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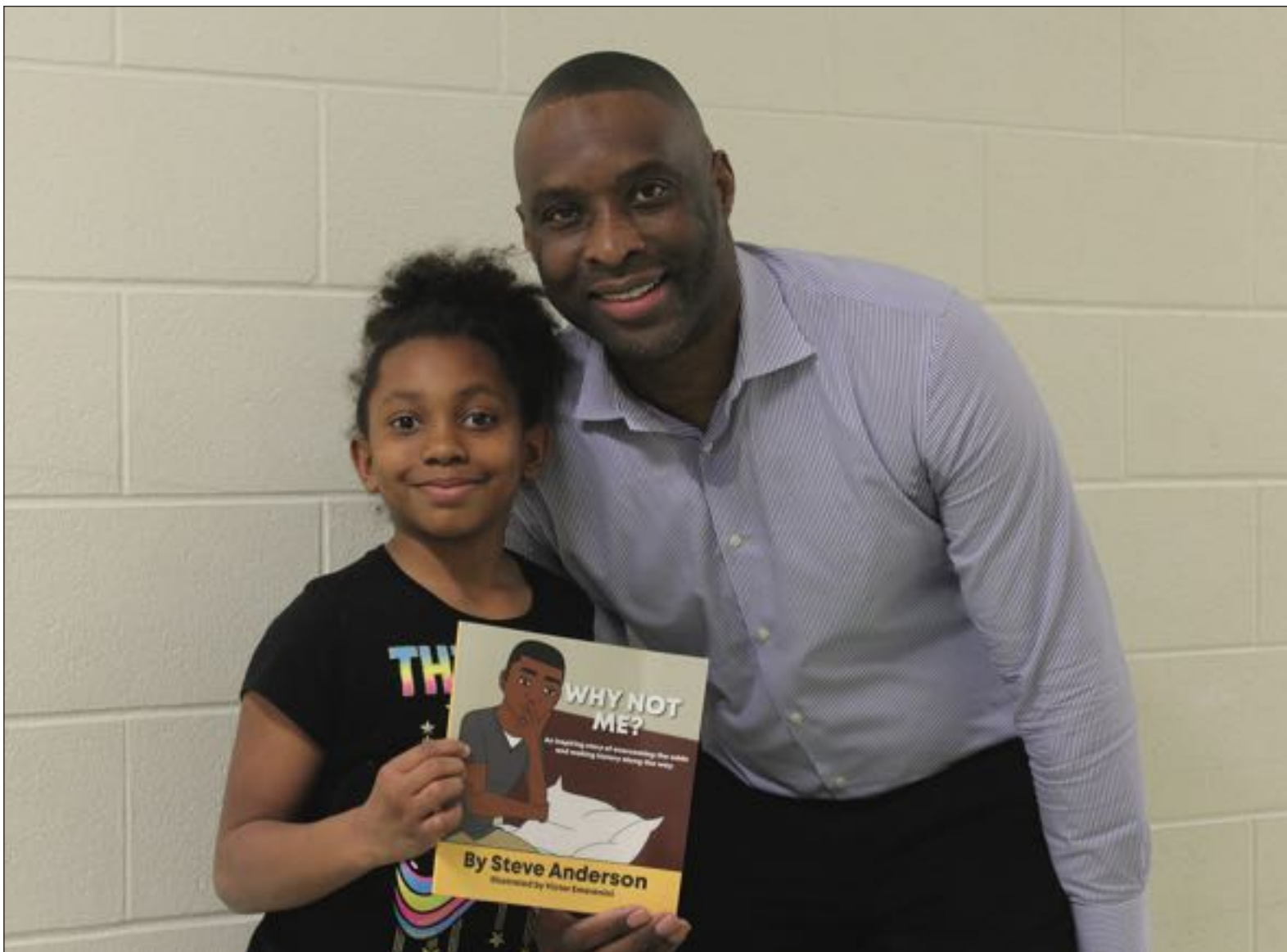
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CHILDREN'S BOOK PUBLISHED: Shelburne resident and former deputy mayor Steve Anderson shared his newest publication, a children's book titled *Why Not Me?*, with students at Primrose Elementary School last Friday (March 10). Anderson stands next to Primrose student Denae Richard. Read a story on the book release on Page 2.

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Golden egg hunt returning to Shelburne for third year

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

An egg-citing event is making its seasonal return to the Shelburne community this spring.

Go With Crowe Real Estate has partnered with six local businesses to bring the 3rd annual Golden Egg event to the community. The Easter-themed event will run from Mar. 31 until Apr. 10.

"This is our third year now doing this event, and it's a way to get the community involved in not only getting excited for Easter, but to get them giving back to the community this year," said co-organizer Claire Knight.

"It's a fun thing for the community to get involved in and why not do something fun that's also going to raise some money," said co-organizer Dave Crowe.

Leading up to Easter, 250 plastic golden eggs will be placed at participating businesses for families to visit and collect.

The golden eggs will include a ticket to win prizes donated by local businesses and fun kid-friendly items such as stickers, temporary tattoos, Easter-themed erasers,

and toys. The eggs will be limited to one per family.

The six local businesses where the golden eggs can be found are Shelburne Family Chiropractic, Keller Williams Shelburne, WOW Wings Shelburne, the Dufferin Public House, the Shelburne Free Press, and OC Supplements.

"Every business has a different number of eggs, and they will put a few out everyday – once they're gone, they're gone," explained Knight.

As part of the event, Go With Crowe has organized various sightings and meet and greets with the Easter Bunny throughout the community.

"We had the Easter Bunny last year as an add on, and it was a huge hit," said Knight.

While initially started as a way to encourage Shelburne residents to shop locally, the Golden Egg event has since evolved into a fundraiser to help give back to the community. This year, the easter-themed event will raise donations for Stream Community Hub.

"Streams is very near and dear to all of our hearts, being such an important community service and non-profit organiza-

tion in the community," said Knight. "It's amazing how many people don't realize Streams is in our community and some of the incredible services and programs they offer from day camps to creative activities to music and drama – there's so much that Streams does for the youth in our community."

Community members can donate to the Streams Community Hub fundraiser while picking up a golden egg at one of the six businesses or when booking a guaranteed Easter Bunny sighting for photos.

The Easter Bunny sighting photo sessions can be booked on the Golden Egg Facebook event page ahead of the event facebook.com/events/1259801161290111.

The photo sessions are scheduled for Apr. 1 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Streams Community Hub, Apr. 2 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:40 p.m. at Keller Williams Shelburne, Apr. 3 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at WOW Wings Shelburne, and Apr. 5 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Dufferin Public House.

