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GATHERING THE GUIDES: The 2nd Shelburne Girl Guides held an enrollment event on Monday (Nov. 28) from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Centennial Hyland's Elementary School, to mark the return of Girl Guides in the local community.

Shelburne Girl Guides making comeback after pandemic pause

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

Girl Guides is making a return to Shelburne. The 2nd Shelburne Girl Guides held an enrollment event for the unit's Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders on Monday (Nov. 28) from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Centennial Hyland's Elementary School.

"Shelburne has a rich history of guiding and so being able to bring that back strengthens any community, where you have community involvement," said Darlene Kingstone, community guider for Orangeville and the surrounding area. "You see the children, youth and adults being involved where they live, work, go to school, and play. As we're all coming back out into the world and interacting, that's what we're able to bring to Shelburne and I'm so

excited that it's happening in Shelburne."

The Shelburne Girl Guides initially shut down in 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This past August, local Guide leaders reached out to the community online to ask if they would be interested in a local Girl Guide unit returning.

"We've bumped our capacity twice already because there's so much interest," said Kingstone.

So far, the 2nd Shelburne Girl Guides has been able to sign up 29 girls to the unit, which consists of all four age groups.

"Ideally, in the future, we'll be able to separate it so that the girls will be able to be closer to their interests, ages, and programs. It's hard over that age span to divide the program," said Kingstone.

While there has been renewed interest in

guiding, the new unit has been forced to cap admissions due to a lack of guide leaders.

"We need more leaders to be able to help more girls," said Kingstone.

Speaking with the Shelburne Free Press, local guide leader Michelle Ferrier shared her personal experience with the return of the local unit.

"It means a lot to me because I'm a Shelburne Guide and my mom was a Shelburne Guider. This is my childhood and I want to return that to my daughter and have her experience the same things I did with the camping, the value system and community service," said Ferrier.

Anyone interested in learning about becoming a Girl Guides leader or for any information regarding the local unit, contact the Shelburne Girl Guides at shelburneguiding@gmail.com

Hungry children receive help with holiday fundraiser

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

Shelburne Home Hardware is giving back to the community this holiday season by working to help fill the bellies of hungry children at Shelburne schools.

The local Home Hardware officially kicked off their 8th annual Donate A Plate Fundraiser on Dec. 1. The fundraising event looks to raise donations to provide funding for breakfast programs in local schools.

"Every kid needs to think and be alert in school and you have to have food to fuel the body; it's an ingredient you can't over look," said Bill Gilliam, owner of Shelburne Home Hardware.

The Donate A Plate Fundraiser allows Shelburne Home Hardware customers to make a monetary donation of their choosing while checking out at the cash check-out. Proceeds from the fundraiser are given to the Children's Foundation of Guelph and Wellington, who ensures all proceeds

raised are given to schools and students in the Shelburne community.

"Dollar for dollar it comes back to the community and some schools need it more than others," said Gilliam.

According to the Children's Foundation of Guelph and Wellington, in 2021 over 47,000 students had access to nutritious snacks and meals with more than 1.24 million meals provided to children and youth in school and at home.

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Dufferin women sparkle during business awards gala

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

Women in the Dufferin County business community shone at the Sparkle Awards Gala after a pandemic-caused shutdown of the in-person event.

This year was the 11th edition of the event to recognize the contributions of women to the local community. Hosted by the Dufferin Women in Business organization, award recipients were announced during an evening gala Nov. 24 at the Monora Park Pavilion.

The event was also a means to mark the two-decade anniversary of the Dufferin Women in Business organization.

The annual woman of influence is a woman in the Dufferin business community who has used her skills and influence to promote local businesses, especially those run by women and remains committed to high standards and ethics in her business practice.

Newly minted Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post was named the 2022 Woman of Influence. The award was sponsored by Nada

St. Germain-NeoLife. At the time of nomination, Post was a town councillor and a community volunteer.

The volunteer of the year is a woman in the Dufferin business community who participates on a volunteer basis at local charities, non-profit organizations, and events for the betterment of others and the community.

Bobbi Ferguson, who volunteers with the Rotary Club of Shelburne, Shelburne Christmas Hampers, and Mobile Seniors Market received the Volunteer of the Year Award sponsored by Oxygen Yoga & Fitness Orangeville.

The county's mentor of the year is a woman in the Dufferin business community deemed to have used her skills and experience to lend a hand to entrepreneurs and new and growing businesses to increase their likelihood of success.

Terry Doel of Lavender Blue Catering got kudos for Mentor of the Year. That award was sponsored by Hereward Farms.

The networker of the year is a woman who participates in local networking groups and events and understands that building rela-

tionships with others is the key to success.

Nanci Malek at the Museum of Dufferin earned the Networker of the Year Award, sponsored by Town of Orangeville.

Teena Avery, chairperson of the Dufferin Women in Business, said the awards were last given in-person in 2019 before the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. Subsequent editions were online affairs.

The award process begins with nominations. The nominees then submit answers to three or four questions for blind judging by a voting committee of a handful of people.

The submissions from nominees are numbered and their names are redacted before

the committee votes.

Avery said there is a misconception that stems from use of the word sparkle in the awards' moniker. It isn't that the awards are for women and women like things that sparkle, she said.

"Some may even take offence to the name of the award and event based on this misconception," Avery said. "The truth is that all humans sparkle."

She said the name is a symbolic meaning of prosperity, strength, harmony, purity and peace.

