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MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Chris Greer of the New Lowell Knights was named the most valuable player in the senior division of the North Dufferin Baseball League. He received the award for this feat from secretary Scott Anderson during an awards presentation on Mar. 13. Read more on Page 8.

Shelburne council investigates possibility of bringing medical services closer to home

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Shelburne councillors have inquired with Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) about establishing medical facilities in town as residents express concerns with travel and wait times for care in Orangeville.

During their meeting on Monday (Mar. 13), Shelburne council received a delegation from Headwaters CEO and president Kim Delahunt.

Coun. Kyle Fegan questioned whether the hospital could set up a facility in Shelburne where residents can access triage and care in the community.

"I see the need for more facilities," said Fegan. "I hate to admit it, my family goes to Alliston anytime we have an emergency simply because the service times and triage times are much faster, so I do see Headwaters as potentially overburdened - especially in the emergency department."

Delahunt explained to council that the likelihood of a facility being approved by the Ontario Ministry of Health is "very slim" as they would initially look at the possibility

of surrounding hospital expansions.

"Because the travel distances for folks here are close to the many hospitals," said Delahunt. "It's tough that rather than another smaller hospital coming here they're going to look to expand and grow existing hospitals."

Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) is a medium-sized community hospital that serves residents from 10 communities, including Amaranth, Caledon, Erin, East Garafraxa, Grand Valley, Melancthon, Mono, Mulmur, Orangeville, and Shelburne.

According to Headwaters staff, 77 per cent of day surgery patients and 84 per cent of emergency department visits come from patients within its catchment area.

"Of course, we see others come from other communities, and of course some our residents go to other hospitals, probably because we don't provide a service at Headwaters," said Delahunt.

The local hospital recently concluded a Clinical Priority Plan to see what services the hospital needs to plan for in the future.

Initial findings show that individuals 65 and older, as well as adults 20 to 29, are Dufferin's two largest populations.

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"Those are really the ages we need to plan for," said Delahunt. "You are going to see an enhanced focus on geriatric services and as well really focusing on our young families."

Research into Headwaters' total patient base found that Shelburne residents represented 11 per cent for medicine, pediatrics and obstetrics; 10 per cent for mental health and palliative; and seven per cent for surgery.

Data also showed that Shelburne residents represented 8 per cent of the hospital's emergency visits while showing that 68 per cent of Shelburne residents visit HHCC for emergency department support.

Coun. Walter Benotto also inquired with Delahunt about possibly bringing x-ray and diagnostic imaging services to the North Dufferin community.

"You need a hospital sponsor, so obviously I think you'll be looking at Headwaters, and then it would need to be a robust business case that goes in to the ministry to obtain the necessary approvals. There needs to be a critical mass," said Delahunt.

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Dufferin County encouraging residents to explore over 1,000 acre tract spanning across the region



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EXPLORE DUFFERIN COUNTY'S FORESTS: The United Nations General Assembly's International Day of Forests was marked on Tuesday (Mar. 21) and the County of Dufferin is encouraging residents across the region to enjoy the region's 1,066-hectare multi-tract forested area. As the weather warms, there's no better time to explore the county and enjoy nature.

Dufferin County Forests.”
The Dufferin County Forest is a 1,066-hectare multi-tract forested area owned and managed by the county. It is made up of 14 forest areas or tracts located throughout Dufferin, with the single largest area in the Main Tract (607 hectares) located within Mulmur Township. Major tree species found in the forests include red pine, white pine, white spruce, eastern white cedar, larch, red oak, sugar maple, white ash, black cherry, white birch and poplar.

“It serves an important function in terms of erosion and water control, natural heritage protection, biodiversity, wildlife habitat, recreation opportunities, support of the rural economy through timber production and employment opportunities,” explained a press release from the county.

As part of International Day of Forests, the county has highlighted various ways residents can explore Dufferin County's forests, such as hiking, mountain biking, cross-country skiing, horseback riding, and snowmobiling on designated Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) trails.

Hunting is also permitted between October and May in forest tracts in the communities of south Amaranth, Gara Gore, Melancton, Randwick, Riverview, and Simmons County. Hunters must obtain a hunting forest use permit from the county.

While getting out and exploring the forested areas in the region, the county has shared some of their dos and don'ts with residents to help with sustainability and safety.

- Obeying all signs when using trails
- Carrying out what you carry in
- Remember your emergency number, which is posted at the entrance to each county Forest with a six-digit “address”
- No motorized vehicles are permitted in the forest except snowmobiles on designated trails
- No campfires or camping permitted
- Not littering or dumping

Exploring local forestry does come with the risk of spreading invasive plants, so the county has also provided six tips on how to help prevent their spread.

- Stay on the path – venturing off of a hiking path risks picking up plant seeds and creating disturbed areas for invasive species to grow easily

- Clean your gear – check all equipment at the end of your adventure for plant materials
- Groom your pet – inspect your pet after a walk and wash off any mud that might be carrying invasive plant seeds

- Report all invaders – take a photo and report any sightings of invasive species to the Invading Species Hotline (1-800-563-7711) or visit www.EDDMaps.org/Ontario.