The Golden Egg Easter Event will run from Mar. 31 until Apr. 10. The draw for the ticket prizes will be held via Facebook Live on Apr. 10 at 8 p.m.

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Former deputy mayor pens 30-page children's book

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

Shelburne resident and former deputy mayor Steve Anderson has published a children's book.

Anderson released his book titled "Why Not Me?" on Feb. 5.

The 30-page story explores Anderson's life growing up in the community of Jane and Finch in Toronto and the challenges he experienced.

The book also speaks to some of his triumphs, including graduating from the University of Windsor, attending law school, becoming the first black lawyer hired by

the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) and transiting into community politics.

The book's message encourages youth to strive for their achievements and opportunities despite the adversity they may be facing.

"The story is all about inspiring those to start to believe that anything is really possible for them. These opportunities are just as deserving to you regardless of where you are now, and what you're going through – as long as you're prepared to work hard," said Anderson.

Anderson previously published a self-penned autobiography, "Driven to Succeed," in 2021, and his children's book "Why Not

Me?" touches on similar topics but is geared towards younger audiences.

"The feedback that I got from the original publication was that a lot of parents were reading portions of my book to their children. I figured, let me create something that would be beneficial to them," said Anderson.

A unique aspect of Anderson's book is the QR code on the inside cover, which can be scanned to provide an animated story. The animation features local talent, including the voiceover done by Suzette Daley, Tristan Barracks with visual production, and Juli-Anne and Andrew James from Streams Community Hub.

"The animation, I'm really excited about because it gives a unique feature for the

visual learner, which is what I was as a student and still am now," said Anderson. "It makes the book a bit more interactive and more accessible to different learning styles."

When asked what he hopes local youth will get from reading his new book, Anderson said, "My hope is when they read 'Why Not Me?' that they see themselves reflected in the story. That they believe in themselves and that success is possible for them regardless of what they're going through. It's all about allowing them to see an honest blueprint so they can say to themselves 'if he can do it, why not me?'"

"Why Not Me?" is available for purchase on Amazon.

Dufferin Caledon COVID-19, Cold and Flu Clinic closing

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

The Dufferin Caledon COVID-19, Cold and Flu Clinic at the Orangeville Pharmacy (Unit 5-50 Rolling Hills Drive) will officially close on Mar. 30.

The decision to close the clinic comes as the need in the community diminishes for a widespread pandemic response and a decrease in patient need for a COVID-19 clinic.

"We are grateful for the teams at Headwaters Health Care Centre, the Dufferin Area Family Health Team, and Hills of Headwaters

Collaborative Ontario Health Team partners, who over the past three years have ensured our community received the best care possible. It has been a difficult road and we appreciate your sacrifice and continued dedication," said Lianne Barbour, executive director of Dufferin Area Family Health Team (DAFHT) and co-chair of Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team.

In October 2020, the Dufferin Area Family Health, with Headwaters Health Care Centre and Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team partners, opened the Dufferin Caledon COVID-19 Cold & Flu Clinic

to provide clinical assessments for symptomatic patients.

Since its opening, clinical physicians and staff have assessed over 7,000 patients and swabbed over 3,000 residents.

"The transition nearly three years ago, from a COVID-19 Assessment Centre in a tenet on the hospital grounds to where we are today, has been a true testament to the collaboration in our local community," said Kim Delahunt, CEO and president of Headwaters Health Care Centre. "The transition to expanded capacity for testing of symptomatic patients at the Cold & Flu Centre allowed us to resume

our focus on acute patient care."

For the remainder of March, the Dufferin Caledon COVID-19 Cold and Flu Clinic hours will be reduced to Mondays and Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Symptomatic patients seeking an appointment for COVID-19 assessment and patients eligible for PCR swabbing can call 1-888-530-1319 to make an appointment.

For more information about where to access COVID-19 assessments, treatments, and testing eligibility, visit the Ontario government's COVID-19 testing and treatment page.

Seven scholarship grants for \$2,500 up for grabs in Dufferin County

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

Local students planning to attend post-secondary education or training programs can receive financial help from the County of Dufferin.

Applications for the 2023 Bill Hill Scholarship program have officially opened.

"Dufferin County is pleased to administer the Bill Hill Scholarship Program again this year to support local students entering a university, college, or trade/apprentice program," said Warden Wade Mills. "The selection committee looks forward to reviewing applications. Eligible students are encouraged to apply before the May 15 deadline."

The scholarship program was introduced by former County Warden Bill Hill in 2015 and is intended to recognize outstanding students from the county who will pursue



post-secondary education or training. The annual scholarship program consists of seven one-time \$2,500 scholarships.

Scholarships will be awarded in five program areas: science and technology, including health sciences, engineering, and general science programs; business and social sciences; agriculture and environmental studies; arts (fine arts and liberal arts); and skilled trades and applied training programs.

Two scholarships will also be awarded to students who identify as a person of colour, Black, Indigenous, First Nations (status,

non-status), Metis or Inuit.

In order to be eligible for the scholarship, all applicants must be a resident of Dufferin County, be graduating high school the year of applying, and have been accepted to a post-secondary institution or training program.

"At Dufferin County, we are dedicated to supporting our local community and providing opportunities for everyone to thrive," said Sonya Pritchard, chief administrative officer for the county. "We are proud to administer the Bill Hill Scholarship Program again this year to support local students as they pursue post-secondary education or training."

All applicants will be required to submit a completed application form. This entails a 300-word essay as outlined on the application form, transcripts from Grade 11

and semester one of Grade 12, a letter of reference from a staff member of the applicant's current school, and proof of admission to a post-secondary institution or training program.

Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee consisting of two members from Dufferin County Council, a school board representative, a member from the Dufferin Arts Council, and a member of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Community Advisory Committee.

The deadline to apply is May 15. Successful applicants will be notified in May and invited to a county council meeting in June, where they're presented with their award.

More information on the Bill Hill Scholarship program and the application form can be found at www.dufferincounty.ca.

Contest for best burger in Shelburne runs all month

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

Do you have a favourite place in town to grab a burger?

The Shelburne BIA is hosting a 'Best Burger in the 'Burne' contest throughout March, and local residents can vote for the best burger in town.

"The goal is to try create some buzz for the downtown. March is a slow month, so we thought we would try and do something to create some traffic in the downtown by engaging the restaurant in a little friendly competition," said Len Guchardi, council representative on the BIA. "It's for bragging rights and more than anything in the end everybody hopefully has a good time."

The six local restaurants taking part in the competition are Beyond the Gate, Shannon's Tap & Grill, Dufferin Public House, Main Street Café, Sunrise Diner, and Tippy Fox.

