Act, the Development Charges Act, the Ontario Heritage Act, and the Ontario Land Tribunal Act;
- The proposals in Bill 23 would remove your right as a resident to appeal any planning decisions such as Official Plans, zoning

by-laws and minor variances while maintaining a corporation's right to appeal those same decisions. It will remove requirements for a municipality to provide notice or hold public meetings on draft plans of subdivisions. It will eliminate site plan control on residential properties with fewer than 10 homes – shoreline residents beware;

• In neighbouring Simcoe County, their own Director of Planning, Nathan Westendorf, has stated that under Bill 23 the County would no longer be required to have an Official Plan and according to Trevor Wilcox, General Manager of Corporate Performance for Simcoe County, the reducing and/or eliminating some Development Charges will incur a loss of some \$175 million in County revenue during the next 10 to 15 years. They project that property taxes would have to rise by about 4% to replace the lost revenue. These impacts will not just be restricted to Simcoe but will have implications for all counties across Ontario.

Ontario does not need to sacrifice environmental protections to address the housing crisis. Ontario's own Housing Affordability Task Force stated in its 2022 report that land is available outside the Greenbelt and within existing built-up areas. The Task Force stated that the Greenbelt must be protected and

farms provide food and food security. If any of this concerns you, please follow the reporting on Bill 23 in your local newspapers or go to websites such as environmentaldefence.ca, simcoecountygreenbelt.ca, or contact your local MPP and let them know you do not want the Greenbelt carved up and

that Bill 23 needs to be revised so that it addresses the housing crisis properly without breaking up the Greenbelt.

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Annual Festive RIDE Program returning for the holidays

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

'Tis' the season to celebrate, and also to launch the Dufferin County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachment's annual Festive RIDE Program.

Officers from Dufferin OPP officially kicked-off the seven-week long campaign focused on driver sobriety.

"As first responders we have attended far too many horrific collisions caused by impaired driving. These collisions are completely avoidable, if drivers' plan ahead when consuming drugs or alcohol," said Staff Sgt. Tony Jelich. "There are many alternative options to remove impaired driving from the picture such as designative drivers, taxis, ride shares, public transit or staying the night."

According to the Dufferin OPP, in 2022 thus far there have been 20 collisions related to drugs or alcohol in the County. There have also been 43 arrests made by Dufferin OPP involving impaired driving.

During the Festive Ride Program, officers will be utilizing Mandatory Alcohol Screening (MAS), which allows officers to demand a breath test from any lawfully stopped driver, even if there is no

evidence or suspicion that the driver has consumed alcohol.

Officers will also be using Drug Recognition Evaluation (DRE) and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) as a resource for detecting drug-impaired drivers. The same penalties apply as those who are alcohol-impaired.

The OPP Festive RIDE Program will run until Jan. 12.

Police investigating robbery at pharmacy along Broadway

The Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is currently investigating a robbery at a pharmacy located in the Town of Orangeville.

On November 17, 2022, at approximately 6:40 p.m., three men entered a pharmacy on Broadway and demanded cash and narcotics from store employees.

The suspects obtained approximately \$500 in cash and a variety of narcotics and then fled the scene in a white sedan, possibly a Mazda.

There were no injuries reported during

this incident.

The suspects are unidentified at this time, but are described as follows:

Suspect #1: black male, wearing a red rim hat with sticker on top (middle of hat), black puffy, winter jacket with a hood, dark coloured pants, and dark face covering.

Suspect #2: black male wearing a dark coloured hoodie and black jacket, and dark face covering.

Suspect #3: black male wearing grey zip up hoodie with dark coloured sleeves, and a white facial covering.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-

1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or www.ontariocrimestoppers.ca.

Vehicles stolen in Amaranth, Orangeville

Dufferin OPP are currently investigating two separate vehicle thefts in Dufferin County.

On Nov.15 shortly before 7:00 a.m., Dufferin OPP received a call for service at a residence in Amaranth Township for the theft of a vehicle. It was determined that the vehicle was stolen in the overnight hours between November 14 and November 15, 2022, from the complainant's driveway. The vehicle is described as a 2020 Jeep Wrangler, red in colour.