From the organization's website: "We encourage everyone to be the diamond in their rough and be the best they can be."



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

SPARKLE AWARD WINNER: Nanci Malek from the Museum of Dufferin received the Networker of the Year award at the Sparkle Awards Gala on Nov. 24. The award was sponsored by Town of Orangeville.

Local vendors taking over Orangeville Fairgrounds for Hometown Market

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

The Hometown Market is gearing up for the largest event in its holiday market series, coming this weekend.

'A December to Remember' will be held at the Orangeville Fairgrounds from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday (Dec. 3).

"We've been doing holiday markets for the past couple of years, but this will be our first major indoor Christmas market," said organizer Mel Shea, ahead of the holiday-themed event. "I find myself amazed by how many incredible vendors have come on board as well as community organizations, to not only have this great event filled with local businesses but to encourage the community to help give back as well."

The holiday market will be The Hometown Market's largest of the year with over 70 independent vendors. Attendees will be able to shop at a variety of small businesses with unique items ranging from clothing, candles and bath bombs to woodworking, baked goods, and barbeque sauce.

Santa Claus will also be making a stop for guests to take photos and drop off their

Christmas wish lists.

As part of their market tradition, Hometown Market is partnering with a local non-profit to help raise donations and give back to the community. For 'A December to Remember', they are partnering with local initiative Santa's Senior Stocking Program of Dufferin County.

"Seniors are often overlooked, and many spend their holidays alone; especially if they have no relatives nearby to visit and celebrate this time of year with them. The Santa's Senior Stocking Program of Dufferin County is about having the entire community surround our seniors with love and care. No one should have to feel alone over the holidays," said Shea.

This Saturday's market will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Orangeville Fairgrounds.

"Even if it's just to come and enjoy the atmosphere, be sure to stop by and have a fun time celebrating the holidays and seeing the many different vendors our community has to offer," said Shea. "If you've still got some gifts to knock off your shopping list, this is the place to find them. We really hope to see you here and celebrate the holidays with you."

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Of the 103 programs supported by the Children's Foundation of Guelph and Wellington, the breakfast program was the second most common type with 27 per cent.

Initially launched in 2015, the Shelburne Home Hardware's Donate A Plate Fundraiser has raised a total of \$93,000 for local school breakfast programs. In 2021, the initiative raised \$22,000.

This year, Gilliam said they are hoping to surpass the \$100,000 mark by

raising \$20,000 throughout the month of December.

"It's an important thing to stay focused on. I know that the cost of meals has gone up for everybody and I think it's important to say vigilant and true to what we need to do as a community and as a business," said Gilliam.

Donations can be made to the Donate A Plate Fundraiser from Dec. 1 until Dec. 31. Shelburne Home Hardware will be matching the donation total up to \$10,000.

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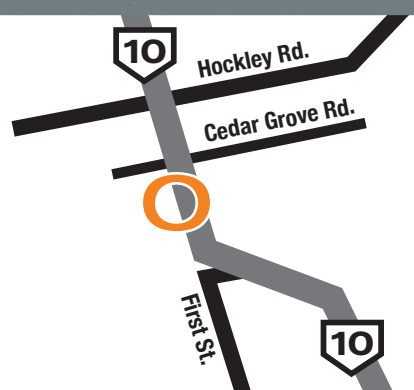


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Gemba: The real place

Have you ever looked at photos of some far-away tropical beach, or a mountain vista with the peaks mystically pushing out from low-lying clouds, and thought, wow, I'd like to see that in person?

Photographs are a great way of showing others some far-flung places on the planet, but a photograph doesn't give the experience of actually being there.

A photograph doesn't provide the experience of feeling the sand underneath your feet or the thrilling fear of doing a loop on a roller coaster if you're just looking at a picture.

Being there, and experiencing it, makes all the difference in the world.

Gemba, is a word that originated in Japan, apparently from executives at Toyota, that refers to the experience of actually being at a place.

Gemba means, 'the real place' or 'the actual place.'

The word has become part of the Japanese lexicon and is used mainly by different professions who use it to describe the fact that they are there and part of the action.

It has become a popular phrase for Japanese TV reporters who may refer to themselves as 'reporting from gemba.' It is their way

of telling their audience that they are there, on site, at a news story, not just repeating information phoned in by someone else.

Some of the best news stories and photos in history were made by reporters who waited around at an event after other reporters got a quick photo and packed up their gear and left instead of waiting to see what might happen. Those guys were probably kicking themselves later when their contemporary received a Pulitzer Prize for a photo that was taken because he did spend an extra half-hour at the location and got the photo of a lifetime.

The gemba concept originated in the manufacturing world. They realized that an executive sitting behind a desk on the tenth floor does not really understand the concept of everything that is going on during production.

They started making the executives go out on the production floor, interact with those people operating the machines, and learn the entire process that goes into manufacturing their product.

This concept made a huge difference when making company decisions.

Keeping on top of new developments in the workplace is a huge part of keeping current, increasing production, and staying up

to date so you can compete with other industry competitors.

The idea of 'we've always done it that way', means sooner or later those outdated methods will allow a company to fall behind.

I don't know much about the accounting world, but I did know a guy who graduated from university and got a job at a local accounting firm. The company had been around for years and was still run by the same guys who started it.

The new accountant was stunned that they were still using outdated methods from the 1950s. He made some suggestions that would move the company ahead by decades, and increase overall efficiency in the office.