- Spread the word – motivate friends and family to take action and share information
- Volunteer – join the Friends of the Dufferin County Forest to help take care of the forest

More information on Dufferin County Forests, recreational opportunities, the county's volunteer groups, and upcoming events can be found at www.dufferin-county.ca.

Residents can also sign up for the Dufferin County Forest newsletter for county forest news and events at that link.

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

The County of Dufferin is encouraging residents to get out and explore the forests found within the region in recognition of the International Day of Forests.

The United Nations General Assembly's International Day of Forests (Mar. 21) is a day to celebrate and raise awareness of the importance of all types of forests. The day also brings to attention how forests

plan a role in a community's overall health, including water purification, cleaning the air, capturing carbon to fight climate change, and providing food and life-saving medicines.

“This International Day of Forests, we celebrate our local Dufferin County Forest and the many environmental, economic and social benefits it provides us with,” said Caroline Mach, county forest manager. “As the weather continues to warm, we encourage residents to get out and explore our local



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Supplement business opens locally, helping the community get healthy

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

Whether you're a member of the fitness community or not, navigating a healthy lifestyle can be difficult. But, two members of Shelburne's fitness community hope to make it easier for local residents with a dedicated vitamin and supplement store.

"Supplements are super beneficial to a lot of people. It doesn't matter if you go to the gym or if you're an everyday person. There's stuff in your diet that you don't normally get that you should supplement for health benefits," said Joe Bennett, co-owner of OC Supplements.

OC Supplements, located at 520 Main Street E in Shelburne, is owned and operated by local residents Joe and Jessica Bennett. Both active members in the local fitness community, the couple opened OC Supplements to help residents, inside and outside the fitness community, improve their overall health.

"We always dreamed about working in the fitness community. Originally, we thought about opening a gym, but we didn't want to do that to the gym's already

in the community," explained Jessica. "So, we thought a supplement store would be the next best thing because we don't have one in Shelburne."

While supplements are often associated with fitness, the Bennett's focus with OC Supplements is to provide a space for the various demographics within Shelburne.

"What we wanted to do here at OC Supplements is to not make it overwhelming for anybody. We're encouraging people to make food at home and to understand the supplements a little bit better. It's all going to help your overall health," said Jessica.

Their inventory ranges from creatine, glutamine, and pre-workout for gym goers to protein powders, snacks, collagen and vitamins for the everyday individual. The store has also stocked items such as barbeque sauces, seasonings, dressings and maple syrup for customers to use in their day-to-day lives.

OC Supplements is open Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

OC Supplements is an Indigenous-owned business.



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

NEW BUSINESS IN TOWN: OC Supplements owners Joe and Jessica Bennett recently opened their business at 520 Main St. E in Shelburne. The store offers a variety of vitamins and supplements to help their customers achieve optimal health.



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DRAWS FOR PAWS: Help homeless animals in need with the Ontario SPCA's Draws for Paws 50/50 Lottery, on now until Apr. 28. Tickets can be purchased online at ontariospcalottery.ca.

Win big and help animals with the Ontario SPCA's Draws for Paws 50/50 Lottery

Whether you play to win or just play to help animals in need, there's a whole lot of reasons to play the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society's Draws for Paws 50/50 Lottery. Tickets are on sale now for the fundraising lottery, which helps animals in need.

The Draws for Paws 50/50 Lottery has a guaranteed jackpot of \$5,000, but the more tickets sold, the higher the jackpot will grow. The winner of the Ontario SPCA's first-ever lottery, which took place last fall, took home over \$60,000.

Tickets are now on sale for the grand prize draw taking place on Apr. 28. In addition to the grand prize jackpot, there are also extra opportunities to win!

Get your tickets today to be entered in the early bird draws taking place Mar. 30, Apr. 6 and Apr. 20. You could be the lucky one to fetch \$500 in winnings in the early bird draws!


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"The Ontario SPCA's Draws for Paws 50/50 Lottery is an exciting way to potentially win big while also helping animals in need," says Dawn Lyons, Manager, Ontario SPCA Orangeville & District Animal Centre. "Think of what you could do with those winnings if you're our lucky grand prize draw winner!"

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To learn more, or to buy tickets, visit ontariospcalottery.ca



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

County of Dufferin Official Plan Amendment

Municipal Comprehensive Review Phase 1 – Growth Management

TAKE NOTICE that the County of Dufferin will hold a Public Meeting pursuant to subsection 17(15) and 17(16) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended, regarding a proposed first phase growth management amendment to the County of Dufferin Official Plan as a result of the County's Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) exercise under Section 26 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended.

PUBLIC MEETING
The public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the W. & M. Edelbrock Centre, 30 Centre Street, Orangeville, L9W 2X1. The purpose of the public meeting is to present the proposed first phase growth management OPA being put forward for consideration as a result of the County's MCR exercise under Section 26 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended, and give an opportunity for the public to provide input.

