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**FORESTRY AWARD:** Mulmur resident, Ken Jewett was honoured with the Susan Wiecek Forestry Education Award at the Forests Ontario 9th annual conference held at the Nottawasaga Resort on Feb. 16 and 17. Mr. Jewett decades planting over 130,000 native maple trees in Ontario.

## Mulmur man recognized for forestry education and planting over 130,000 trees

Written By Brian Lockhart

Forests Ontario held its 9th annual conference in Alliston on Feb. 16 and 17. The conference was held at the Nottawasaga Resort, with a virtual presence available as well. This annual event is the largest forestry conference of its kind in the province and featured 37 forest sector leaders and government officials and more than 750 registrants, speakers, moderators, sponsors, and exhibitors. The conference also included an awards ceremony which recognized important contributors to forestry and the environment. Mulmur resident Ken Jewett was honoured with the Susan Wiecek Forestry Education Award. Mr. Jewett started in business with the

Abitibi Paper Company in 1950 before leaving to work with Marsan Foods in 1970. Mr. Jewett's passion is maple trees. In 2000 he established 'Maple Leaves Forever.' Maple Leaves Forever's mandate is to promote and support the planting of native maple trees. To date, it has supported the planting of over 130,000 native maples – all through Mr. Jewett's personal financial contributions of almost \$750,000. Other award winners include: Dr. Jan Oudenes and Dr. Isobel Ralson – Forest Stewardship Award for outstanding activities in private land forest management and strong support of forestry promotion and education. Megan Thomson – The White Pine Award for student contributions to forest education and awareness.

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# Mulmur beekeepers make a buzz with consumers

Written By Brian Lockhart

Mulmur beekeepers Debbie Gray and Jeff Chalmers brought innovative products like dark chocolate and triple lemon honey to the One of a Kind Winter show in Toronto, and their booth became a popular attraction for visitors who wanted a taste of real Ontario honey.

Debbie and Jeff operate the Heritage Bee Co. and offer hive hosting programs, produce Ontario wildflower honey, and also sell liquid, creamed, and infused creamed honey products.

The Heritage Bee Co. has created quite a buzz in the industry. With support from the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, they've accessed the marketing support and production technology required to serve an emerging market for tasty, flavoured honey with a longer shelf life.

"The first time we were at the One of a Kind show in Toronto, we had exposure to over 120,000 people, and people were constantly coming up to us asking what other flavours of honey we had to offer," Jeff said. "At the time, we had a liquid honey and a creamed honey, and we realized there was a huge opportunity for us to develop a whole new product line of flavoured honeys."

Following advice from their accountant, the beekeepers checked out the Canadian Agricultural Partnership to better understand how it could help them take advantage of their business opportunity.

After attending a Growing Your Farm Profits and Biosecurity workshop, Debbie and Jeff believed their honey marketing opportunity would perfectly fit the program.

Their application was approved, and with support through the partnership, they were able to access technology and marketing support required to create and



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**ALL THE BUZZ:** The Heritage Bee Co., in Mulmur has been producing some new innovative products that have become a big hit with consumers. Debbie Gray and Jeff Chalmers, have been working with the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, to expand their operation and introduce new products.

package their new honey products.

"It was a really exciting process for us, which involved engaging with some of the top graphic design people and packaging experts," Debbie explained. "Our vision was to create a gift set that actually looked like our hives. It also involved purchasing some quite expensive and intricate creaming

equipment to make these amazing products." When Heritage Bee Co. launched its new products at the One of a Kind show in November, innovative flavours like ginger, cinnamon, lavender, dark chocolate, and triple lemon honey became huge favourites and were quickly bought up by visitors.

"What began as a simple idea to increase farm gate sales and support efforts at local farmer's markets has grown way beyond expectations," Debbie said. "Thanks to the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, we've

been able to launch new products. We've gone direct to the consumers by enhancing our social media account, we're participating in events such as One of a Kind, and consumers love it. We feel we've filled a market need with some innovative products, and it's all direct from the bees."

The Canadian Agricultural Partnership is a five-year, \$3 billion investment by federal, provincial, and territorial governments to strengthen the agriculture, agri-food, and agri-based products sector.



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## Over \$120,000 raised at CNOY

Written By James Matthews  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) participants exceeded the fundraising goal set by the Orangeville Food Bank for this year's edition of the event.

The food bank aimed to raise \$100,000 in the weeks leading up to the Feb. 25 walk through town. As many as 417 walkers and 56 teams generated \$120,972 for the food bank.

