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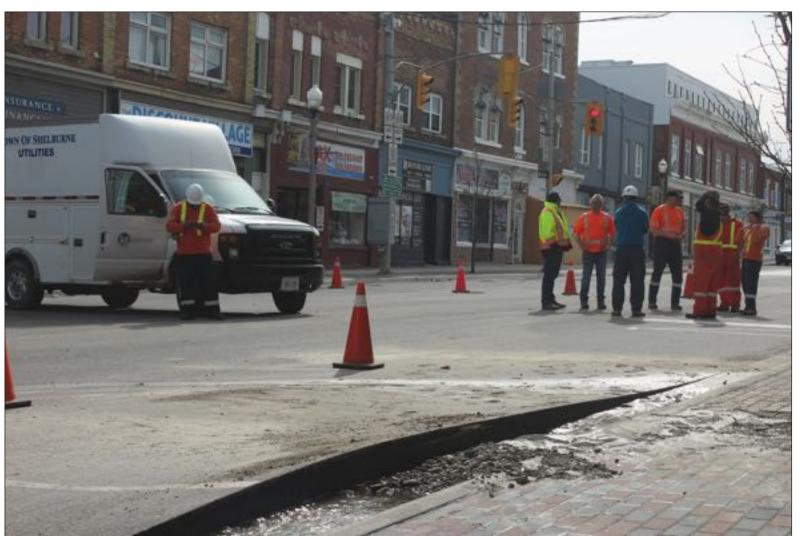
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WATER MAIN BURSTS: Crews from the Town of Shelburne worked to repair a water main break, located on Main Street between William Street and Owen Sound St., on Tuesday (Apr. 11). The multiple breaks were believed to be the result of pressure from filling the new water tower. The main road was reopened on Wednesday (Apr. 12), and a boil water advisory has been put in effect for those in the catchment area. Read a full story on Page 2.

Real estate market getting 'healthier' in Shelburne

Written By Paula Brown Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The number of houses on the market 12 months. may be higher, the time between sales longer, and the prices lower, but local real Board, there are 56 homes listed in Shelestate agents say the market in Shelburne burne, of which 21 were listed before is in a much more 'balanced' state than it March and six since 2022. The average was even a few months ago.

been a lot of fear mongering, 'prices are the last 90 days. going down and our interest rates are going up', and buyers and sellers have been so scared to make any moves," Claire Knight, actually a better time to buy now than it chases by buyers. was last year."

houses selling a day for upwards of \$1 million. Realtors reported selling more houses the listed homes.

It was a frenzy that led to bidding wars, conditions.

"No one was protected, both buyers and their financing in order, have the home

said local realtor Ken Bennington.

That change occurred over the last

number of days a house is on the market "The big problem over the last year has is 29 days, and 29 homes have been sold in now, but people don't realize that because

One of the main factors for the market being considered "healthier" by local real- Dave Crowe. tors is due to the length of time houses are a realtor with Go With Crowe told the Free spending on the market. Local realtors say Press. "What people don't realize is it's the length has led to more educated pur-higher, the housing prices are cheaper, and

"Buyers are becoming a little bit more In March of 2022, the housing market in educated on what they can afford and can't for buyers and sellers already in it, for first-Shelburne reached its peak, with multiple afford," said Shelburne realtor Marg McCa- time buyers getting their foot in the door, rthy. "We're having buyers who are more the market has continued to be difficult. aware of what they're getting, and we have a week than were being listed and holding sellers who may not like the delay but are to have the money saved to purchase. So, it off on offers to even allow people to see more confident that their buyers will actu- is still difficult for first-time buyers to get ally be able to close."

"What's happening now is you have a cash down payments, fluctuating sale pricing strategy, where people are pric- a challenge because even with the lower prices and a lack of home inspections, ing their houses accordingly. There's price it's still a big mortgage to carry for a financing conditions and sale of property some room for negotiation for a buyer, first-timer," said Bennington. there's also time for those buyers to get

sellers, and a change needed to happen," inspected – the kinds of things that protects the buyer," said Bennington.

What also changed in the housing market was the interest rate, which has increased According to the Toronto Real Estate steadily since early 2022 as a way to combat inflation. The Bank of Canada decided on Wednesday (Apr. 12) to hold its interest rate steady at 4.5 per cent.

> "Interest rate are just average right they've been spoiled with low rates for quite a while," explained local realtor

> Bennington, Knight, and Crowe told the Free Press that while the interest rates are it's a better time to buy.

While the local market may be 'healthier'

"Being a first-time buyer, you still need in the market," said McCarthy.