They would have none of that, telling him 'we've always done it this way.'

In the end, he realized things would not change. He quit and moved on to a successful company that used modern more efficient methods of getting the job done.

During the pandemic, many people started working remotely, usually out of their home. The system worked well, to a point, as people who had this luxury still had to get the job done and produce results.

A recent business news report released

findings of a poll, where nearly half of people currently working from home, said they would quit their jobs if required to return to the workplace.

That's a bold statement considering those same people probably rely on a paycheck to survive. It may not be so easy to go for another job interview and tell your prospective employer you won't actually be coming into the office if hired.

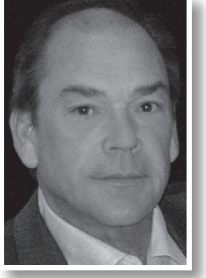
They may see the situation differently, thank you for your time, and hire someone who is willing to show up at the office.

Company culture is an important part of doing business. It allows you to work with others and exchange ideas and work on projects together. It also fosters an important part of employer/employee and co-worker relationships.

Working from home can be a good thing, but after a while, if you do it full-time, you're going to be on your own island and missing new advances in your chosen profession.

Gemba - being in the 'actual place' is an important part of every job and provides a learning experience every time.

BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW



Malaysia: change at last

If Anwar Ibrahim had become prime minister of Malaysia in the late 1990s, when he was in his early 50s, instead of being jailed on trumped-up sodomy and corruption charges, Malaysia might now be a very different place. He's finally getting his chance - he was sworn in on Friday - but now he's 75. Is it too late for the kind of Malaysia he promised?

From the start Anwar promised to fight corruption and "rid this country of racism and religious bigotry." Corruption is certainly rampant - former prime minister Najib Razak was jailed early this year for looting billions of dollars from government funds - but what really distinguishes Anwar Ibrahim is his stand against ethnic and religious favouritism.

Malaysia is a complicated country. It was one of the Asian 'Tigers', and it has a much higher per capita GDP (\$12,900 per annum) than any other big country in South or South-East Asia. But one particular ethnic and religious group is quite poor: the Malays, the overwhelming majority of whom are Muslims.

This may seem counter-intuitive, because the great majority of the country's powerful politicians have always been Malays, as are quite a lot of the richest people. (In fact, they are often the same

people.) These discrepancies are mostly due to British imperial history.

When Britain first gained control of Malaya two centuries ago, almost everybody living there was Malay, but most of them were peasant farmers. London therefore encouraged immigration from the Indian subcontinent, and later from China as well, to provide labour for the tin mines, rubber plantations and other rich resources of the peninsula.

At independence in 1957, therefore, the new country was almost exactly half non-Malay. This was understandably seen as a catastrophe by the Malays.

The Malays managed to improve that ratio by expelling overwhelmingly Chinese Singapore from the new country and by declaring the indigenous peoples of North Borneo to be honorary Malays. This created a two-thirds majority of 'bumiputras' (Malay or Malay-adjacent 'sons of the soil') in the new and quite unstable country called 'Malaysia'.

A kind of stability arrived after the '13 May Incident' of 1969, when Malays massacred at least 200 Chinese and other non-Malay people in the capital, Kuala Lumpur. Thereafter 'bumiputras' were granted a de facto monopoly of political power, while Chinese citizens (25% of the population) and Indian Malaysians (7%) were left free to make money.

There was also a commitment to raise the standing of the mostly rural and impoverished bumiputras, but this was to be done by increasing the collective Malay share of the national GDP, not by raising the income and status of the broad majority of individual Malays.

Ethnic Malays got some real advantages, like priority in university entrance and access to government jobs (which created resentment among non-Malays).

Other Malays got very rich by serving as bumiputra 'partners' or figureheads in non-Malay businesses (which met the 'collective Malay share of GDP' requirement). But most Malays stayed poor.

This has been the system in Malaysia for more than fifty years now - and Anwar Ibrahim has struggled to change it all his life. He is Malay and Muslim himself, but he can see that it does not serve the interests of ordinary Malays - nor of ordinary Chinese or Indian Malaysians either. It just protects the interests of the already rich of all ethnicities.

So Anwar has always had support from Malaysians of all ethnic and religious groups who are left behind by this system.

He is a genuine threat, which is why he came close to power three times in the past, and was thrice jailed on the same false charges. He has spent ten of the past 25

years in prison.

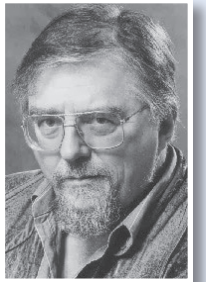
Now he is prime minister, because the system is breaking down. The poor majority of Muslim Malays, left in poverty by their own community leaders, have turned in large numbers to a radical Islamic fundamentalist party that demands the imposition of Shariah law.

That would destroy a country where more than 30 percent of the people are not Muslims, so voters of every community who want to change the system but not destroy the country have given Anwar Ibrahim his chance at last. His Pakatan Harapan (Alliance of Hope) party got more seats than any other in last week's election.

He still has to win the support of some other parties to form a majority government, but he seems to have the numbers. He has already promised to raise the economic status of the impoverished Malay-Muslim majority, while breaking the corrupt political system that keeps them as a compliant and underprivileged vote bank.

His slogan is still 'reform', not 'revolution', and he will certainly try hard. The question is whether he comes to power too old and too late.

