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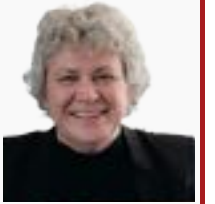


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TOWN ART GALLERY: Shelburne resident Peter Hassall, donated a piece called "Steadfast" from his late wife Darlene Hassall's collection to the Town of Shelburne on Monday (April 24). A Retrospective of Darlene Hassall Work in Oil, which has run from March 31 until May 7 in the Town Art Gallery, was the first exhibition to start the Town's revitalization pilot project of the art gallery. Read a full story about the gallery on Page 2.

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Shelburne restarts weekend transit service, adds more stops

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Shelburne residents will soon be able to use public transportation to get around town on weekends.

Starting this Saturday (April 29) and running through to December 31, Shelburne will have an in-town transit service route from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

"The modification to our weekend transit service to include an in-town route is great news for the Shelburne community. This service will provide our residents with a safe, reliable and affordable option for getting around town on the weekends. We're incredibly thankful for the partnership that we have with Grey County which makes this possible," said Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills.

The Town of Shelburne will also be increasing the number of bus service stops, adding 10 more for a total of 14 locations throughout the town. The increase in weekend service stops has also allowed riders to now wait at any of the 14 stops rather than having to pre-book and pre-pay for the service.

The weekend transit in Shelburne, which is provided by the Grey Transit Route (GTR) is comprised of 10 runs each day, with the

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—Mayor Wade Mills

route every 30 minutes.

The transit service in Shelburne initially launched in 2020 as a weekday service funded by a grant received by Grey County and Southgate Township from the provincial government. The funding was used to implement service from Dundalk to Orangeville, also known as Route 2.

In July of 2021, a five-month pilot project to expand the transit service to include weekends between Shelburne and Oran-



geville was launched, with council approving a monthly cost of \$5,000 for the weekend service expansion. The cost for the service was increased to \$5,500 per month in 2022. In October of 2022, council unanimously voted in favour of suspending the weekend transit service due to the increased cost surrounding the service.

According to a report to council, the weekend transit service cost was approved as part of the 2023 budget and will cost \$6,450 per month to run.

The cost per ride is \$5 for adults, \$4.50 for seniors (55 years and older), and free for children under the age of 5. Payment is by cash only.

Further information on the weekend transit service, including bus stop locations, can be found on the Town of Shelburne website.

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Shelburne Town Hall Art Gallery revitalization pilot project underway

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

The Town of Shelburne is looking to draw attention to the local art community with a revitalization pilot project of the Town Hall Art Gallery.

During their meeting on Monday (April 24), Shelburne Council received a report from chief administrative officer Denyse Morrissey regarding the exhibits pilot project.

The revitalization of the art gallery was based on recommendations from the Commu-

nity Improvement Plan (CIP) and the Feasibility Study for Grace Tipling Hall on how to enhance the profile and use of the space.

“The commonality between these reports was that there was tremendous potential for Grace Tipling Hall and the art area to serve as an enabler for downtown; to bring more people to the community to enjoy what we have to offer and learn a bit more about the art in the community,” said Morrissey.

The exhibit program was developed by town staff members as a pilot project that will run throughout 2023. The Town Art Gallery will showcase the creative work of local artists, including work by individuals, art organizations, instructors, and students.

The first exhibition to kick off the program was A Retrospective of Darlene Hassal Work in Oil, which began on March 31 and will run until May 7.

Since the launch of the pilot project, the town has booked an art exhibition for nearly every month.

Upcoming exhibitions include the Streams Town Art Gallery (May 19-July 9), Tracy Smith and Ellen Brakel (July 14-July 28), Brian Blakemand (Sept. 1- Sept. 22), Indigenous Art for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Sept. 30), and Unsung Heroes A Tribute to Veterans (Nov. 10-Nov. 24).

As part of the revitalization of the art gallery, the town has made changes to the location of

displayed artwork, specifically removing art pieces hung on the walls of the stairway.

Morrissey noted that the decision to remove art from the stairway is following through with the Town's DEI and Accessibility commitment.

“Looking at everything through a barrier-free lens is critically important. In the past, we would always have art hanging on our walls going up and down the stairs, which is certainly fantastic if you're able-bodied, but prevents those people that are not from having that viewing experience,” said Morrissey.