"For first-time buyers it continues to be

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Bennington added that selling single-family homes with the possibility of Shelburne real estate market, the local a show of your house," said Knight. multi-generational living is occurring more realtors have shared some recommendaand more.

"To come up with a 5 per cent downpayup with unless you have some family that's missing out on available homes. going to help and support you in some way, whether that's through a gift or loan."

tions to make it successful.

Knight and Crowe both suggested uti- look at homes. ment, that's a stretch for anyone to come lizing a local realtor to ensure you're not

"We are here, we know the area, and to buy." we're right around the corner to take you

For those looking to buy and sell in the to show a house or to take people through 'why' for wanting to move and what you

Bennington recommended getting a

guarantee you'll find something you want tor who will look after you and work

McCarthy proposed looking into your said McCarthy.

want from the move.

"Have a good idea of where your affordmortgage pre-approval before starting to ability is, and know what it is you want and why you want to move. A lot of that "Once you start looking at houses, I can happen by working with a good realfor what your needs and wants are,"

Water main breaks on Main Street, flooding Shelburne's downtown

Written By Paula Brown Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Shelburne's Main Street was closed for water main. several hours following multiple water main breaks that caused flooding in the it doesn't help that frost is coming out of the downtown core.

closure of Main Street in both directions. water tower." between William St. and Owen Sound St., due to the break on Tuesday (April 11) afternoon. of Shelburne has dated the water main to the for at least one minute (60 seconds) before and young children in non-boiled water as The pressure from the water main breaks mid-to-late 60s. caused sections of Main Street to rise. The road was reopened on Wednesday (April 12). years in asset management. It's not fully Boiling the water will kill the harmful micro- tinue until Apr. 15.

operations, told the Free Press on Tuesday would make it weaker than new stuff," that there were at least three breaks in the said Moss.

"Usually it's corrosion or frost related, and ground right now," said Moss. "But, it seems Town of Shelburne issued a boil water advi- their teeth. The Town of Shelburne announced the to be over pressurizing from filling the new sory on Wednesday (April 12) for a small sec-

According to Moss, the drawings the Town

"Typically piping is good for 70 to 80

Jim Moss, director of development and through its lifespan by any means, but it organisms in the water."

one of the main lines through Main Street.

tion of the downtown.

drinking it," the notice advised. "Let the they are likely to ingest the water. water cool down before using or drinking.

The Town also recommended that those affected alternate their source of safe water, The water main affected by the breaks is such as bottled water for drinking, making ice or mixed drinks, preparing baby food or As a result of the water main breaks, the infant formula, preparing food and brushing

Those in the catchment area were also warned to wash their hands with bottled or "You must bring the water to a rolling boil boiled water and to avoid bathing toddlers

The boil water advisory is expected to con-

Dufferin Men's Shelter opens with a focus on male advocacy

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Homeless men in Dufferin County now have a safe place to land, with Choices' Dufferin Men's Shelter opening at 59 Townline late last month.

Choices Youth Shelter from August to Octo- to know myself and my team of staff – I ber of 2021 but closed due to a lack of fund- don't want to put words in anybody's mouth ing at the time.

program for men facing homelessness now where they know that they're going to locally, so Choices' executive director Erin get the help that they need." Goodyear said she's thrilled to finally have it up and running.

men," she told the Free Press. "In a sys- the coming weeks and months. tem where there are lots of good social supports for youth, women and children, ter's doors, word of mouth has spread, and there are not for men, and men deserve people are finding them naturally, helping the same access to all of the same pro- with sustainability and stability as Choices sure that they feel comfortable and have grams as everybody else."

Goodyear noted the need for a shelter

in Orangeville has long existed, and that's being reflected in the "exceptional amount of interest" they've had since their soft opening on Mar. 27.

"The fellows who are coming through the door are grateful for there to be a safe space A shelter for men 25 and older ran at for them to come," she said. "Once they get – but I think that they feel a sense of safety Since then, there hasn't been a shelter and security, that there is somewhere to go

Choices' Dufferin Men's Shelter is for adults 25 and older and has eight beds cur-"With us opening up the men's program, rently, with four people in each room. Howour hope is to advocate on behalf of ever, there are plans to ramp up capacity in

Goodyear said since opening the shelorganically grows.

"For the staff too, you want to make

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SAM ODROWSKI PHOTO

HOMELESS SHELTER FOR MEN OPENS: Frontline worker at the Dufferin Men's Shelter Tito Fadairo (left) stands next to the shelter's executive director Erin Goodyear and case manager Tami Gordon at 59 Townline, where the new men's shelter is located. The facility opened its doors just over two weeks ago and is helping homeless men get back on their feet. Eight beds are currently available.

the tools that they need to provide the Choices Youth Shelter. support that people may require. They're room so that you're having cohesiveness. over 24. Otherwise, there could be conflict, and we don't want that."