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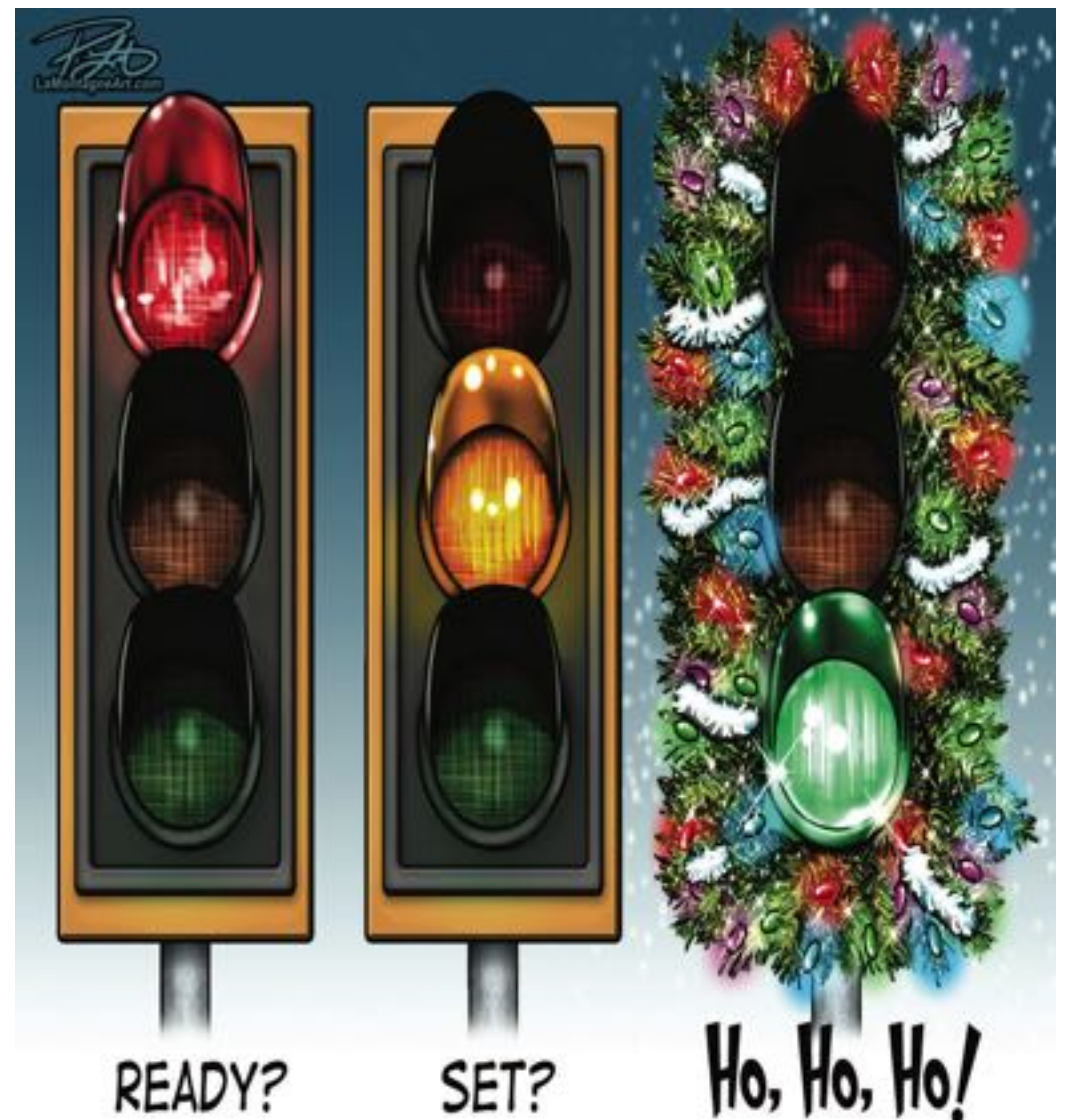
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Dufferin OPP recovered seven stolen vehicles and filed multiple criminal charges against a Toronto man.

Shortly after 9 a.m. on Nov. 3, a vehicle was reported stolen from York region. It was believed the vehicle was in Amaranth.

Officers in the Dufferin Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU), Central Region Canine Unit, and Muskoka CSCU, executed a search warrant and recovered a seven stolen vehicles.

Francis Odaro, 46, of Toronto has been charged with trafficking in stolen good over \$5,000 and forgery. He is scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville in January 2023.

The vehicles were stolen from York Region, Peel Region, and Toronto. The total value was about \$340,000.

Missing woman found in Peel Region

Sarah McKeown, the 25-year-old woman reported missing Nov. 23 from Wellington County, was found in Peel Region.

Man charged with impaired driving

Police say people still haven't gotten the message not to drive while impaired.

Dufferin OPP charged another driver with impaired operation of a motor vehicle on Nov. 28 at about 10 a.m. Police received a report for a possible impaired driver in East Garafraxa.

Brent Somerville, 65, from Warton has been charged with driving with more than 80-milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres

of blood, driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs, and failure to remain at the scene.

The accused is scheduled to appear February 2023 at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville. His driver's licence was suspended for 90 days and his vehicle was impounded for a period of 14 days.

Traffic stop nets impaired charges

A 31-year-old Orangeville man has been charged with impaired driving as a result of a traffic stop.

Dufferin OPP stopped a vehicle for a traffic-related offence on Nov. 17 at about 2 a.m.