The venture was put on with the help of 71 volunteers that came out in below-zero temperatures.

The CNOY is a moment each year when tens of thousands of Canadians step outside the warmth and comfort of home to shine a light of welcome and compassion in their communities, according to the national event's website.

Since 2011 it has raised over \$57 million across Canada in 166 communities, where 100 per cent of net proceeds stay local to support charity partners.

"We are always amazed at the community spirit and generosity of the participants for CNOY," said Heather Hayes, the food

bank's executive director. "Our goal of \$100,000 has been beaten by over 20 per cent this year.

"That is an incredible figure that really shows how much people really care about food insecurity and [the] work we do at the food bank to assist those in need."

As evidenced by the sponsors, walkers, and volunteers, Orangeville is a community that gathers for the good of its neighbours, she said.

Hayes said the event always feels like a block party. Indeed, the hundreds of walkers and their supporters milled about inside and outside the food bank on Commerce Road. Music blasted throughout the parking lot, and participants enjoyed a light meal before lacing their shoes and bundling up against the cold.

"You connect with people you haven't seen in a while, greet old friends, and revel in [the] amazing vibe of the day," Hayes said.

"Joining 400 people who are as passionate and committed to supporting neighbours empowers everyone that they can make a difference and be the change they want to see."

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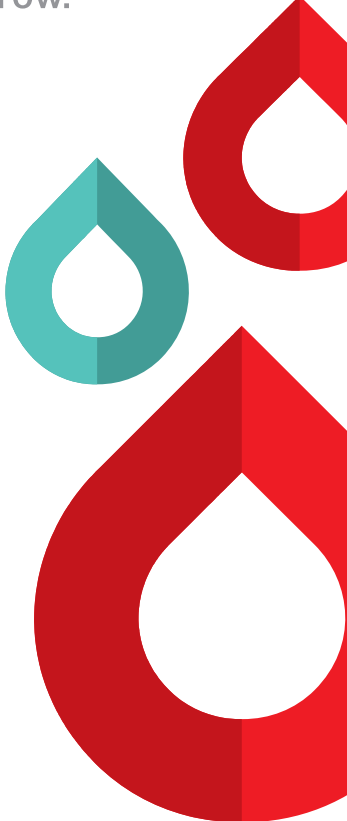
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**BLACK HISTORY EVENT:** The Black Perseverance and Resilience – Black History Month event at Grace Tipling Hall on Feb. 25 featured musical performances, keynote speakers and presentations to educate and entertain the audience.



**STREAMS' SINGERS:** Kids from Streams Community Hub in Shelburne perform a song during the Black Perseverance and Resilience – Black History Month Celebration on Feb. 25 at Grace Tipling Hall.



**RAPPING FOR THE CROWD:** Maestro Fresh Wes, who has been called the “Godfather of Canadian Hip-Hop,” performs a few songs in front of the audience at Grace Tipling Hall on Feb. 25 during a Black History Month celebration.



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**MC HOSTS EVENT:** Alex Ihama, with the help of his son Noah, MC'd the Black Perseverance and Resilience – Black History Month event at Grace Tipling Hall on Feb. 25.

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# O Canada, my eye

They got little hands and little eyes. And they walk around Tellin' great big lies. They got little noses. And tiny little teeth. They wear platform shoes On their nasty little feet. Well, I don't want no short people. Don't want no short people 'round here."

If you recognize those lyrics, you've been around for a while. They are from the 1977 song, Short People, by Randy Newman. It was a big hit at the time as a sort of novelty song, but it doesn't get airplay anymore. A lot of people were offended by the lyrics which implies that short people aren't good for anything.

If you actually listen to the entire song, however, it was song about prejudice and the writer just used height as an example. He could have used almost anything else where prejudice can be involved.

I'm not sure how people can be offended by a song. I've come up with a rather interesting way of avoiding offending songs. I tune the radio to a different station, turn the radio off, or in extreme cases, I don't put a CD of an offending song in the CD player, turn it on and listen to it.

Actually, I'm not offended by any music

really. There are just some songs or styles of music I don't really like. Just like everyone else.

Our national anthem, O Canada, is one of those pieces of music I like and hate at the same time. When played properly by a band or orchestra, with an up-tempo beat, and performed by a professional singer who knows they are singing an anthem, not a pop song, it be an inspiring piece of music that instills national pride. When done improperly, it can be a horrendous drag of a song.

I've been to too many public events that begin with the singing of O Canada, and when a crowd of people suddenly find themselves trying to sing the anthem, it just does not work well.