To vote for the best burger in Shel-

burne, residents can visit one of the six restaurants to receive their ballot card. Participants will then receive a stamp on their ballot card from each restaurant for ordering and trying their burger. After visiting all six restaurants, a final vote for the Best Burger in the 'Burne can be submitted.

The restaurant with the most votes will be crowned with the title of 'Best Burger in the 'Burne' for 2023.

"We thought this would be a fun way to support downtown businesses and allow residents to try some of our local downtown restaurants, if they hadn't," said Melissa Hooper, treasurer for the Shelburne BIA. "I've eaten at all of them, and they're all really good."

Participants who complete their ballot card will also be entered into a draw to win a gift certificate to any downtown business of their choice.

The Best Burger in the 'Burne contest will run until the end of March.

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Intensification

Occasionally, someone will post a photo on Facebook of some small town in Italy, or Portugal, showing some small fishing village built on a cliff overlooking the ocean.

The houses are usually painted in bright colours and built on top of each other like some giant pile of Lego creation.

For some reason, someone always posts, "I would love to live there."

Yes, it is somewhat picturesque when you see an aerial view of the village.

However, the reality of living in a giant Lego project is much different than the romanticized version of everyone eating bread and cheese and never having to go to work. Who wants to open their front door only to see their neighbour's front door five feet away? Do you really want to live in a house built with solid brick construction inside and out, with no insulation or air conditioning and no basement recreation room?

Forget about driving because the roads are too narrow for cars. So if you're the kind of guy who likes to have a summer sports car for fun - forget it. And don't even consider buying any kind of recreation vehicle.

Everything is so jam-packed there isn't even enough room to have some fun and

throw a frisbee.

I think anyone who grew up in North America and moved to a picturesque fishing village would soon regret it after the first few times bringing home your groceries in a small wagon you have to pull - uphill.

For the past few years, the province has been jamming the word 'intensification' down our throats. They are insisting that more people should be jammed into smaller areas. This, in a province that is 842,000 square kilometres in size, in a country that is over 9 millions square kilometres in size.

This theory of intensification came from Europe where someone came up with the idea that you should have all your needs met, within 15 minutes of your home. And that's 15 minutes of walking.

They figure you should be able to work, shop, socialize, and take in recreation, all within walking distance of your neighbourhood.

What is the benefit of that? For starters, I really don't want a butcher shop, factory, or medical office across the street from my urban house just so I can walk there.

There are already too many ridiculous developments going up where a couple of older houses are torn down and replaced with

20 or 30 townhomes that lack any real property or adequate parking - and that leads to other problems like people parking on the street or their own front lawns because they have nowhere else to go.

I like driving to different towns. Different towns have different places and different people. Why would I want to spend every single day within the confines of my own neighbourhood?

Not everyone wants to live in a house. Some people prefer a condo life because it eliminates things like yard work and shovelling snow. So yes, sometime intensification is preferable.

However, forcing people to live in some giant box of a neighbourhood so a municipality can bring in more taxes per square metre defeats the purpose of why municipal taxes are collected in the first place.

The development is a huge block of attached housing forming a giant square of cement. When you leave your front door, you step directly onto the sidewalk in front of your house.

The whole thing is an abomination in a city which is surrounded by hundreds of miles of open space.

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about why the government insisting we live like a bunch of ants. I'm not sure if any of them make a lot of sense, but Doug Ford's notorious Etobicoke bungalow is certainly not limited to one parking space and six square feet of lawn.

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North America is a big place, and much of it was designed around the automobile, which is the main way of transport whether you like it or not.

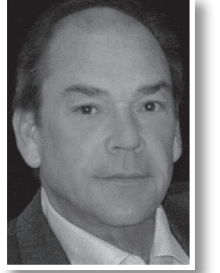
If you're a true environmentalist, I guess you can take your kids for the 20km walk to the next town to visit your relatives.

Intensification is not necessary.

Just go on Google Earth and have a look at this province from space.

We don't have a shortage of land and don't need to live on top of our neighbours all the time.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



China: floggings to continue

Xi Jinping was confirmed in a third term as president of China at the National People's Congress last week, and not one of the 3,000 delegates voted against him. Why would they? Everything is perfect in the People's Republic of Oz, and the chief Wizard doesn't even need to hide behind a curtain.

Meanwhile, in Washington, the one topic on which both Democrats and Republicans can agree is the Chinese Threat (once known as the 'Yellow Peril', but those were different days). The politicians posture, the strategists warn, and the armed services rejoice in the emergence of a 'peer competitor'.

Russia long ago ceased to fill that role satisfactorily, and even a Russia that has now gone full rogue doesn't do much to expand the US defence budget. It's still "Upper Volta with nuclear weapons," and doesn't provide the American military with an adequate pretext for building new rockets and aircraft carriers.

China has been a very useful peer competitor for the American military, because it's big, it looks powerful, and it talks tough. Its economy has stalled, its population is crashing, and its 74-year-old political system is fraying badly, but as long as everybody in the Pentagon and the Congress

pretends not to notice, it will continue to serve that purpose.

In the real world, however, China came off the old high-speed growth track about seven years ago, although its statisticians and economists managed to hide it for a while.

Official Chinese statistics are, as former premier Li Keqiang once tactfully put it, "man made", but for what it's worth China says its economy grew last year by 3%, about the same rate as the United States. In reality, it probably shrank by 1%-2% last year due to the endless Covid lock-downs.

Even in good years, China's economy has been growing as slowly as developed economies in the West since the middle of the last decade. It's not 'catching up', and there's a strong possibility that it is caught in the same trap that struck the Japanese economy in 1992: stuck with low to no growth forever more.

The Japanese are bearing up under their misfortune remarkably well, mainly because their per capita GDP was already over \$31,000 when their economic miracle stalled. Per capita income in China now is only \$12,000, and people may be a lot less forgiving if that is where the Chinese 'miracle' stops.

It probably has stopped, if the other 'mir-

acle' economies of east Asia are anything to go by. They all had 30 years of high-speed growth and then a return to normal or below-normal growth. China's 30 years started much later, in the later 1980s, but it's probably all over now.

All the more so because the population is starting to fall at an unprecedented speed. In the past seven years the number of births in China has literally halved, and it's still falling. The most recent forecast predicts 771 million Chinese by the end of the century. That's half what it is now, and not even twice the American end-of-century population.

Very long-term predictions are rarely correct in detail, but they often get the trend-line right. If these economic and demographic predictions come to pass, then China will never become a world-besiding Colossus.