Soon after, Michael Caron was charged with driving with more than 80-milligrams of alcohol in 100-millilitres of blood, driving while suspended, and driving without a proper rear light.

He will be in provincial court in Orangeville in January 2023.

Police say no foul play in woman's death

Investigators have determined that foul play is not suspected in the death of a miss-

ing Orangeville woman.

Sherry Mitchell, 41, of Orangeville was reported missing on Nov. 20 and was subsequently located dead the next day.

On November 23, 2022, a post-mortem examination was conducted Nov. 23 at the Ontario Forensic Pathology Service in Toronto. The results have determined the death was not a result of foul play.

The investigation is continuing under the direction of the OPP Criminal Investigation Branch (CIB), with assistance from members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), OPP Forensic Identification Services (FIS) and in conjunction with the Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario and the Ontario Forensic Pathology Service.

Wasaga Beach man charged after collision

Dufferin OPP charged a driver with impaired driving after responding to a single-vehicle collision in Melancthon on Nov. 29.

Police responded at about 6 p.m. to a report of a single vehicle collision on County Road 17 west of Mulmur-Melancthon Townline.

The lone driver of the vehicle suffered non-life-threatening injuries and was

transported to a local hospital by ambulance. Officers were led into an impaired operation investigation.

As a result, Dariusz Waszak, 60, from Wasaga Beach has been charged with driving with more than 80-milligrams of alcohol in 100-millilitres of blood and driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs.

Waszak will appear in Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville in December to answer to the charges. Their driver's licence was suspended for 90 days and the vehicle impounded for a period of seven days.

Montreal man charged with fraud at dealership

A Montreal man was charged with fraud after a transaction at a Mono car dealership.

The man allegedly ordered \$12,000 worth of tires using what the investigation revealed to be a stolen credit card. Dufferin OPP were waiting for him at the Mono dealership on Nov. 25, when he was expected to pick up the tires.

The suspect was confronted by Dufferin OPP and attempted to flee the scene. Police arrested the man with no injuries.

Alex Joachim, 27, of Montreal has been charged with fraud over \$5,000, and two counts of possession of a forged document with intent.



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- 65. Baby insect
- 66. Assault
- 67. Soothing medicine
- 68. Provided at no cost
- 69. Scram
- 71. Big book
- 72. Zing
- 73. Senorita
- 76. Summer beverage
- 77. Fashion
- 78. Tropical cuckoo

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- 1. Liquid measure
- 5. Sudden flood
- 10. Itinerant
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- 16. Singing voice
- 17. Corrupt
- 18. Prepare copy
- 19. Very very
- 20. Cut molars
- 21. Paramedic's purpose
- 22. Group of eight
- 23. Section of grass
- 24. Bandleader Weems
- 25. Inlay
- 27. Dress size
- 29. Alliance
- 31. Place for a workout
- 32. "Sidewalks of New York" start
- 35. Buyer's attraction

DOWN

- 37. Moving
- 39. Shankar's instrument
- 41. Rathskeller order
- 42. "___ Offerings"
- 43. Weighing instrument
- 44. Night before
- 45. Narrow inlet
- 46. Perfect gymnastic rating
- 47. "___ I've Been Loving You"
- 50. Hit
- 52. Feat
- 54. NBC morning show
- 55. Supple
- 56. Waste allowance
- 57. Congestive sound
- 58. Put to work
- 59. Days gone by
- 61. Signal
- 63. Indian village

ACROSS

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- 70. Rascal
- 71. Attract
- 74. Conducted
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- 81. Glacial snow
- 82. Measuring device
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Shelburne Legion president steps down from role

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

Liz Whitton, president of the Shelburne Legion Branch 220, has stepped down from the leading role.

The Shelburne Legion officially announced the change to its executive in a Facebook post on Nov. 23.

Whitton took over the role of president in July of 2021 when past president Lesa Peat decided to step back after nearly half a decade in the position. She previously served as the local legion's president in 2012 and 2013.

Taking over as interim Legion president will be Dean Schroeder, Shelburne Legion first vice president and Sergeant-at-Arms.

"It feels good because now I can do things that hopefully will bring more veterans into the legion," said Schroeder. "Hopefully everything goes to plan."

Schroeder became a member at the Shelburne Legion Branch 220 just over five years ago and in that time has taken on the roles of Sergeant-at-Arms, chairperson for the Poppy Fund, and First Vice.

Schroeder is also a veteran, serving 20 years with Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI), with whom he completed two tours in Bosnia as a peacekeeper, and spent 10 years in the reserves.

In 2014, he officially retired from the Canadian military after 30 years of service.

Speaking with the Free Press, Schroeder said he will be focusing on upcoming events hosted by the Shelburne Legion including their New Year's Party.

"My main goal is to get people back into our legions, and get support and volunteers," said Schroeder.

Other changes in the local legion's executive include Gord Graham stepping up as the first vice, and April Addison stepping up to second vice.

The Shelburne Legion will hold its next election for president in April.

"The people will decide if they want to keep me on or want to replace me. There a little pressure because it's a very short period, but I'm positive the people I've chosen for my committee will do a good job and do what's best for the Legion," said Schroeder.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

NEW PRESIDENT: Dean Schroeder was sworn in as the interim president of the Shelburne Legion after it was announced at the legion's general meeting on (Nov. 22) that Liz Whitton would be stepping down from the position

Community gathers for 2nd Annual Melancthon tree lighting celebration

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

The Township of Melancthon has kicked off the holiday season with their 2nd annual Tree Lighting event.