Another problem with the anthem is people are just too offended by it.

Not people in general, it's usually some small group of people who have an issue with some of the words, and now a single word is involved.

I'm not sure how many times the lyrics to O Canada have changed. They changed a few lines a couple of decades ago, which changed the way we sung it when I was

in school.

Then they changed the wording again just a couple of years ago because some people were offended by a single word.

Now it's in the news again.

A singer changed a single word, from "our" to "on" in the anthem's second line. I'm not sure why anyone would even pick up on this, but right away there were news stories about it and people saying, "oh yes, we need to change that word."

What's next? Change 'True North' because those of us that live farther south in the country are excluded?

Should we change 'strong and free' because everyone has a different definition of freedom?

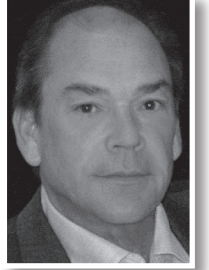
How about we change the actual name of the anthem because "O" in front of Canada makes no sense by being there? Is "O" even a word?

Shouldn't it be "Hail Canada," "Salute to Canada," or something similar?

Why don't we just make everyone happy and scrap the entire anthem and start over.

We could always revive "The Maple Leaf Forever" and switch the lyrics so General Montcalm wins the battle at the Plains of

BRIAN LOCKHART  
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Abraham. That might make Quebec happy, but unfortunately it would cause problems elsewhere.

Maybe we could have a new contest and have people submit lyrics.

In this day and age of just about everything being offensive, I think anyone entering a contest would be very limited in expressing their patriotism in verse.

To not offend anyone, the new anthem could only be something short and non-offensive like "Happy Canada, we like this place. Please don't drink and drive."

Even then, I'm sure the use of the word 'drink' would probably offend some kind of temperance movement group as they would say it encourages alcohol consumption.

Or how about this? - Everyone who gets up in the morning looking for something to be offended by tries to get up in the morning with a positive attitude and looks for good in this world instead of the negative?

That will definitely improve your day and most likely your mental health.

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# Making lethal molecules

"We are but one very small company (among) many hundreds of companies using AI software for drug discovery and de novo design. How many of them have... the know-how to find the pockets of chemical space that can be filled with molecules predicted to be orders of magnitude more toxic than VX?"

This is a warning that requires a little explanation.

VX is a variety of 'nerve gas', first synthesized by Britain's chemical warfare lab at Porton Down in the 1950s. Just 8 milligrams (two grains of salt) will kill an adult human being if it comes into contact with their skin. Half a milligram if it is inhaled or swallowed. It's odourless and tasteless, and it comes in a mist so fine that it's practically invisible.

It took Porton Down almost a decade to develop it from the German nerve gases that the British discovered at the end of the Second World War, but with machine learning, you can now come up with something similar in practically no time.

The 'very small company' that issued the above warning, published in the scientific journal Nature Machine Learning, is 'Collaborations Pharmaceuticals, Inc.', based in Raleigh, North Carolina. Their business model is discovering new drugs,

or more precisely designing them, and they have nothing whatever to do with poisoning people.

Like everybody in the drug discovery business these days, their primary tool is 'machine learning' - not exactly Artificial Intelligence as it was originally conceived, but a sub-category of AI that simply ingests vast quantities of data and searches it for resemblances.

Those resemblances will suggest possible new ('de novo') molecules that may not exist in nature but might be useful in treating disease. So you synthesize them, test them, and once in a while you come up with one that really does fill a gap in the existing pharmaceutical arsenal. But they might serve other purposes, too.

Two years ago, four research scientists working for Collaborations Pharmaceuticals - Fabio Urbina, Filippa Lentzos, Cédric Invernizzi and Sean Ekins - were asked to speak at the biennial conference hosted by the Swiss Institute for the Protection of the Population against Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Threats and Dangers - the Spiez Laboratory, for short.

The Spiez lab is one of five in the world certified by the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons to identify developments in chemistry, biology and

enabling technologies that have implications for the Chemical and Biological Weapons Conventions. It asked the four to consider how AI technologies for drug discovery might be misused.

"The thought had never previously struck us," wrote the researchers. "We were vaguely aware of security concerns around work with pathogens or toxic chemicals, but that did not relate to us. Our work is rooted in building machine learning models for therapeutic and toxic targets to better assist in the design of new molecules for drug discovery."

