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SIKH HERITAGE MONTH FLAG RAISING: Members of the Dufferin Sikh community, local leaders, and community leaders gathered at Jack Downing Park in Shelburne on Monday (April 17) for a flag raising ceremony in celebration of Sikh Heritage Month.

Climate Adaptation Strategy adopted by Dufferin County

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Dufferin County Council has adopted a localized plan to help prepare for the impacts of climate change in the community.

During their meeting last Thursday (Apr. 13), council received a report from Sara MacRae, manager of climate and energy, regarding the Dufferin Climate Adaptation Strategy (DCAS).

The Dufferin Climate Adaptation Strategy is a localized climate plan that proactively identifies opportunities to advance climate resilience in the community's social, economic, and built-in natural systems. The creation of the strategy was supported by a Climate Adaptation Working Group, comprised of local representatives, to capture the priorities of Dufferin's rural and urban communities.

The Dufferin Climate Adaptation Strategy is a companion plan to the Dufferin Climate Action Plan.

"There are two sides of the climate coin – the mitigation is avoiding the unmanageable and adaptation is managing the unavoidable. You really need both sides of this for comprehensive climate action," explained MacRae. "We realized that we needed a much more wholesome look at the localized impact that we expect and adaptation strategies to meet those challenges that we're expecting in the future."

The climate strategy includes 23 actions that were organized into five focus areas: buildings and infrastructure, energy and economy, agriculture and natural

environment, people and health, and enabling actions.

Five priority actions identified by the county to be implemented over the next five years include:

- Creating a framework for adopting a Green Development Standard to build resilience and complete communities
- Encourage homeowners and property owners to improve climate resilience through upgrades and retrofits
- Establish and enhance emergency preparedness communications and programs
- Increase uptake of regenerative agricultural practices in partnership with farmers to increase soil organic matter, reduce soil erosion and improve water security
- Incorporate a climate lens into asset management, capital planning and budgetary processes

"We know the greater the warming, the greater the impacts. The Dufferin Climate Action Plan and Dufferin's Climate Adaptation Strategy will work together as complementary action pathways to support global efforts to slow the pace of climate change, while also preparing our community to continue to thrive in the face of growing climate impacts," said Coun. Chris Gerrits, chair of the infrastructure and environmental services committee.

Council also received the annual Climate Action Report Card, highlighting the progress made on the Dufferin Climate Action Plan during 2022.

The Dufferin Climate Action Plan (DCAP), developed by the county's Climate and Energy Division, is publicly known as Cli-

mate Action in Dufferin and was officially adopted by council in March 2021. It's Dufferin County's first comprehensive strategy to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) by 2050 and build resilience to the impact of climate change.

Using six focus areas, the Dufferin Climate Action Plan outlines 34 primary actions and 99 sub-actions for the county to take to achieve greenhouse gas neutrality and community resilience.

One of the key initiatives undertaken in 2022 includes the exploration of a Tri-County Green Development Standard in collaboration with Grey and Wellington Counties. It would prioritize building designs that reduce energy demand and increase efficiencies, such as passive cooling, air source heat pump, triple pane windows, and light-coloured roofs.

According to the DCAP Report Card, buildings account for 29 per cent of GHG emissions in the county.

Another initiative highlighted in 2022 was advancing the implementation of a regional EV fast-charging network in partnership with the counties of Bruce, Grey, Huron and Perth. The collaboration helped identify a need for 17 Level 3 Direct Current Fast Charger locations.

The report also noted the completion of the first cohort of seven locally-based farmers participating in the first year of the Experimental Acres Pilot Program.

The entire Dufferin Climate Action Plan and Adaptation Strategy reports can both be found on the county's website at www.dufferincounty.ca.

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Provincial funding secured for Highway 10 and Owen Sound Street resurfacing

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Shelburne's main thoroughway will soon be a smoother ride for drivers as the provincial government commits over \$1 million in funding for a road resurfacing project.

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones and Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills announced on Apr. 12 that the provincial government would be providing the Town of Shelburne with \$1,170,191 to help resurface Owen Sound Street and Highway 10. The funding is being delivered through the Connecting Links program.

"There's no doubt that the road through the Town of Shelburne is being used for provincial benefits and assets, which is what you're seeing with a lot of the truck traffic," said Jones. "By working together, we better utilize the infrastructure and the roadways that already exist."

The Connecting Links program provides funding for up to 90 per cent of eligible project costs. This includes a maximum of \$3 million for road projects and \$5 million for bridge projects. Eligible costs include the design, construction, renewal, rehabilitation, and replacement of municipal roads and bridges that run through communities and connect to provincial highways.

"The funding partnerships, particularly in a situation like this, are critical," said Mills. "A lot of the wear and tear that is seen particularly through our main thoroughfare is as the result of provincial vehicles traveling through whether it's trucks or people visiting areas further north. From an equitable point of view, it's key that we're getting some pro-



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT: Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills, and Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Denyse Morrissey announced on Apr. 12 that the provincial government would be providing the Town of Shelburne with over \$1.1 million in funding for a resurfacing project on Owen Sound Street.

vincial dollars."

Connecting links are municipal roads that connect two ends of a provincial highway through a community or to an international or interprovincial border crossing.

According to the province, there are a total of 352 kilometres of connecting links, with 70 bridges in 77 municipalities in Ontario.

Shelburne Town Council budgeted for the resurfacing project in their 2023 budget, but it was conditional on receiving funding from the province.

"Had we not received the Connecting Link

funding, we probably would have done some work, but it would have been a scaled version," said Mills.

Construction is expected to be ongoing throughout the summer. Residents can expect delays on the road, similar to those during the resurfacing of Main Street over the last two years.

"There is an inconvenience factor when construction happens, but at the end of the project you have a safer road," said Jones. "That's ultimately what our collective goal is, to make sure that the roadway is maintained."

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Provincial funding for homelessness prevention in the county to increase

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Dufferin County is receiving more support for homelessness prevention from the provincial government.

A press release from Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, issued on Apr. 13, announced \$1,674,199 for Dufferin County from the province's Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP). The funding is an increase of more than \$560,000 from last year.

"This investment in the Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) will provide Dufferin County with necessary funding to support vulnerable people in our community," said Jones. "HPP helps communities provide housing and other supports for individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness across the province."

The additional funding is aimed at helping those experiencing or at risk of homelessness and supporting community organizations delivering supportive housing.

The funding increase is the result of a revised model that looks to reflect the existing needs of people facing homelessness across Ontario, particularly during

a time of rising inflation. It also ensures that service providers are not receiving a decrease in funding available for allocation compared to last year.

"We know Ontario's housing supply crisis impacts all Ontarians, no matter their background or budget," said Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "That's why we've increased funding for our homelessness prevention programs by more than 40 per cent."

To access Homeless Prevention Program funding, local service managers must have an up-to-date and comprehensive By-Name List of people experiencing homelessness, as well as information specifying their needs.

The province said it ensures that each person experiencing homelessness is connected to the right housing and supports they need as soon as they are available.

The Ontario government has committed an additional \$202 million annually to the province's Homeless Prevention Program and Indigenous Supporting Housing Program, bringing the total yearly investment to the program close to \$700 million.

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STOOP AND SCOOP

The Town of Shelburne's parks, trails and greenspaces are cherished by residents, visitors, and their dogs. Unfortunately, there are growing concerns of some residents not following the Animal Control Bylaw (Bylaw # 15-2018), section 7 – stoop and scoop with dog poop being left behind and bags not being disposed of properly.

It is the owner's responsibility to stoop and scoop, it is also the law. Residents should carry plastic bags when walking their dog and dispose of filled bags in the nearest garbage receptacle. Animal feces left uncleaned, or bags of feces left behind cause:

- Unpleasant experiences for all residents
 - A risk to human health, especially young children playing outside
 - The spread of disease, bacteria, and parasites
 - Harm to the environment by contaminating waterways
- Although many bags indicate they are biodegradable or eco-friendly, they require the proper conditions to break down. Please ensure to stoop, scoop and dispose of bags correctly to help keep the community clean, healthy, and safe.

