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SLAM DUNK: Centre Dufferin District Highschool forward, Marques McPherson, goes for the dunk during his team's game against Norwell District Secondary School on Monday, Jan. 16. The Royals left the court with a 72-34 win, and are in first place in the District 4 standings. Read a fully story on the game and how the season is going on Page 6.

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Building of new homes to pause locally due to Bill 23

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Shelburne council is delaying the tendering and construction of a new Wastewater Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) as they navigate financial constraints related to Bill 23.

During their meeting on Monday (Jan. 23), council received a report from chief administrative officer (CAO) Denyse Morrissey and town planner Steve Wever on the potential impacts of Bill 23.

"It's critical for us to make the province aware of the impact of the development charges as it relates specifically to our waste treatment plant and therefore the capacity to expand," said Morrissey.

Bill 23, also known as the More Homes Built Faster Act, is a piece of legislation introduced by the Ford government in November that makes changes such as reducing municipal development charges to increase the speed of housing development.

The reduction in development charges collected by municipalities under Bill 23 is a significant constraint for the Town of Shelburne, as they plan for a new Wastewater Pollution Control Plant.

In 2020, Shelburne council received a report from the municipality's contracted engineer S. Burnett & Associates Limited, on the construction of a multi-million dollar upgrade to the wastewater plant. Council approved \$2 million in funding in May of 2021 for the design of the expansion.

A new Wastewater Pollution Control Plant is a pressing issue since the town has reached the capacity of its existing plant.

The upgrades to the wastewater plant are estimated to cost between \$33 and \$34 million, with a significant amount of the cost initially planned to be supported through development charges.

"We do not have the financial capacity and nor will we have the financial capacity to ever borrow \$30 million," said Morrissey.

Like many municipalities, the Town of Shelburne has operated under the principle that 'growth pays for growth', and a primary tool for implementing the principle is through development charges.

Wever noted that with reduced development charges, the question becomes - where will the funding to build the waste treatment plant and other infrastructure that supports housing development come from?

"It basically falls back on taxpayers, and the potential to either cut services or hold services off," said Coun. Lindsay Wegener.

Wever also noted the impacts of delaying the construction of the Wastewater Pollution Control Plant.

"What's at risk here is that without the infrastructure, we could be reaching a stalemate on housing for several years," said Wever. "After the Fieldgate subdivision is completed there's really not any big residential project that can move forward after until the service and capacity has a definitive timeline and is funded."

According to the report to council, nearly 2,000 planned and proposed residential units are dependent on the construction of the new Wastewater Pollution Control Plant.

- These developments include:
- Emerald Crossing/Shelburne 89 Developments Ltd - 60 units
 - 416, 428, 428 Main St. W (Shelburne West) - 179 units
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 - 124 Owen Sound Street - 44 units

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Black History Month celebration returning to Shelburne

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

Dufferin County Canadian Black Association (DCCBA) and the Museum of Dufferin (MoD) are partnering to host a live in-person event in celebration of Black History Month.

The event, called Black Perseverance and Resilience, will be held at the Grace Tipling Hall in Shelburne on Saturday, Feb. 25 at 6 p.m. This will be the third year the DCCBA and the MoD have partnered to host a Black History Month event locally.

"Here we have an institution that is there to provide support to the community by way of cataloging history and providing educational services, and they're able to partner

with DCCBA to talk about something that is so critically important not just to Black history, but to Canada's history," said DCCBA founder, Alethia O'Hara Stephenson. "I couldn't be prouder that we have been able to sustain the partnership over the past three years. I would love to see that partnership continue indefinitely based on the role our two organizations play in our community, and the fact that we're now able to catalogue our rich history for generations to come."

Black Perseverance and Resilience will feature keynote speaker Natasha Henry-Dixon, an assistant professor of African Canadian History at York University.

Henry-Dixon, a 2018 recipient of the Vanier Scholarship, is researching the enslavement

of African people in early Ontario. Her publications include Emancipation Day: Celebrating Freedom in Canada (June 2010), Talk about Freedom: Celebrating Freedom in Canada (2012), several youth-focused titles, and entries for the Canadian Encyclopedia on African Canadian history.

The event will also include performances by Maestro Fresh Wes, known as the Godfather of Canadian Hip Hop, and local artist Richie C, who released his first single 'Hard to be Away' in the early 2000s and became a popular hit on reggae radio.

There will also be a presentation from Centre Dufferin District High School's (CDDHS) Black Chapter and students from Streams Community Hub.

In the lead-up to the event, DCCBA will be launching a poster campaign showcasing Black Canadians and their stories of perseverance and resilience.

"When you think about Black perseverance and resilience you can look at it from so many angles, how as a community, despite challenges, we've been able to accomplish great things," said O'Hara Stephenson.

Tickets for the Black Perseverance and Resilience event will be available starting Friday (Jan. 27) through the MoD's Eventbrite page. Tickets for the event are free, but with limited availability (160 tickets) and a maximum of four tickets can be bought per order.