Their company had already designed a 'de novo molecule generator' that produced vast numbers of possible molecules and sorted them for bioactivity (desirable) and for toxicity (undesirable). Then the ones that passed those tests were examined for further good properties.

However, now they were investigating how easy it would be to make molecules with really lethal properties. "We simply inverted this logic by using the same approach to design molecules de novo, but now guiding the model to reward both toxicity and bioactivity instead." In fact, they chose VX as the kind of molecule that the AI should be aiming at. They didn't fabricate real molecules, but the AI produced 40,000 deadly new virtual

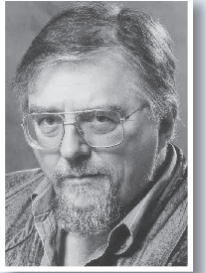
molecules within six hours. Some resembled VX and other existing nerve poisons, but "others occupied a region of molecular property space that was entirely separate from the many thousands of molecules in the (VX/pesticide/organophosphate domain)."

At this point, the US researchers and the Spiez Lab must both have stopped to ask themselves: should we publicize this and risk giving bad people ideas, or keep it quiet and hope that nobody else realizes how easy it would be? The answer, obviously, is that people aren't stupid. The cat will be out of the bag soon no matter what they do now.

Nobody wants to restrict research for new drugs, but it's time to start thinking about how to control access to certain machine-learning models, public databases and chemical synthesis pharmaceutical plants that would be required to create ultra-lethal molecules.

And here's a small consolation. The standard antidote for all the nerve gases is atropine, but it's not very reliable, and you never have the little auto-injector around when you need it. However, in a pinch, Valium will probably do just as well. Really.

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## Firearm and conspiracy to commit indictable offence charges laid

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A keen-eyed Dufferin OPP officer while on general patrol located a suspicious vehicle in a parking lot on Main Street on Feb. 25, shortly after 10:00 p.m.

The officer was led into a criminal investigation and located a loaded handgun.

One of the occupants in the vehicle attempted to flee the scene and a brief foot chase ensued. The suspect was subsequently taken into custody and all three

occupants were placed under arrest. The handgun was seized along with a knife, balaclavas and zip ties.

As a result of the investigation, Lucas JOHN-HOPE PICKETT, 23-year-old from Toronto has been charged with:

- Possession of weapon for dangerous purpose
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  - Occupant of motor vehicle knowing there was a firearm
  - Obstruct Peace Officer
  - Conspiracy to commit indictable offence
- The three accused person were transported to the Dufferin Detachment where they were held for a bail hearing. These charges have not been proven in court.
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## Hells Angels among 27 people arrested in massive drug, weapons bust

Police have arrested 27 people following a 13-month joint-forces investigation known as Project Coyote.

In January 2022, the Ontario Provincial Police's (OPP) Organized Crime Enforcement Bureau (OCEB), Provincial Operations Intelligence Bureau (POIB) and the Toronto (TPS) and Belleville Police Services (BPS) began an investigation into the trafficking of controlled substances and firearms by Greater Toronto Area (GTA) drug traffickers and members of the Hells Angels Motorcycle Club.

Nine high-risk warrants executed in the GTA on January 18, 2023, resulted in the arrest of 12 individuals. Additional warrants were executed and 15 arrests were made on February 22, 2023.

This included 3 members of the Hells Angels and 3 members of the Red Devils Motorcycle Club.

The results of this investigation include the seizure/restraint of significant amounts of cash, firearms, weapons, and other items including to date:

- One Glock P80 3D printed handgun
- One Ruger 357 (stolen) handgun
- One Taurus 9mm handgun
- One Sig Sauer 380-calibre prohibited handgun
- One SCY CPX-2 9mm restricted handgun
- Three prohibited sawed-off shotguns
- Three replica handguns
- Two stun guns
- Live ammunition
- Jewelry including two Rolex watches, gold chains and rings with an approximate value of \$150,000.00; miscellaneous Outlaw Motorcycle Gang (OMG) jewelry
- Miscellaneous Hells Angels (HA) vests, signage, member list and photos
- Hard and soft body armour

- 10 vehicles
- More than \$370,000 in Canadian currency
- Controlled substances in excess of:
- 16 kilograms of cocaine
- 1.5 kilograms of Fentanyl
- 6 kilograms of crystal methamphetamine, and an additional 400 crystal methamphetamine pills
- 20 lbs of cannabis, as well as 500 packages of Cannabis edibles and 700 Cannabis edibles
- 500 vape pens and cartridges
- 8 lbs of hashish
- 7 grams of Psilocybin

Note that that as evidence collection and the investigation are ongoing, the above totals are subject to change.