Reminder: Dogs must be on a leash unless in a designated leash free zone. The Town's Off Leash Dog Park is located at Fiddle Park and is open to the public from dawn until dusk every day.



DAMAGED GRASS FROM WINTER MAINTENANCE

Grass near the sidewalk can become damaged during winter maintenance efforts. Sidewalk plowing presents many challenges; particularly throughout the winter when it is dark and difficult to tell exactly where the edge of the sidewalk is due to snow coverage.

When the ground is frozen, damage is minimal. When ground is not frozen, during thaw cycles and milder temperatures, it lifts away very easily or can become damaged.

Damage to Town grass will be inspected and damaged grass will be repaired during Spring Maintenance. Please report damage to the Town's Operations, Parks and Facilities Clerk with your address and details:

- Through the online Report a Concern Form <https://forms.shelburne.ca/Clerks/Report-a-Concern>
- By email - jkaske@shelburne.ca
- By phone - 519-925-2600 ext. 261

Please remember that boulevards are owned by the Town and should not have any permanent landscape features. These features can create hazards during winter maintenance and damages would not be the responsibility of the Town.



SIDEWALK AND STREET SWEEPING – STARTING SOON!

Operators will be sweeping sidewalks throughout Town the week of April 17 – 21, 2023 and the Downtown Core will be washed overnight on April 20, 2023.

Street sweeping maintenance will occur the week of April 24 – 28, 2023. Residents should ensure that sand is raked from their lawns onto the curb for collection by April 24, 2023.

To help us provide the best service possible during street sweeping please do not push sand into piles, minimize residential street parking, and ensure sport equipment is not in the roadway.

Questions or concerns? Please report online by completing the Report a Concern Form, email jkaske@shelburne.ca, or call 519-925-2600 ext. 261.



SATURDAY AND SUNDAY TRANSIT IN SHELBURNE - EXPANDED STOPS AND INCREASED SERVICE

Starting Saturday April 29, 2023, through to December 31, 2023 Shelburne will have fourteen (14) weekend bus service stops which increased from four (4). The routes will run for 5 hours starting at 9:45 am and ending at 2:54 pm.

The weekend transit in Shelburne provided by GTR is comprised of ten (10) runs each day. Weekend service is five (5) hours per day and the route is

every thirty (30) minutes. Weekend transit service is not provided on Statutory Holidays.

GTR Transit weekend service continues to originate in Owen Sound, travel to Dundalk and then to Shelburne for the first run of the day. Shelburne to Dundalk to Owen Sound would be last the run of the day.

The cost per ride is \$5.00 for adults, \$4.50 for seniors (55 years of age and older) and free for children under 5. Payment is by cash only. The weekend service will now allow riders to wait at any of the 14 weekend stops. There is no pre-booking and pre-paying available for weekend service.

The weekend transit stops map is shown:

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Stop Number: 3
Location: Gordon Street at Third Avenue

Stop Number: 4
Location: Gordon Street at Main Street West

Stop Number: 5
Location: Red Front Store Lane at Victoria Street

Stop Number: 6
Location: Centre Street at James Street South

Stop Number: 7
Location: Jelly Street South at Simon Street

Stop Number: 8
Location: School Road at Dufferin County Road 31

Stop Number: 9
Location: Wardsbrough Way at Halbert Drive

Stop Number: 10
Location: Morden Drive at Fiddle Park Lane

Stop Number: 11
Location: Greenwood Street at Robert Street

Stop Number: 12
Location: First Avenue East at William Street

Stop Number: 13
Location: William Street at Robert Street

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Little green men

For some reason, there has been this fascination with Mars – the red planet – which peaked during the 1950s when it was speculated that the planet next to ours might contain life.

Old science fiction movies and TV shows speculated what our Martian cousins might look like. However, it's pretty much certain there are no little green men on Mars. These days, scientists are just looking for signs of bacteria or other microorganisms that may have been present at one time.

The Mars rover missions renewed interest in Mars. However, there wasn't much to see. A lot of rocks and soil, but that's about it.

Talk of sending a mission to Mars has been going on for quite a while, but so far, it is just an unrealistic dream.

Elon Musk, the CEO of SpaceX and builder of the Tesla electric car, has built a new rocket on a launch pad in Texas. It is called Starship. It was supposed to launch, but technical problems caused a delay.

It is the largest and most powerful rocket ever built. It stands taller, at almost 400 feet, and has a larger payload capability than the massive Saturn rocket that sent men to the moon.

You have to admire Elon Musk. He's quite the entrepreneur and visionary. His company is now doing things that government-funded agencies couldn't. That's probably because government bureaucracy tends to stifle the inventive process.

Elon is also very realistic when it comes to his rocket creation. He admitted there is a good chance of failure with his new rocket – because it's new.

This rocket will have a massive amount of thrust, which somehow has to be properly contained and controlled. The unique characteristic of Starship is it is designed to be reusable.

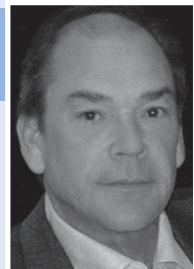
The concept is that it will land vertically and can be fueled up to fly again. Yes, just like the cartoon version of space travel with Bugs Bunny and the Martian fellow.

Mr. Musk's long-term goal, of which yet there is no prediction of time, however he works pretty fast, is to eventually land a colony on Mars.

Some experts predict a human Mars landing by 2030.

It sure sounds like fun to fly to another planet and be the first to land, plant a flag and pop the cork on a bottle of champagne to celebrate.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



The hard truth is, when and if they decide to launch a manned mission to Mars, the crew must realistically expect to never return.

Astronauts managed to land on the moon. That was a huge accomplishment and very dangerous. Mission commander Neil Armstrong later said he figured they had around a 50 per cent chance of accomplishing the mission. There were so many things that could go wrong. From crashing on the surface to failure of the lunar lander engine, any number of things could have doomed them to death in space.

The moon is three days of space travel away, and the landing was achieved by three men in a tiny capsule.

So far, there have been 40 unmanned missions to Mars. Only 18 were successful. The rest either crashed and burned or were lost in space.

Mars, at best, is a seven to nine-month trip. The logistics surrounding that mission would be huge.

The plan for Starship is to launch a colony of up to 100 people for the trip. Most likely they will start the first trip with a much smaller number of space travellers.

Even with a small group, trying to figure

it all out would be quite an undertaking. How do you pack enough food on board for a round-trip excursion that will take 18 months if they only spend a week on the surface? Even well stocked submarines run out of food after only a couple of months at sea.

You would need all sorts of medical supplies and someone as a medical officer.

In the event of a breakdown, from air supply to water, or propulsion, or any needed instruments on board, you're pretty much done. You won't have spare parts, and you can't fix broken components in space with a wrench and hammer.

Then there would be the mental fatigue of being in a closed cylinder for that period of time. Sooner or later, one of your comrades will blow a gasket and try opening the door for a breath of fresh air.

Apparently, there are a lot of volunteers for the first suicide mission to Mars.

I'm going to enjoy my own version of a space capsule – my Ford Escape – which allows me to explore planet earth at my own convenience.

Sudan: the thieves fall out

It's a pity that both sides can't lose in the war that broke out between rival generals in Sudan on Saturday, but the best that the 48 million Sudanese can hope for now is that one side loses quickly. Beyond that, it's all bad: the rival generals both want to strangle the democratic revolution that began in the streets of Khartoum four years ago.

It was a long overdue revolution. The previous military dictator, Omar al-Bashir, was in power for thirty years, waging constant wars against minority groups and handing huge chunks of the economy over to military interests while civilian living standards stagnated.

He created the Janjaweed, an ethnic militia, to destroy rebels in the western province of Darfur, and wound up indicted by the International Criminal Court (ICC) for genocide. He stole at least \$9 billion.