Families gathered at the Horning's Mills Community Hall on Saturday (Nov. 26) from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. for festive activities and to celebrate the lighting of the trees.

"We have a ton of young families in our community and we're trying to do more and more for our young families in Melancthon," said Ruth Plowright, chair for the Horning's Mill Community Hall. "This is the first sighting of Santa for the year, and we've had a great turnout of all the families; we're just as happy this year."

The 2nd annual Tree Lighting consisted of a number of festive themed activities for kids including crafts, cookie decorating and Christmas tree ornament making. Local kids attending the event also received a visit from Santa Claus and the Grinch, who stole their Christmas presents.

The holiday event ended with the lighting of 20 small Christmas trees outside of the community hall.

While a great holiday-themed event for the communities' young families, the Tree Lighting event also serves as a fundraiser for the Horning's Mills Community Hall.

Residents helped 'light up downtown' by sponsoring a string of lights for the Christmas trees on behalf of their family. Sponsoring a string of lights cost \$20 with donations



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

TREE LIGHTING: Horning's Mills Community Hall held their 2nd Annual Tree Lighting event on Saturday (Nov. 26) at the community hall to kick off the holiday season

going towards future events hosted by the community hall.


Melancthon Deputy Mayor James McLean spoke about creating traditions for the community.

"It's really great to see the community coming together to celebrate Christmas and get everyone a chance to meet Santa," said McLean. "Christmas is such an important part of our community. We've got a young community, there's a lot of new and young families moving into the area, so it's really an opportunity for everyone to celebrate."

Resident Terri-Lynn O'Gorman attended the event last year and decided to take part in the tradition again with her children and extended family.

"It's a great for them [the kids] to see us come together and celebrate the holiday season and the joy of this time of year," said O'Gorman.

The Tree Lighting Christmas trees are also available for purchase.




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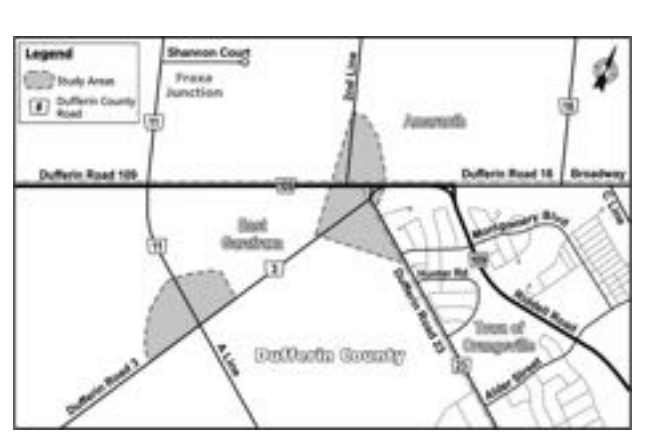
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Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study
Dufferin County Road 109/ 2nd Line Realignment, Dufferin County

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 in the study. The first of public event is presented in this Notice and the second event will be held in Spring 2023. 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.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #1
Public Information Centre (PIC) #1 is being held to introduce the Study, present the problem/opportunity statement, project timelines, existing conditions, alternative solutions evaluation, preliminary design concepts, outline environmental studies being undertaken and next steps.

You are invited to attend and provide input at PIC #1.

Date: Thursday December 15, 2022
Location: Atrium of the Dufferin County Courthouse – 55 Zina Street, Orangeville ON L9W 1E5
Parking will be available within the Elizabeth Street lot, located at the back of the facility with accessible parking on Zina Street.
Time: 3:00PM to 7:00PM

The presentation materials will be shared online following the meeting.

GET INVOLVED
As the study progresses, the County will engage residents, stakeholders and businesses as part of any decisions that contribute towards shaping the Dufferin County Road 109/ 2nd Line Realignment and the Project Team's decision-making process.

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.

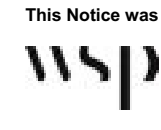

Your input is welcome at any time during the study. If you wish to have your name added to the project mailing list or have any comments, questions, or concerns about the study, please contact one of the following Project Team members:

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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Stayner continues to lead Junior C loop

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Stayner Siskins are maintaining their first-place standing in the North Carruthers Division of the Provincial Junior Hockey League and have continued to be a dominant team in the league this season.

The Siskins have only lost one game after 18 times on the ice this year.

Stayner's only loss was to the fifth-place Huntsville Otters on Nov. 4, in a low-scoring game that saw the Siskins lose 2-1.

With 34 points recorded, the Siskins are five points ahead of the second-place Alliston Hornets.

The Hornets are also having a good season, and continue to improve after having a bumpy start in the early going of the regular season.

The Hornets have a lot of new faces on the bench after losing 11 players from last season due to outside commitments like school and jobs.

They currently have a 14-4 record including one overtime loss.

In the number three spot, the Schomberg Cougars have 24 points and a 12-6 record.

They started the season with a strong effort and moved into first place early in the year but then took a few losses that dropped them down in the standings. They are a strong team expected to finish the season



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO:

DEFENDING THE NET: Approaching the halfway mark in the season, the Stayner Siskins continue to lead the North Carruthers Division of the Provincial Junior Hockey League. The Alliston Hornets are in second place followed by the Schomberg Cougars. The Hornets take on the Orillia Terriers during a game in Alliston on Friday, Nov. 24.

with a good place in the standings.