China has already joined the ranks of the great powers, but it will never be the first. This does not guarantee that it will not blunder into military conflicts it cannot win, but the 'wolf warrior' overconfidence of recent years is already fading.

Meanwhile, the dawning realization that genteel poverty is probably the future for most Chinese, combined with the reality of an all-powerful state that seeks to control

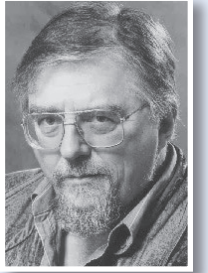
every detail of private life, is already having a profoundly negative impact on the attitudes of the young.

In a recent opinion piece in the Washington Post, economist Nicholas Eberstadt of the American Enterprise Institute noted the rapid rise among Chinese youth of a passive sort of civil disobedience, expressed in slogans like "tang ping" (lying flat) and "bai lan" (let it rot). They see no hope for the future, and they don't see the point in even trying.

The old men who rule China know that something has gone wrong - that's why they caved in so fast last year to the popular protests against constant lockdowns - but they haven't the faintest idea how to fix it. In fact, they probably can't fix the economy and they certainly can't fix the birth rate.

So they will go on using propaganda backed up by intimidation and occasional violence, the traditional levers of power of any authoritarian state, even though the younger elements of the population can see through their game. They have no other options. "The floggings will continue until morale improves," as the apocryphal Captain Bligh put it.

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Grand Valley man rescues elderly neighbour from house fire

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

After a hero rescues a sleeping man from a burning home, you know what he does?

The hero makes a round of coffees for the arriving emergency service personnel and then he goes back to watching television, of course.

Grand Valley resident Al Mackie was watching television in his living room on March 2. It was something before midnight, judging by the time a 911 call was received from Mackie's phone.

"I could see flickering on the driveway," he said. "I thought it was fire or ambulance on his driveway."

His Gier Street neighbour is elderly and has some health issues, so it was reasonable to expect such cause for flickering lights in the night's stillness.

"When I get to the door, there's a four-foot flame shooting out the roof," he said.

Mackie shouted to his wife to call 911, but she wasn't anywhere near a phone.

"So I got back to my phone and out the door and called 911 quicker than she could," he said.

Mackie provided the address and the 911 dispatcher asked him if there was anybody inside the house.

"I said yeah," he said. "Should I go in?"

Mackie was told to stay out of the house but to make as much noise as he could outside, the thinking being anybody inside would be roused from their sleep.

He honked the horn of his car that was parked in the driveway. Mackie's driveway is



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RECOGNIZING HEROIC ACTIONS: Al Mackie, who rescued an elderly man from a fire on Mar. 2, was pleasantly surprised with a pizza party at Miedmas, where he works as a mechanic, on Mar. 3. His coworkers heard about his heroic actions and decided to celebrate his efforts.

side-by-side to his neighbour's.

The car horn was ineffective so Mackie and his wife tried to see into the house through windows, tried to ascertain the situation. They were banging on the side of the burning house. They tried to figure out anything else that could be done to alert the man inside, he said.

"I said screw this and I kicked in the door," he said. "I yelled for him and he kind of answered weakly from the bedroom. Had he not answered I'm not sure I would've gone in. "But, once he answered, I was kind of locked in. I had to go in."

Mackie said he dodged flames that were spreading through the kitchen, growing in intensity, and made his way to a bedroom door and his neighbour's voice.



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STRUCTURE FIRE: A house on Gier Street in Grand Valley caught on fire around 11:30 p.m. on Mar. 2. Orangeville Fire responded and lauded the heroic actions of Al Mackie, who rescued an older man from the blaze before firefighters arrived. The Ontario Fire Marshal has deemed the fire non-suspicious.

"He was not very steady on his feet," Mackie said. "He was up out of bed but kind of just standing there. Couldn't see much between the smoke and darkness."

"I grabbed his walker, spun him around, sat him on his walker, and dragged him out backwards."

An ambulance from Dufferin Paramedic Service was pulling up to the house as Mackie jumped out and went to them.

"Then they got him on a stretcher and were gone pretty quickly," he said. "I guess they had

him on oxygen and were gone pretty quick."

Police and firefighters from Grand Valley and Orangeville responded to the blaze and the elderly man was taken to the hospital with serious injuries, according to a press release from Dufferin OPP.

"I made them some coffee and went back and watched TV," Mackie said.

In the press release about the fire, police said the elderly man is lucky to be alive, and they credited "the heroic actions of a neighbour" who rescued the elderly resident from the home.

The Ontario Fire Marshal has deemed the fire non-suspicious.

Mackie and the neighbour's son walked through the house days after the fire. He said one of the elements on the kitchen stove was heavily damaged and a pot was burned through.

Mackie said he was a tow truck driver for 20 years on Ontario's often harried highways. So he's seen a thing or two in his time. He's seen the results of accident scene heroics, the magnitude of such actions seldom thought about until afterwards.

"I can't even explain it," he said. "You don't think; you just do. I couldn't live with myself if I hadn't tried to do something."

His colleagues at Miedmas Auto Sales where Mackie is a mechanic threw him a pizza party to recognize his heroics. Indeed, such selflessness in a cynical world should be rewarded if for nothing else than for its rarity.

"The guys at work made a big deal about it for me ... and I appreciated that," he said. "But I'm really not ... You talk about cynical people and stuff. I can't even imagine being that way."

Task force established to address doctor shortage in Caledon and Dufferin

Written By **Zachary Roman**

As Dufferin County grows, more primary care physicians will be needed to care for the region's increased population. The same applies for Caledon.

On March 5, the Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team (HOHC OHT) announced it had launched a "Physician Recruitment and Retention Task Force" to work on strategies to bring new physicians to the area and "address the shortage of primary care physicians in the Town of Caledon and Dufferin County."

There are over 4,000 people in Caledon and Dufferin who do not have a family physician, according to HOHC OHT data. That amounts to about 5.3 per cent of the area's population.

Lianne Barbour, executive director of the Dufferin Area Family Health Team, put those stats in perspective, explaining about one in 20 people in Caledon and Dufferin don't have regular access to a primary care physician.

"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," said Barbour.

The first meeting of the task force took place on February 23 and brought together local politicians and community leaders. The first meeting served to outline priorities in a plan to improve the way residents in Caledon and Dufferin receive care.

According to the HOHC OHT, in the first few months of 2023 there's been family physicians moving their practices elsewhere, retiring, or ceasing to practice in Caledon and Dufferin. It said this will increase the number of patients seeking emergency care and urgent care clinics, compounding already high pressures those clinics are already facing.