The revolution that overthrew him in 2019 was a spontaneous popular uprising driven by idealistic students and the exhausted commercial and professional classes of Khartoum. The military dumped Bashir and jailed him for corruption, but they also forced the rebels to join a 'Transitional Military Council' (TMC) with them. Jailing Bashir kept him out of the hands of the ICC, whose investigators might link other generals to his crimes. The TMC deal forced the democratic movement to accept a two-year delay before

free elections. But the Sudanese generals were really waiting for billions in help to arrive from other nervous dictatorships in the region like Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

By 2021, \$3 billion of financial aid from Egypt, the UAE and Saudi Arabia had duly arrived, and the senior military officer on the TMC pulled the plug on "power-sharing" with the civilians. General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan declared on TV that the military would "stop negotiating with the Alliance for Freedom and Change and cancel what had been agreed on." Burhan had to kill a lot of civilians to make them accept this betrayal, of course, and he worried that his own soldiers, who had been fraternising with civilians on the streets for the previous two years, might refuse to massacre them. He solved that problem by bringing the Janjaweed to town, now renamed the 'Rapid Support Forces' (RSF).

The commander of the RSF, 'General' Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo, commonly known as 'Hemeti', was already a power in the land second only to Burhan. The RSF is essentially Hemeti's own private army, and killing a few hundred people on the streets of Khartoum was no big deal to a man who slaughtered tens of thousand in Darfur, so he was happy to help. Burhan, the chief thief, and 'Hemeti', now No.2 in the regime as a reward for his help in the 2021 coup,

should have been able to cooperate in some lying promise about an election in a few years, and renege on it later. Amazingly, they couldn't even manage that.

Burhan has already had decades to make his pile, while Hemeti, despite all his gold mines in Darfur, feels he is just getting started. So Burhan's plan to 'integrate' the RSF into the army within two years (which would destroy Hemeti's power base) was completely unacceptable to the assistant chief. He wanted ten years – so the thieves fell out.

The fighting is happening all over the country, because both the army and the RSF are everywhere. At the time of writing it's hard to tell which side will win, but it's also hard to care. Both men have a lot of Sudanese blood on their hands, and neither has the skill to run even a dictatorship efficiently.

The one thing we can say with confidence at this point is that it is not an 'African' problem. Civilian rule has taken a beating in the Sahel belt of Africa recently, but democracy, however imperfect, is still a reality or a live prospect in most of sub-Saharan Africa.

The Sudanese, or at least the dominant ethnic groups there, still see the country as part of the Arab world – and in that context what is happening in Sudan is not at all surprising.

There are no democracies whatever in the Arab world, and military or monarchical tyrannies are the norm. Moreover, they collaborate to maintain the status quo. Move along, please. There's nothing new to see here.

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Inspection blitz in Mulmur results in 25 charges laid

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) laid 25 charges and issued several warnings during a recent commercial motor vehicle safety inspection.

The safety inspection took place on Apr. 15, 2023. Qualified officers set up an inspection station in the Township of Mulmur, to ensure safe operation by commercial motor vehicles (CMV).

"The goal was to promote the safety of all road users throughout Dufferin Detachment area and reduce the frequency and severity of incidents involving Commercial Motor Vehicles, including a reduction in fatalities,

injuries and property damage resulting from these incidents," said Dufferin OPP in a press release.

"Road safety is a shared responsibility, and we all have a role to play. Commercial vehicles are heavy and require greater stopping distance. Motorists are reminded to leave plenty of space for these large vehicles to slow and stop safely."

Dufferin OPP would like to thank the majority of drivers, who are responsible and contribute to safe roads.

"Please drive cautiously, courteously and report unsafe drivers to OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or 9-1-1 in [an] emergency," said Dufferin OPP.



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SAFETY INSPECTIONS: Dufferin OPP officers carried out a commercial motor vehicle safety inspection blitz on Apr. 15 in Mulmur. As a result, 25 charges were laid.

No animals or people injured in recent Melancthon barn fire

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)

attended a barn fire in the Township of Melancthon on Apr. 15.

At approximately 12:10 p.m., Dufferin OPP along with Dundalk Fire, attended the scene of a grass fire that spread to the barn on County Road 9.

Fortunately, no humans or animals injured and the fire has been deemed non-suspicious.

If you witnessed the fire and wish to speak to victim services, Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services can be reached at 905-951-3838.

If you have information regarding this fire or any suspected unlawful activity, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or visit Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or www.

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Members of the Dufferin OPP are committed to public safety, delivering proactive and innovative policing in partnership with our communities.

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Copper wires stolen out of wind turbines

The Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is investigating damage to turbines and theft of copper wire from a wind farm in the Township of Grand Valley.

Sometime between Apr. 13, at 4:00 p.m., and Apr. 14, at 9:00 a.m., the suspect(s) entered a wind farm on Amaranth-East Luther Townline and stole the aluminum staircases as well as copper wire to three turbines.

The investigation is continuing, and the Dufferin OPP is asking for the public's assistance in identifying the person(s) responsible.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). When you contact Crime Stoppers you remain anonymous, you will never have to testify, and you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

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NOTICE

Hunting in the Dufferin County Forest

All users of the Dufferin County Forest are hereby advised that April 25-May 31 is the spring shotgun/archery season for wild turkey in 2023. Wild turkey hunting may occur only from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 7:00 p.m. During this time there will be a number of hunters using the Dufferin County Forest properties. Please use caution in the forest and wear bright-coloured clothing. There is no hunting allowed at any time in the following tracts: north portion of Amaranth, Hockley, Leening, Levitt, Little, Main, Mono, Thomson, and River Road. Suspected violations of the Fish & Wildlife Conservation Act should be reported to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry at 877-847-7667 (877-TIPS-MNR). Other inquiries should be directed to the County Forest Manager at 877-941-7787.

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- Makes healthy
- The Who's "O'Riley"
- Side sheltered from wind
- Flat-bottomed sailboats
- Egyptian supreme god
- Advice
- Mass of small, loose stones
- Online learning services provider
- "Lords" in Northwest Semitic languages
- Of she
- A place to relax
- Critical and mocking
- Consumed
- You get one in summer
- Bath
- Luxury automaker
- Spiders spin one
- Guy (slang)
- Greek personification of Earth
- Large instruments
- Domestic cattle genus
- Appetizer
- Oil group
- Where to put groceries
- Speak incessantly
- Popular color
- A place to sleep
- Make fun of
- Former CIA
- Salts
- Bleated
- Never sleeps
- Sword
- Water (Spanish)
- Cyprinids
- "Dark Knight" actor Christian
- Fictional demon
- Old World lizard
- The content of cognition
- Makes a mistake
- A way to make wet
- Tide

CLUES DOWN

- One-liner
- Evergreen genus
- College in Rome
- Prevents from seeing
- Cycles/second
- Mischievous child
- Less common
- Honorably retired
- Midway between south and southeast
- A confusion of voices and other sounds
- Bony fish genus
- Type of pear
- Egyptian cross
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- Founder of Babism
- Bar bill
- Chicago ballplayer
- Performer
- Hairpiece
- Partner to flowered City
- Aircraft formation
- You have 3 per day
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- College athletic organization
- Wet, muddy ground
- Talk
- Witty conversation
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- Sports equipment
- Try to get
- Flower cluster
- Sea dwellers
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Marg McCarthy - McCarthy Realty

MEET MARG MCCARTHY, THE BROKER OF RECORD FOR MCCARTHY REALTY IN SHELBURNE, ON. Marg grew up and has lived most of her life in Dufferin County, giving her an intimate understanding of the area's towns and rural regions. With over 40 years of experience running her own businesses, Marg brings a wealth of knowledge across various aspects of business to the table. She specializes in sales and marketing, which provides valuable insights to anyone looking to buy or sell a home. Over the years, Marg has established a broad network of contacts throughout Dufferin County and Canada, which has proven invaluable in her work in real estate. Her extensive commercial contacts have also been a successful blend with the real estate industry. Marg McCarthy has a team of strong women. They work with you buying and selling and educating you through the process of real estate sales. Marg and her team specialize in helping buyers and sellers through the process of obtaining their dream home or property, downsizing to a smaller property, estate sales, separations and country property. If you are going through a life change the McCarthy Realty Team can ease your burden. As a team they are working hard at Improving Lives Everyday!