Suspect arrested for local arson also 'person of interest' in Brampton shooting

A 40-year-old man wanted for arson in Shelburne and as a 'person of interest' in the shooting of a woman in Brampton is in police custody.

On Sunday (Jan. 22), shortly after 1 p.m.,

Peel police announced the arrest of Orane Bryon, who was wanted for arson for allegedly setting a house in Shelburne on fire.

Emergency Services responded to a call for a house fire on O'Reilly Crescent in Shel-

burne at approximately 4:20 a.m. on Saturday (Jan. 21). The fire was put out, and according to Dufferin OPP, there was no one home at the time of the incident.

"We got the call, it was for a structure fire, and our notification was that the rear of the house was on fire," Shelburne Fire Chief Ralph Snyder told the Free Press. "The interior of the house was significantly involved. We started a defensive attack to protect the two houses to the east and west."

Snyder said they're investigating the fire's point of origin and ignition source.

Witnesses reported seeing a vehicle, described as a grey Hyundai Elantra with the licence plate CXTV527, parked in the home's driveway.

Identified as a suspect, investigators from

the Peel Police's Intimate Partner Violence Unit obtained a warrant for Bryon's arrest in connection to the fire.

Bryon was also named as a "person of interest" in a shooting in Brampton.

Police responded to a shooting on Friday (Jan. 20) just before 10 a.m. in the area of Candy Crescent and Major William Sharpe Drive. Arriving at the scene, officers found a woman who had been shot. The victim was taken to a trauma centre with non-life-threatening injuries.

Anyone with information on this investigation is asked to call investigators in the Intimate Partner Violence Unit at 905-453-2121, ext. 4990 or anonymously by calling Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477)

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- Shelburne Meadows – Hwy. 89 & 4th Line (Flato) – 93 + 463 future phase units
- 434 Main Street West – 38 units
- DiPoce Lands (East of 4th Line -Shelburne West) – 250+ units
- Southbridge New Retirement Home – 128 beds
- Intensification Potential within Built-up Area – 513 units

"You already have 1,764 new homes in application and proposals that we already know about so that doesn't even count other projects that may come to light over the next 10, 15, 20 years," said Wever.

While the new Wastewater Pollution Control Plant is the most prevalent project potentially impacted by the reduction of development charges, there are several other projects, such as the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, that are affected.

"As your densities increase with more

townhomes, more apartments, you will get less parkland per unit than you otherwise would have prior to Bill 23," explained Wever. "That's not an immediate short-term impact, but through the Park's Master Plan, we'll need to carefully consider that there will not be as much land or cash for parkland coming the town's way."

Future upgrades to Shelburne's Fire Hall and the local arena were also raised as projects of concern from council.

"One of the unintended consequences, it seems, of this legislation is that in removing what the government considers barriers to building homes, they've essentially stripped municipality's ability to raise the funds and the capital needed to provide the servicing for those homes," said Mayor Wade Mills.

The Town of Shelburne had requested that the Province identify how the development charge shortfall will be addressed by Mar. 1.

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- Receive the Annual Reports (Chair, President/CEO, Financial)
- Appoint Auditors
- Ratify the Acts of the Board of Directors
- Elect Directors (two Director positions for three year terms)

The Corporation's annual statement will be available on the Corporation's website (www.dufferinmutual.com) 21 days prior to the Annual General Meeting. A member of the Corporation may also obtain a copy by sending a written request to the Secretary of the Corporation at 802 Main Street East, Unit 4, Shelburne, Ontario, L9V 2Z5 at least 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Applications for a Director's position may be picked up, completed and returned to the Head Office of the Corporation at 802 Main Street East, Unit 4, Shelburne, Ontario L9V 2Z5. Applications must be received by the Secretary of the Corporation no later than the close of the business day, 4:30 p.m., February 17, 2023.

Two Candidates have qualified, as of this date, to stand for election to the Board of Directors of the Corporation. John Stirk and John Scriver are currently qualified and endorsed by the nominating committee.

The Company By-Laws, including the portion of the By-Laws that relate to the Qualification of Directors, may be reviewed Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., at the Head Office of the Corporation.

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Headwaters Health Care Foundation reaches \$700,000 match donation goal

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

Headwaters Health Care Foundation has reached its final fundraising goal. The fundraising organization for Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) announced in a press release Jan. 12 that their goal of raising \$700,000 has been reached and will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Morningview Foundation.

"We are blown away by the generosity of our community," said K.C. Carruthers, Headwaters Foundation CEO.

"The impact that this will have (will be) helping provide exceptional care and saving lives of those who turn to us every day for their health care needs. The Morningview Foundation has shown leadership that will have a long-lasting impact for a healthy tomorrow."

In November 2022, Headwaters Health

Care Foundation challenged the Dufferin County community to help raise the funding goal throughout the holiday season. Headwaters received the final donation to push them over the \$700,000 goal on Jan. 10.