Dufferin OPP received a second call for service November 15, 2022, shortly after 9:00 a.m. at a residence on Oakridge Drive in the Town of Orangeville for another theft of another vehicle. It was determined that the vehicle was taken sometime between Nov. 8, and Nov. 15. The vehicle is described as a 2015 Honda GMC Sierra pickup truck, grey in colour.

There is no suspect description from either incident at this time.

If you have any information or video surveillance footage in relation to this theft, please call the Dufferin OPP Detachment at (519) 942-1711 or 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at ontariocrimestoppers.ca.

Missing women found deceased in Orangeville, police investigating

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have located a missing female, deceased in the Town of Orangeville.

Sherry MITCHELL, age 41, of Orangeville, was reported missing on Nov. 20 and was subsequently located deceased on Nov. 21.

The investigation is continuing under the direction of the OPP Criminal Investigation Branch (CIB), with assistance from OPP Forensic Identification Services (FIS) and in conjunction with the Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario and the Ontario Forensic Pathology Ser-

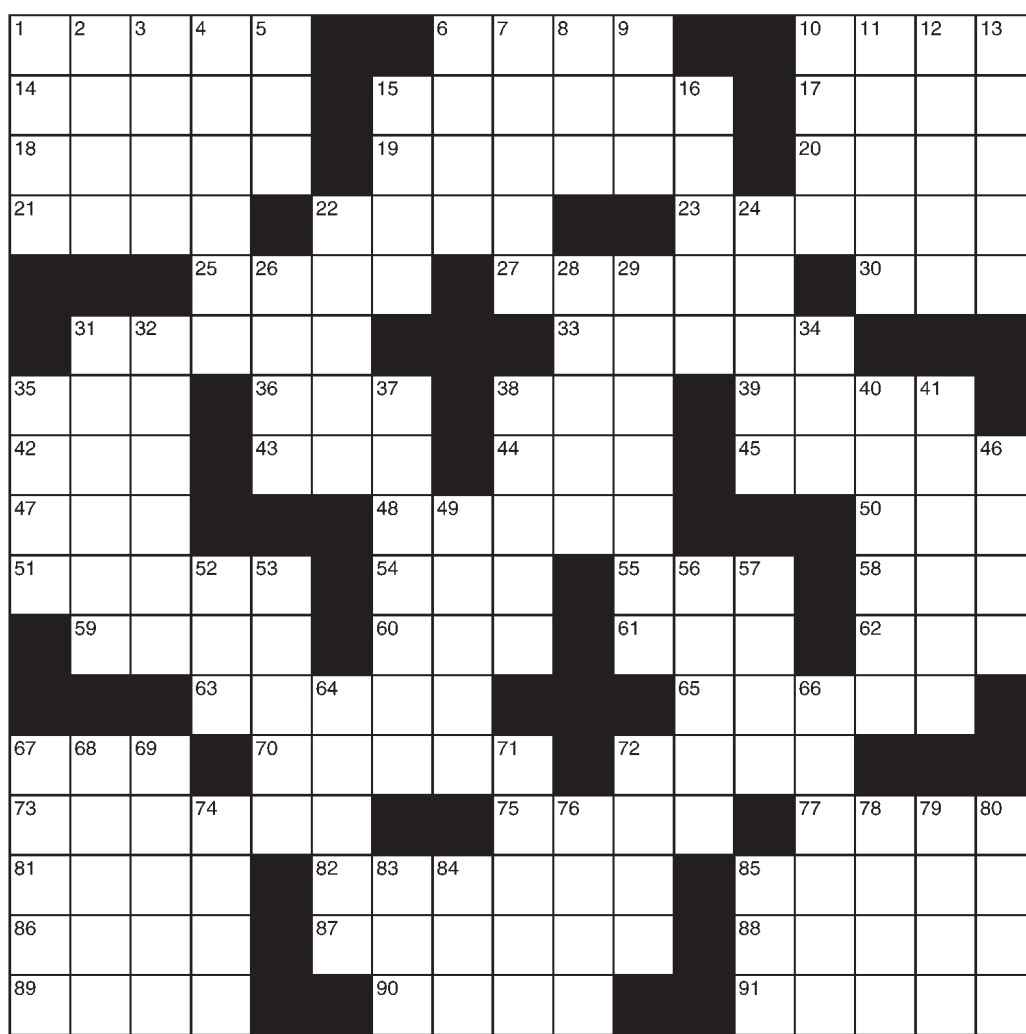
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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Royals Junior boys claim District 4 volleyball championship