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WHEN YOU FINALLY DECIDE TO BUY A HOME OR INVEST IN REAL ESTATE, DEALING WITH A LENDER CAN BE A STRESSFUL EXPERIENCE. Leah Warren, Mortgage Agent with Mortgage Architects Inc., will help you find financing with a lender that meets your needs and financial situation. As a Mortgage Agent, Leah has access to many different types of lenders including banks, 'B' lenders, credit unions, and private lenders. Leah got her start in the business after gaining valuable experience both as business owner and as a real estate investor. "I owned in gas station in Wasaga Beach for 15 years, and my husband and I own some commercial and residential properties," Leah explained. "We've done some flips over the years. I've had my own personal experiences with mortgages and re-financing. Because of that I decided to get into it and become a Mortgage Agent." When a client reaches out to Leah, and is looking for a mortgage, she can assess each clients individual situation and find a suitable lender to help achieve their goals. "I will find a mortgage that fits the different needs of different individuals," Leah explained. "We take a client's information and get a clear picture of their situation. We deal with many different lenders. If you go to a bank, they have one product - their product - and you have to fit within their guidelines. I'm able to access multiple lenders and each lender has different guidelines and criteria depending on a person's situation, the property, and their income. There's many different variables." Leah enjoys working with her clients and helping them achieve their home buying goals by finding the right solution that fits their needs and lifestyle.



Diane James - Finiti Seafood Depot

LOCAL BUSINESS PERSON, DIANE JAMES, SAW A NEED IN THE COMMUNITY AND DECIDED SHE COULD BE THE ONE TO FILL A VOID IN SHELBURNE'S FOOD OFFERINGS. Finiti Seafood Depot on Main Street offers a variety of fish and other seafood as well as many other grocery products. While this is Diane's first business venture in Canada, she has previous experience running a business in Jamaica. Diane explained that she would routinely travel to Toronto to find the products she needed. She realized she wasn't the only person in the region who wanted products that were not available in local stores. "We started off by selling to my friends, neighbours, and family," Diane explained. "Opening a retail business is a big step because it is a lot of responsibility. You have to be here almost 24/7 to make sure everything is operating properly and you have to be on top of ordering and your suppliers. And you have to deal with all of your customers." Even though it is a lot of work, Diane enjoys what she does and likes meeting her customers who come to the store because of her variety of products and especially the fish which you can't get anywhere else in town. "We started out as a fish store to sell seafood products, but we saw that the dynamics changed," Diane explained, of how the store started offering specialty items to different ethnic groups who appreciate their effort. "We try to be different than what the grocery stores carry." As a business person, Diane said she likes seeing the rewards of her hard work, as well as the relationships she develops with her customers, many of whom come in on a regular basis.



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Claire Knight-Crowe - Go With Crowe Real Estate

ENTERING THE WORLD OF REAL ESTATE WAS A SMOOTH AND EASY TRANSITION FOR CLAIRE KNIGHT-CROWE, REALTOR WITH CROWE REAL ESTATE IN SHELBURNE. Claire has been in real estate for 18 years after having a successful career in sales selling health supplements including experience at the national level. As a real estate professional, she serves a wide area including Dufferin and Wellington Counties and enjoys a large customer base in those regions. Being in a sales position mean you will be dealing with members of the public every day. Claire is outgoing and friendly and enjoys working with her clients and meeting new people. "I love the relationships," Claire explained. "That's the big thing - talking to people and building relationships. A lot of my clients become friends - you really get to know people. Buying or selling a home is your biggest financial decision, and being involved in such a big part of people's lives and being able to help with that and helping people when they're looking for their first home, or downsizing, or when their family is growing, is pretty special. I love the relationship part of it and being such a big impact on someone's life in a good way." While she enjoys working with people in town, she has special knowledge of country properties which really requires a unique and intimate knowledge of rural areas and the nuances of maintaining a property that is not connected to town services. Claire is very involved in the community sponsoring events in the town and giving back to the community that supports her and Crowe Real Estate.



Carol Freeman, Broker - Dominion Lending Centres

"I LIKE HELPING PEOPLE WITH MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS THAT WILL MAKE THINGS BETTER FOR THEM," explained Carol Freeman, Mortgage Broker, at Dominion Lending Centres in Shelburne, of why she enjoys her job. As a mortgage broker, Carol has the ability to deal with several different lending institutions to find the right fit for clients who are seeking a mortgage or re-financing options. Carol got her start in finance working at a bank in the UK. After immigrating to Canada, she started working for a mortgage broker in Orangeville. Carol decided to move her career ahead, and after obtaining her license, she opened her office in Shelburne in 2001. When you are looking for a mortgage and approach a lending institution, they will offer you only their products. However, when you choose the services of a mortgage broker, they have the ability to shop around and find a mortgage that will best suit your needs based on your current personal and financial situation. Carol has the knowledge and experience to find you a mortgage that will be the best fit for you. She always has her client's best interest at heart when she works with both local residents, and those who have moved away, but still call her for help. Carol Freeman and Dominion Lending Centres can help you find your perfect mortgage whether you are looking to buy a new home, re-finance, renew your existing mortgage, you are looking to build your dream home or would like to purchase or refinance an investment property.



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Jennifer Crewson - Crewson Insurance Brokers

AS DIRECTOR OF CLIENT EXPERIENCE AT CREWSON INSURANCE BROKERS, JENNIFER CREWSON IS TAKING ON THE BUSINESS WORLD IN A ROLE SHE HAS BEEN TRAINING FOR PRETTY MUCH HER ENTIRE LIFE.

Her father, Ed Crewson, started the business in 1985, and Jennifer worked in the office as a teenager. "I remember delivering insurance policies with my father when I was just three years old," Jennifer explained. "He would bring us into the office on snow days."

Jennifer enjoyed being in the office and learning what it takes to work with clients. She went to Brock University and studied Business Communications, then attended Niagara College to obtain a degree in Event Planning. After working in that field, she returned to Crewson Insurance Brokers in 2011. In her role at Crewson Insurance Brokers, Jennifer is the front line person who deals with clients and visitors at the highly visible Main Street Shelburne office.

"I do all of the marketing and community relations," Jennifer explained. "I deal with clients who are having a poor experience with a claims situation. I write policies and work in HR, so I'm involved in recruiting and hiring."

Jennifer enjoys her job and likes working with clients and she is involved in the community in various activities.

"I love that every day is different, and every day is a new adventure," she explained. "You always meet different people and are involved in something different in the community."

Jennifer is involved with the Maple Syrup Festival, the Flame of Hope Diabetes Golf Tournament, and is a member of the Headwaters Health Care Foundation Board. She also takes part in other community events through the year.

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Alfiyah Khambatta - Koncepts

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Alfiyah produces custom artwork based on a concept provided by her clients.

Starting out by creating work for her own home, other people quickly noticed Alfiyah's talent and asked her to create something for them.

"I conceptualize art and design it," Alfiyah explained. "It all started with me painting some things for my own home. Someone saw it and asked if I could do a painting for their house."

Visitors saw the artwork and were so impressed, they asked her to do some work for them. This included local business owners who wanted custom work for their office space that not only reflected their beliefs but created a special atmosphere for the business.

As her work became more visible and prominent, it was 'word of mouth' that really brought clients to Alfiyah and commissioned her to do more work.

Quite often clients will commission a piece based on something very personal like a special memory or even a colour that has a special meaning for them.

"It just fell in place for me," she explained of launching her career. "People would come to me and say they have a concept in mind. Sometimes they want particular shapes or colours."

Clients often request something that will enhance the current décor of their home and blend with their current colour scheme.

She creates her works in acrylics, preferring the bright and vibrant colours and shades of colours she is able to blend with acrylic paint.

Sometimes she will visit a home with a photographer and take photos of the home and space where art work will be placed, and she is inspired to create something for that space.

You can view some of Alfiyah's work by visiting her on Instagram.

For a quote and to discuss commissioning some work, she can be contacted at Khambatta.Alfiyah@gmail.com.



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Heather Little - Royal LePage RCR Realty

WORKING IN THE REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY IS SOMETHING HEATHER LITTLE, SALES REPRESENTATIVE WITH ROYAL LEPAGE RCR REALTY IN SHELBURNE, HAS ALWAYS HAD A PASSION FOR, AND SHE ENJOYS WORKING WITH PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY. Prior to becoming a sales rep, Heather had already garnered considerable experience on her own buying and selling properties. The transition to working in the industry was seamless, and she enjoys meeting with clients and helping them make successful real estate transactions.