The Physician Recruitment and Retention Task Force estimates that 29 more primary care physicians will be needed in Caledon, and 14 more in Dufferin, by the year 2031 in order to meet community needs.

Mayor Annette Groves said the Town of Caledon is pleased to be working with the HOHC OHT on the task force and said with collaboration, great things can happen.

"Access to local physicians is important

for the health of Caledon and as a team we can better address the shortage of family physicians we are experiencing," said Groves. "The task force will look at our current providers and how we can support them, identify new opportunities, look at gaps, (and look at how we can attract new providers and support them). I look forward to the team's collaboration for solutions and support."

Lisa Post, Mayor of the Town of Oran-

geville, said her Town is looking forward to working with the task force as well to address the physician shortage and ensure health care is available to everyone in Dufferin and Caledon.

"We know that having a regular care provider greatly improves health outcomes, reduces mortality, decreases hospitalizations and reduces healthcare costs," said Post.

Annette Jones, co-chair of the HOHC OHT, said the communities of Caledon and

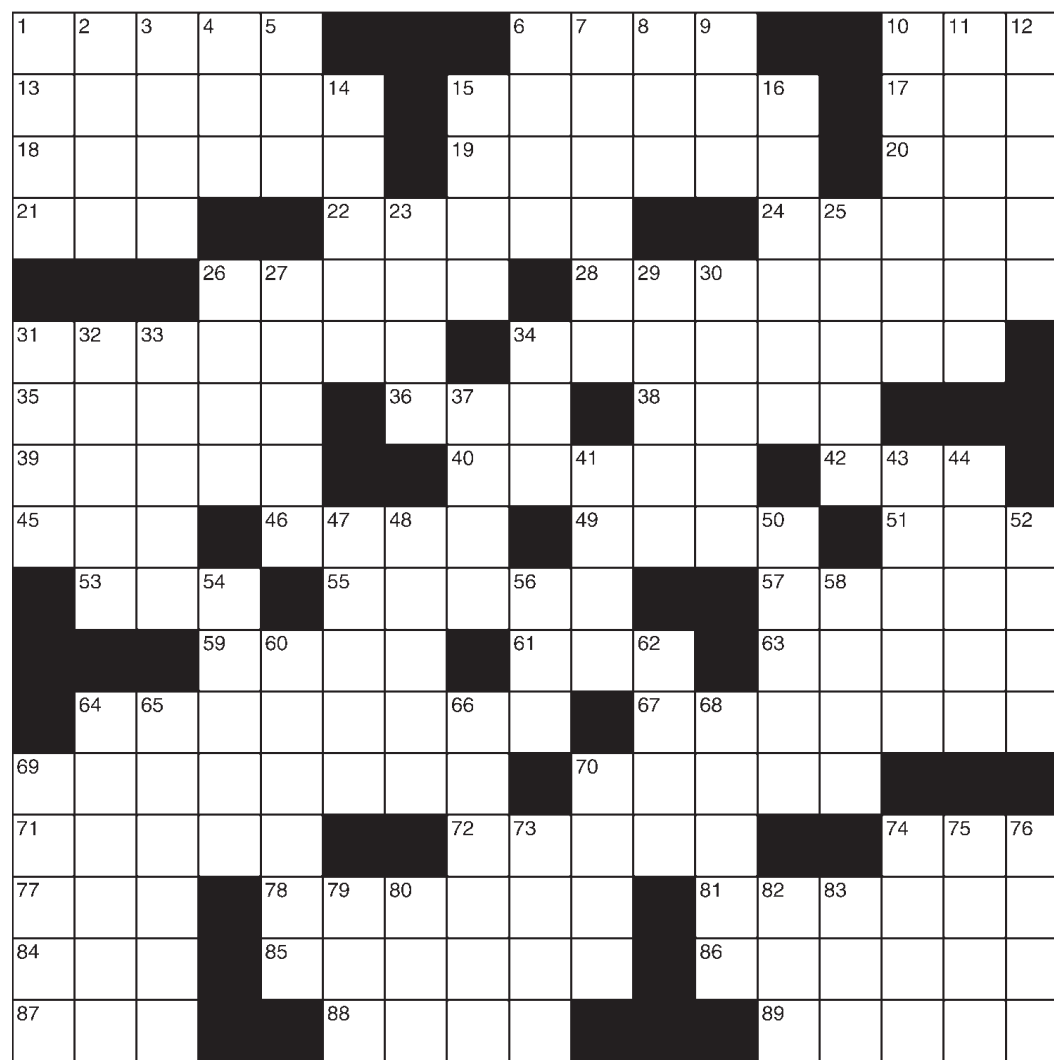
Dufferin have so much to offer and that she sees the benefits to a connected approach to encouraging health care practitioners to choose the area to practice in.

The task force will first focus on recruiting family physicians, but will then expand to recruit specialists and other types of health care providers.

To learn more about the task force and the HOHC OHT, those interested can visit hillsofheadwaterscollaborative.ca.

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- 26. Window part
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- 29. Give a view
- 30. Ornamentation
- 31. Jazz or Magic
- 32. Along the middle
- 33. Spaghetti or linguine
- 34. Entirely
- 37. Dairy-case selection
- 41. Declare
- 43. Go-between
- 44. Mesa
- 47. Own up to
- 48. Wry
- 50. "Blue ____"
- 52. Sign of crying
- 54. Ship's crane
- 56. Neckline style
- 58. Sit a spell
- 60. Shooting star
- 62. Alum
- 64. Consider
- 65. Pass by
- 66. Alliance
- 68. Last Greek letter
- 69. Guitar's relative
- 70. Brace
- 73. Relay
- 74. Design
- 75. Singing voice
- 76. "The ____ Hunter"
- 79. Likewise not
- 80. Had a snack
- 82. Steep flax
- 83. Strong rage

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- 15. Batting order
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- 19. Esoteric
- 20. Diaper fastener
- 21. Command to oxen
- 22. Zoo creature
- 24. Pledge an oath
- 26. Facial expression
- 28. Gradual
- 31. Pudding
- 34. Desire for food
- 35. Glorify
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- 38. "Yes ____" (Sammy Davis, Jr. autobiography)

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- 45. Scatter rug
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- 51. Kind of feeling
- 53. Lass's counterpart
- 55. Type of chisel
- 57. Alpine ridge
- 59. Cartridge-box contents
- 61. Unit of energy
- 63. Busybody
- 64. Bugle call
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- 81. Grating
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- 85. Plump
- 86. Supply with oxygen
- 87. "The Bard," e.g.
- 88. Bamboo, e.g.
- 89. High male voice

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- 3. Fishing implement
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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Wolves U11 Rep team to competing for gold after winning semi-finals

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Shelburne Wolves U11 Rep are ending the season in good fashion after winning their semi-final playoff game against the Wasaga Beach Stars on Thursday, Mar. 9 at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex (CDRC).