The shelter can hold up to 20 men, and its with the male portion presently full. capacity will increase over time.

Individuals who are 16-24 can access

Choices purchased a property at 20 Townbuilding the relationships with the folks line last year and converted it into the new that are here now. And as new folks come, youth shelter, and the former youth shelter we are able to choose who goes in what at 59 Townline is the new shelter for men

Currently, 10 males and eight females are accommodated through the youth program,

The new location at 20 Townline is closer

To acknowledge National Volunteer Week, Caledon Dufferin Victim Services would like to publicly express our gratitude to the exceptional team of Crisis Responders who have selected this organization in their quest to help others. The Caledon Dufferin Volunteers are shining examples of what constitutes genuine compassion in action; lending assistance 365 days a year to help their fellow community members cope with criminal acts and adverse situations. Our dedicated Crisis Responders are immensely valued for their professionalism, guidance and empathetic presence.

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Choices can provide services to anyone geville, making it easier for the youth living who shows up to the men's shelter during there to find jobs close by and access things the daytime, even if they're not staying in the community. there.

provide support for housing searches, finan- twice a week to provide support, and soon cial support, so if there's any applications they will begin visits to the men's shelter. that need to be done for Ontario Works or Goodyear said.

people with any services they don't offer said Goodyear. and can do referrals for mental health and addiction support.

necessities given to people in need.

"People don't have to be here in our shelter living with us in order to get our get their high school diploma, apply for supports," Goodyear noted. "They're wel- college, address significant mental health come to just give us a call and then we'll issues and addictions, and receive ongoing help them to navigate whatever services counselling to work through past trauma. we can provide."

A full-time case manager working with to the downtown Broadway area of Oran-

A concurrent disorder and mental health "Our case manager Tami Gordon is here to counsellor comes into the youth shelter

"We also have collaborative relationships for ODSP, Tami can help with all of that," with all of our community partners, so if there are different services that people She added that Choices will help connect need to access, we're happy to refer them,"

While the men's shelter has only been running for about two weeks, Choices Youth The shelter receives lots of donations Shelter was founded in 2000, and since from the community of clothing and other Goodyear started there a year ago, she said there have been many success stories.

> Youth in the program have been able to Continued on Page 3

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and now are adults that come back to our and ensuring people can live independently porch to donate and say 'I was a youth here. before moving out prevents the shelter from You guys helped me back in the day. This is becoming a "revolving door," said Goodyear. where I'm at now.' And those stories will continue to just unfold as time moves forward," Goodyear said.

limit per stay, since Goodyear took on her where you need to be." leadership role at Choices, they've removed that limit.

"It takes a lot more than 30 days for you to figure your life out," she noted. "So as long as becomes a part of the foundation of who she noted. people are active in their searches and their they are, particularly if they don't have family stability and their sobriety – they're working members or friends to support them. through everything that they need to work through - then they're welcome to stay."

living in poor conditions out on the street, this

"If you don't get them stabilized, they're going to come back," she said. "We want to have a solution where it's going to be when While most homeless shelters have a 30-day you're ready to go, then we're going to get you

However, those who have stayed at the said Goodyear. shelter are always welcome back.

because then we're still able to help them to If there's a waiting list and other people are progress to move forward," said Goodyear. "We don't want to have people feel like they policy will be revisited, but for now, Choices have nowhere to go or no supports and then

do, they can come back at any time to do that surrounding homeless shelters. with us."

attitude of the staff, people who stay at the approach when interacting with people. shelter respect one another and are able to actively work on getting back on their feet, they're going to respond," Goodyear said.

And many do come back as the shelter build with people and how you treat folks,"

experiencing homelessness, they're not are rebuilding our reputation and our relation-"We're very happy when that happens less than anybody else. They just have a ships within the community and we really do different path, and you need to bring them want to be the change that people want to see back to where it is that they want to go on in the world. That's the vision that we have their journey."

"There are many positive stories of people is finding it to be a more practical approach. end up back in the shelter. So, if there's con- utive director of Choices a year ago, she said who have come through the doors of Choices, Addressing the root causes of homelessness flict with landlords, if there's financial strug- her family and friends were concerned for her gles, if there's applications that they need to health and safety because of the perceptions

> But since starting, she's never experienced Because of the warm, welcoming atmo- physical confrontation or violence - somesphere at the Dufferin Men's Shelter and the thing she attributes to her and Choices'

> > "The way in which we treat people is how

Going forward, Choices hopes to stabilize "It's just about the relationships that you funding sources and continue increasing the capacity of the men's shelter.