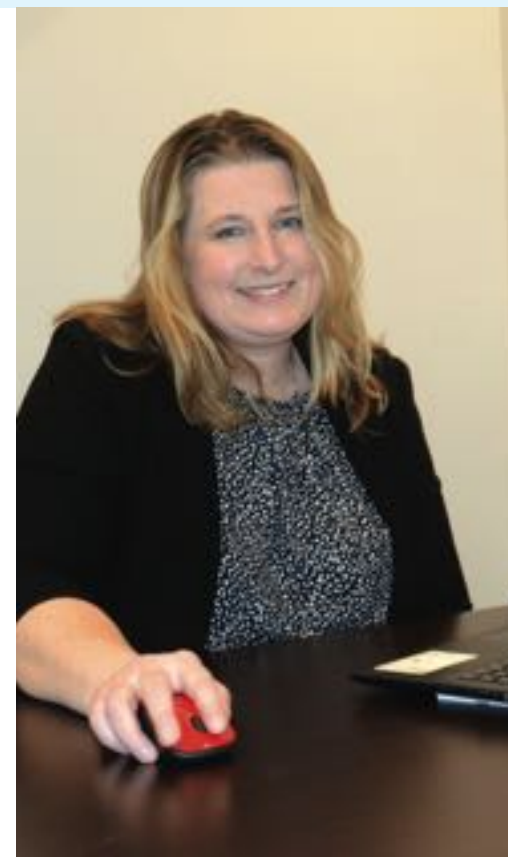
Born and raised on a local farm, Heather has an intimate knowledge of the region, the neighbourhoods, businesses, and amenities, and can help clients find the right place for them based on their needs and wants when finding the right home and location.

Because of her background in agriculture, Heather is especially competent in helping people who are looking for farms, an agricultural business, vacant land, acreages, equestrian farms, hobby farms, and rural properties. She is also very knowledgeable when helping first time buyers who are taking the plunge into the market and need guidance when finding and financing their first home.

"We're local and hometown proud," Heather said of the team at Royal LePage. "The key thing about myself is I'm great at negotiations and I enjoy meeting new people and helping people to succeed and meet their goals. If you haven't bought a house before, you really do need a guide."

An active member of the community, Heather enjoys being engaged with friends and local residents in Shelburne and the surrounding area.

"One of the benefits of using local realtors is we give back to the community through our fundraising and children's programs. Anything I can try to give back to the community, I do." Heather always has her client's best interests at heart, and has helped my people realize their home buying dreams.



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Krupa Chothani - Shelburne Optometry & Aura Eye Spa

DR. CHOTHANI IS THE FOUNDER AND OWNER OF SHELBURNE OPTOMETRY AND AURA EYE SPA right here in Shelburne. She was inspired to pursue a career in Optometry at a very young age. Having a passion for eye care and a profound aspiration to give back to the community, she endeavoured to accomplish her dream of becoming an Optometrist.

She started her own practice from scratch 6 years ago so that she could practice eye care the way she wanted; with a focus on providing personalized eye care. She loves taking the time to get to know her patients and thrives at being thorough at explaining every step of the patient journey.

Dr. Chothani believes in a patient centred approach with customized eye care and wellness needs at the forefront of all that she does. Her vibrant office is equipped with cutting edge technology to offer quality eye care services, a stylish eyewear boutique and much more. The clinic has been designed in warm and bright colours, tones, and textures to reflect her personality and the personalized eye care she strives to provide. It goes without saying that she LOVES all things eyes!

She also started Aura Eye Spa, Dufferin's first and only EYE SPA specializing in advanced dry eye treatments and medical aesthetics offering a unique experience to any one in need for specialty skin care treatments with a focus on eye rejuvenation.

"Optometry truly is my passion, and I am incredibly grateful that through the work that I do, that I am able to change people's lives each and every day with the Gift of Sight.:

It has always been Dr. Chothani's ambition to help empower women and provide opportunities to engage, network, and build strong foundations to grow both in business and as inspiring individuals. She is a member of the Dufferin Women in Business Committee and strives to enhance and strengthen the connections between women in our community. She also enjoys advocating for Optometry in the province and is on the Board of Directors for the Ontario Association of Optometrists.

As a young entrepreneur, business owner and Mom, she truly believes that in the success of others lies our own and there is no limit to what women can accomplish when they collaborate and encourage each other. 'Let us celebrate all the amazing women in business - Thank you for your inspiration, mentorship, and support!'



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Bursary funding enhanced for childhood educator program at Georgian

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

The County of Dufferin is continuing to invest in the Early Childhood Education (ECE) sector with additional funding to ECE bursaries at Georgian College.

The county announced an additional \$80,000 in funding for ECE bursaries at Georgian College on Tuesday (April 18).

“Dufferin County is committed to supporting and investing in the next generation of early childhood educators and increasing diversity in the ECE sector,” said Coun. Dar-

ren White, chair of the county’s health and human services committee.

“We are proud to announce our additional \$80,000 investment to help build new and renewed capacity in the local ECE workforce, and hope these bursaries will increase accessibility for the next generation of dedicated ECEs as they pursue education and training through Georgian College’s Early Childhood Education Program.”

Dufferin County initially invested \$72,000 in funds to launch the Dufferin County ECE bursaries beginning in Winter 2022 as part of its workforce development strategy. With the

additional funding, Dufferin County has now invested \$152,000 to establish a renewable bursary program for local residents pursuing early childhood education studies at Georgian College.

“Georgian College is proud to partner with Dufferin County,” said Deb Bumstead, Georgian ECE coordinator. “The County’s generosity will result in a more positive learning experience for students and ultimately grow our early learning sector of quality educators.”

Bursaries available through the county funding include the Dufferin County Early Childhood Education Bursary, a \$2,500 bursary available to full-time students entering the ECE diploma program, and the Dufferin County Early Childhood Education Access Bursary, available to full-time Black, Indigenous or Francophone students entering the ECE diploma program at Georgian.

The bursary is renewable in year two of the program with demonstrated financial need and good academic standing.

According to the county, the investment could help fund up to 71 of their ECE bur-

saries for Georgian students over the next three academic years.

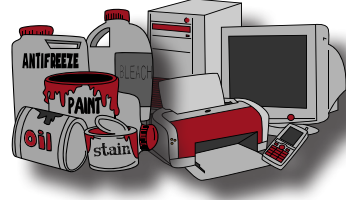
“Qualified early learning and care professionals like Registered Early Childhood Educators are a vital part of high-quality child care,” said Lori-Jane Del Medico, program manager for Early Year and Child Care in Dufferin County. “Without a vital workforce, there is no child care. We’re committed to supporting the next generation of early childhood educators, and are proud to continue to invest in these Georgian College bursaries.”

The ECE program is offered at Georgian College’s Orangeville, Orillia, and Owen Sound campuses. In the ECE program, students learn to facilitate the development of children from birth to 12 years old while encouraging their feelings of self-worth and social-emotional resiliency. Students are also prepared to design and implement play-based experiences, focusing on children’s interests through indoor and outdoor play opportunities.

The next cycle of application for the bursaries will close on May 7. For more information and to apply, visit: georgiancollege.ca.

hazardous & electronic waste event THIS SATURDAY!

Date: Saturday, April 22, 2023
Time: 8am-3pm
Location: Shelburne Operations Centre
124 Luxton Way, Shelburne



Hazardous waste includes automotive containers, cleaning products, fluorescent lights, batteries, paints, pesticides, pharmaceuticals, syringes, and much more.

Electronic waste includes audio equipment, cameras, computers, home entertainment equipment, phones, and household electronic items, including lamps, alarm clocks, microwaves, toasters, and small appliances.

Limitations No waste from industrial, commercial, or institutional sources. No white goods/large appliances (including any appliances with freon). No garbage, or recycling. No unidentified/unknown materials. No drums of materials.

Visit dufferincounty.ca/waste for updates and a full listing of acceptable materials & limitations.