General information, including current, upcoming and past exhibitions as well as exhibit applications, can be found on the Town of Shelburne website.

Smile Cookie Campaign returning in support of local rotary

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

Classic chocolate chip cookies will be decorated with blue and pink frosting once again as the annual Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Campaign returns.

For a third time, the Rotary Club of Shelburne has been announced as the locally selected recipient for the fundraiser.

“We're thrilled to have been selected because we're able to give the money we get from the smile cookies back to the community,” said Shelburne Rotary member Sandra Gallagher. “All of these charities are in great need of money and it's a really good way to be able to give back into our community – by buying cookies.”

For every cookie sold at the two Tim Hortons locations in Shelburne, 100 per cent of the profits will go towards a donation to the Rotary Club of Shelburne. In 2022, the Smile Cookie campaign raised around \$12,500 in Shelburne, which was donated to the local Rotary Club's Splash Pad initiative.

This year, the money raised will be distributed by Shelburne Rotary to five local causes – Shelburne Food Bank, Local Schools Breakfast Club, Backpack Program, Christmas Hamper Program, and Primrose Elementary School Natural Playground.

“We know food scarcity is a big thing in our area so that's why the food bank and school clubs have been chosen. They're all struggling with having enough food and money to keep the shelves stocked,” said



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

LOCAL CAMPAIGN: The Tim Hortons in Shelburne is again participating in the annual Smile Cookie Campaign from May 1 to 7, raising money for the Rotary Club of Shelburne.

Gallagher. “And because we're focusing on families and children, the elementary school is building a nature playground, and they need help with money.”

The Christmas Hamper Program and the Backpack Program are both service initiatives organized by the Shelburne Rotary Club.

Tim Hortons first began the Smile Cookie campaign in 1996 to help raise funds for the Hamilton Children's Hospital and has kept it going to help raise funds for community charities.

In 2022, the Smile Cookie campaign raised

a record-breaking \$15 million for over 600 local charities and community groups, with 100 per cent of the proceeds raised going towards the selected recipients. Since the program's inception, the Smile Cookie campaign has raised over \$90 million.

Gallagher added that they are looking for volunteers to help decorate the cookies for the campaign week, and student volunteer hours are up for grabs. Those interested in volunteering can contact Gallagher via email – s.gallaugher@hotmail.com.

The Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Campaign will run from May 1 until May 7.

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Shelburne Legion votes on president and executive positions

Written By **Paula Brown**
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Dean Schroeder will be serving as president of the Shelburne Legion for another year-long term.

The Shelburne Legion Branch 220 held their annual elections on Tuesday (April 25), where Schroeder ran unopposed for the role of president.

"I'm very glad that I got support from dif-

ferent people and lots of people stepped up for first vice, second vice and also the executive. There's some new and some old so I think we'll work together," said Schroeder.

Schroeder became a member of the Shelburne Legion just over five years ago and, in that time, has taken on the roles of Sergeant-at-Arms, chairperson of the Poppy Fund, and First Vice. In December of last year, he took over as Shelburne Legion

president after past president Liz Whitton stepped down from the role.

Schroeder is a veteran, serving 20 years with Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI), with whom he completed two tours in Bosnia as a peacekeeper and spent 10 years in the reserves.

In 2014, he officially retired from the Canadian military after 30 years of service.

Speaking with the Free Press, Schroeder said his focus as president is to build on

the legion's role as a place for everyone in the community.

"[We'll be] heavily more part of our community and make it a fun place to go and cater to all member of our community," said Schroeder.

Other members appointed during the election included Phil Norris as First Vice and Jamie Horne as Second Vice. Around 12 members were voted and appointed to the local legion's executive.

Local school board joins initiative aimed at assessing potential threats

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

The Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB) is among sixteen community partners to sign onto an initiative aimed at assessing potential threats to schools and the community at large.

Members from the 16 community partners gathered at the Monora Park Pavilion in Mono last Thursday (April 20) for a signing ceremony of the fourth Guelph-Wellington-Dufferin Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) community protocol.

"We are very proud to be long-standing members of the Guelph-Wellington-Dufferin VTRA Community Protocol," said Peter Sovran, director of education for the UGDSB. "It is through our supportive partnerships and collaborations that we work together to create safety in our communities."