The investigation was supported by federal and international partners including Canada Border Services Agency and the US

Drug Enforcement Administration. The OPP expresses its appreciation to all of its participating members, both uniform and specialty support units, for their assistance with this investigation.





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- Small amount
- Long-legged wader
- Malaria symptom
- Hawk
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- Barely passing grade
- Real-estate parcel



# Physician Recruitment and Retention Task Force to address shortage

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



Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team (HOHC OHT) has launched a Physician Recruitment and Retention Task Force to address the shortage of primary care physicians in Dufferin County and the Town of Caledon.

An inaugural task force meeting was held last Thursday (Feb. 23), with a number of community leaders and local politicians in attendance. The task force outlined priorities in recruitment and retention of family physicians and aims to work with government and community stakeholders in creating a plan to improve the way the community receives care.

“We are thrilled to be part of the Task Force, acknowledging the important connection between primary care physicians, specialists and community partners in providing care to people across our communities,” said Annette Jones, co-chair of HOHC OHT. “We

see the benefits of a connected approach to encouraging health care providers to choose our region as their preferred place to practice. Our community has so much to offer.”

The task force’s goal is to initially focus on recruiting family physicians, with the objective of expanding its work to recruiting other health care providers and specialists to serve the community better.

“We know that having a regular care provider greatly improves health outcomes, reduces mortality, decrease hospitalizations and reduces healthcare costs. We look forward to working with HOHC OHT and other com-

munity stakeholders to address this shortage and ensure equitable access the health care is available to everyone in our community,” said Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post.

In the last few months, there have been significant changes in the number of family physicians serving the Dufferin and Caledon area, with physicians moving their practices elsewhere, retiring or ceasing to practice altogether. The shortage has increased the number of patients seeking emergency care and urgent care clinics.

According to data from the Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health

Team (HOHC OHT), there are more than 4,000 people in the Dufferin and Caledon area who do not have a family physician. This accounts for about 5.3 per cent of the Dufferin-Caledon population.

“About one in 20 people within our OHT geographic catchment area don’t have regular access to a primary care physician,” said Lianne Barbour, executive director of Dufferin Area Family Health Team and co-chair of HOHC OHT. “As we work to improve the continuum of care in the community, it is critical that we address these concerns as a community, bringing together leaders across both Dufferin and Caledon who are committed to both attracting and keeping local family physicians.”

The task force estimates that 14 more primary care physicians are needed in Dufferin and 29 more in Caledon by 2031 in order to meet the needs of the communities.

For more information on the work being done by HOHC OHT, visit [www.hillsofheadwaterscollaborative.ca](http://www.hillsofheadwaterscollaborative.ca).



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**BUZZ CUTS FOR CANCER:** No mop-tops for these guys. When the Shelburne Wolves U15 Rep team learned a teammate’s parent had been diagnosed with a serious illness, the Wolves came up with a plan to raise money to help the family with expenses. The boys and their coaches all took donations to shave their heads. They debuted their new look before a playoff game with the Wasaga Stars on Sunday, Feb. 26.

## Wolves U15 Rep team shaves their heads for a good cause

Written By **Brian Lockhart**

This group of boys doesn’t idly waste their time.

In addition to being a talented hockey team and putting out a lot of effort on the ice during practice and games, the Shelburne Wolves U15 Rep team also cares about those in the community.

When the mother of one of their teammates was diagnosed with cancer, her son shaved his head in solidarity so that she wouldn’t be going through the fight alone.

When the Wolves learned of this, they rallied around their teammate and decided to raise funds for the family by shaving their heads as well.

A sudden illness in a family can have serious financial repercussions when they are suddenly faced with the extra costs associated with receiving care. This could include paying for parking or lodging when seeking treatments or other costs like daycare for younger children.

The team all took donations and agreed to




cut their locks for the effort. Their coaches were so impressed by the actions of these young men, they also stepped up and let the barber shears do their work.

The initiative was conceived and thought of by the group of U15 boys.

One teammate’s grandmother said, “they are a nice group of boys. Even before this happened, they are just a great group of kids.”

Before their Sunday, Sep. 26 playoff game against the Wasaga Stars, the U15 Wolves Rep team received permission to go on the ice without their helmets and do a lap prior to the game to show off their new buzz cuts.