Future events: May 6, June 17, July 26, September 23, October 21, November 4.

See website for details on hours & locations for each scheduled event.

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Submissions open for Streams Community Hub takeover of Town Hall art gallery

A call is out for local youth to submit their pieces of art for the Streams Community Hub takeover of the Town Hall art gallery.

The Streams Town Art Gallery Takeover exhibit kicks off on May 19, with a special opening night event scheduled for May 26, and wraps up at the end of June.

The exhibition is part of the recent revitalization of the Town Hall art gallery.

“We thought it was an amazing opportunity to help infuse some new energy into the art gallery and showcase what we do here,” said Andrew James, co-founder of Streams Community Hub. “Anytime you give youth an opportunity to display their work on any level, it gives them a sense of accomplishment. Town Hall is where everybody in the community comes, so for a young person to know their piece is hanging on the wall, it gives them a boost of confidence.”

The art gallery takeover is open to all local youth, ages 5 -17, to submit their work to be part of the event. The exhibition will even feature some pieces of work from Stream’s facilitators, who help run the art programs.

“It speaks to what we have to offer here at Streams...to be able to showcase that these are our teachers, and

this is the level of art they’re producing,” said James.

A variety of art mediums, including painting, photography, drawing, and mixed media, are encouraged to be submitted.

“Not everybody paints, so I think whatever tool or medium that you’re able to express yourself with, show the full diversity of what art really is,” said James.

To showcase the different mediums that artists can submit works from, Streams Community Hub created the event poster utilizing AI technology.

“It’s an original piece that we created and there’s so many things that you can do with technology nowadays,” explained James.

The deadline to submit a piece of work for the gallery takeover exhibit is Apr. 28. Submissions can be made on the Streams Community Hub website - www.streamshub.org.

“You probably have a piece that you’ve created, that is sitting at your house, and people come by and say ‘wow, that’s a really nice piece’, and I’m going to encourage you to share it with the great public,” said James. “I think it’s inspiring to share and show your art. Sometimes we’re reluctant to share our work because it’s so personal to us, but this is a safe space that we’re creating – be bold and share your art.”

Stakeholders invited to take survey on their licensed childcare experiences

Dufferin County is inviting families with a child or children in licensed child care and other stakeholders to complete a survey about their experiences with child care in the community as part of the Dufferin Workforce Strategy.

Dufferin County has prepared surveys for three stakeholder groups:

- Families with a child or children in licensed child care in Dufferin County: s-ca.chkmkt.com/?e=320786&h=C-8DAE5A36353C9D&l=en
- Educators working in licensed child care in Dufferin County: s-ca.chkmkt.com/?e=320843&h=F74D90BC-4B97352&l=en
- Students studying Early Childhood Education at Georgian College: s-ca.chkmkt.com/?e=320552&h=4DBAACF856DE507&l=en

Survey responses will help Dufferin County understand how changes in the child care workforce have influenced family’s experiences, and guide new strategies and activities for Dufferin Workforce Strategy programs.

The survey is remain open until May 1, 2023.

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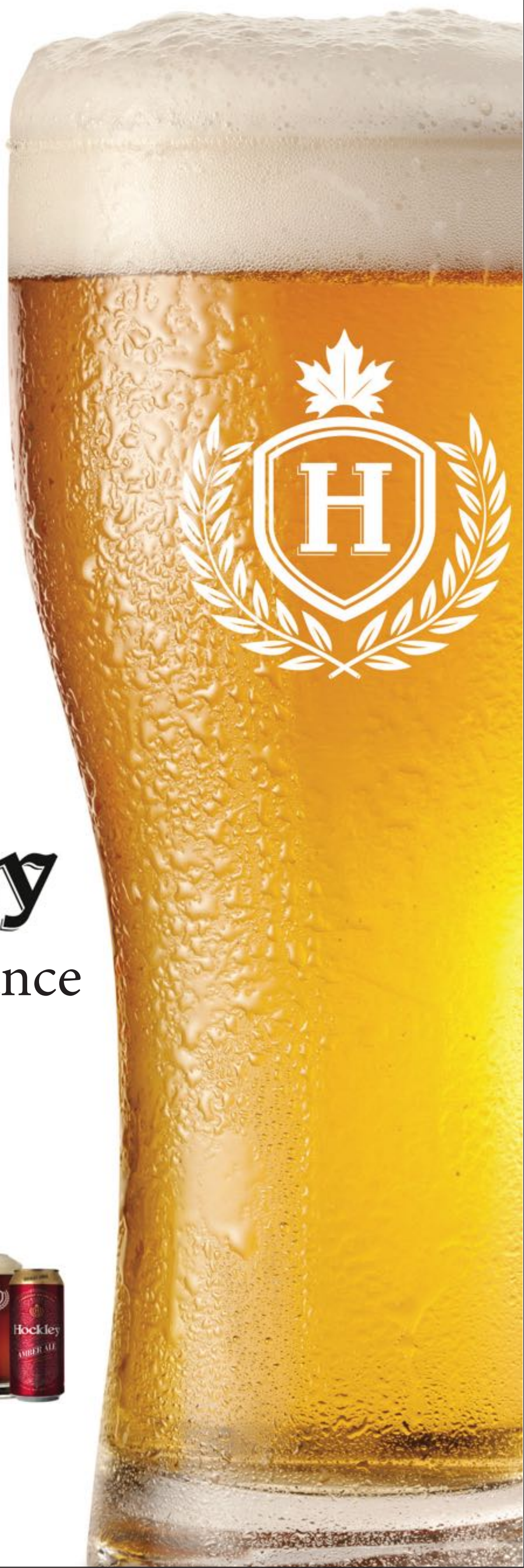
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North Dufferin Baseball League prepares for 2023 season

Written By Brian Lockhart

The boys of summer will be back when the North Dufferin Baseball League's 2023 senior schedule gets underway on Saturday, May 6.

The opening game will pit the Mansfield Cubs against the Creemore Padres at Gowan Memorial Park in Creemore.

The defending Strother Cup champions, the New Lowell Knights, will be back to see if they can have a repeat this season.

There are 12 teams in the line-up this season from towns across the region, or more accurately, the province, as some of the squads will have to travel a considerable distance to place some games.

Enter this year's Senior League: are the Barrie Angels, Bolton Brewers, Clarksburg Blues, Clearview Orioles, Creemore Padres, Ivy Rangers, Lisle Astros, Mansfield Cubs, Midland Mariners, New Lowell Knights, Orillia Majors, and the Owen Sound Baysox.

Each team will play 22 regular season games this year in an attempt to get a playoff spot.

The Mansfield Cubs will be back on their home diamond at Mansfield Community Park.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

BASEBALL IS BACK: The North Dufferin Baseball League is gearing up for the start of the 2023 season. The Senior division will have 12 teams this season. The Mansfield Cubs home opener will take place on Sunday, May 14.

"We are excited to get the season going and we practiced on Wednesday and will practice today," said Mansfield coach Emerson Pendleton. "Our roster is similar to last year with strong support from our Junior players and a couple of new teammates. Our goals are to have fun competing and make the playoffs. We are also looking forward to getting new uniforms, but will start the season with our old uniforms. Mulmur Township has been

very supportive and helpful maintaining Mansfield Parks and we all hope to continue community building together."

A lot of pre-season work goes into putting together a team and getting a schedule together. This includes finding qualified umpires to run the game.

"We are very fortunate to have a dedicated and skilled umpire in Rob Newton," Emerson said. "It takes pressure off organizing

our team when we don't have to continually search for umpires."

The NDBL's Junior Division is still working on this year's schedule, but opening day is predicted to be in mid-May.

The Cubs first game will be on the road in Creemore.

Mansfield's home opener will take place at Mansfield Community Park on Sunday, May 14, with the first pitch scheduled for 2:00 p.m.

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Stayner Siskins win North Carruthers Junior C division

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Stayner Siskins will be moving on to compete in the provincial Junior C Schmalz Cup after a 6-2 win over the Alliston Hornets in game five of their best-of-seven North Carruthers Division championship series.

The men in green had a stellar season this year, moving into first place in the division early in the schedule and staying on top for the full duration.