"From an organizational perspective, "When you're looking at people who are Choices is growing in a very positive way. We as an organization, and I think it's something When Goodyear took on the role as exec- that we're doing very well," said Goodyear.

Town of Shelburne asks residents to stay away from stormwater ponds

Written By Paula Brown Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Shelburne is reminding local residents of the dangers of stormwater lecting dirt, litter, and other pollutants before ponds' water levels fluctuate drastically, activities such as swimming, wading, fishponds with the changing of the seasons.

In a notice earlier this month, the Town of poses and to stay away at all times.

human-made infrastructure built to collect, into nearby watercourses. store, and treat rainfall and surface runoff. draining into the ponds.

The benefits of stormwater ponds include Shelburne warned residents that the storm- reducing and preventing flooding, improv- feet deep. water ponds are not for recreational pur- ing water quality before flowing into nearby

According to the town, there are 12 Stormwater runs off roads, driveways, and stormwater management ponds within promote safety in and around stormwater sidewalks throughout the community col- the community that they maintain. The ponds include refraining from recreational rising and falling, with the deepest pond ing, or boating within the stormwater approximately two meters or six and a half ponds.

The stormwater management ponds are limiting the amount of stormwater that goes shore-based and won't go into the water the pond.

for rescues.

Guidelines that residents can follow to

They also suggest residents avoid putting The town also noted that the Shelburne garbage, litter, pollutants, yard waste as well watercourses, and controlling erosion by and District Fire Department is strictly as draining water from pools or hot tubs into

Nominations open for Headwaters' 2023 Dr. David Scott Award

Written By Paula Brown Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) is now accepting nominations for the 2023 Dr. award have been selected for advocacy in David Scott Award.

promote links between the hospital and the moting violence prevention. community. The award has been handed out annually since 2000.

Scott practiced as a general surgeon in Oran- Dufferin County Paramedic Service and Dr. geville from 1962 to 1997. He also served as Gordon Willans (2019); Dr. Charlie Joyce Chief of the Medical Staff of Dufferin Area and Dr. Michael Gagnon (2020); and the Hospital from 1983 to 1989. He was Chair entire Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public of the Wellington-Dufferin District Health (2021). Council and played a key role in physician

ferin Area Physician Search Committee. He passed away in April 2020 at the age of 88.

Headwaters says past recipients of the many areas, including performance during Named after the late Dr. David Scott, the the COVID-19 pandemic, improving accesannual award recognizes individuals and sibility, fundraising and volunteer leadergroups who have gone above and beyond to ship with local organizations, improving improve the overall health and wellness of long-term care, recruiting physicians, the Dufferin-Caledon community as well as establishing after-hours clinics, and pro-

Previous recipients of the award have included Dr. Cathy Candusso and Dr. Mer-A life-long resident of Orangeville, Dr. cedes Rodriguez (2018); Tom Reid, Chief of

Last year, the award was presented to the recruitment with the former Greater Duf- laboratory team at Headwaters Health Care

Centre for their service processing swabs for Nomination forms can be found on the Head-COVID-19 during the pandemic.

The deadline to submit nominations for Scott Award will be presented at Headwathe Dr. David Scott Award is May 1 at 5 p.m. ters' Annual Meeting on Jun. 20.

waters Hospital website. The 2023 Dr. David





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HEALTH CARE AWARD: The laboratory team at Headwaters Health Care Centre received the 2022 Dr. David Scott Award on Jun. 21 last year. Nom-inations are open for this year's Dr. David Scott Award and the award recipient will be presented at Headwaters' Annual Meeting on Jun. 20.

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White collar crime

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It's no secret that white-collar crime is not different systems of stealing money. Some dealt with very harshly.

You see stories all the time of people embezzling money from their employers or other people, and rarely do they receive a punishment that reflects the damage they have done.

In most cases, by the time the crime is discovered, the money is long gone - spent on frivolous notions, vacations, or other expensive things that aren't tangible.

Sometimes a person will spend the money on homes or cars that can be recovered and recoup some of the losses, but you can't recover money that was spent on a private jet trip to Las Vegas with a ton of cash dropped at a casino.

In rare cases, a judge will order the person to pay back the stolen money. Good luck with that.

If a person steals \$5 million and blows it all, which is usually the case, where will they get the money to pay it back?