Any person or public body wishing to participate in the meeting, may attend in-person or virtually. To join the meeting virtually on Zoom, please use the following link:
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If you wish to attend the meeting either in-person or virtually, please email dcmcrc@dufferincounty.ca before April 12, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. to pre-register.

Written comments can be sent to the attention of the County Clerk by email or via regular mail to the address listed at the end of this notice.

The meeting will be livestreamed and will be available on the County's YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/DufferinOne>

THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT
This proposed first phase growth management Official Plan Amendment (OPA) has been prepared in association with the County's MCR to bring the County Official Plan into conformity with the Provincial Growth Plan, A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (Growth Plan) (Office Consolidation 2020), ensure that it has appropriate regard for matters of Provincial interest, and is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020. The Growth Plan now requires that the County plan for a population of 99,000 residents and 40,700 jobs to the year 2051. This proposed OPA represents the first of multiple amendments to the existing County Official Plan that will establish where and how growth is to occur in the County to 2051.

The first phase growth management OPA applies to the whole of the County of Dufferin and therefore, a key map is not provided with this Notice.

NOTE: The County is specifically looking for your input on the first phase growth management OPA at this time. There will be opportunity through future statutory Open Houses and Public Meetings regarding additional County OPAs to address settlement area boundary expansions, natural heritage systems, and agricultural lands for the public to provide comment on these matters as it relates to specific properties, and in general.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
A copy of the proposed OPA and additional information is available at <https://joinindufferin.com/dufferin-county-municipal-comprehensive-review>

NOTIFICATION OF ADOPTION
If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed OPA, you must make a written request to the County Clerk at the address listed below. Such requests must include the name and mailing address/email address to which such notice should be sent.

NOTE: The approval authority for adopted County of Dufferin Official Plan Amendments is the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions of the public meeting or make written submissions to the County of Dufferin before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

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Build it right

For several years I used to travel to a nearby city to pay some bills.

I made the trip once or sometimes twice per month.

At the time, they were undergoing major work on the transit line, consisting of building fancy new bus stops and bus-only lanes. It was an interesting concept that would improve transit in the city.

During the construction phase, travel in the area was a nightmare. Two lanes were reduced to one in all directions right at one of the main intersections in town.

You would come to a stop with maybe 30 cars ahead of you at the red light. It was frustrating, but I thought at the time that's what progress is, and sooner or later, they will complete the project, and the traffic should improve.

However, the situation went on for years. I started wondering exactly what they were doing.

Over the course of the year I watched the progress on the project. I noted, I never actually saw anyone working there. Never.

There were traffic pylons in place, piles of rubble where the sidewalks and curbs were removed, and big machines sitting at the side

of the road.

But I never saw anyone actually on the site doing work. I never saw any of the machines in action.

Where they working at night only?

This project took several years to complete.

I had a discussion with a local business owner about the situation. He saw the construction was costing him business due to lack of parking, and as a local resident it was frustrating because the project was taking years. He also observed he never saw anyone actually working on the project.

He complained to city hall, to no avail.

The same municipality started another project but it was outside of town in a more rural area.

The big signs went up showing how they were widening and improving the intersection for better traffic flow. It took at least a year, and once again, I passed idle machines and an empty workplace.

By chance, I was working on another project and was speaking to someone in the town administration and asked what the deal was on the transit project.

I was told that since they have other projects on the go at the same time, sometimes

they have to be off-site. That wasn't a good answer, and the person was very vague.

Why would you hire a contractor to do a project knowing they are doing other projects at the same time that would be taking them away from your construction?

That seems to be the way municipal governments operate.

Down the street from where I live, a home owner is building, apparently an entire house, in his back yard. How he got a permit for that, I don't know because his neighbours will never see the sun shine in their yard again because of this giant monolith that is being erected.

However, I was impressed how fast this new house was going up. The home owner is a friend of a friend, so I met him one day, and asked how it was being built so fast.

He explained he had contracted a company that has a dedicated team for the project. Very simple. Here's the plan – build it.

During the course of my work at another newspaper, CFB Borden was part of the coverage area.

I spent considerable time there and always enjoyed interacting with the military personnel and seeing their equipment.

The one thing I noticed, is the military does things quickly, and they do it right – the first time. In their business, if you don't do it right, people get killed.

That attention to detail and planning and following through means success.

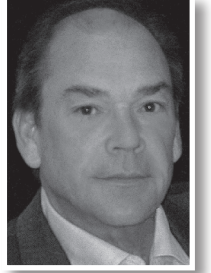
I don't think municipalities need to adopt military strategies when planning, however taking a cue from military planning and execution wouldn't be a bad thing.

I attended the opening of a new arena once. The mayor of the town proudly proclaimed that the building was completed 'on time, and on budget.' That's seems to be a rarity when it comes to any level of government projects.

Canada in general, is still well ahead of most other countries when it comes to planning and execution of projects with public money. Just ask someone in a town in Russia when the last time they successfully had a road paved, because the money for the project has already been stolen by one of the oligarchs who control the public purse.