The Wolves played an outstanding game for the win and earned the right to advance to the League final.

At the end of the second period, the Wolves were leading 3-0, and kept up their aggressive style of charging into the Wasaga zone to set up plays.

The Wolves had one third-period goal to leave the ice with a 4-0 win over the Stars.

"It was an excellent game – pressure, pressure," said coach Symon Weatherall after the game. "We executed what we set out to do tonight. We put pressure on the puck every chance we could, and we had them in their end. We definitely put our players to the effort we

expect and try to take it right to the end whistle."

The championship is a one-game elimination, so a single win or loss will determine the season's final outcome.

"The goal is to take the team to the big championship in Windsor," Simon said. "The team has progressed leaps and bounds right from the beginning. We had some young kids that really stepped up. Half of our team is first year players – we've got seven first year players. We're going to be a team to contend with for the next several years. We push them to their limits so they understand and focus on what's important."

With the season coming to a close, Simon said they will practice but stay focused on their current system of doing things.

"We'll stick with what we know, keep going with what we know. We'll keep the kids focused on what the end goal is, and we won't change too much this time of year."

The Wolves will now compete in the League championship game.



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

SEMI-FINALS: The Shelburne Wolves U11 Rep team hosts the Wasaga Beach Stars during their semi-final playoff game at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex on Thursday, Mar. 9. The Wolves came out on top with a 4-0 win and will now go on to play for the League championship.

Junior hockey starts playoffs across the province

Written By Brian Lockhart

Junior C hockey across the province is now underway, with seven divisions battling it out in the quarter-final round of competition.

In the North Carruthers Division, eight teams are playing it out in a bid for the Division championship.

The Stayner Siskins dominated the league as a powerhouse team this season. They are up against the Midland Flyers in the quarter-final.

After the first three games, Stayner is leading 3-0, including a slam-bang on Saturday, Mar. 11, where they won 9-1 over the Flyers on Midland home ice.

Midland barely made it into the playoffs. They played a one-game qualifier against the Caledon Golden Hawks on Mar. 8, and won in overtime to be the last seed in the playoff line-up.

The second-place Alliston Hornets are up against the Penetang Kings in their quarter-final series.

Alliston is leading the series 3-0. That



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

PLAYOFF MATCH: The Alliston Hornets take on the Penetang Kings on the ice in Alliston during game three of their best-of-seven quarter-final series in the North Carruthers Division of the Provincial Junior Hockey League. The Hornets won this game 9-4 and lead the series 3-0. Junior C teams are battling it out across the province in the first round of the 2023 playoffs.

includes a 6-0 shut-out on Penetang home ice on Mar. 11 in game two of the series and a 9-4 win in game three.

The Schomberg Cougars finished third in the regular season and are up against the Huntsville Otters in their quarter-final.

After the first three games, the Cougars have pulled ahead with a win in all three games. Game four of that series was scheduled to take place in Schomberg on Tuesday, Mar. 14.

The Orillia Terriers are up against the Innisfil Spartans for their quarter-final series. Both teams finished the regular season in the middle of the standings, only a couple of points apart, so this series is a real battle.

Game one ended with an Innisfil win. The second game tied the series when Orillia came out on top. Orillia was leading with a 5-4 win in the series' third game.

Game four was scheduled for Tuesday, Mar. 14, in Orillia.

There will be some exciting hockey once the semi-finals get underway.

This year, it could be anyone's victory as teams give their best effort to win the league and earn the right to advance to the provincial Junior C Schmalz Cup playoffs.

The winner of the North Carruthers Division will go on to meet the winner of the North Pollock Division in the provincial quarter-finals.

Minor hockey struggling to retain referees

Written By Brian Lockhart

At the end of the day, it's just a game. Hockey won't take place without qualified referees controlling the game.

Unfortunately, sometimes the fun of playing the game is replaced by a 'win at all costs' attitude, and when it takes that direction, the first people who brunt that excitement are the referees.

Most OMHA officials referee because they love the game of hockey and want to give back to the community that provided them with the opportunity to play the game they

grew up playing when they were kids.

There has been a trend in recent years that has seen a number of younger officials not wanting to return to the OMHA officiating program. No matter what division they ref in, many officials feel they are being treated in a completely unacceptable manner by fans, coaches, and players.

Officials make mistakes on the ice, and how people respond to this makes a huge difference to a referee's performance and willingness to keep working as a referee.

Many situations could be easily avoided if people just stopped and thought about their actions and behaviour, especially when directed at young officials. The hockey world needs these young officials because they will eventually become veteran referees in the big games.

The OMHA sees hundreds of new 14- and 15-year-old boys and girls attending their referee schools and clinics yearly.

After starting officiating, many decide not to return, and with good reason. What 14-year-old wants to officiate a 7:00 a.m. game in the middle of winter only to be screamed at because they missed a tripping penalty?

The OMHA officiating program wants to see all officials return to the game. The OMHA tries to teach officials how to deal with and manage the conflict they encounter while improving themselves as officials.

Coaches, players, and fans have to remember that officials are an integral part of the game, and before yelling and screaming at them, take a deep breath and remember that it is just a game.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

SAVIAN GORDON-STEPHENS

Playing league basketball since he was in Grade 6, Centre Dufferin District High School Royals senior basketball team member, Savian Stephens brings a lot of experience and skill to his team.

"I got it from my brother because he was a basketball player too," Savian said of his influence getting involved in the sport. "I signed up and loved it. I love the energy of the sport."

Savian said he likes that fact that everyone on the court has their own style and skill.

As a Grade 11 student, Savian has another year to go with the Royals, and hopes to pursue basketball at the collegiate level.

Staffing among local business concerns, according to survey

Written By James Matthews
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

It's been said that it's best to keep looking up in difficult times.

And, according to the results of a Dufferin Board of Trade (DBOT) survey, that's how local business operators weather the obstacles of inflation and the rising cost of overhead in power rates, shipping costs, and others.

This year's edition of the board's annual business survey was conducted in February. As many as 125 local businesses from various sectors in each Dufferin County municipality

and some surrounding areas participated.

This year's top priorities for local businesses focus on marketing and forging connections in the local business community.

Their biggest concerns are attracting employees, navigating government red tape, and competition.

This year's data was compared to previous local surveys and the Ontario Chamber of Commerce's 2023 Business Confidence Survey.