The VTRA Protocol is intended for use by multi-disciplinary teams trained in the theory and practice of trauma-informed threat-risk assessment through VTRA Assessment training. The goal is to reduce violence, manage threats of violence and promote individual, school and community safety by proactively gathering information, understanding needs and mitigating risk.

The initiative was initially made possible by an Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant, based on Keven Cameron's work at the Centre for Trauma Informed Practice (CTIP).

"We are so grateful for the collaborative relationships we have with each of the community partners that are signatories to the VTRA Protocol," said Brent McDonald, UGDSB executive superintendent of school operations and student support services. "Seeing everyone all together in the same room with the common focus



of keeping our communities safe was a clear demonstration of the strength of this proven, multi-disciplinary and trauma-informed approach."

Representatives from protocol member organizations included Choices Youth Shelter; Compass Community Services; Dufferin Child and Family Services; Family and Children's Services of Guelph and Wellington County; Family Transition Place; Guelph Wellington Women in Crisis; John Howard Society of Waterloo-Wellington; Wyndham House Guelph; Children, Community and Social Services Youth Justice Division; and the Canadian Mental Health Association of Waterloo-Wellington.

School boards included the UGDSB, Wellington Catholic DSB, Conseil scolaire catholique MonAvenir, and Conseil scolaire Viamonde.

Guelph Police Services and Dufferin OPP are also signatories of the VTRA Protocol.

Each signed member of the Guelph-Wellington-Dufferin VTRA Community Protocol has committed to working together for the benefit of youth and their caregivers.



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COMMUNITY PARTNERS GATHER: Sixteen community partners gathered at the Monora Park Pavilion in Mono last Thursday (April 20) for a signing ceremony of the fourth Guelph-Wellington-Dufferin Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) Community Protocol.

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Do you speak my language?

There are times when I wonder how anyone learning English as a second language can ever figure it out.

It comes naturally if you grow up speaking the language, but for many people who have a different language as their mother tongue, it must be confusing.

You 'threw' a ball, and you also went 'through' customs. You 'ate' a meal and have a collection of 'eight' things. You have a wedding 'band' on your finger and play ukulele in a 'band.' You 'cite' a quote, then go to the 'site' to check on your construction project.

And that list goes on. It must be very confusing for a person trying to learn the language.

I had a friend who was Polish, and we used to have lunch together all the time.

She told me that when she first moved to Canada and heard of a spelling bee at her son's school, she couldn't believe it.

She thought, "Why would you have to have a contest to spell words?"

Then, when she started learning English and became fluent, she understood why English-speaking countries host spelling bees.

English is a language that is constantly

changing. So much so that new words are officially added to the dictionary every year. A lot of that comes from words that become trendy and are adopted in the lexicon.

On top of that, we use more acronyms than any other language. I used to work for a large company where acronyms were the norm and not always for the good.

We had an outside contractor who came to our office on a regular basis. He told me he couldn't understand what people were talking about half the time because we used so many acronyms, unless you were a part of the lingo, you had no idea what they meant.

Several years ago, I noticed radio commercials developed a peculiar but common way of advertising retail products.

They would say, "Come into our store, and buy your new widget, and pay later, OAC!"

It wasn't just one company using this phrase. Anyone who offered products with payments yelled OAC at the end.

It turns out OAC means 'on approved credit.'

I'm not sure if this is an advertising regulation or a legal thing, but they still do it. Why not just say they will sell you a product on payments,

but you must have 'approved credit.'

I wonder how many people arrived at a store hoping to buy a new sofa, only to be turned down because they didn't have the appropriate credit? If they knew what OAC was in the first place, maybe they would have decided to save up for that new piece of furniture before buying.

There are a lot of buzzwords that get tossed about and become trendy – so much so that they get overused and, half the time, don't make any sense.

A couple of years ago, the word 'system' became trendy and way overused. Everybody was suddenly selling a system of some sort, even if their product didn't have any kind of system at all.

There was a well-known national bedding company that advertised on the radio. They came out with a commercial telling you that you need to have the best mattress for your 'sleep system.'

Sleep system? It's not a 'system.' It's a mattress, it's flat, and you lay on it. There is no system involved at all.