**NOTICE OF A COMPLETE APPLICATION TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF A PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT**

**TAKE NOTICE** that Township of Melancthon has received a complete application from Duivenvoorden Haulage Ltd. (DHL) to amend the Township’s Official Plan and Municipal Zoning By-law 12-1979, as amended by By-law 12-1982. The application affects lands located in Part of East Half of Lot 13 and the East Half of Lot 14, Concession 4 OS (4th Line OS) in the Township of Melancthon (see attached Key Map). The purpose of the applications are to redesignate and rezone lands for the purpose of expanding existing pit operations currently utilized by DHL.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING WITH COUNCIL**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council for The Corporation of the Township of Melancthon will be holding a public meeting (described below) under Sections 17 and 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13 as amended, to allow the public to comment on the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment.

**DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING**

Date and Time: Thursday, March 16th, 2023 at 5:20 p.m.  
Location: Virtual Meeting (please contact the Township office for details)

**FURTHER INFORMATION AND MAP OF LAND SUBJECT TO THE APPLICATION**


A key map has been appended that identifies the lands that are subject to this amendment. File materials and maps that were submitted in conjunction with the subject applications are also available for review by contacting the Township office.



Further information about this public meeting can be found on the Township’s website under Public Notices or by contacting the Township of Melancthon Municipal Office on Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Ph: 519-925-5525.

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# SHELBURNE SPORTS

## CDDHS hosts CWOSSA senior basketball competition

Written By Brian Lockhart

Centre Dufferin District High School played host to the Central Western Ontario Secondary Schools Association senior boys AA basketball competition on Friday, Feb. 24 and Saturday, Feb. 25.

The event brought eight District champions teams to compete for the title and an opportunity to move on to provincial competition at OFSSA.

The CDDHS Royals earned the right to go to CWOSSA after going undefeated and winning the District 4 championship.

The Royals played their first game of the day against the St. David Celtics from Waterloo.

St. David managed to pull out ahead by 16 points, leading 37-21 at the half.

The Royals battled back and were within three points late in the fourth quarter, but the Celtics hit a three-pointer, then stayed ahead for a 61-56 win.

The schedule then required the Royals to go up against the team from Gault Collegiate.

That game resulted in a 63-50 loss for the

Royals, and they were eliminated from the competition.

It was a good experience for all the teams involved. As championship teams, it gave them a chance to go up against other top teams and really put their skills to the test, as none of the teams met during District competition during the season.

"It's a big deal for us, especially since we are hosting," said Royal's player Savian Gordon-Stephens of competing at the regional level. "This is a new experience for us."

Going up against other top teams means the Royals had to compensate on the court to match the other team.

"We have to communicate more because chasing your man and getting fouls isn't going to help us when it gets to these close type of games," Savian said. "When it's crunch time, we could be in foul trouble and we should be able to have some energy and just hit our shots. We need to play as a team."

In the final game, Our Lady of Lourdes from Guelph came out on top with a 64-63 win over McKinnon Park Secondary School from Caledonia and will go on to represent the region at OFSSA.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

**CHAMPIONSHIP BASKETBALL:** Centre Dufferin District High School hosts the regional senior boys' AA CWOSSA basketball competition on Friday, Feb. 24 and Saturday, Feb. 25. Eight District champion teams competed for the CWOSSA championship and the right to advance to provincial competition at OFSSA. Royal's Savian Gordon-Stephens takes a shot during the third quarter of the Royal's first game of the day against the St. David Celtics. The Royals lost this one 61-56.

## Centre Dufferin Royals junior basketball team compete at CWOSSA

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals junior boys basketball team went to the regional Central Western Ontario Secondary Schools Association (CWOSSA)

competition on Feb. 24 and 25.

This year the competition was held at Westside Secondary School in Orangeville.

The Royals had a stellar year finishing in first place in the District 4 standings as an undefeated team.

In the semi-final round of playoffs, the Royals defeated Emmanuel Christian High School 62-33.

They went on to win the District championship with a 54-38 win over Westside Secondary School on Feb. 15 to earn the right to go to CWOSSA.

CWOSSA competition hosts the District champion high school teams from Districts in South Central Ontario.

On the first day of competition, the Royals came out on top in their first game against St. David's with a 50-38 win.

Their second game, played later in the

afternoon, had the Royals up against the team from Grey Highlands. In that game the Royals left the court with a 57-46 win, allowing them to move to the semi-final round.

In a close and well-played game, the Royals had to settle for a loss to Bishop Macdonell, with a 45-40 final score.

In the other semi-final, Galt Collegiate won 63-30 over North Park.

That set up the final championship game between Bishop Macdonell and Gault Collegiate.