They had a 36-4 record and 72 points at the final tally of the regular season.

In the playoffs, they were undefeated in the first two rounds, knocking out the Midland Flyers in four games, then dispatching the Orillia Terriers - also in four games.

The Hornets arrived at the championship series after a semi-final win over the Schomberg Cougars.

Most fans thought the final series, between two good teams, would likely go six or seven games.

The Hornets won the first game, 3-2, on Stayner's home ice. From there, the Siskins



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

STAYNER MOVING FORWARD: The Stayner Siskins beat the Alliston Hornets in game four of their best-of-seven North Carruthers Division championship series on Alliston home ice on Tuesday, Apr. 11.

commanded the rest of the series, starting with a 6-3 win in game two. The Siskins were ahead after a 4-3 win in game three.

Game four, on Alliston home ice saw the Siskins deliver a 6-3 win, setting up game five in Stayner with a do-or-die situation for the Alliston squad.

Stayner set the tone of the game, scoring two unanswered goals in the first period.

Midway into the second, they were leading 3-1. A late-period goal in the third gave the Siskins a 6-2 win and the Division championship.

It was an excellent Junior C season in the North Carruthers Division of the Provincial Junior Hockey League. There were a lot of exciting games and good attendance in the arenas this year by fans who love small-town hockey. Once champions are determined from all eight divisions in the PJHL, those championship teams will start playing off for the provincial Schmalz Cup.

The Siskins will meet the champions from the North Pollock Division in the first round of Schmalz Cup playoffs.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

JULIE GROHAL

As full-back with the CDDHS girls varsity rugby team, Julie Grohal, brings a lot of experience and skill to her team.

"I love playing with a team," Julie said of why she likes the sport. "You meet so many different people. I play with girls outside of school from places like Waterloo and Niagara. I like meeting different people."

She said she enjoys the physical aspect of the sport. "It's the only full contact girls sport there is."

Julie has already signed with the rugby team at Brock University and will play there in the fall.

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Trillium Ford hosting Show & Shine at Shelburne location

Written By Brian Lockhart

It's time to start polishing the chrome and waxing the paint on your special vehicle as the warmer weather arrives and auto enthusiasts get ready to bring their summer cars out of the garage.

Trillium Ford in Shelburne will host its first annual All-Wheels Show & Shine at its Highway 89 dealership just east of Shelburne.

The event takes place on the Father's Day weekend and is open to anything with wheels, including trucks, tractors, vintage and custom built vehicles, class cars, imports, kit-built, and Ford muscle cars.

There will be eight trophy classes at the event. This includes People's Choice, Truck, Muscle, Import, Special Interest, Classic, Ford, and Best in Show.

This is an all-day event with plenty of other activities going on after you see all the vehicles.

There will be a face painter (Fun Faces by Mel) from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., live music, treats like snow cones and cotton candy, a food truck, and a magic show with performances at noon and 2:00 p.m.

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SHOW AND SHINE: Auto enthusiasts have an opportunity to show their special vehicles and meet with other car owners and visitors at Trillium Ford's first annual All-Wheels Show & Shine at its Highway 89 dealership location just east of Shelburne. The show will have eight trophy classes including People's Choice, Truck, Muscle, import, Special Interest, Classic, Ford, and Best in Show.

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Registration for the event is now open at www.trilliumford.com/showandshine. Or

you can contact Marketing Manager / Even Coordinator Wendy Gabrek at wendy.gabrek@trilliumford.com or call 519-925-5101.

Admission on the day of the event is by donation to the Shelburne Shepherd's Cup-

board Food Bank.

The Trillium Ford Shelburne Show & Shine will take place on Saturday, June 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

In the event of inclement weather, the rain date will be Sunday, June 18.

Several fun events coming up at Shelburne Public Library

Listed below are a handful of upcoming events at the Shelburne Public Library.

April 25 - Archivist on the Road: This event is held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Museum of Dufferin Archivist, Laura Camilleri, will be back at the Library on these Tuesdays starting April 11. Laura is a wealth of knowledge and can help with

research pertaining to Dufferin County, family research, and much more!

April 25, 2 p.m. - Rose's Book Club: This isn't your average book club. There's no required reading! Book club members can come ready to talk about any titles they've been reading, or just come to learn about the books that others have enjoyed.

May 16, 7 p.m. - Coffee, Conversation & Books featuring Brian Bixley: Location TBD. Join us and the other Dufferin County Libraries for an evening with Brian Bixley! Brian is an expert gardener, especially in cold climates, and has penned a couple of books pertaining thereto! This will be an event for readers and gardeners alike.

Staff Book Pick of the Week: Rose's Pick this week is "So Shall You Reap" by Donna Leon.

On a cold November evening, Guido Brunetti and Paola are up late when a call from his colleague Ispettore Vianello arrives, alerting the Commissario that a hand has been seen in one of Venice's canals.

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Predeceased by her loving husband, George W. Bolton of 41 years. Remembered by Son David Bolton, and Daughter Carolyn Bolton; Grandchildren Laura Bolton, Julia Fletcher and Darryl Bolton. Great Grandchildren Hunter, Dakota Bolton, Tyler, and Carly Fletcher. Mom was a kind, sweet, gentle, giving, and loving wife, and mom. Margaret was a meticulously gifted person doing tapestries, needlework, preserving, sewing, and always giving herself to friends and family. She will be greatly missed by many, but never forgotten and we are thankful for her love, generosity, support and just knowing her.

Cremation has taken place and there will be a private family service. I would like to extend a thank you to our Orangeville Paramedic Program, Care Partners, St. Elizabeth Nurses (Mandy) PSW's, dear friends and many others that were there to help myself when needed. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or the Canadian Cancer Society. Online condolences may be made at www.imfunerals.com In Memoriam Funeral Services Inc. has been given the honour to serve the Bolton Family.

YOUNG, "RANDY" RANDALL ROBERT ROY

Passed away peacefully with family by his side at Headwaters Health Care Centre on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at the age of 60. Devoted husband of the late Linda. Loving father of Jessie, Curtis and Miranda (Adam). Proud grandfather of Wyatt. Cherished son of Ken Young and Ruth (John) Henderson. Dear brother of Laurie (Scott), Kim, Tara (Ryan) and the late Kevin. Uncle of Jordan (Nicole), Conner, Autumn, Avril and Kaylee and great-uncle of Sadie. Randy will be lovingly remembered by his aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family and friends.



A Celebration of Life will be held in the Museum Room at the Royal Canadian Legion, 203 William Street, Shelburne on Saturday, May 6, 2023 from 1-4 p.m. If desired, donations to the Colorectal Cancer Association of Canada would be appreciated. Online condolences and donations may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome@rogers.com

ANDERSON; EMILIA ZOFIA

Peacefully, with her husband by her side, at Dufferin Oaks Long Term Care, Shelburne on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 in her 77th year. Beloved wife of 54 years to Richard. Loving mother of Duane (Stacy) of Burlington, Phillip of Toronto and Matthew (Donna) of Waldemar. Cherished grandmother of Dustin and Logan. Dear sister of Danny Bisaga of Toronto and Barbara Bisaga of Cambridge. Survived by brother-in-law Eric of Dundalk.



A celebration of Emilia's life will take place in the New Horizon Room (South Parking Lot) at Dufferin Oaks on Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the Alzheimer Society would be greatly appreciated. Online donations and condolences at www.fawcettfuneralhome.ca

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Several fun events coming up at Shelburne Public Library

The body is soon found, and Brunetti is assigned to investigate the murder of an undocumented Sri Lankan immigrant. Curiously, he had been living in a small house on the grounds of a palazzo owned by a university professor, in which Brunetti discovers books revealing the victim's interest in Buddhism, the revolutionary Tamil Tigers, and

the last crop of Italian political terrorists, active in the 1980s.

Why Rose Recommends this book: This is the 32nd instalment in the Guido Brunetti series, and Leon manages to keep the plot fresh while simultaneously reminding us why Brunetti is so beloved. Once again, Venice is almost a character itself with its

complex history and close knit community. Without many leads, and as a result of this close knit community, Guido is able to discover the suspect with some help from his team.