According to the local board, respondents were generally optimistic about their business performance in 2023. They scored an average

of seven on a sliding scale of one to 10, indicating they expect to perform better this year than last.

The Ontario chamber's survey showed 53 per cent of businesses across the province are optimistic about their organizations' outlook and prospects.

The majority of Dufferin businesses feel that creating an environment in which more people both live and work in the community is the top factor driving Dufferin County's economic growth and prosperity.

On average, employment levels remained the same with businesses in 2022, but 41 per

cent of businesses had challenges filling all their available positions with candidates that met their needs and requirements.

The survey shows that networking and professional development opportunities are vital to local businesses. To help meet the networking need, DBOT will offer regular free networking DBOT Connects events at various businesses throughout the community.

DBOT will offer regular learning sessions to support professional development needs, covering topics such as creating LGBTQ+ Safe Spaces, becoming environmentally and socially responsible businesses, and others.

Shelburne Fire Service gets funding boost for training materials

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Shelburne & District Fire Department (SDFD) has received funding from Enbridge Gas to help purchase firefighting training materials for the local fire department.

The funding was made available through the Safe Community Project Assist, a program with the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council (FMPFSC) that supplements existing training for Ontario volunteer and composite fire departments in the communities where Enbridge Gas operates.

"We are always working to provide cost effective training for our firefighters," said Chief Ralph Snyder. "This is the second time Shelburne & District Fire Department

has received a grant from Enbridge and the FMPFSC, allowing us to expand our training library. SDFD is proud to work with these partners to improve the safety of our firefighters and the multiple communities we serve."

This year, Enbridge Gas donated \$250,000 to be shared by 50 Ontario fire departments, including the Shelburne & District Fire Department. Funds were allocated to the fire departments to purchase education materials to assist in training firefighters in life-saving techniques.

"At Enbridge Gas, safety is our priority. We're proud to support Ontario firefighter who share our commitment to keeping our community safe, healthy and vibrant," said Amanda Sexton, GTA West Region Opera-

tions Supervisor for Enbridge Gas.

Since the launch of Safe Community Project Assist in 2012, the program has provided 294 grants to Ontario fire departments for additional firefighter training.

"Safe Community Project Assist improves access to training materials for fire departments," said Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal and chair of the FMPFSC. "Firefighting can

be dangerous and unpredictable, and these training materials positively contribute to the health and safety of firefighters and the broader community."

The Shelburne & District Fire Department received \$5,000 to purchase over 50 new books to help train firefighters at the local volunteer fire department. The cost of the books ranges from \$70 to \$150.



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

FUNDING BOOST: Shelburne & District Fire Department received \$5,000 in funding from Enbridge Gas on Tuesday (March 5) at the local fire department to help purchase educational material for firefighter training. The local fire department is one of 50 departments in Ontario to receive funding from the \$250,000 donation by Enbridge Gas. (Pictured left to right: Chief Ralph Snyder, Amanda Sexton from Enbridge Gas, Fire Board Mono representative Melinda Davie)

More people's ambitions of home ownership fading away

A report released by Mortgage Professionals Canada found that around one-third of respondents believe they will never be able to afford their first house.

The report states, "The rapid decline in affordability – thanks to both high home prices and now high interest rates – has played a central role in Canadian's view towards home buying."

The survey revealed that 33 per cent of non-owners are seeing the dream of home ownership slipping away. That percentage has grown by 15 per cent over the past year.

The survey also found that Canadians are anxious about inflation, with 60 per cent of respondents saying they are worried about how it will impact their finances. Last month, Statistics Canada reported inflation eased in January, with the consumer price index climbing 5.9 per cent from a year ago. However, inflation still remains significantly higher than the Bank of Canada's inflation-control range of one to three per cent.

For those that have already taken the

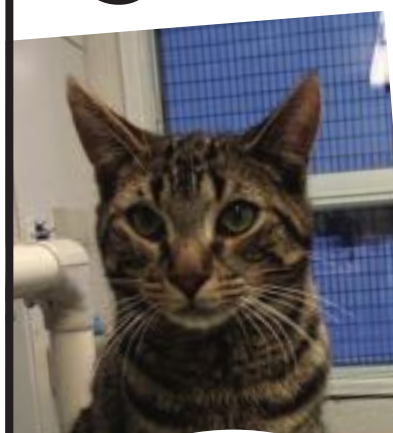
plunge and secured a mortgage to buy a home, future interest rates are a real concern. The report says that almost half of respondents say a rate increase of 20 per cent would cause them to experience mortgage payment difficulties.

Many new homeowners are also having difficulty with 14 per cent of first-time buyers saying it's hard to meet payments every month. After the huge increase in housing prices during the pandemic, many markets have cooled. However, the report said that higher mortgage costs have resulted in a broad deterioration of affordability across the country.

Urban centres in Ontario and British Columbia, where average house prices are 23.5 and 23.3 times the average disposable income, remain by far, the least affordable.

Vancouver and Toronto will continue to be the least affordable housing markets, according to the report, and they are not expected to return to affordable levels in the foreseeable future.

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The 2023 soccer registration is now open. The season will run from June 7 to August 9, 2023 with an end of season BBQ on Wednesday August 16th, 2023 for participants and coaching staff. Registration fee is \$80.00 per child. Fee includes a uniform, trophy and BBQ. The league is co-ed and non-competitive for ages 4 - 16 years. Completed registration forms and payment (cash or cheque) will be accepted at the Amaranth Municipal Office and can also be placed in the drop box or mailed to 374028 6th Line, Amaranth ON, L9W 0M6.

The Township is hiring for 3 Summer Positions to Coach the soccer teams. Interested persons may visit the Jobs or Recreation & Programs section of the Township website. Volunteers for additional coaching or assistant coach are appreciated. If you are interested in coaching please contact the office at 519-941-1007. Registration forms: <https://www.amaranth.ca/en/resident-services/Recreation-and-Programs.aspx>

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OBITUARIES

TRUDGEON, DANIEL WALTER

Please help us in celebrating the life achievements of Daniel Walter Trudgeon. On March 5, 2023 he left behind his biggest passions on earth: being the most loving husband, father, grandfather, trusted friend, mechanic, amateur dancer, dog lover and classic car appreciator. Dan will now be spending his time taking long walks, relaxing and... who are we kidding... we know he is still going to be dancing, listening to country classics, building furniture, fixing things, reuniting with his dogs Bruiser, Zoey and Jammer and learning more facts than Cliff Clavin could dream of. He will be warmly embraced by his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Joan and Ken MacCannell, and brother-in-law Darryl MacCannell.