Bishop Macdonell won the final game 45-28 and will go on to compete at OFSSA.

## Muskies season over after loss to Milverton

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Shelburne Senior Muskies are done for the season after losing their A championship series to the Milverton Four Wheel Drives in a series that went the full seven games.

In the final game, the Muskies took a 4-2 loss on Milverton home ice on Feb. 21.

The A championship pitted the four bottom teams in the league against each other in a consolation playoff.

The Muskies finished well down in the standings this season with an 11th-place finish out of 12 teams.

Milverton got the lead in the first game on Feb. 5, leaving the ice with a 5-2 win. The series was tied after the second game when Shelburne bounced back and won 5-4.

Milverton was again leading after a 2-1 score in game three.

Shelburne had their highest-scoring game of the series when they won 8-3 in game four.

It all came down to one game when the Muskies won game six, 5-1, to tie the series and force game seven.

The series ended with Milverton winning 4-2.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

**MUSKIES OUT:** The Shelburne Senior Muskies lost to the Milverton Four Wheel Drives during their A championship semi-final series on Feb. 21.

In the other A series battle, the Shallow Lake Crushers won that series in four games over the Lucknow Lancers after winning game six 5-3 on Feb. 18.

Milverton and Shallow Lake will now battle it out for the A championship.

In the WOOA senior AA championship semi-final round, the Saugeen Shores Winterhawks are up against the Ripley Wolves. In the other semi-final series, the Seaforth Centenaires are up against the Tavistock Royals.

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**BRAYDEN GEIRING**  
 CDDHS Royals senior basketball power forward, Brayden Geiring, has played a lot of sports, but this is his first year playing organized basketball.

"I've been playing pick-up games on and off, but this is my first year in organized basketball," Brayden said. "This is a sport I genuinely enjoy. I like playing with teammates and winning, especially with the squad we have this year."

A well rounded athlete, Brayden also participates in track and field, badminton, rugby, tennis, and ball hockey.

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# Jelly Craft Bakery and Cafe, a Main Street favourite

Written By **CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD**

Ewa Rogowski came to Canada from Poland in 1988, moving to Toronto.

"I found a husband," she told us a little humorously. "Then, the first baby came and we stopped by a real estate place and she found a place for us in Primrose. Our second baby came and we decided to do something."

Their agent brought them to Shelburne, where they discovered a property on the village's Main Street that might work really well for a business.

Ms. Rogowski's father was a baker in Poland, "in a different time, a different oven, in 1950's. I was born in '62. After the Second War, my father's father was killed when he was 14 years old. My father became a farmer with his brothers and sisters."

In another interview, she told the Free Press, "Before the age of 20 his Aunt, with no sons of her own, offered to let him take over her family Farm. He was scheduled to leave to Warsaw and finalize his Masters papers as a baker. However, the farm would better provide for his younger sibling.

"At the same time, my father was teaching my mom how to bake," she said, explaining the heritage, "and I learned from her."

"I was a teacher in Poland but not here," Ms. Rogowski added. "But, sometimes you have to change for a new life."

The new life became the Jelly Craft Bakery and Cafe, a place to purchase delights both sweet and savoury to bring home, a place to sit at the shop window and watch the world go by with a fine coffee and something delicious on a plate, or to browse through the crafts of locally made dolls, shawls, pottery and a lot more, art on the walls, all coming from artists and artisans in the Dufferin area.

Ms. Rogowski told us how much she likes the cafe because "you see the people. Before I had so many students coming from the school. The bakery is celebrating 21 years. We opened in 2001. The same day when the two towers go down."

We still all ask any business: How was Covid? Many answers are replete with touching stories about community support, and this was no exception.

"We were closed from Mar. 15 to Aug. 15," she recounted. "People ordered bread, buns, bagels. I had a table by the door and people were coming every Friday for 15 minutes, sending in their orders Thursday; Friday I baked and every Friday, they picked them up."

A teacher from the high school ordered bread and buns for others, saying to Ewa Rogowski, "You cannot close. We have to support you." Some ladies from the town hall



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**ECO-FRIENDLY BAKING:** Jelly Craft Bakery and Café has solar panels installed on its roof to help make the business more energy efficient.

bought other bagels and bread to give the bakery support.

As she pointed out, "There were still hydro, taxes – you have still expenses to pay and there was help from the government to pay [a percentage from Ontario's business help plans.]"