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BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



ICC Arrest Warrant on Putin

Although the arrest warrant issued on Russian President Vladimir Putin by the International Criminal Court last week was welcome, there was a certain puzzlement about the actual crime he is being charged with.

This is a man who launched an unprovoked invasion of a neighbouring country, Ukraine. He declares that the country should not even exist, and denies that there is a valid Ukrainian identity. Those Ukrainians who believe they are not Russians are 'Nazis' who must be 're-educated' or destroyed. That alone qualifies Putin for a charge of genocide.

An estimated 120,000 Ukrainian soldiers have been killed or wounded in the fighting in the past year, together with many thousands of Ukrainian civilians. That exposes Putin to the charge of waging aggressive war.

Some of the soldiers under his command have committed well-documented massacres of Ukrainian civilians and committed various other atrocities against them. As the supreme commander ultimately responsible for their actions, Putin is also liable to indictment on a wide variety of war crimes charges.

So why did the International Criminal Court charge him only with the crime of deporting Ukrainian children into Russia, placing them in the care of Russian families as if they were

orphaned refugees, and blocking them from contact with their real families?

There is no doubt that this is happening. The United Nations Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine says there is evidence of the illegal transfer of hundreds of Ukrainian children to Russia, and the Ukrainian government says that the real number is at least 16,221.

This phenomenon is a particularly shameful aspect of President Putin's obsessive campaign to erase Ukrainian identity. However, with so many larger crimes to choose from, why did the ICC limit itself to what is essentially a charge of mass kidnapping?

The answer was visible last Wednesday at an event in the George W. Bush Presidential Center in Dallas, Texas, where the former US president 'misspoke' yet again. He meant to condemn Putin's invasion of Ukraine, but he actually denounced "the decision of one man to launch a wholly unjustified and brutal invasion of Iraq... I mean of Ukraine."

Realizing his blunder, Bush muttered "Iraq too" and then excused himself on the grounds of age: "I'm 75". It got a laugh and it was certainly a slip of the tongue, but it might have been a Freudian slip.

Could it be that Bush secretly realizes that he committed not only a great blunder but

also a great crime when he invaded Iraq? That would be nice, although it's too late to apologize for the lies, the hundreds of thousands of lives lost, and the ruin of Iraq. However, the real point lies elsewhere.

The two invasions are linked. Bush's wholly unjustified and brutal invasion of Iraq broke the key law on which we built the post-1945 'rule of law' in international affairs. Putin's did it again.

The victors of the Second World War knew they might not survive a third, so they made attacking another country illegal. (It never was before.) The new rule, embedded in the United Nations Charter, is that borders, fair or not, must never be changed by force. From now on, only voluntary, negotiated changes are legal.

In an era of nuclear weapons, that is not just a good idea; it is essential for our long-term survival. And to a surprising extent, the new rule has been obeyed.

The world is still littered with civil wars, 'wars of liberation', and other traditional side-shows, but full-on military invasions by great powers without the blessing of the UN Security Council have been very scarce in the past seventy years. In fact, only two come to mind: the US invasion of Iraq in 2003, and

the Russian invasion of Ukraine last year.

The difficulty in condemning Putin now is that George Bush and his British sidekick, former prime minister Tony Blair, are still walking around free and unpunished.

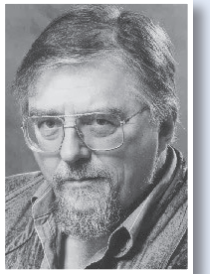
The fact that they invaded the wrong country is irrelevant. (Iraq and Saddam Hussein had nothing whatever to do with the 9/11 attacks.) Their crime was simply to invade another country. That doesn't just cause a lot of death and destruction; it undermines the basic law that keeps great wars at bay.

It would be blatant hypocrisy for the ICC to indict Vladimir Putin for the usual range of war crimes when Bush and his pals committed them in Iraq and got away with it, so what's left?

Well, Russian forces have been kidnapping Ukrainian children and raising them as Russians, which is a form of ethnic cleansing forbidden by international law. So far as anybody knows, Bush didn't kidnap Iraqi children. So that's the charge we can use for Putin.

Not that we actually expect to bring him to trial.

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New heavy equipment and tool rental business opens in Shelburne

Written By Peter Richardson



A new business in Shelburne has you covered when it comes to skid steers, excavators and tool rentals.

Located at 736 Steeles St., Unit 3, Shelburne Rentals is a dream come true for owner Johnny King.

King, whose family has lived in Melancthon for three generations, was born and raised in Hornings Mills, where he currently still lives.

As a home builder, he dreamed of opening a rental company; now, his dream is a reality.

King will rent whatever you need for your construction project and is conveniently located across the street from Shelburne Home Hardware. In fact, one of the prime reasons he decided to open in Shelburne at his location was the thousands of potential customers who frequent Home Hardware and the great visibility from County Road 124.

Apart from chainsaws, concrete saws,

tampers and hand tools, Shelburne Rentals has a complete line of skid steers and excavators for rent. Delivery is available as is pick-up and always with a smile.