The fundraising goal is the largest match challenge for the hospital's foundation.

"We are delighted that the community was so generous during these tough times," said a representative of the Morningview Foundation. "It really shows how valuable Headwaters is to the patients and their loved ones and we are thrilled to have been a part of this impressive effort."

The government does not provide funding for all the medical equipment Headwaters health care team needs to provide care for the community close to home.

All gifts that were received through the match donation challenge will be used to purchase vital medical equipment and upgrades for the local hospital.



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DONATION GOAL REACHED: The Morningview Foundation has reached their goal of raising \$700,000 through a dollar-for-dollar matching campaign.

Council hears recommendations for 2023 Municipal Grant Funding

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

A subcommittee tasked with managing the 2023 Municipal Grant Funding allocations has submitted its recommendations to Shelburne Town Council.

During their meeting on Monday (Jan. 23), Town Council received a memo from the Municipal Grant Funding Committee detailing the adjusted suggestions for funding allocation and the organizations selected.

Through the 2023 Municipal Grant Funding program, Shelburne Town Council received requests from 14 organizations for \$67,800 in cash and \$18,700 in kind. Staff proposed a budget of \$41,300 for the 2023 community funding grant.

Last year, the budget for municipal grant funding was \$37,300.

As the Town faces increasing funding asks and budgetary constraints, council opted at their last meeting of 2022 to create a subcommittee to manage the allocation of their 2023 community grant program. The subcommittee consisted of three members of council; Deputy Mayor Shane Hall, Coun. Walter Benotto, and Coun. Kyle Fegan.

The Municipal Grant Funding Committee held a meeting on Jan. 12 to review and discuss the applications received for consideration. The committee recommended that 13 of the 14 applications be selected for the 2023 community grants.

"The funding process was extremely difficult this year and was based on all the pressures, most notably inflation," explained Deputy Mayor Shane Hall.

While the committee supported the funding to nearly all organizations that applied,

they also made cuts to the amount of money allocated.

Shepherd's Cupboard Food Bank, which requested \$20,000 in funding and was approved for \$12,000, was one of the organizations to see a significant change in their funding request.

"The committee is also recommending that council requests the Shepherd's Cupboard Food Bank apply for grant funding to surrounding municipalities within the County of Dufferin in order to obtain additional funding and that the foodbank provide the additional funding information in conjunction with their 2023 grant funding application, and report back to Shelburne Council on their progress," read the memo provided to council at Monday's meeting.

According to the memo, it is requested that the Town also have at least one council

member to a maximum of two, be actively engaged with the Rotary during the Heritage Music Festival planning committee event discussions.

The recommendation for the Heritage Music Festival was to allocate \$5,000 in cash and \$3,432 in-kind.

The committee also recommended that any grant over \$5,000 that does not have a 'set event date' be dispersed in four installments throughout the calendar year in the months of February, May, August, and October.

A surplus of \$4,500 has been left in the Municipal Grant Funding program for requests that come forward throughout the year.

The recommendations from the subcommittee will be included in the 2023 draft budget discussions, which will begin on Jan. 30.

Shelburne mayor appointed vice-chair of Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus

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

Dufferin County Warden Wade Mills has been appointed as vice-chair of the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC).

Mills was elected to the position during the organization's annual general meeting, which was held in Ingersoll, Ont. on Jan. 13.

"It was a real honour to have been elected to this position by my Warden colleagues from the Western Ontario region. I look forward to using this platform to highlight the important issues facing communities throughout our region," said Mills. "Already this new position has given me an opportunity to meet face to face with several provincial ministers and senior members of government and this relationship building is critical as I work to advocate on behalf of our residents."

Sonya Pritchard, chief administrative officer (CAO) for the County of Dufferin was appointed as Treasurer.

During the same meeting on Jan. 13, Warden Glen McNeil of the County of Huron was elected by acclamation as chair of WOWC.

"I am honoured and humbled to have been placed in the position of chair, to represent Western Ontario, and I look forward to continue advancing the objectives and advocacy of the WOWC," said McNeil.

The Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus is a not-for-profit organization made up of representatives consisting of Wardens and CAOs from 15 upper and single-tier municipalities in approximately 300 communities. The WOWC advocates on behalf of the member counties on key items such as infrastructure, transportation, long-term care, broadband, and economic development.

Priorities for the WOWC over the coming months include; diversifying affordable and attainable housing in rural areas; attracting a skilled workforce to the region; addressing mental health and addictions; and cell gap coverage.

"The WOWC has continued to advocate strongly for its priorities and looks forward to the delegations with various Provincial Ministers and the ROMA 2023

Conference," said McNeil. "The challenges around workforce and housing continue to have significant impacts on our economy and we all need to work together for solutions. This excellent cooperation among all levels of government will only continue to foster the future success of Western Ontario."

For more information about the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus visit wowc.ca.



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WOWC APPOINTMENT: Left, Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills has been appointed vice-chair.