A lot of people and businesses have been hurt by these types of scams. Depending on the business, it can take years before a crime is discovered, as many people develop

create secret bank accounts and write their own cheques.

Others develop false billing or similar and pretend to pay other people for services when the money is actually going to themselves.

There's all sorts of devious plans people devise to steal money, from simple outright theft to very complicated accounting frauds.

The courts rarely hand out a harsh punishment for this type of crime, unless it's government money you're stealing.

A former Ontario government employee with the Ministry of Education, named Sanjay Madan, will be cooling his heels in a penitentiary after receiving a 10-year sentence for six counts of fraud, breach of trust, and money laundering.

He managed to steal \$47 million from government funds.

His crimes included stealing \$11 million from a pandemic aid fund that was supposed to help parents or guardians with money for educational expenses. On top of that, he had a fraud scheme involving kickbacks on government-owned computers to the tune of \$36.6 million.

He apparently masterminded the scheme with one of his associates, who is also facing a laundry list of charges in a separate trial.

He did this while already making a salary of over \$170,000 at your expense.

His wife, Shalini Mada, and two adult sons also worked for the provincial government. As part of a plea deal, criminal charges were dropped against her, but she still faces civil suit charges.

His family claimed they had no idea what he was up to. However, they couldn't offer an explanation as to why their father and husband could purchase \$28 million in assets in Canada and India including six Toronto condos worth \$3 million.

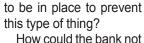
The family opened more than 400 bank accounts at the Bank of Montreal, then deposited around 10,000 cheques made out to fictitious applicants with thousands of non-existent children under the support program.

This type of fraud against you and me, the citizens of the province who paid the taxes to fund these programs, raises a lot of concerns.

How could a fraud that started in 2010 go undetected by the government? Where are the checks and balances that are supposed

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How could the bank not notice something fishy was going on? If you are

one hour late on your mortgage payment, the bank knows it, and you will be getting a call, but if a guy and his family open 400 bank accounts with the same bank, no one in bank security found that a tad suspicious?

According to reports, once Madan gets out of the cooler, he will have five years to pay back the full amount or face another six years in prison.

Good luck with that. Most likely, he will disappear and be back in India, never to be heard from again.

This type of fraud is the worst - he didn't pull a con on his own criminal associates. He stole from people who needed and deserved that money.

Hopefully, his associate, who is an even bigger fish in this scam pond, will get to match the 10-year sentence or receive more to set a precedent that stealing will not be tolerated by the hard-working citizens of this province.

China's conniptions with Taiwan

China has been having conniptions again. President Tsai Ing-wen of Taiwan had a courtesy meeting last week with the Speaker of the US House of Representatives, Kevin McCarthy. Beijing reacted by issuing a "stern warning" to the United States, and then "encircled" the island (its own words) with Chinese fighters, bombers, naval destroyers and missile boats.

Kevin McCarthy? Who he? Yes, he sort of controls the U.S. House of Representatives, but that is currently in the hands of the Republican Party, and thus has no power to shape the actions of the U.S. Government.

As for the man himself, he only won the Speakership on the 15th ballot, the first time since 1923 that the post was even contested. He made such concessions to win support that he is effectively hostage to his own party's extreme right. He is the walking embodiment of powerlessness. McCarthy's glancing encounter with President Tsai was staged in California, not in Washington DC, in order not to ruffle China's feathers too much. But it didn't help. Beijing's response was along the lines of King Lear. (You know: "I will do such things— What they are, yet I know not, but they shall be the terrors of the earth!") China declared three days of military

exercises designed to show that Beijing could conquer Taiwan at a moment's notice. As Chinese state media put it, the drills would "simultaneously organise patrols and advances around Taiwan island, shaping an all-round encirclement and deterrence posture."

What do they mean by that? 'Encirclement' means 'blockade', and 'deterrence' is about deterring the US Navy from trying to break that blockade. But it is just an expression of anger, not a statement of imminent strategic intent, nor even a demonstration of military capability.

In other words, we've heard it all before. We're hearing it more often now, in a louder voice, but that may just be due to the domestic Chinese political situation. China's ability to conquer Taiwan by military force has slowly improved over time, but is still far from assured. That may be another reason, beyond mere anger at being defied, why Beijing stages all these pantomime military drills: to convince the Taiwanese government and its foreign friends that China already possesses a capability that it does not actually have. This suggests two counter-strategies, one emotionally satisfying and the other practical. The satisfying one would be to wear the Chinese regime down by monthly or even more frequent meetings between American and Taiwan officials. Kevin McCarthy hasn't much else urgent on his agenda, so he could do half of them himself.