Jelly Bakery and Cafe employs one additional person full-time and three part-time. Shortbread, date squares and cookies are rolling off the displays, and people just love the butter tarts. They also come for the cabbage rolls and perogies. "We sell huge numbers of those!" she was happy to say.

The freezer has a goodly list of ready-to-eat menu choices.

Ms. Rogowski returns to Poland every year, saying, "My heart is in Poland – my son is in Poland. He has his Master's in business communication. He studied in Warsaw. When he was finished, he told me he could get five jobs. Poland has a good education and it is cheaper there to live. He loves it, not paying too much for rent."

Her son did live and work here but did not enjoy driving to work in Toronto. In Warsaw, he can just take the subway – it seems

so easy there.

"He knows so many people from university," she commented. "I have friends everywhere." he tells me."

We returned to the beginning of the Jelly Craft Bakery and Cafe. The name for the bakery actually came from her neighbour's father. "We called to him and he said, 'Give me 15 minutes.'"

His logic for his choice of name was that the founder of Shelburne was William Jelly and they bake with jelly in the Shelburne bakery. "Of course," she went on to tell us, "When we started, we had big, big support from the [Shelburne] Golf Course [and Country Club]."

Owner Sam Young and his family were very supportive at the very beginning, bringing tables and chairs to do until the cafe bought its own.

Another friend, Janet Horner, was helpful too. The business started as a Christmas store. Ms. Horner "put in some stuff for Christmas. We ran it for two months, November and December. Then after, one week for fiddle week in 2001 just for the week. Then after that, we closed to finish the renovations."

There was a lot of praise for the Town

of Shelburne, how the town has been so helpful. Whenever there was a question, they fixed the drain; whatever came up, they responded.

"Shelburne was very, very welcoming for me," she said.

The secret is in team work. When people are working together, when she picks a person to work with, what counts is what matters to each other. So, if she is not here, she can trust they have to work together well.

Once, while Ms. Ewa was visiting in California, Lori Gardener, a chef for nine years and her friend "just jumped to help" when there was a problem at the bakery.

"When you have good people, you have good people."

At slightly over 60, basically, her ambition is "God give me the health and [someday] somebody can come to buy the business with a vision to run the business."

"But I'm not in hurry to retire too early."

She said, "Here there is good energy, good products and a good place."

Jelly Craft Bakery and Cafe is at 120 Main Street, Shelburne. Lots of pretty pictures and details on their website: [www.jellybakery.com](http://www.jellybakery.com)

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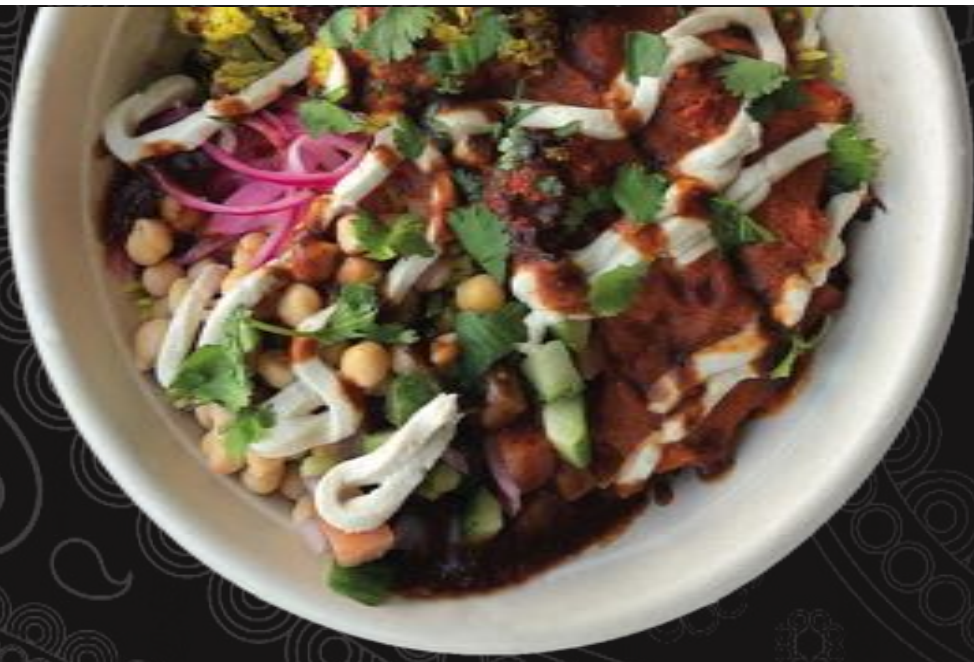
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