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Return of the alliances

Alliances are as old as civilisation. Older, actually: almost every hunter-gatherer band that anthropologists have studied, from the New Guinea highlanders to the Yanomamo in the Amazon, made alliances with other groups to try to protect themselves.

But they often also ended up fighting people they had no quarrel with. 'The enemy of my enemy is my friend' is the usual logic that the alliances are built on, but people tend to overlook the fact that alliances also mean that 'the enemy of my ally is my enemy too.'

Right now, the various regional alliances that already exist seem to be consolidating into a single all-embracing alliance system. It was that kind of system that made the First World War happen, and we probably don't want to see that happen again.

Only three years ago there was only one big alliance in the world: the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO), founded in 1949, victorious in the Cold War, and more recently an alliance in search of a new role. Almost everybody in Europe and North America belonged to it.

Apart from that, the United States had bilateral alliances or alliance-like arrangements with a number of countries in the Middle East (Israel), East Asia (Japan,

South Korea and perhaps Taiwan) and Oceania (Australia and New Zealand).

Three of the world's biggest countries, China, India and Russia, had no military alliances worth talking about. Unless you think that the China-North Korea, India-Bhutan and Russia-Armenia alliances count.

It was, in other words, a loosely-coupled world: something could go really bad in one part of the planet, and countries in other regions would not necessarily be dragged into it.

The shift began with rising concern in the Asia-Pacific countries and the United States about the irresistible rise of president-for-life Xi Jinping to supreme power in China. The response to that was the Quad, formally the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue: the US, India, Australia and Japan.

Founded in 2017, it began as just a talking shop, but after bitter clashes between Indian and Chinese troops on the Himalayan frontier in 2019 India came fully on board, participating in the first joint naval exercises with the other three Quad members in 2020.

Then came AUKUS, an alliance uniting the United States, the United Kingdom and Australia, with the initial task of arranging for Australia to get a fleet of nuclear-powered attack submarines. It was transpar-

ently designed to challenge China's territorial ambitions in the South China Sea.

This pretty well completed the architecture for an 'Indo-Pacific NATO' whose members would account for about a third of the world's GDP. The original NATO members account for about 45% of global GDP (although the US and the UK are being double-counted in this reckoning).

While China's more belligerent style under Xi certainly accounts for the speed at which a counter-balancing alliance took shape in the region, the equal and opposite reaction to this enterprise was the announcement of a "no limits" partnership by Xi and Russian President Vladimir Putin, in early 2022.

All this happened before Russia invaded Ukraine again in February of last year (having done it once already in 2014).

You can see how everybody was reacting in large part to moves by the other 'side', and why Xi backed off quickly from his 'no limits' partnership with Russia once he realised how obsessed Putin was with his Ukraine legacy project.

Nevertheless, the game is now afoot, and it will be hard to stop. Germany announced that it was doubling its defence budget last February; Japan said it would do the same last month. China is rapidly expanding its

armed forces despite a failing economy, and Russia's growing derangement is hard to ignore.

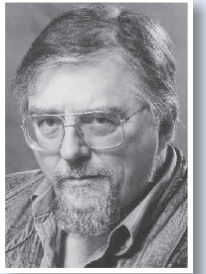
All the planners and the analysts insist that they have it under control. We shouldn't worry that we are living through a high-speed replay of the creation of the entangling alliances that dragged everybody into the First World War. This is a different time.

My problem is that I can't see what is so different about this time. Outside the specific and well-contained war in Ukraine, there are no great issues of principle at stake, and none of the great powers is planning to destroy or subjugate any of the others. (Ukraine is not a great power, so that doesn't count.)

Count Otto von Bismarck, first Chancellor of the newly united German Empire, remarked in 1878 that "One day the great European War will come out of some damned foolish thing in the Balkans." As it did, in 1914, once all the alliances were in place.

The next great war may come out of some damned foolish thing in the South China Sea. Or the East China Sea, for that matter.

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Living on the street

There is a series of commercials currently on television, radio, and online from an organization that helps homeless youth.

The TV version is well done and certainly gets their message out there. It shows a young girl, maybe 15 or 16 years old, wrapped in a sleeping bag and trying to stay warm in a bus stop shelter. The commercial asks the question, "How young do they have to be before you will help?"

It also goes on to say that there are as many as 2,000 young people homeless on the streets of Toronto on a given night.

Many, it says, are out there because their home life is so bad, they feel safer on the street than they would in their own home.

There are around 6,000 kids on the street on any night across the country.

What a tragedy it is, that a kid would feel safer walking the streets in the middle of the night than they would being in their own house.

The organization helps 'youth' between the ages of 13 and 24. To be fair, there is a huge difference between a 13-year-old on the streets and someone who is in their early 20's.

Someone who is 24 years old can fend for themselves a lot easier than some kid who is barely in their teens. A thirteen-year-old on their

own is subject to a variety of abuse or exploitation from predators, and that is another tragedy - that people will exploit a kid who needs help.