Just like the recent one in California that triggered such sound and fury from Beijing, they needn't be about anything in particular. But every time, Beijing would feel obliged to respond, using up immense amounts of fuel and steadily losing credibility. "I will do such things ... "

However, one should avoid embarrassing people whenever possible, and backing them into corners would be just stupid. An unsuccessful Chinese invasion attempt against Taiwan would be almost as big a catastrophe as a successful one.

The right policy for the Biden administration

of growth, but only on two conditions. One is that neither China nor the United States uses nuclear weapons. The other is that Taiwan

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The former assumption is probably safe; the other is not. Taiwan's various governments used to have such high confidence in the American deterrent that they let the country's military spending fall until it was actually below Australia's on a per capita basis.

That was unwise. As Ukraine has demonstrated, US help does depend on a country being able to put up an effective defence itself. Taiwan's military spending is now rising rapidly, but it will be at least five years until it could hold out alone for more than a month. If the two trends above unfold at similar rates in Taiwan and in China, there will never be a time when a Chinese invasion would be a militarily plausible undertaking. The primary US role should be to ensure that Taiwan urgently rebuilds its military defences, ignoring all Chinese threats and imprecations. Avoiding a Chinese-American war should be the highest strategic priority for both countries, and this, paradoxically, would be the most valuable US contribution.

would be to leave the high-profile meetings to publicity-hungry Republican politicians (no more Nancy Pelosi farewell tours); to confine President Biden to murmured promises to defend Taiwan (promptly walked back into ambiguity by his entourage); and to concentrate on the military realities.

The dominant military reality in the region is that China's armed forces will have a fair chance of success if they invade Taiwan in about five years' time, at their current rate

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Three individuals arrested in connection to Easter 'freedom' rally

Written By Sam Odrowski & Paula Brown Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Three people have been charged following another 'freedom' rally held in Shelburne ricades]? This is an event for children not for over the Easter long weekend.

Around 250 protestors gathered at Jack Downing Park, located on Main Street in and "failed soldier." Shelburne, on Saturday (Apr. 8) for the bi-weekly demonstration. Chris Saccoccia, also known online as Chris Sky, who rose to notoriety during the pandemic for his antimask and anti-lockdown rhetoric, was in safety of the public," he remarked. attendance at the rally as a guest speaker.

Dufferin OPP officers were there to monitor the demonstration and ensure the safety of the public.

"We have been monitoring this for a while, we feel that the weekend was overall a great that same day for failing to comply with success," said Sgt. Terri-Ann Pencarinha, media relations officer for Dufferin OPP. "People have a right to gather and speak their minds, and [the] majority of those people we a law abiding. Unfortunately, we had a few there that were not."

A 44-year-old male from Shelburne was charged with assault with a weapon, intimidation – use or threats, use of violence, and mischief under \$5,000. Pencarinha confirmed a vehicle was used as a weapon in the alleged assault. The accused was transported to the Dufferin detachment, where he was held pending a bail hearing the following day.

A 27-year-old man from Orangeville was charged with mischief, interfering with any person in the lawful use, enjoyment, or operation of property over \$5,000. Video obtained the rally and shared with the Free Press his by the Free Press of the Orangeville man account of the incident that resulted in his being arrested shows him moving barricades arrest the day prior.

set up by public works for the protest.

you just hang big swastikas on them [the bar-Hitler's minions."

The man also called a police officer a "pig"

The arresting officer responded that the barriers were there for safety and not to ing my Charter [of Rights and Freedoms] touch them.

"My job as a police officer to ensure the

As the Orangeville man dragged a barrier across the street and encouraged oth- truck to pull into a William Street parking again the next day," Glass said. ers to do the same, he was taken to the stall that had a barricade on it. ground and handcuffed.

their undertaking. The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville in May to answer to the charges.

A 40-year-old woman from Scarborough was also arrested on a bench warrant at after it broke, the public works employee the protest.

The Free Press learned that the 44-yearold man arrested from Shelburne is Jeremy Glass, the organizer of the bi-weekly rallies.

In speaking with the Free Press, Glass maintained his innocence and said he doesn't believe the charges will hold up in court.

broken no law yet," he said.

Glass was arrested on the day following

He said he was in downtown Shelburne Town Hall or the park, as the plaintiff, who's set up on certain parking areas.

stop moving them.

Glass told the police, "I'm not negotiatblocked off.

As his truck rolled forward, a public works The same man was charged again later employee who had been setting up barricades stood in the stall and kept his hand on the barricade in what appeared to be an effort to prevent Glass from pulling forward.