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals junior boys' volleyball team are champions after capturing the District 4 title.

The playoffs and championships game took place at Westside Secondary School in Orangeville on Monday, Nov. 14.

It was a good season for the team. The Royals finished the regular season in second place, winning nine of 12 scheduled matches.

Emmanuel Christian High School ended the season in first-place, with Wellington Heights Secondary School ending up in third place.

The volleyball schedule was based on tournament style this year, with teams playing three games on a given day at various schools in the District.

The Royals were up against Wellington Heights Secondary School in the semi-final round of the playoffs.

The playoff matches were a best-of-five sets competition.

The Royals won their semi-final 3-2 over Wellington Heights to earn the right to advance to the championship.

In the other semi-final match, Westside won over the top-seeded team from Emmanuel Christian High School in Fergus in a game that went the full five sets.

The final had CDDHS and Westside battling it out for the District title.

Both teams played well, but the Royals were looking really good with great serving and showing a lot of skill setting up the ball.

They won the match 3-1 to claim the District 4 championship.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

LOCAL CHAMPIONS: The Westside Secondary School Junior boys' volleyball team takes on Centre Dufferin District High School during the District 4 championship game held at Westside on Monday, Nov. 14. The Thunder pulled off a big upset in the semi-final by knocking out the first-place team to advance to the championship game. The Thunder battled hard but took a loss to CDDHS in the final game.

Wolves host Hockey Day in Shelburne at the CDRC

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Shelburne Wolves hosted a special day of hockey at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex on Saturday, Nov. 19, with an all-day lineup of games on the ice.

Teams from U9 right up to U15 were playing squads from around the region who came to Shelburne for some good competition.

The day kicked off with a U8 and U7 game played in a half-ice format against the Honeywood Hurricanes. The action continued all day with back-to-back games making the CDRC a very busy place over the weekend.

The afternoon wrapped up with a U13

match-up against the Georgian Shores Lighting at 4:30 p.m.

The Wolves had a good day on the ice.

The U11 Rep team won their game 4-2 over the Wasaga Beach Stars.

In U15 LL action, the Wolves also came out on top in their game with a 5-1 win over the Clearview Canucks.

The U13 Rep team played to a 1-1 tie with the Elmvale Coyotes.

Minor hockey is now in full swing across the province with thousands of teams hitting the ice and games being played almost every night of the week.

Once the minor hockey games were finished on Saturday afternoon, the ice was opened up for a public skate sponsored by



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

RUSHING THE NET: The Stayner Siskins continue to lead the Carruthers Division of the Provincial Junior Hockey League with 30 points and a 15-1 record. The Alliston Horents are in second place with 25 points, while the Schomberg Cougars are in third with 22 points. The Alliston Hornets Take on the Penetang Kings in their last game in Alliston on Friday, Nov. 18.

Main Street Family Dental and Shelburne Family Chiropractic & Wellness Centre.

The finish for the day was supposed to be the Shelburne Senior Muskies scheduled game against the Shallow Lake Crushers with an 8:00 p.m. start. It would have been a great game for the minor hockey players

to stick around and watch.

Unfortunately, the weather in Shallow Lake was not cooperating and called for a lot of snow making the drive too dangerous to risk, so the game was cancelled.