I did notice, however, that they stopped using

that phrase rather quickly and started referring to their products in more common sense terms.

I'm pretty sure some bigwig in the company heard the radio spot and realized how stupid it was to refer to a mattress as a system and told them to pull the plug on that kind of advertising.

The latest thing is to add an 'S' to the word 'support.'

I started noticing this past year, when getting press releases, that agencies and organizations started referring to their 'supports,' with an extra 'S' at the end. Now I have commercials on my Youtube feed where people are saying, 'we're grateful for the supports we have.'

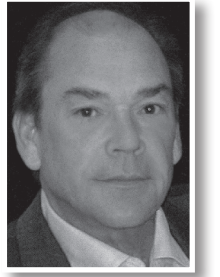
I didn't get the memo on this. When did it become necessary to pluralize this word with an 'S'?

The word 'support' is already plural, as in "thank you ALL for your support."

It's a funny language.

I'm glad I grew up speaking it and didn't have to try to figure out it all out later!

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Ukraine: What the global south thinks

There is a deep and growing rift between 'the West' and 'the Rest' about the need to resist and defeat the Russian invasion of Ukraine. This is because it is really a war in defence of sovereignty, which ought to be something every sovereign country can buy into – but Western governments publicly insist that it is a war in defence of democracy.

All the chatter about democracy goes down well in Europe and North America, but it reeks of hypocrisy elsewhere. Three centuries of imperialism and conspicuous Western failures to defend democracy in the recent past and present in Africa, the Middle East and Asia make these claims sound absurd to people in the developing world.

So Brazil's President Luiz Inácio 'Lula' da Silva says in China two weeks ago that "the United States needs to stop encouraging war and start talking about peace" in Ukraine.

Russia's foreign minister Sergei Lavrov, in Brazil a little later, says that "We are grateful to our Brazilian friends for their excellent understanding of this situation's genesis."

US National Security Council spokesman John Kirby accuses Lula of "parroting Russian and Chinese propaganda", but from Indonesia to South Africa to Brazil you hear the same sort of talk.

Rather than join the embargo on trade

with Russia, they buy Russian oil and gas at a big discount and make no distinction between the aggressor and the defender. There's a lot of self-interest in this, but there is also a genuine incomprehension about why Western countries care so much about the invasion of Ukraine.

The West didn't care a fig about Saudi Arabia's decade-long military intervention in Yemen. Its only visible concern in war-torn Sudan is getting its own citizens out. Yet it pours money and arms into Ukraine even as soaring energy prices and crushing debt hit living standards and destabilize governments all across the developing world.

The 'Global South' sees only double standards and racism in this. Do the Ukrainians matter more because they are white Europeans? Good question.

The West hasn't helped its case by claiming that its aid to Ukraine is part of a global struggle for democracy. That is not an argument that appeals to authoritarian regimes. They would be much more receptive to an argument based on sovereignty, so why do we hear so little about that?

Western governments stick to the 'democracy in danger' line because it resonates far better with their own domestic audiences than some abstract legal argument about defend-

ing the international law on the inviolability of borders. However, it's Ukraine's whole independent existence that's at risk, not just its political system.

Russian president Vladimir Putin definitely doesn't like democracy, and he has been very hostile when countries on Russian's own borders have democratic revolutions. But the idea that he has embarked on some crusade to crush democracy – indeed, that his ambitions extend beyond the former borders of the old Soviet Union in any way – is simply ludicrous.

In practice, the Russian invasion of Ukraine is the heritage project gone wrong of an ageing dictator. Putin wanted to build a monument to himself by unifying the three countries that were known as 'all the Russias' under the Russian Empire (now Russia, Belarus and Ukraine).

They all speak Eastern Slavic languages, but so what? The Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia all speak Western Slavic languages, but they are independent countries. Putin's dream was a folly that could only be achieved by force – and it turned out that he didn't have quite enough force, because the rest of Europe stood in the way.

The West's countries didn't come unanimously to Ukraine's defence because they

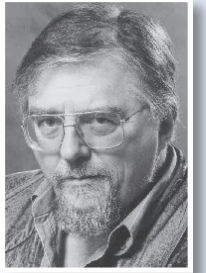
loved Ukrainians. They did so because Russia was breaking the sacred post-1945 rule on which the United Nations was founded: borders may no longer be changed by force. Conquest, hitherto the motor of most historical change, is henceforth illegal.