The majority of people who have children raise their kids in an appropriate manner, provide for them, and try to help them through life so they can be productive adults and citizens - but some don't.

Some people should never have kids at all. You can't always tell what a family dynamic is like from the outside.

I grew up down the street from a seemingly normal family. They had a nice house with an immaculately kept yard. The mother was a rather proper type of woman who always dressed nicely, and seemed to me, to be a good mother.

The father, however, was a different story. One summer, I was at their house and I heard the father speaking to the oldest daughter in a manner that threatened severe violence. I was shocked and could never imagine my own father threatening to break my arm if I didn't do something he asked. I never went back to their house.

Of that family, the oldest daughter left home immediately after graduating high school and never looked back. The young-

est daughter ran away to Toronto when she was just 16 years old. She committed suicide only a few years later.

The brother went on to a distinguished career, then suddenly, without warning, committed suicide.

I always wondered what was really going on in that house that created such a tragic outcome, and could it have been prevented?

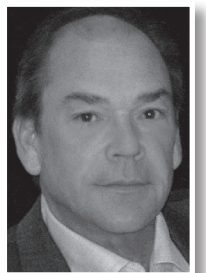
Statistics indicate that 49 per cent of youth on the street left home before they were 18 years old, and 59 per cent come from average to upper-income households. Of trafficking victims, 35 per cent are under 18 years-old.

Not everyone who is on the street has been abused or neglected. Some people, for whatever reason, choose that lifestyle.

I saw an interesting documentary on the subject a couple of years ago, that followed one girl who was voluntarily homeless. She lived under a bridge with her, less than upstanding boyfriend.

She thought it was a 'cool' lifestyle for some reason. Her parents were typically middle-class people who provided a decent home and couldn't understand her lifestyle choices,

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



and begged her to come home, to no avail.

For many though, their home life is worse than being on the street.

Having children is a huge responsibility, however, some people just see having children as an inconvenience, and really don't care what happens to them.

But what happens to people who don't do the responsible thing? How can you have a 13-year-old that hasn't come home for several days, and you don't even report to the police that your child is missing? It happens all the time.

A quick look at the online DoeNetwork International Center for Unidentified and Missing Persons, reveals thousands of people, many of them very young, who have simply disappeared, or turned up dead, possibly murdered, and no one has any idea who they are, because no one cares.

Parents who willingly neglect their obligations to their children need to be held accountable for their negligence and the results of child abandonment or abuse.

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Impaired driver nabbed after causing two collisions

The Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) charged a driver with impaired operation after the driver was involved in two collisions, in both Orangeville and Grand Valley.

On Jan. 14 at approximately 5:40 p.m., officers from Dufferin OPP responded to a fail to remain collision on County Road 109 in Orangeville, where one of the drivers took off. Shortly after, officers received a second call for a collision on County Road 109 in Grand Valley. Officers determined the involved vehicle was the same vehicle that fled the first scene. As a result, officers were

led into an impaired operation investigation.

Marco LANDRY, 36-year-old, from Guelph, has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Careless driving - (two counts)
- Driving motor vehicle with open container of liquor
- Driving while under suspension
- Fail to remain
- Fail to have insurance card
- Fail to surrender permit for motor vehicle

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville in January 2023, to answer to the multiple charges. Their driver's licence was suspended for 90 days, and the vehicle impounded for a period of seven days. These charges have not been proven in court.

"The Dufferin OPP reminds motorist to plan ahead when consuming alcohol or drugs. Use a designated driver, cab, ride-share, public transit or stay overnight. Any amount of alcohol or drugs can impact your ability to make sound judgements. In a split second you could ruin your future, injure

or kill others, and tear a hole in the heart of everyone who loves you," said the Dufferin OPP in a press release.

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

If you have information regarding this investigation and have not already provided a statement to police, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-822-8477 (TIPS) or www.crimestoppersdm.com.

Youth charged with impaired operation, cannabis possession

The Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) charged a driver with impaired operation following a traffic complaint called in by a concerned citizen in the Town of Orangeville.

On January 17, 2023, at approximately 9:10 p.m., officers from Dufferin OPP responded to a traffic complaint on C Line in Orangeville. Officers located the driver and were led into an impaired operation investigation.

As a result, a 17-year-old male, from Flesherton, has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Operation while impaired - alcohol or drugs
- Possession of over 5 grams of dried cannabis

The name of the accused will be withheld to protect their identity under the Youth

Criminal Justice Act. The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville in February 2023, to answer to the charges. Their driver's licence was suspended for 90 days, and the vehicle impounded for a period of seven days.

This is the third impaired driver Dufferin OPP has removed from our roads in three days.

"Thank you to the concerned citizen who contacted police. If you suspect an impaired driver, call 9-1-1," said the Dufferin OPP in a press release.



Dufferin OPP catch serial break and enter suspect in the act

The Dufferin OPP Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) have charged a suspect responsible for eight separate break and enters over the last month in the Town of Orangeville.