Back on earth, his wife Debbie Trudgeon (MacCannell), children Justin (Kelsey) Trudgeon and Bailey (Andrew) Trudgeon, will be passing along all of his advice, stories and wisdom to his best buddy and grandson, Bennett Trudgeon and will make sure that his Watson dog always has someone to play with. Dan's parents Ellwood and Diane Trudgeon will remember the hard work Dan did to always take care of them. He cherished getting the family horses ready for the many parades they showed in, alongside the help of his siblings Ivan Trudgeon and Carol Trudgeon. 'Walt' will be remembered by his 'bestie' and sister-in-law, Dana Neill and brother-in-law Brent Neill. His nieces Stephanie (Frank) Frizell, Samantha (Ryan) Aldcorn, and Jillian (Cam) Petersen will pass along stories of their Uncle Dan to their children Cassidy Young, Ryder and Rowdy Aldcorn, and Molly Petersen.

We invite you to honour Dan's loving spirit, strength and accomplishments at a celebration of life on May 6, 2023. The McMillan & Jack Funeral Home website will be updated once details become available. Our wish is that donations be made to The Centre Grey Health Services Foundation.

You were the hero of your own story. We miss you so much already and we will watch for all of the little signs that you're here supporting us every step of the way.

Online condolences may be placed at www.mcmillanandjackfuneralhome.com

MCKECHNIE, WAYNE

Passed away peacefully at Groves Memorial Hospital, Fergus on Thursday, March 9, 2023 at the age of 71. Loving father of Adam (Christina), Angela (Mike) Alderson, Gordon (Kristen) and Bradley (Sara). Proud grandfather of Taylor, Morgan, Austin, Ocean Ann, Avarie, Danny, David, Gabriel, Jordyn, Ryan, Andrew, Joshua and Owen and great-grandfather of Graham. Dear brother of Jean (the late Ron) Gilkes, Ruth Park (the late Hugh Owen), John (Ann), Doug (Debbie), Jim (Juanita) and Gerald (Cheryl). Predeceased by his parents Gordon and Luella McKechnie and his sister Connie LaRue. He will be lovingly remembered by his many nieces and nephews.



Friends and family were received at the Jack & Thompson Funeral Home on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 from 1-2 p.m. The funeral service followed in the funeral home chapel at 2:00 p.m. A private family interment at Horning's Mills Cemetery will take place in the spring. If desired, donations to Feral Cat Rescue would be appreciated as expressions of sympathy. Online condolences may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com

IN MEMORIAM

ANDY PHILLIPS

It's been 25 years since you left this earth,

but the sun shines, flowers grow,
the earth spins, rivers flow.

Stars shimmer, birds sing
children laugh, bells ring.

People dance, moon glows,
rainbows form, sky snows.

Dew drops glisten, mountains soar,
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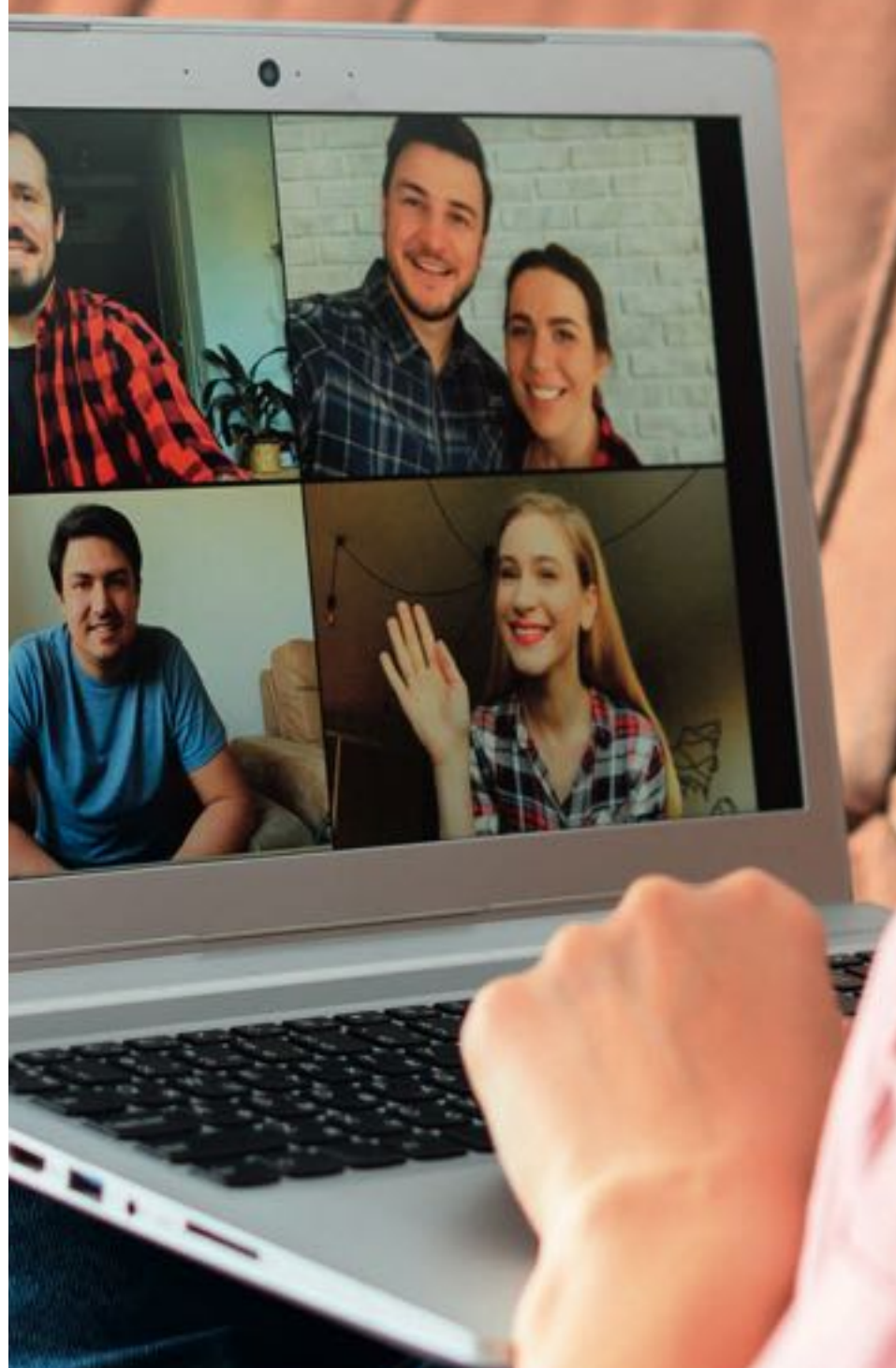
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