This revolutionary change was only accepted because nuclear weapons turned war into an apocalyptic, existential threat. It is taken most seriously in the developed countries, whose wars were already the most destructive, but it has also spared many countries in the Global South from cross-border wars that would have been inevitable under the old rules.

The new rules have been broken too, most notably in the US invasion of Iraq in 2003, but they have been respected over the past 77 years to an extent that would amaze our ancestors. That's the real principle that Western countries see at stake in Ukraine: inviolable sovereignty, not 'democracy.'

Would it be worth the West's while to explain more clearly what its real bottom line is in Ukraine? No, probably not. Nobody in the developing countries would believe it, even though it happens to be true.

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Impaired driver taken off the road thanks to concerned citizen

The Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) charged a driver with impaired operation and removed the driver from the road.

On April 17, 2023, at approximately 7:10 p.m., officers from Dufferin OPP responded to a complaint of a possible impaired driver on Alder Street in the Town of Orangeville. Officers located the vehicle a short time later and were led into an impaired driving investigation.

As a result, Susan FINDLAY, 73-year-old from East Garafraxa, has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)



- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville in May 2023, to answer to the charges. Their driver's licence was suspended for 90 days, and the vehicle impounded for a period of 7

days. These charges have not been proven in court.

"Thank you to the concerned citizen who contacted police with this potentially life-saving information. If you suspect someone is driving impaired, please call 9-1-1. You could be saving a life," said Dufferin OPP in a press release.

Dufferin OPP continues to conduct R.I.D.E spot checks daily as drivers who are impaired by alcohol or drugs continue to pose a threat to Ontario roads.

"The Dufferin OPP reminds motorists to plan ahead when consuming alcohol or drugs. Use a designated driver, cab, ride-share, public transit or stay overnight. Any

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

Dental office defrauded over \$200,000 in Dufferin County

Members from the Dufferin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police Major Crime Unit have charged an individual as a result of a lengthy fraud investigation.

In November 2021, investigators commenced a fraud investigation involving the misappropriation of funds at a local dental office in the Town of Orangeville. The investigation revealed the suspect, who was at one time an employee at the office had fraudulently obtained over \$200,000

between 2013-2021. As a result of the investigation, Terri PURDIE, 49-year-old female from Melancthon has been charged with Fraud over \$5000.

The investigation is continuing and anyone with information on this fraud is asked to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122. You can also call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or report the incident online at www.crimestoppers.ca.

Search for Jon Riley continues

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) continues to search for a Meaford resident who has now been missing for ten years.

Jonathan (Jon) Riley left his home in Meaford on April 26, 2013, after leaving a handwritten note for his mother, indicating he

was going to Toronto for a few days. He did not return.

Jon was 46 years old when he went missing and is described as a 5 foot 9 inches (175 cm) tall, weighing approximately 220 pounds (100 kg) with short brown/grey hair and brown eyes.

Before his disappearance, Jon had spent time in Ottawa and Toronto. He enjoyed hiking in the Bruce Trail area and often carried a green backpack. Investigators ask that anyone who has hiked the area contact police if they recall seeing a backpack.

Jon's family and police continue to appeal for any information from the public. Anyone with any information is asked to call the OPP non-emergency line at 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or submit tips online at ontariocrimestoppers.ca/submit-a-tip.