On Jan. 13 as a result of an ongoing investigation, Dufferin OPP CSCU officers caught the suspect of several break and enters in the act. The suspect was arrested at the scene of a home he broke into on Margaret Street in Orangeville. The suspect was found in possession of several items from inside the home, including jewelry, and liquor. He has been linked to a total of eight break and enters in Orangeville from Dec. 2022 to Jan. 2023.

As a result of the investigation Jeremy FLEAR, 46-year-old, from Orangeville has been charged with:

- Break and enter a place - with intent to commit indictable offence - (eight counts)

- Possession of break in instruments
- Property obtained by crime - Over \$5000

- Property obtained by crime - Under \$5000

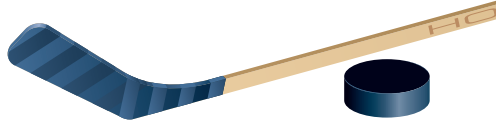
The accused was transported to the Dufferin Detachment where he was held for a bail hearing. These charges have not been proven in court.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation is asked to contact Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

You can also submit your information online at ontariocrimestoppers.ca.

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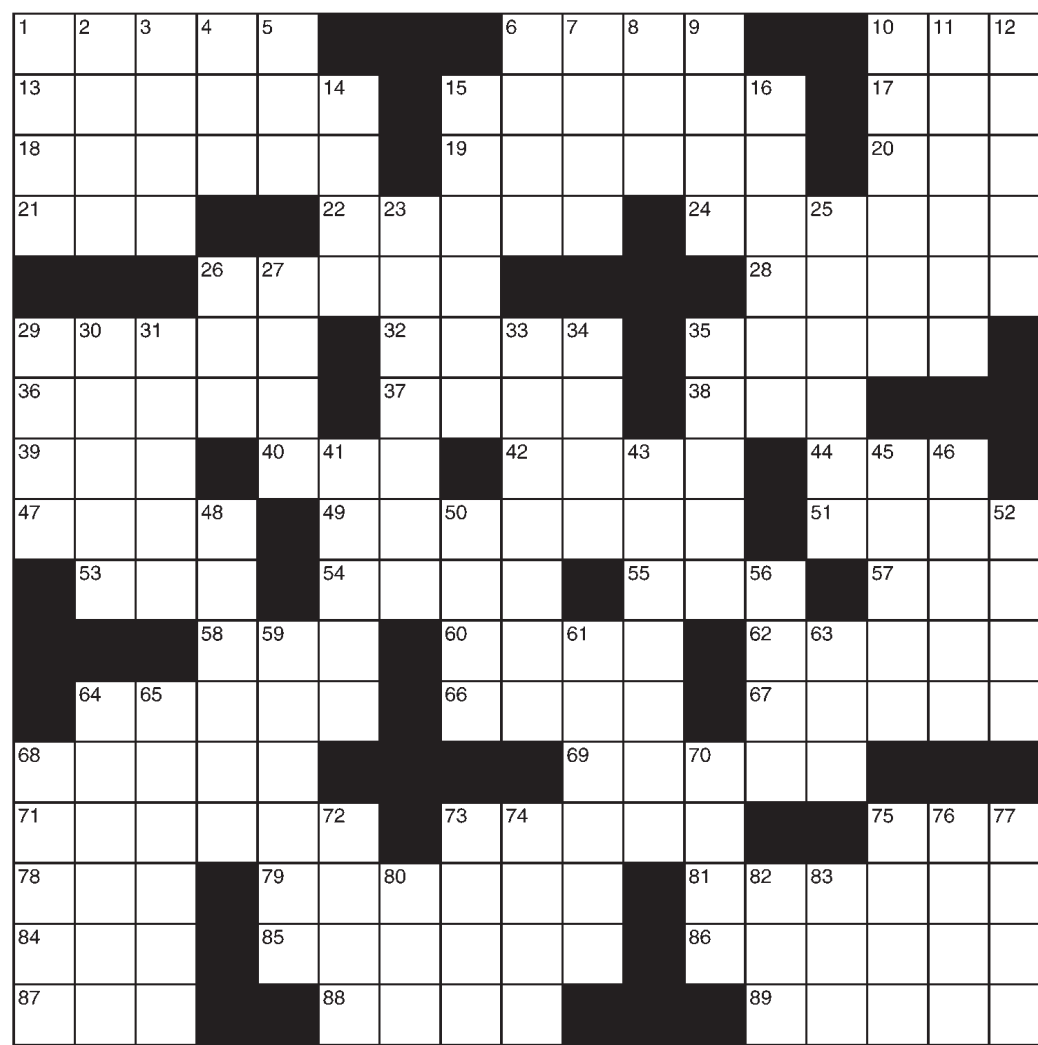
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HORNETS HOCKEY: With five weeks left on the PJHL regular season schedule, the Stayner Siskins are maintaining first place in the league. Junior C hockey fans are looking forward to an exciting playoff series this year. The Alliston Hornets take on the Innisfil Spartans in Alliston on Wednesday, Jan. 18.