In the middle of the pack, the Orillia Terriers, Huntsville Otters, and Innisfil Spartans are all separated by one point, and come in at

fourth, fifth, and sixth place in the standings.

Orillia has 21 points recorded, with Huntsville and Innisfil both having 20.

This is the Innisfil team's inaugural year in the League.

The Caledon Golden Hawks and Midland Flyers continue to struggle this season. Cale-

don had five wins after 15 games while Midland has only won twice on the ice the year after 17 games.

In the basement, the Penetang Kings have been on a steady slide downward over the month having lost all six games they played in November.

Muskies split weekend with a win and a loss

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Shelburne Senior Muskies picked up their second win of the season on Friday, Nov. 25, when they travelled to Durham to take on the Thundercats.

Getting underway at the Durham & District Community Centre, the Muskies road game got underway at 8:30 p.m.

It was an important game for the Muskies who have taken a series of losses to start the 2022 / 23 season.

The Muskies put out a good effort and left the ice with a 5-2 win over the fourth place Thundercats.

The Shelburne team was back at it the following night with another road game in Tavistock to take on the Royals.

This game gave the Muskies another loss when they were able to only score one goal against the Royals five, to end the night.

After the weekend, the Muskies are in the number ten spot in the 12-team senior League.

The Seaforth Centenaires are holding on to first place with a 12-2 record including one overtime loss and one shoot-out loss. They have 22 points recorded so far.

The Creemore Coyotes are in second place with a 7-4 record and 15 points. They are followed by the Ripley Wolves with 14 points, the Durham Thundercats with 13, and the Tavistock Royals and Petrolia Squires, each with ten points so far this season.

The Muskies will have another road game this weekend when they hit the pavement to go to Milverton to take on the Four-Wheel Drives.

They will return to home ice at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex on Friday, Dec. 9, to host the Minto 81's. Game time is 8:30 p.m.




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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

BRODY GOSS

Playing hockey for the past seven years, Brody Goss has a lot of experience and is a key member of the Shelburne Wolves U13 LL team.

"I like hockey because it's a fun game," Brody said. "You get to score and pass, it's a lot of fun."

When he's not on the ice, Brody plays volleyball with his school team. He said he will continue playing hockey 'for my whole life.'

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Bruce Trail Conservancy awarded \$5M matching grant

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

The Bruce Trail Conservancy has been awarded a prestigious five-year, \$5 million matching grant, through the Nature Smart Climate Solutions Fund.

Awarded by Environment and Climate Change Canada the grant funding will be used to help advance Niagara Escarpment land securement and conservation goals.

"This federal grant represents the largest government investment ever in our work. It recognizes the importance of protecting the Niagara Escarpment's vulnerable and

valuable lands, and endorses our expertise as one of Canada's leading environmental charities," said Michael McDonald, CEO of the Bruce Trail Conservancy. "It will also ensure that we have the resources needed to care for and restore these precious places so that they remain healthy and protected for generations to come."

The Bruce Trail Conservancy is one of Ontario's largest land trusts and has a 60-year history of conservation of Escarpment lands. The Bruce Trail Conservancy serves as the steward of Canada's Bruce Trail.

The Niagara Escarpment is one of the most diverse ecoregions in Canada.

"We're amidst a climate crisis and biodiversity crash – and the lands that we love are under threat like never before," said McDonald. "Together, we can protect irreplaceable Niagara Escarpment natural lands that address these challenges and create a path to a healthier world where nature thrives, and so do we."

The Nature Smart Climate Solutions Fund is a matching grant, meaning it is dependant on support from donations. Every dollar donated to the Bruce Trail Conservancy through the program will

be match by Environment and Climate Change Canada.

The Bruce Trail Conservancy is one of 40 conservation partners across Canada that will share up to \$109 million in funding over the next five years through the Nature Smart Climate Solutions Fund. The funding is part of the \$631 million that will be distribution over 10 years by the Nature Smart Climate Solutions Fund for Canadian conservation projects.

To learn more about the donation matching opportunity, visit www.bruce-trail.org.



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JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS: The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals junior boys' volleyball team are District 4 champions after winning the final match over Westside Secondary School on Monday, Nov. 14, in the gym at Westside. The Royals had an outstanding season finishing second in the standings, then pulling it all together to win their semi-final to earn the right to go to the championship game. The Royals won the final best-of-five sets match, 3-1.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

SCRIMAGE AT THE NET: The Shelburne Wolves U13 Rep team host the Wasaga Beach Stars on the ice at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex in Shelburne on Friday, Nov. 25. The Wolves played well but took a 7-1 loss in this game. The Wolves now have a 1-4-2 record for the season.

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Born March 25 1948 in Brightlingsea, England, Mike passed away suddenly on November 29, 2022 at Headwaters Hospital, while awaiting a bed in long term care.

He leaves behind his loving wife of 48 years, Lorna, his children Christopher (Melissa) and Angela (Brad).

He was the very proud poppa of Ayden, Jonas, Chloe-Jade, Brinlea, Courtney and Liam, and super proud great poppa of Kinsley and Tristan.

He loved all these kids so much.

He loved watching the World Cup Soccer and of course his beloved Leafs.

Friends and family will be received at Jack & Thompson Funeral Home, 318 Main Street, Shelburne on Saturday December 3rd, between the hours of 1-4pm.