That game will have to be rescheduled and played at a later date.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

JUMP SPIKE: The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals senior volleyball team take on the Westside Secondary School Thunder during the District 4 senior championship game held at Westside on Monday, Nov. 14. The Royals finished third in the regular season. They eliminated Wellington Heights Secondary School in the semi-final to earn the right to advance to the championship game. They lost the final in three sets to Westside, but have still qualified to compete at the regional competition, CWOSSA.



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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

JJ REA STEVENS

As a first year goalie on his Shelburne Wolves U13 LL team, JJ Rea Stevens is going a great job in the position. He played forward in previous years but made the switch this season.

"I just started as goalie this year," JJ said. "You don't get to score goals, you don't skate as much, but it's a lot harder. I like hockey over all. I like making saves, I like everything about it."

JJ is doing an outstanding job for his team this season.

TEAM: SHELBURNE WOLVES U13 LL

POSITION: GOALIE

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New executive director at Hills of Headwaters works to streamline health care access across Dufferin–Caledon

Written By Sam Odrowski

There's a new leadership role at a local organization focused on providing excellent, integrated health and social care to people living in Dufferin–Caledon.

The Hills of Headwaters Collaborative (HOHC) Ontario Health Team (OHT) recently hired its first executive director and “easy” is the main word that she wants patients to associate with accessing services through the organization.

Tracy Coffin, who became executive director in September, is familiar with many obstacles people might face when going through the health care system. One of her daughters had significant medical challenges growing up, receiving 13 surgeries through pediatric care, and the other was in a serious motor vehicle accident and used the health care system for many years after.

Coffin is also the primary caregiver for both her parents with dementia.

“I’m not just somebody who works in health care, I’m an expert user of the health care system,” she explained. “That’s probably the main thing that drives me in all of this, making a system that’s easy for everyone, including myself, including my loved ones.”

Coffin’s experience utilizing health services helps her identify potential gaps in services and areas that need improvement. It also fuels her passion for improving the coordination of care and services for patients and their families in Dufferin–Caledon.

Another unique perspective that Coffin



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NEW LEAD: Tracy Coffin became the executive director for the Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team on Sept. 6.

brings to the HOHC OHT is her experience working for the National Health Service (NHS) in England for six years.

“I learned a great deal about how the health system works in England and knew that it was ahead of the health system here in Canada, just in the fact that it’s been around a bit longer, it’s more established, it’s a national system,” she said. “So what I really wanted to do was, when I returned to Canada... take those experiences, the knowledge that I gained through that, and use it here in Ontario.”

Coffin said she’s excited about her new role as it’s an opportunity to make progress on the health system at a local level and better connect people to the services they need.

“I’ve worked in healthcare for 15 years now or I worked in social care for 20 years, and I

think probably the most rewarding thing for me is with those two experiences, I’m able to bridge the gap and almost act as a liaison between all the partners at the table,” said Coffin. “Because often in OHTs, you’ve got the health care people, then you’ve got the social care people, so bringing them together and helping them understand what each other does is important. I think the thing I am most proud of and happy with is that we’ve already started to strengthen those ties.”

She told the Citizen one key area of focus for the HOHC OHT is palliative care, providing quality support to people with complex medical issues as well as their families.

Another priority for the organization is making sure people are getting the right care at the right time.

“The perfect example is somebody who is more senior, plus 80 years old, them being in the hospital receiving maintenance care is not the best place for them to be. We know seniors do much better if they’re in their own home, in their own community, and able to have services brought to them,” said Coffin.

Improving mental health and addiction support is also a priority for the HOHC OHT, she noted.

“Mental health is not just about those people that show up at the hospital,” Coffin said. “It’s about the whole community at large. How do we improve the mental health and the availability [of services] for people when they need them?”

Data shows that many of the people who have mental health-related Emergency Room

(ER) visits have accessed services in the community beforehand and the HOHC OHT is trying to build upon that to reduce ER visits, Coffin told the Citizen.

“We want to make sure the right services are in place in the community so they never have to show up at the hospital,” she said.

In hospitals across Ontario and many parts of the world, there is currently a human resource issue and Coffin noted that the HOHC OHT is working on strategies to attract and retain good health care workers locally.