Powerhouse Stayner Siskins leading PJHL standings

Written By Brian Lockhart

With less than half of the regular season still to go, the Stayner Siskins remain in first place in the Provincial Junior Hockey League standings.

The Siskins are a powerhouse team this year. After 27 games, they have taken only one loss and are averaging almost six goals per game.

On defence, the Siskins have averaged 1.4 goals against per game for the season. Siskins goalie Nick Ciccarelli, is at the top of the PJHL stats with a goals-against average of 1.00 and four shut-outs on his record this season.

With 52 points recorded so far, the Stayner team is six points ahead of the second-place Alliston Hornets.

The Hornets have a 22-5-1 record including one overtime loss. The Alliston team took most of their losses early in the season and have improved as the year progressed.

The Hornets have beaten every team in the league this year, except the Siskins.

Hornets head coach Travis Chapman said the plan is to take each game as it comes.

"I think for us, our focus is more on what we're doing and how we're playing going into the playoffs," Chapman said. "Our job is to beat who's ever on the schedule ahead of us. We're not worried about who we have, and haven't beat yet."

The Schomberg Cougars remain in third place – a spot they have been in for most of the season.

The Cougars have a 27-7-1 record including one overtime loss, and 36 points.

In the middle of the pack, the Innisfil Spartans, Orillia Terriers, and Huntsville Otters, are separated by seven points, and all three teams have losing records this year.

The Caledon Golden Hawks are in the number seven spot with 16 points, followed by the Midland Flyers, and the Penetang Kings.

There are five weeks left on the PJHL regular season schedule with the final game slated for March 3, before the teams head into the playoffs.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

CHRISTIAN MACRAE

"I really like the team energy, shooting, and the crowd getting into it," said CDDHS Royals forward, Christian MacRae, of why he likes playing basketball.

Christian has been playing basketball since elementary school and brings a lot of skill to his high school senior team. He is looking forward to playing another season in high school and possibly at a higher level at the college or university level.

When he's not on the basketball court, Christian plays on the high school volleyball team.

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Royals boys' basketball teams continue to dominate the courts this season

The Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS) Royals boys' basketball teams are continuing to be a dominant force in District 4 competition this year.

Both the junior and senior teams are in first place, with undefeated records.

The Royals senior team hosted Norwell District Secondary School on the Court at CDDHS on Monday, Jan. 16, and won their sixth straight game.

The Royals were leading 41-21 at the half. By the end of the third quarter, the CDDHS team had 51 points on the scoreboard.

They added 18 points in the fourth quarter to end the game with a 72-34 win.

"We started off really hot with a warm-up," summed up Royals power forward, Christian MacRae. "Our offence was really good, we pushed the ball really well and we got to the gaps and scored."

The team worked well on defence, covering their man and didn't allow Norwell to get a lot of shots away.

"We started out with some pretty nice energy, we definitely took the game seriously," said Royals power forward, Jadon James. "Our practice was good, our game was

good, our energy was good, and our communication was really good. We came in strong and didn't slack off. We weren't lazy, we were hustling and hustling and we were really dominating the other team."

After the game, the Royals seniors have a 6-0 record and are in first place in the standings. They have averaged 69 points per game.

The seniors will be back on their home court at CDDHS on Wednesday, Feb. 8, when they will host Emmanuel Christian High School from Fergus.

Game time is 2:30 p.m. The Royals junior boys team are also leading the standings and are in first place with a 6-0 record.

Their last outing on Monday, Jan. 16, resulted in a 59-27 win over Wellington Heights Secondary School.

The juniors have averaged 66 points per game this season.

The Royals junior boy's team will be back on their home court at CDDHS on Wednesday, Feb. 8, when they will host Emmanuel Christian High School.

Game time is 4:00 p.m.

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Father son duo bringing comedy show to Fire and Ice Festival

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

A father and son duo from the Shelburne community have teamed up to bring a highly anticipated new event to the 2023 Fire and Ice Festival.

Alton Mill Art Centre general manager Martin Kouprie and his comedian son Oliver Kouprie, will present the inaugural 'Hot Mics' Comedy Show to a sold-out crowd on Saturday (Jan. 23) at 8 p.m.

"When we started planning for the Fire and Ice Festival, Oliver had been doing a number of gigs around Toronto so the question came up, if he would produce a comedy show for us, and he jumped on the chance. We made it a part of the schedule and it's a sold-out event," explained Martin.

Initially joining the Alton Mill Art Centre to help open a restaurant in the facility, Martin took on the role of general manager a little over a year ago. This year's event will mark his first-time planning the Fire and Ice Festival as general manager of the arts centre.

Oliver started his journey into comedy this past year, doing his first open mic in the spring of 2022. With booking gigs being a big part of comedy, he began diving into the producing side along with his performance. He regularly produces a comedy show called Guy Being Dudes at the Backroom Comedy Club in Toronto.