King has been a homebuilder since 2014 and has a good knowledge of what the community needs in terms of rentals, having been there and done that as a builder.

For now, Shelburne Rentals is all King, but as the company grows and expands, he expects to be able to hire staff locally as required.

For now, everything is new and shiny, but King is fully capable of repairing and maintaining everything he rents, be that the small engines in his tampers or the larger ones in the bigger machines he offers.

So for your next job where you need that one tool you don't have, see Shelburne Rentals and Johnny King to get fixed up and going on your project!



PETER RICHARDSON PHOTO

RENTAL BUSINESS OPENS LOCALLY: Johnny King, owner of Shelburne Rentals is looking forward to serving the community. The business recently opened at 736 Steeles St., Unit 3, where customers can rent skid steers, excavators and a variety of tools.

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dufferin gets \$100,000 funding boost

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

The finances of a local not-for-profit recently saw a significant boost.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dufferin celebrated getting a \$102,100 grant through the Ontario Trillium Foundation's Resilient Communities Fund with Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones last Thursday (Mar. 16) during a group outing to the Maple Syrup Festival at Island Lake.

"Big Brothers has been an important part of our Dufferin community for decades. I am pleased to see that through an Ontario Trillium grant, they have been able to hire an additional staff member to meet the increasing needs to better serve youth in our community," said Jones.

The grant will cover two years of operation at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dufferin and hiring a new staff member to meet the greater demand for local programs.

The \$102,100 will also help the organization transition to new fundraising efforts in a post-COVID world.

Big Brothers Big Sisters matches children

with caring mentors to foster strong relationships and act as positive role models.

"We're extremely grateful to receive the Ontario Trillium Foundation grant. The impacts of COVID were profound on our agency. At the same time, we have seen more families access our programs as many children continue to struggle with the effects of the pandemic. The Trillium grant will allow us to transition into new ways of doing things and also help us serve more children in our local community," said Nancy Stallmach, executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters. "The grant has already allowed us to get our school programs back up and running and in-person."

Big Brothers Big Sisters enables life-changing relationships that ignite the power and potential of children facing adversity. To inquire about becoming a volunteer or to sign up a child for Big Brother Big Sister programs, please visit www.big-brothersbig-sisters.ca/dufferin.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is an agency of the provincial government and one of Canada's leading granting foundations.



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CELEBRATING FUNDING BOOST: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dufferin staff and participants gathered together at the pancake house in the Island Lake Conservation Area on Mar. 16, where they were joined by Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones to celebrate \$102,100 in grant funding. The money came through the Ontario Trillium Foundation's Resilient Communities Fund. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dufferin received the funds in July 2022.

The organization is celebrating 40 years of grant making in Ontario and making a lasting impact in communities.

Last year, OTF invested nearly \$209 million into 2,042 community projects and partner-

ships, which included funding for the Government of Ontario's Community Building Fund.

The \$102,100 in funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) was given to Big Brothers Big Sisters Dufferin in July 2022.

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Rotary Community Choice Grants in final days of voting

Written By Sam Odrowski

Voting is well underway for the Rotary Orangeville Highland Club's Community Choice Grants, with tomorrow (Mar. 24) being the final day to cast a ballot online.

Voting commenced on St. Patrick's Day (Mar. 17) between 13 not-for-profit organizations that have been nominated to secure a \$2,000 Community Choice Grant from the Rotary Club.

Visit www.rcogh.ca to vote online for your favourite charity.

The grant program is in its third year and is a fun way for non-profits to compete with each other, trying to secure the most votes to win.

The top three organizations that receive the most votes will each get a \$2,000 grant, and the Rotary Orangeville Highlands grants committee will select the final two from the list of nominees. The committee will make its decision with the view of helping smaller non-profits that might not have a social media following.

Here are this year's nominees:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dufferin
- Caledon-Dufferin Victim Services
- Celebrate Your Awesome
- Dufferin Arts Council
- Dufferin Parent Support Network

- Family Transition Place
- Headwaters Health Care Foundation
- Hospice Dufferin
- Orangeville and District Horticultural Society
- Orangeville Food Bank
- Theatre Orangeville
- The Lighthouse Community Meal Program
- The Ontario SPCA Orangeville and District Animal Centre

"Every non-profit on the voting list was nominated by community members," said Len Meyer, the Rotary Grants Committee chair. "We have doubled the money this year to help out local charities that much more."

The public can vote for up to three choices at www.rcogh.ca until the end of the day tomorrow (Mar. 24).

New this year, people will need to register on the Rotary site to vote. This is to keep a level playing field, ensuring one person per vote.

Last year's grant recipients were Diabetes Canada – D-Camp, The Josh Project Foundation, Achill Choral Society, Dufferin County Multicultural Foundation and District Animal Centre, and Branching Out Support Services.

The successful Rotary Community Choice Grants recipients will be announced by Mar. 31.



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Single vehicle rollover in Mulmur leads to impaired charges

The Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) charged a driver with impaired operation following a single vehicle collision investigation in the Township of Mulmur.