The Guido Brunetti series would be a good choice for those who enjoy authors C.J. Box, P.D. James, and Andrea Camilleri.

Shelburne Legion receives \$10,000 in audio equipment

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Shelburne Legion has found itself the owner of a new sound system following a generous donation from two local residents.

Shelburne residents Marg McCarthy and Len Guchardi donated nearly \$10,000 in visual and audio equipment to upgrade the existing sound system.

"It's outstanding that we have it because having proper sound, especially when people are doing events like funerals and celebrations of life or even when we use it for bingo, is important," said Dean Schroder, president of Branch 220. "It's easier to bring more people in when things work properly."

Speaking with the Free Press, McCarthy said she noticed the need for a new sound system during a celebration of life for her mom, Islay Besley.

"The system wasn't adequate. It was failing partway through speeches, it was cutting in and out and it was almost impossible for anyone in the service and the audience to hear," explained Guchardi.

The new sound system was ordered in August of 2022 but was delayed due to supply chain issues. The equipment, which includes the audio equipment and a large TV, was officially installed at the legion at the end of February.

The new sound system was donated in honour of their parents – Rev. Bruce and Islay Besley, and A.F (Tony) Guchardi.

"We wanted to do something to memorialize our parents and their contributions to the legion, and how the legion contributed to our families over the years," said McCarthy.

McCarthy and Guchardi father's both had a



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AUDIO EQUIPMENT DONATION: Shelburne residents Marg McCarthy and Len Guchardi donated \$10,000 in audio and visual equipment to the Shelburne Legion to upgrade the sound system. The donation was made in honour of their parents, Rev. Bruce and Islay Besley and A.F (Tony) Guchardi.

deep history with the local legion. Rev. Bruce Besley was a cadet and served as the Chaplain of the Legion for over 20 years, while A.F (Tony) Guchardi was a past president, bar manager and site manager.

A plaque has been placed in the Shelburne Legion's Hall to mark the donation, and the individuals the system was donated in hon-

our of.

The duo told the Free Press that they hope their donation to the legion will encourage other local residents to make their own contributions.

"The legion has given a lot to the community, and it's always good to give back; that's why we did it," said Guchardi.

Dufferin athlete's love of running helps him to overcome suicide

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

A local 23-year-old is using his athletic abilities to raise awareness and money for Multiple Sclerosis (MS) through the May50k virtual fitness challenge after overcoming significant obstacles in his personal life.

Orangeville resident Kristian Kupi, who's running 10 to 21 kilometres per day, is currently in third place for most distance in the May50k, with 352 kilometres travelled since the start of April. The person in first place is currently at 537 kilometres, although the fundraiser is run, bike or swim. With Kupi strictly running, he's disadvantaged against fellow competitors, but he told the Free Press his focus is on competing with himself and preparing for a sub-three-hour marathon.

"By being the best me and competing against myself, I go way further than looking at someone and saying, 'oh, I need to get above him,'" Kupi said.

While he doesn't have MS himself, he developed a neurological condition impacting the ears, eyes and brain called Visual Snow Syndrome (VSS) in October 2021. It causes ringing ears, static vision, sensitivity to light or darkness, hearing sensitivity, floaters, and vibrations in his vision. Kupi said he thinks MS and VSS are likely related. He's had issues with his joints and nervous system since childhood.

Kupi has been to several hospitals and psychiatric facilities for the condition, but with it being rare and little known about its cause or treatment, he hasn't been able to receive any professional help.

He's part of an online community of about 1,500 people trying to find out how to lessen its impact and what's causing it.

"There's people that live functionally with it, and there's people have been crippled by it," said Kupi.

His VSS has become manageable through running, meditation, a healthy diet and improved mental health.

But last year, the VSS got to a point where he couldn't read because of its severity, triggering the start of a suicidal depression.

Last November, Kupi began driving for Uber but found the overhead costs and time spent on accounting work to be very stressful.

After a few months, he wasn't making enough money from Uber to cover the costs of his car, so he became broke, and that stress resulted in him not running for 20 days straight.

As someone whose mental health and overall well-being depends on physical activity, being inactive day after day snowballed into serious thoughts of suicide.

Due to Kupi's declining mental health, his cousin Karen drove him to the Guelph General Hospital Emergency Department. During that drive, she asked him if she would get "the call" that he's dead. He told



SAM ODROWSKI PHOTO

RUNNING FOR A REASON: Kristian Kupi, 23, is running 10 to 21 kilometres a day to raise money through the May50k for MS and stay mentally healthy. He's also training to run a marathon in under three hours.

her no – he would call her himself before doing anything.

Three days later, on Feb. 15, Karen received Kupi's call.

That morning he hiked to a forest along Wilouby Rd. in Caledon from Townline in Orangeville. Once he got there, he took several times the prescribed amount of his bipolar and nerve pain medication – 20,000 milligrams of Seroquel and 2,400 milligrams of Gabapentin.

Kupi turned his phone off so it wouldn't get pinged to his location after his call with Karen and removed his jacket to prevent dogs from tracking him before running a few kilometres into the forest.

As he was sprinting up a hill, due to the high amount of prescription drugs he had taken beforehand, he says the ground began to feel like quicksand, and his body was giving out. Kupi said his vision began flashing orange and blue before passing out.

Kupi's friends, family and emergency services managed to track his footsteps and locate his body after seven hours of searching.

He was found unconscious with hypothermia on a hill.

"When they found me, they put all their clothes on me, warmed me up, carried me down the hill, and they thought I was going to die," Kupi said. "I had two hours left [to survive], and the paramedics came down the wrong way of the tracks so I had an hour left."

Fortunately, he was taken to the hospital in time but spent the next four days in a coma, waking up on Feb. 19 with his grandfather holding his hand.

It took two more days to learn how to talk again. Once he could, Kupi shared his anger with the family members who helped save him, telling them he still didn't want to be alive.

Over time, as people visited Kupi, he slowly realized that there might be something greater in the world he could be

doing and that so many people wanted to see him succeed.

He told the Free Press he's grateful he gave his cousin Karen a final call before attempting suicide, as it sparked the search for him and likely saved his life.

Yet, at the time, the suicidal feelings didn't entirely subside after he left the hospital and by the end of March, he was back to planning his death.

"I didn't want to be at a hardware store in Orangeville because everybody knows me here, so I went to Brampton, and I got rope and I went out like 10 kilometres into the forest and hide it," Kupi said about his plan to hang himself.

On Saturday night (Apr. 1) at the Black Wolf Smokehouse in town, he told his friend Eric that he'd be "leaving" the following Monday.

"He was like, 'what do you mean, you're going to leave?' And I said, well, I'm going to kill myself," Kupi recalled.

His friend Eric tried to help by offering words of encouragement and advice.

The same night he had a lot of positive interactions with people at the bar and said he realized there was a potential for him to feel loved. Kupi began to think he was using suicide as a "cop out," and those feelings stemmed from his inactivity.

Running is one of the main things that helps Kupi's VSS and overall mental health, so he started long-distance running again and learned about the May50k Challenge for MS.

Kupi's been working with a coach and a trainer, helping him prepare to run a marathon in under three hours.

Returning to running has helped him tremendously, and his mental health is much better. He runs six and a half days a week now, is more sociable with friends, and has daily things to look forward to.

"Each day I've got better and better and better," Kupi said.

"There's no room for anxiety or depression on a run."

He told the Free Press for the May50k, he plans on donating one dollar for every kilometre he runs, and anyone who would like to support his run can contribute at may50k.ca/fundraisers/kristiankupi/the-may-50k-2023.

He's already collected \$492 and ran 352 kilometres.

Kupi is part of a team for the May50k challenge called the Dream Chasers, and anyone is welcome to join by emailing him at kristiankupi12@hotmail.com.

A Fitbit, Garmin, Apple Watch or Samsung Watch is used to track participants' distance and is needed to take part in the challenge. Kupi said he's offering Fitbits on a pay-what-you-can basis for anyone joining the team.

The May50k fundraiser runs until May 31. Visit may50k.ca/register/the-may-50k-2023/ join to register.

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