“Caledon and Dufferin are great places to live and work, and we want to make sure that we tell people about that and get them to come work with us,” she explained. “We’re trying to do some work to set ourselves apart to create a value proposition.”

Meanwhile, the HOHC OHT is getting input from community members patients and caregivers to guide its strategic plan and focus over the next five years.

“We have a lot of ambitious plans around making sure that integrated care is a reality so that anyone that needs health care receives it in an integrated, joined-up way, so they’re not having to run from place to place, we’re doing that for them. We’re making that seamless and making that easy for them,” said Coffin.

Going forward, she told the Citizen her work will be focused on maintaining, strengthening and growing partnerships in health and social care to provide services to the community in a more integrated way.

Centre Dufferin senior girls go to District 4 B-ball championship

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals senior girls’ basketball team went to the District 4 championship final game against the Erin District High School Raiders on Tuesday, Nov. 15.

The Royals had a decent year finishing the regular season in fourth place with a 5-5 record.

It was the playoffs that made a huge difference for the squad when they defeated the first-place team from Wellington Heights Secondary School 25-16 in the semi-final round. The upset earned the Royals the right to advance to the final game against Erin.

Erin was the second-place team in this year’s line-up. They won their semi-final over the third-place Emmanuel Christian High School team.

The final game got underway in the gym in Erin. It was a slow start to the final with both teams having little success scoring early on.

The first quarter ended with the Royals trailing 6-2.

At the half, it was still a low-scoring game with Erin leading 9-4.

Both teams started working harder on offence when they returned for the third quarter.

When the buzzer sounded to end the quarter, Erin was still in the lead with a 15-10 score.

The Royals gave a late-game push but couldn’t close the scoring gap and had to settle for a 27-16 loss.

“I thought we had a good season,” said Royals’ player Hannah Foulger, after the championship match. “I think we really improved. This [Erin gym] is where we had our very first game this season, and we finished the season with so much improvement in this game. I think both teams had really good defence. The last time we played them, they got a lot more points so that just shows how much our defence has improved.”

Teammate, Ella Cruikshank, said she thought the team played well despite not getting a lot of points on the scoreboard.

“Everybody was working really hard, it was a great team effort,” Ella said. “We needed to get some more shots up and get some points, but it was a really good team game. It was a pretty rough game. We kept going to the line and thankfully we got a few points there. We lost to this team at the start of the year so it was great to come back and have a close game. The team played really well, and we’ve got a great coach – Mr. Barlow.”

The Erin Raiders will now go on to represent District 4 at regional competition at CWOSSA.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

ON THE RUN: The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals senior girls’ basketball team was up against the Erin District High School Raiders in the District 4 championship final on Tuesday, Nov. 15. The final game took place in Erin. The Royals had to settle for a 27 - 16 loss but can be proud after a well-played game. Royals’ forward, Ella Cruikshank, takes the ball in the Raiders zone during the second quarter of the game.

NOTICE

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All users of the Dufferin County Forest are hereby advised that Dec. 5-9 is the continuation of the shotgun/muzzle-loading gun/archery season for deer in 2022. During this time there will be a number of hunters using the Dufferin County Forest properties. Please use caution in the forest and wear bright-coloured clothing. There is no hunting allowed at any time in the following tracts: north portion of Amaranth, Hockley, Leening, Levitt, Little, Main, Mono, Thomson, and River Road. Suspected violations of the Fish & Wildlife Conservation Act should be reported to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry at 877-847-7667 (877-TIPS-MNR). Other inquiries should be directed to the County Forest Manager at 877-941-7787.



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Nancy was born on March 14th, 1933 in Whitney, Ontario to the late Teresa and Thomas Cannon. She was the youngest of three children and her siblings (Brian Cannon and Joan Murray) have both predeceased her in death.

Nancy was educated at St. Mary's Convent and received her nursing degree in 1955 at Lorrain Nursing College in Pembroke Ontario.