On March 13, shortly after 3:30 a.m., officers from Dufferin OPP responded to a report of a single vehicle collision in which a vehicle left the roadway rolling twice before landing in a ditch on Highway 89 in Mulmur.

Officers located the driver and vehicle

and were led into an impaired operation investigation.

As a result, Craig JAMES, 34-year-old, from Pickering has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Novice driver - Blood alcohol concentration above zero

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville in April 2023, to answer to the charges. Their driver's licence was suspended for 90 days,

and the vehicle impounded for a period of seven days. These charges have not been proven in court.

If you suspect an impaired driver, call 9-1-1.

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

kill others, and tear a hole in the heart of everyone who loves you.

Members of the Dufferin OPP are committed to public safety, delivering proactive and innovative policing in partnership with our communities. Officers value your contribution to building safe communities. If you have information about suspected unlawful activity, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-822-8477 (TIPS) or www.crimestoppersdm.com.

Police execute search warrant, lay cocaine trafficking charges

Officers from the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) seized a quantity of drugs and charged three individuals as a result of an ongoing drug investigation in Dufferin County.

On Tuesday (Mar. 21), members of the Dufferin Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU), with the assistance of Nottawasaga CSCU executed a search warrant at an address in the Town of Orangeville. Officers seized a quantity of Cocaine, Percocet tablets, drug paraphilia and \$1,300 in cash. In addition to the seizure, three

individuals were arrested and charged with multiple offences.

As a result of the investigation, the following was seized:

- Cocaine
- Percocet tablets
- Digital scales
- Cash (\$1300)
- Cellphone

In addition to the seizure, four people were charged with the following offences.

Edward ALEXANDER, 49-year-old, from Orangeville has been charged with:

• Possession of a Schedule I Substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Cocaine

• Possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime - under \$5000

• Possession of property obtained by crime - under \$5000

Leanne CARLE, 53-year-old from Orangeville has been charged with:

• Possession of a Schedule I Substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Cocaine

Richard EVANS, 29-year-old from Orangeville has been charged with:

• Possession of a Schedule I Substance for

the purpose of Trafficking - Cocaine

All three accused are scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville at a future date in April 2023, to answer to their charges.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation of any other criminal activity is asked to contact Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). You can also submit your information online at <https://ontariocrimestoppers.ca/>.

Dufferin OPP officer fundraising for local food programs with polar plunge

Police officers from the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) participate in fundraising initiatives every year to support local not-for-profits in the community.

Detective Sergeant Steve Coburn, Ontario Provincial Police Forensic Interview Team member, is set to face his biggest personal challenge yet – to swim an official Ice Mile. Considered “one of the toughest swims on the planet” an Ice Mile, governed by the International Ice Swimming Association rules, is a one-mile swim in water temperature measuring five degrees Celsius or less –no wetsuit permitted.

Steve Coburn is not doing it for personal accolades though, but rather to bring financial support to food programs in Dufferin County, which is also the community he calls home. Steve is the founder of Compass Run for Food, an annual run dedicated to raising money for established food programs in Dufferin County. To date the race has raised and donated over \$390,000 to local food banks and school nutrition programs. This year, Steve has challenged himself to raise \$10,000 in support of Compass Run for Food.

“I’m asking for your support to help me stay in the water and keep swimming to

raise the much-needed funding to support our food programs in Dufferin County,” said Sgt. Steve Coburn. “Every pledge in support of my swim is donated directly to established food programs in Dufferin County, including food banks and school nutrition programs, through Compass Run for Food.”

If you would like to help Steve reach his goal, you can make your pledge on his fundraising page at <https://raceroster.com/events/2023/72092/compass-run-for-food/pledge/participant/18861405>.

Every pledge goes directly to fighting food insecurity in Dufferin County and will

encourage Steve to stay in the water and swim for the Compass Run for Food.

The swim will take place in early April 2023, weather, and water temperature dependent.

The official date will be announced by Dufferin OPP shortly.

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- 34. Clarinet's relative
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- 42. Water pitcher
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- 55. "____ Will Buy?"
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- 57. Move quickly
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- 61. Spice-rack item
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- 64. Drove
- 66. Fodder
- 67. Molar's coating
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- 24. Excursion
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- 29. Epochal
- 31. Spur
- 32. Dinghy support
- 33. Surround
- 36. Sniff

- 39. Infant's shoe
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- 46. Music player
- 49. Hem's partner
- 50. Southern corn bread
- 51. Fluid-filled pouch
- 52. Dregs
- 53. Meld
- 54. Three strikes
- 55. Skilled wage earner
- 57. Jewish feast
- 58. Sports prize
- 60. Unimpaired
- 62. Detest
- 65. Din
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- 73. Common salt additive
- 75. Swindler
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- 92. Healthy

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- 2. On a ship
- 3. Frozen wasteland
- 4. Gobbled
- 5. Promise in marriage
- 6. Throb with pain
- 7. Shimmy

SHELBURNE SPORTS

North Dufferin Baseball League honours own at awards ceremony

Written By Brian Lockhart

Players, coaches, and fans arrived at the Legion in Lisle to celebrate the 2022 North Dufferin Baseball League season award winners.