Private family interment at a later date. Online condolences may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com

NATALIE ANN MARGARET RUSK

Natalie was born in Orangeville, Ont, on Dec 8, 1992 and passed away silently in her sleep on October 31, 2022 at the age of 29 at her home in Shelburne.



Loving daughter of Geoffrey Rusk and Tanya Dear. Cherished sister of Brandon and Nicholas, special aunt of Sophie, affectionate Granddaughter of Howard Rusk (predeceased), Frances Rusk, Robert Dear (predeceased), and Judy Dear. Lovingly remembered by her Aunts and Uncles, many cousins, and her partner Andrew.

Natalie was a loving, caring, giving soul. She loved hiking in the outdoors, and was artistic, creating her own homemade cards for her friends and family. Natalie loved working at Shannon's in Shelburne and will sadly be missed by all her co-workers and many friends. We will all miss her generous, affectionate warm hugs and kisses and her beautiful smile. Natalie will be in our hearts and thoughts forever.

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 came and went...
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PROTESTING BILL 23: Protestors gathered in front of Sylvia Jones' Constituency Office on Broadway last Friday (Nov. 25) to speak out against Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act. The Bill passed on Monday (Nov. 28).

Large crowd protests province's Bill 23 outside Sylvia Jones' office

Written By Zachary Roman

Residents of Dufferin and Caledon came together in protest against the Provincial Government's Bill 23 last Friday.

Despite protests across the Province, the bill was passed Monday, Nov. 28.

Around 1 p.m. on Nov. 25, people began to gather at Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones' office in Orangeville with signs that had messages like, "Save the Greenbelt" and "Bill 23, a direct assault on Canadian democracy."

Crowds then demonstrated for a little over an hour on all four corners of Broadway and First Street. The peaceful protest did not block traffic and organizers said its goal was to raise awareness about the impacts Bill 23 will have on Ontario.

John MacRae, co-chair of EcoCaledon, a local non-profit with a mandate to improve the environment within the Town of Caledon, was at the protest collecting signatures on a petition to withdraw Bill 23 because he and other EcoCaledon members believe it needs sweeping changes.

"It's OK to have a plan to help build houses, but you want to do it right," said MacRae. "Bill 23 is going to cause sprawl... Bill 23 also takes away the development charges that pay for...community centres and those kinds of things."

Development charges are fees collected from developers that help pay for the cost of municipal services or impacted infrastructure such as roads and transit due to growth. A Town of Caledon presentation on Bill 23 noted that under the Bill, development charges could no longer be used to fund studies like Official Plans and environmental assessments, nor could they be used to purchase land for growth-related infrastructure.

MacRae said the Province put extra things into Bill 23 that will "get favours to their developer friends" and that developers can still make money even if they build more sustainably.

He said it makes no sense to take land out

of the Greenbelt, something Bill 23 will do, even if it's replaced with other land. MacRae said it took many years of hard work to put Greenbelt land aside, and environmentalists have said Greenbelt land is irreplaceable.

Vicki Clare, a Caledon resident who said she came out to the protest because the Province is doing exactly the opposite of what it should be doing, which is reducing sprawl, reducing pollution, and reducing the amount of cars on the road, said Bill 23 only makes sense to those who are greedy and already have millions of dollars in their pockets.

"It just aids more development, we don't need that," said Clare. "I'm worried about people's grandchildren and children, and I worry about all the wildlife and biodiversity."

Ward 6 Councillor Cosimo Napoli attended last Friday's protest because he was concerned about Bill 23. He said it was a bit premature for the Province to be trying to push the bill through.

"We need to review it and it has to make sense. When it gets passed, we all have to be on board with the changes that they want to implement," said Napoli. "The bill itself, there's quite a few issues in here that are of concern. Development charges... they want to cut some and reduce others. That's really critical. If we cannot collect the development charges that we should be collecting when there's development, that's going to throw the burden onto residents... that's going to equate to higher taxes for everybody."

Napoli said Bill 23 is too vague and that he wanted more detail added to the Bill before it was passed. He wanted the Bill to be paused until it's clear who's going to be paying for the infrastructure to support development.

Dan O'Reilly, a Caledon resident who assisted EcoCaledon in the planning of the protest, said he was very happy with the turnout at the protest, especially considering the poor weather conditions of the day.

He said he was also happy to see residents of Dufferin and Caledon coming together for a common cause.

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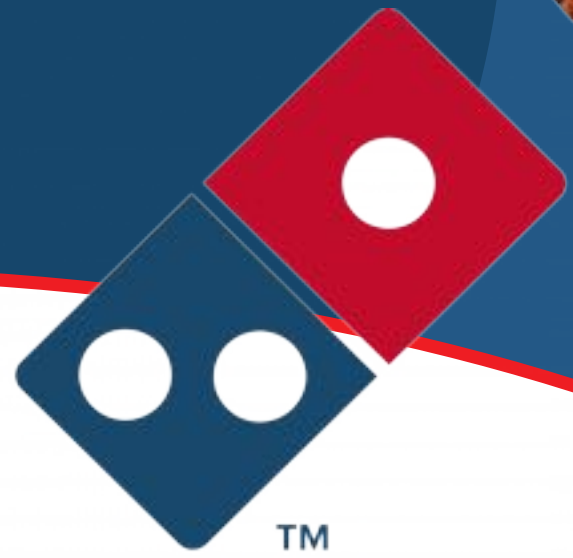
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