> Despite this, he proceeded forward, slowly pushing the barricade, which fell apart, and stepped away.

assault with a weapon and intimidation charges stem from, and Pencarinha con- these individuals were charged with somefirmed a vehicle was used as a weapon in the thing unlawful, we don't tend to give them alleged assault.

The following morning, Glass recalls "I've been very transparent with the police, Dufferin OPP officers arriving at his door, they included that he can't be within 100 meters of Jack Downing Park or Shelburne Town Hall.

because the incident had nothing to do with will be there to respond.

Prior to the man's arrest, he is seen yelling around 9 a.m. on Apr. 8 to begin getting ready a public works employee, doesn't work out at police, "Get your swastikas out. Why don't for the bi-weekly rally and saw barricades of either location. As a result, he was taken to the Orangeville Jail overnight, pending a Glass began removing the barricades and bail hearing the following day. At the bail stacking them off to the side. He was then hearing, he reduced the conditions to 50 asked by public works staff and police to meters instead of 100. He is also allowed in Town Hall to attend council meetings when they're being held.

> "All my restaurants, my bank, my drughere." He said he has the right to hold public store, everything's within that 100-meter space there and use the parking spots being radius, so they reduced it to 50, which wasn't much. But at the end of the day, I didn't want Moments later, Glass climbed into his to sit in jail any longer to have it brought up

> > He told the Free Press that he will abide by the conditions and take a different approach at the 'freedom' protests so he doesn't breach them.

> > Meanwhile, Glass claims the charges were political in nature but Pencarinha told the Free Press, "We don't do anything political; we're abiding by the law."

The police have released no names of those charged on Apr. 8 to prevent them He told the Free Press this is where the from gaining notoriety over the charges.

> "When a protest becomes unlawful, and all a bigger claim to fame by broadcasting their names," said Pencarinha.

Dufferin OPP said they respect the right to right from the beginning of doing what I'm telling him he was under arrest. When he freedom of expression and peaceful assemdoing because I'm breaking no laws. I have received the conditions from the officers, bly. They also added that acts of violence will not be tolerated and that they will respond to unlawful activities or actions in an appropriate and professional manner. The OPP has Glass said he refused the conditions no role in resolving the underlying issues but

Memorial garden damaged locally

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Written By Paula Brown Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Shelburne and District Fire Departpublic's assistance after the fire department's memorial and flower garden were damaged over the long weekend.

local fire department said the damage to the April 8.

memorial and flower garden occurred sometime on Saturday (April 8) between 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

"We believe a large vehicle struck the ment and Dufferin OPP are asking for the memorial with its front passenger side tire," said the fire department in the post.

Dufferin OPP received a call for the report of mischief to the memorial, which is located In a post on their Facebook page, the in front of the Shelburne Fire Station, on In a press release, Dufferin OPP said officers attended and observed damage to the interlocking brick surrounding the statue. Police said the investigation is continuing, and they are asking for the public's help in identifying the person or persons responsible. Anyone who can provide factual information or may have witnessed the incident is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) to remain anonymous. Individuals can also contact the local fire department by email at SDFD@sdfd.ca or by phone at 519-925-5111.

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Stayner leading 2-1 over Alliston in Junior C championship series

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Stayner Siskins are leading the Alliston Hornets 2-1 in their best-of-seven North Carruthers Division of the Provincial Junior Hockey League championship final series.

The Siskins went ahead with a 4-3 win in said Hornets forward Cole Turcotte after game three on Sunday, Apr. 9, on Stayner's Saturday's game. "Tonight it was a slow home ice.

Stayner on Thursday, Apr. 6.

first period and stayed ahead for the whole the game, but we couldn't find a way tonight. game. They scored again in the second Going back to Stayner, when we want to get period for a 2-0 lead.

just a minute and a half later.

That game ended with a 3-2 Allison win to back to were we want to be." start the series.

The two teams were back on the ice on the scoring in the first period. Saturday, Apr. 8, at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre in Alliston.

This time the Siskins jumped out to a 2-0 late in the period. lead in the first period and followed up with two more goals in the second.

Alliston scored with 33 seconds left on the clock in the second to put the Hornets matched by a final Alliston goal at the 16:06 settle for a 4-3 loss. on the scoreboard.

The third period started badly for the Hor-

nets when Stayner scored twice before it was three minutes into the period.