Chris Greer of the New Lowell Knights was honoured for his outstanding achievement during the season.

Geer was named best batter with a .627 batting average, the best on base with a .716 percentage, and the most valuable player for the season.

Steve Baldry of the Knights won the top pitcher award. Knights coach Peter Kinghan

won his fifth coach of the year award, as voted by fellow coaches.

Carter Burnside of the Bolton Brewers was voted best catcher.

Brewers' Chris Fafalios scored the most runs for the season, crossing the plate 30 times.

Clearview Orioles slugger Tristan Cabral hit five home runs to top that category.

The most sportsmanlike award went to Ron Dipalma of the Bolton Dodgers. This was his third consecutive win of this award.

Junior division awards had Orillia Royals'

Wyatt Thompson winning the best pitcher and named him the most valuable player.

Cody Bryan from the Mansfield Cubs and Miya Waldron from the Georgina Bulldogs shared the most sportsmanlike title.

Andrew Foster of the Midland Twins was the top batter with a .567 average and the best on base with a .702 percentage.

Brayden Grech of the Caledon Nationals scored the most runs with 19 and tied with Lucas Watters of the Barrie Baycats with two home runs last season.

The awards event coincided with the annual general meeting for the 2023 season.

Adding Innisfil to the junior lineup brings the league to seven junior teams. Meanwhile, the senior division has 12 teams after the Bolton Dodgers requested a leave of absence for the upcoming season.

Vance White will serve as president after being the vice president last year, Jesse McIntyre assumes the past president position, and Chris Fafalios is the new vice president. Scott Anderson and Dan Gowan maintain their positions as secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Regular season play for the 2023 season gets underway in early May.

Ontario Minor Hockey announces non-body checking option for players

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Ontario Minor Hockey Association has announced plans to revise its body-checking policy and will offer non-contact hockey to players U14 and older at the rep level.

"The OMHA continues to review, assess, and implement programming and programming models in order to meet the ongoing needs of our hockey families," the OMHA said in a statement. There has been an increase in interest for leagues that provide a non-body

checking type of play. Currently, body checking is not permitted at any age division of recreation hockey, including house league, local league and minor development.

Body checking begins at the U14 rep level.

The demand to provide a non-body checking style of play at the rep level allows a player to continue to play in a non-body checking environment and still have access to rep hockey and to continue to play at a level according to their ability.

The size difference in players, previous injuries, and personal preference have all been raised as reasons to have this option available. In addition, this supports players at the recreational level, where players returning from rep hockey may create a skill gap that results in a lack of enjoyment for players.

The OMHA Representative Committee brought forward the recommendation that was presented and approved by the OMHA board of directors to implement non-body checking hockey for U14 and above, classified as BB, beginning in the 2023-2024 season.

"The priorities of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association remain dedicated to player safety, providing young athletes with the opportunity

to best develop and acquire skills, and keeping as many players playing the game as possible. We believe this new opportunity will satisfy all of the elements," the OMHA said.

To support the implementation of the initiative, BB will be the only rep category with no body checking permitted. Associations are not required to provide a base category team to be able to offer BB non-body checking entry. Player movement to access non-body checking hockey is not permitted.

Current BB teams will have several options to proceed.

They can re-categorize to the C category, including body checking at U14 and older. Enter as a second A team. Maintain BB designations without body checking. Associations must provide a second entry according to regulations.

Education on the skill of checking will remain a priority focusing on the 4-step checking progression, which begins the first time a young player steps on the ice.

This progression emphasizes the practice of positioning, angling, and stick checks, followed by contact confidence and body contact, which are taught at the later stages of player development.

Shelburne Minor Baseball in conflict with town over naming their players

Written By Brian Lockhart

Shelburne Minor Baseball is still hoping to have a 2023 season on local baseball diamonds, but a dispute with the town means they might have to use diamonds in nearby towns.

The Shelburne Minor Baseball Association (SMBA) is an independent association not affiliated with the town. However, since they rent local ball diamonds, the town has requested a roster of teams with player names, parent names, and addresses.

The town charges rental fees to use local parks, and a player who does not reside in town, but plays for a Shelburne team, could be charged more for playing.

Former association president, Mark Lanham, said he was uncomfortable sharing players' private information with the town. Since the SMBA is an independent organization, Mr. Lanham thinks they should not have to supply player information to book a diamond.

New Association president, Amanda Phillip, said the Club is working to find a resolution to the situation.

Mr. Lanham suggested that Shelburne teams would relocate and play their summer games on diamonds in other towns. He said neighbouring towns were ready to allow SMBA teams to rent and play on their diamonds.

Ms. Phillip said there has been no decision on moving in that direction. However, the SMBA believes keeping SMBA games in town is important.

Some nearby towns did try to impose extra fees on visiting teams, saying that since they were not tax-paying residents, they needed to pay more to use the facilities. That idea fell flat when leagues complained that inter-town play was part of sports and it would be unfair to charge visiting teams more, as other towns indicated they would start charging extra fees to teams from towns who used that policy.