Nancy married the love of her life in 1956, Robert (Bob) Evans who predeceased her in death in 1994. Bob and Nancy were blessed with six children Paul (Linda), Kim (Shane), Debbie (Brian), Colleen, Brenda (Paul), Dawn (Jim).



Nancy, Bob and family lived in various parts of Canada (Winnipeg, Edmonton, Montreal, Trenton, Shelburne, Vancouver, Georgetown, Orangeville) through Bob's work in the Royal Canadian Air Force and CPAir. Nancy worked as a Registered Nurse in many hospitals and Nursing Homes throughout her nursing career, one of them being Dufferin Oaks in Shelburne as Director of Nursing.

Nancy and Bob enjoyed travel throughout the world including camping in Canada and the States. They enjoyed their volunteer work with the Shelburne Lions.

Nancy lived her life through her faith: she was a devout Catholic and made many close friends through her association with her church.

Nancy will be missed by her eight grandchildren and her eleven great grandchildren, her friends and family.

Nancy's family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the wonderful, nurturing, supportive staff at Dufferin Oaks. Their professionalism, positivity and efforts in providing excellent care made such a difference in her life in her final years and days.

Visitation will be at Dods and McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre 21 First St. Orangeville on Thursday, November 24th between 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.
 Funeral will be held at St. Timothy Catholic Church 42 Dawson Rd, Orangeville on Friday November 25th at 11:00 a.m.

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The position involves supporting the library staff and patrons by shelving books; working at the circulation desk and generally assisting with other clerical functions as assigned.

We are looking for a highly motivated, enthusiastic individual who can work well in a team environment where quality service and good communication skills are a requirement.

Qualifications:

- Experience working in a public service environment
- Willingness to learn new technologies
- Ability to assist patrons with computer-related issues
- Keen attention to detail

This is a part-time position with flexible hours and may include weekend work on a regular basis. University or college students would be considered for this position. Library experience or training would be an asset.

Resumes should include all educational and training information, work experience and references. The rate of pay for this position is commensurate with education and experience with an anticipated start date of November 28th, 2022. Applications will be received until November 18th.

Shelburne Public Library is an Equal Opportunity Employer, but only those applicants selected for interviews will be contacted.

Please send your resume and covering letter to:
 Rose Dotten, CEO
 Shelburne Public Library
 201 Owen Sound Street
 Shelburne, ON L9V 3L2
 Or by email: rdotten@shelburnelibrary.ca

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF SHELBURNE PUBLIC NOTICE Cemetery By-Law 01-2023

Take notice that the Town of Shelburne is applying for approval of the above by-law by the Registrar of Funeral, Burial, and Cremation Services Act 2002. The by-law regulates interment and the use of the mortuary on a seasonal basis.

All interested persons may obtain copies of the proposed by-law at the Shelburne Municipal Office, 203 Main Street East, Shelburne, ON, Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

The proposed by-law is subject to the approval of the Registrar, Funeral, Burial, and Cremation Services Act 2002.

Jennifer Willoughby
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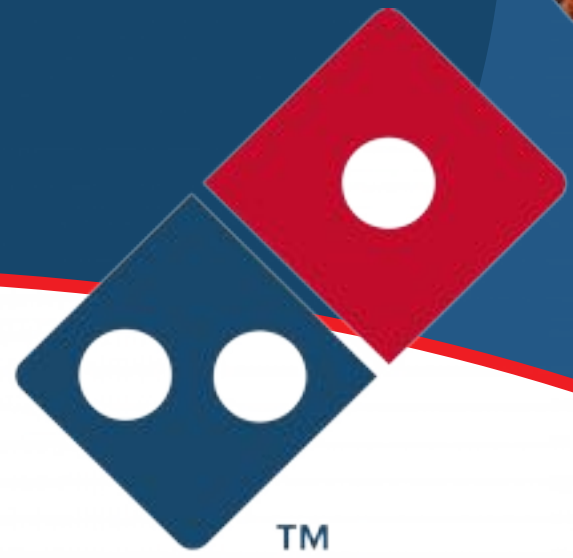
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