Alliston managed two third-period goals. Stayner won the game 6-3 to tie the series. "We started good on Thursday, everyone

was playing, we were getting on their 'D'," start and we couldn't find our way back into Game one of the series got underway in the game. We're trying to get in there get on their defence and see they cough some up The Hornets opened the scoring in the so we could get some goals and get back in going at the start of the game, we want to Stayner followed with their opening goal get on them early and see if we can pop one before they get one. That should bring us

Sunday's game saw the Siskins again open

Alliston tied the game at 16:02 into the period, but the Siskins went ahead on a goal

The teams matched goals in the third period.

Stayner scored in the third, and that was mark in the frame.

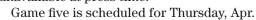


BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

REACHING FOR PUCK: The Stayner Siskins beat the Alliston Hornets 6-3 during game two of their best-of-seven series.

unavailable at press time.

Game four of the series was scheduled The Hornets couldn't tie it up and had to for Tuesday, Apr. 11, in Alliston, with results 13, in Stayner with an 8:00 p.m. start.



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SUCCESS IN COMPETITION: The Dufferin-Peel Skating Club sent a team of 16 to participate in the Bring on the Fun competition held at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex on Saturday, Apr.



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it just felt it was right for me," Carson said of why likes playing in net. "I like the team aspect of hockey. You're making friends wherever you go. You really have to work on teamwork to be a good team. It really helps in the real world as well, because when you have a job you will have to work with a team."

A well rounded athlete, Lucas is a running back with his team, the Orangeville Outlaws, during the summer.

Skaters, Kaitiyn Hunt, Sophia Thomas, Olivia Chung, Melissa Simpson, Jordan Young, Nilsson, Jillian Young and Hailey Parker, pose on the ice.

Skating Club hosts 'Bring on the Fun' competitions

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Dufferin-Peel Skating Club participated the skaters on the ice. in a fun on-ice event at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex on Saturday, Apr. 1.

competition, was hosted by Skate Canada tions in the world. Shelburne and Skate Ontario. It was a STAR 5 Production Showcase.

took part in the event.

events with a focus on having fun. An appreciative audience enjoyed watching the skills of

Formed in 1991, the Dufferin-Peel Skating Club is a member of Skate Canada, one of the The event, called the 'Bring on the Fun' largest and most progressive skating associa-

The Olympic size rink at Teen Ranch in Caledon is their home venue where they practice Sixteen members of the Dufferin-Peel team and learn to skate. They have special programs of instruction and a positive training atmo-The team consisted of seasoned competi- sphere that helps Club members realize their tors and first-timers participating in several skating goals faster. The 'Bring on the Fun'

Inquest into 2016 death of Orangeville women convicted of murder delayed

Written By Paula Brown Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Terry Baker, an inmate serving a life sentence ner for inquests, Dr. David Eden. for her role in the torture and murder of an Orangeville teen, has been postponed.

submissions from the parties, the presiding around her neck. officer, Dr. David Eden, had ruled the inquest be postponed.

The Elizabeth Fry Society, who have Baker's death.

Baker, who pleaded guilty to her part McLennan, died at St. Mary's General Hospital in Kitchener on Jul. 6, 2016. She was sentenced to 18 months. transferred to the hospital from Grand Valley Institution for Women after being found been determined.

unresponsive in her cell.

In 2017, a coroner's inquest to examine the events surrounding Baker's death was A coroner's inquest into the 2016 death of announced by then regional supervising coro-

The cause of Baker's death in 2016 has not been specified, but in an interview back The inquest was expected to start on in 2016, Canadian Association of Eliza-Tuesday (Apr. 11), but on Apr. 5, the Solic- beth Fry Societies executive director Kim itor General announced that after hearing Pate said Baker was found with a ligature

> An inquest into Baker's death is mandatory under the Coroner's Act.

Baker, who was 16-years-old at the time of expressed concerns about Baker's treat- McLennan's murder in 2002, was convicted ment while in custody, said in an Apr. 11 of first-degree murder as an adult in 2006 and press release that the delay was due to Cor- handed a life sentence. Baker's then 20-yearrectional Services of Canada (CSC) not pro- old boyfriend, William Bronson Penasse, also ducing documents ordered for seizure by Dr. pleaded guilty to first-degree murder in 2005 Eden to further his investigation into Terry and was sentenced to life in prison without eligibility for parole until 2030.

Another 16-year-old - who was never idenin the 2002 murder of 16-year-old Robbie tified under the Youth Criminal Justice Act was convicted of second-degree murder and

A new date for the inquest has not yet

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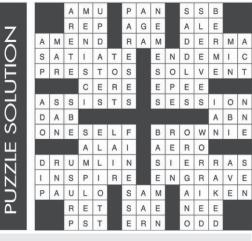
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