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SEASON FORMAT UNDECIDED: Shelburne Minor Baseball Association is now deciding how they will play the 2023 season after refusing to provide players names to the town citing privacy issues. The town requires a list of all player names and addresses, however the Association says they are an independently run organization and shouldn't have to supply names to rent Town

The policy was quickly removed. "Visiting teams are not the same as out-of-town players participating in a privately run, Shelburne-based recreational league, where the league has paid to rent the diamonds, fields, or outdoor sports facility," Ms. Phillip said. "Additionally, no other town in our area charges fees to out-of-town players participating in privately-run town leagues, nor are the leagues required to remit player's information to their town's offices."

Ms. Phillip continued, "The Town of Shelburne is not involved with SMBA or any other sports association in Shelburne. It does not organize, run, or otherwise manage the league in any capacity. They have given themselves [the] authority to request player's private information as a condition of rental contracts."

The requirement to provide player information to the town is a part of Shelburne's Sports Fields and Outdoor Facilities Allocation Policy, Fees and Charges Bylaw, pursuant to section 11(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001.

The SMBA executive is planning to attend the Mar. 27 Shelburne Town Council meeting to speak on the matter.

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IN MEMORIAM

ANNE ELIZABETH BAYES-NIXON

APRIL 5 1966 - JAN 10 2023

Anne passed away peacefully after a lengthy battle with cancer. She will be sadly missed but forever loved, by her partner Bill, her sons christopher, Peter, Shane, (Steph), Jesse (Amanda), Joshua (Jackie), grandchildren Will, Bella, Dylan, Lavana, Skyler, Loggan and Piper, sisters Barbara (Ugo), Donna (Dan), step sister Carolyn (Ray), step brothers Andrew and David.

A celebration of life will be held on April 1st 2023 at The Canadian Legion (Museum Room) 203 William Street Shelburne. Between 1-4pm



OBITUARIES

COSACK, HEIKE DORETTE (NEE PHILIPPS)

JUNE 20, 1942 - MARCH 16, 2023

On a warm day in March, with the sunshine streaming in the window, hands being held and memories being shared, Heike Dorette Cosack went to be with her Heavenly family. Beloved wife of the late Hans Cosack. She will be lovingly remembered by her children; Carola (Jeremy) Little, Christine (Dan), Carl (Natalie), Jelly, Caty, Hans (Andrea); daughter-in-law Susie; grandchildren Henry, Dorothee, Chris, Kim, Pascal, Dominik and Tarquin; 5 great-grandchildren; brother Jürgen, sister Elke and nieces Maren and Frauke (Erik).



Mom was a smart, quiet, practical woman who was beautiful inside and out. Someone who quietly kept the party going, making sure everyone had everything they needed. She was the listener and the giver of straight wisdom. She was our Snow White because she called the birds to her balcony all year long. She was a gardener with a magic touch. Housekeeper, cook, confidante and manager - she kept things running even when no one was watching.

To say she will be missed seems sorely lax in depth. But we will wake up tomorrow and carry on for her - we will feed her birds, tend her flowers and teach others the breadth and value of listening without speaking. Forever our role model.

A Celebration of Heike's Life will be held at the Jack & Thompson Funeral Home on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. If desired, donations to The Bruce Trail would be appreciated so that they may continue to preserve natural habitat for our song birds and flora along the Niagara Escarpment where mom spent the majority of her life. Online condolences may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com

WOOD, JOAN HANNAH MARIE

Passed peacefully at The Village Seniors Community in Hanover, formerly of Flesherton on Friday, March 3, 2023.



Beloved wife of the late Kenneth Charles (2020). Loving mother of Richard (Gina) (the late Gloria) of Newfoundland, Marnie (the late Robert) of Alliston, Kenneth (Susan) of Lackawanna NY, and Michele (Henry) Romp of Leamington. Cherished grandmother to Rebecca (Jack), Katherine, Nathan, Alesha, Hayley, Joshua, Kenny and Eddie. Great grandmother of two. Predeceased by her brothers Angus and Robert Turney, and her sisters Margaret Turney and Ruth Fraser. Survived by her sister-in-law Irene Turney of Gravenhurst. Well loved by many Nephews and Nieces.

Joan started her 38 year career as a teacher at the young age of 17. She shared her love of education and especially science with many children over the years. She loved the outdoors, spending time walking, hiking, skiing and swimming. Joan was passionate about physical fitness, playing hockey and baseball in her youth and participating in various activities over the years including clogging and yoga. Joan had a very deep love of nature, embracing each season with excitement. She was a long time member of the United Church, where she was also a member of the choir and "Keeper of the Key".

A celebration of Ken and Joan's lives will take place at Fawcett Funeral Cremation Reception, 1 Highland Drive, Flesherton on Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 1:00-4:00pm with memories shared at 2:30 p.m. Online condolences and donations are available at www.fawcettfuneralhome.ca

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