A new addition to the Fire and Ice Festival schedule, the comedy show has already seen some early success, selling out in just five days.

"They've never had an event that sold out in five days," said Martin. "We could have sold it out twice over."

"I'm honestly so shocked that it sold out so quickly because most of the shows I've produced are in the city, and those ticket sales are very last minute. It was a really encouraging sign when it sold out so quickly and weeks before the show," said Oliver, who was tasked with producing the comedy show.

The 'Hot Mics' Comedy show will feature comedians Kristian Warburton, Hannah Veldheon, Jwalit Bharwani, Monica Gross, Jordan Brown, Tyler Hartley and Oliver Kouprie.

"Stand up comedy, I have found, is such a personal art form to so many people. So, the topics will vary from comedian to comedian. It might go to relationships or a little bit into politics or just about funny

stories," said Oliver. "I feel like it's going to be a great time and hopefully it's the first of many to come."

The Fire and Ice Winter Festival will take place on Saturday (Jan. 28) from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday (Jan. 29) from noon to 5 p.m. at the Alton Mill Art Centre.

For more information about the festival and a complete schedule of events, visit www.altonmill.ca.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

JUMP SHOT: The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals junior basketball team take on Wellington Heights Secondary School on the court at CDDHS on Monday, Feb. 16. The Royals won this game 59-27 and maintain an undefeated 6-0 record for the season and are in first place in the District 4 standings.



Town of Shelburne

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Monday February 13, 2023 – 6:30 pm

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Residents are invited to join Shelburne Town Council for a presentation of the draft 2023 Operating and Capital Budgets.

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This meeting is being held virtually via the zoom conferencing platform.

Please contact the Legislative Services Department at clerk@shelburne.ca to register in advance of and in order to have access to the public meeting no later than **10 am Monday February 13, 2023**.

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Access to the meeting is by invite only, once your request to participate has been confirmed by the Legislative Services Department, the meeting details will be provided to you confidentially.

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She was the beloved wife of Wayne Lance and proud mom of Greg and Michael Toms. Survived by her sister Marg Ritchie (Harold).

Predeceased by her sister MaryLynn Cole. Betty is also survived by her Lance family, Rob (Leah), Austin, Caty and Ethan. Carrie - Anne (Ray), Ryan and Tyler.

She leaves behind her cousins, nieces and nephews and many friends.

Cremation has taken place and a spring Interment will be held at Honeywood Cemetery at a later date.

OBITUARIES

CRAGO, DIANE MARIE

Passed away peacefully with family by her side at Headwaters Hospital on January 19, 2023 at the age of 61. A fighter until the very end. Her love and memories will live on through her husband Jim, children Courtney (Robby), Chad, and Corey (Caitlin), grandkids Ellis and Ava. Beloved sister of Darlene (Carl), Debbie (Fred), and Denise (Dean). Loving aunt to Brandon, Jamie, Steve, Mike, Kari, Catlin. A private family celebration of life will take place. If desired, donations to Headwaters Health Care Centre would be appreciated as expressions of sympathy. Online condolences may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com

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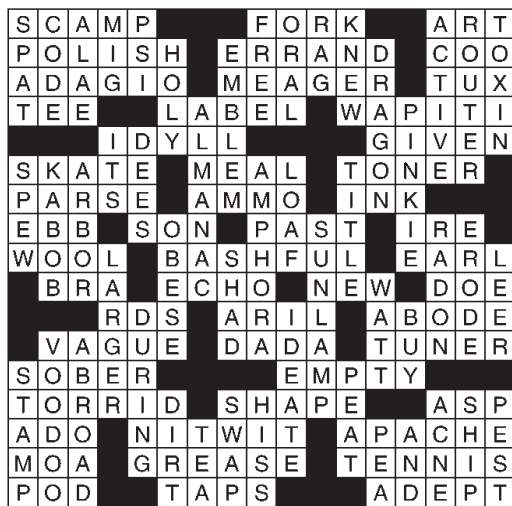
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Passed away at Headwaters Health Care Centre with her family by her side on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 in her 70th year. Beloved wife of 50 years of Brad. Devoted mother of Lisa (Paul Smith) and Tim. Proud grandmother of Jordan, Lauren and Luke. Loving sister of Ruth (Harrold) Thompson, Bob (Nancy) Flear and the late Ross Harrold. Dear aunt of Kevin, Marc and Darroll.

Many thanks to everyone who has provided support with phone calls and visits. Your kindness is sincerely appreciated.

A Celebration of Nancy's Life will be held in the Warrior's Hall at the Royal Canadian Legion, 203 William Street, Shelburne on Saturday, February 4, 2023 from 1-4 p.m. There will be a sharing of memories at 2:00 p.m. If desired, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or Headwaters Health Care Centre would be appreciated as expressions of sympathy. Online condolences and donations may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com

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