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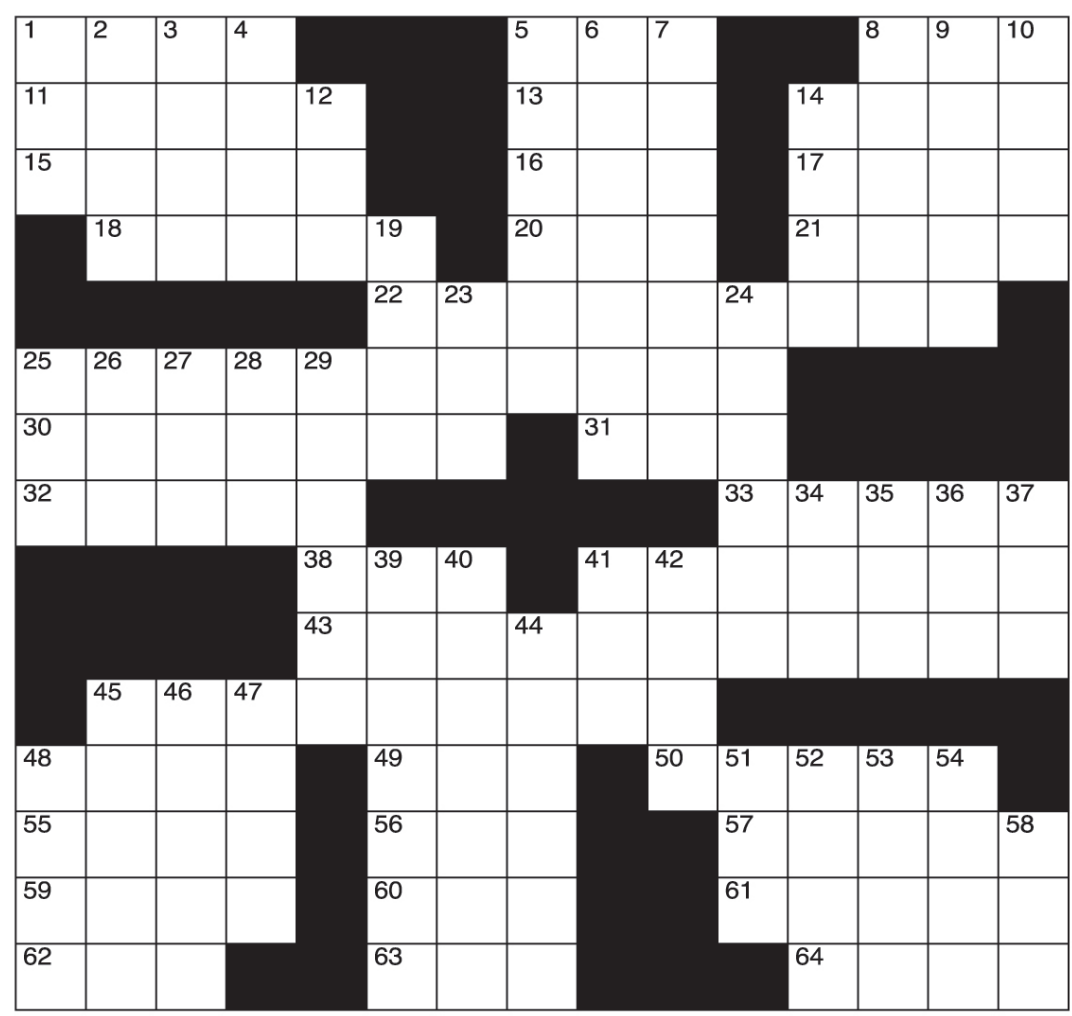
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Local hospital receives \$30,000 donation over three years with focus on nurse

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

Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) is receiving a significant donation from the RBC Foundation to celebrate National Nursing Week.

The RBC Foundation announced on Wednesday (April 26) that they would be donating \$10,000 per year for the next three years to support and help train nurses at Headwaters Hospital.

"Knowing that our nurses are encouraged and have the support they need to advance their education and learning can increase their job satisfaction," said Annette Jones, vice president of patient experience, health, integration and chief nursing and health disciple executive at Headwaters. "Funding for education also allows our nurses to stay up to date on the latest trends and advances in both technology and treatment so that they are delivering care that is based on evidence and best practices."

With the support, Headwaters nurses can apply for funds to help them in their role,

including financial assistance to earn a post-graduate degree, attend a conference or complete a specialized course.

"Nurses play a vital role in building prosperous, healthy communities for today and for the future," said Melanie Renon, RBC regional vice president. "Each year, RBC is proud to recognize the contributions and commitments of nurses by supporting their ongoing access to training and resources. It's our small way of saying 'thank you' to these courageous individuals."

Since 2009, the RBC Foundation has supported nurses in accessing education, training, resources, and mental health care. This year, the RBC Foundation committed more than \$500,000 to 22 hospitals in Southwestern Ontario over three years. The donation brings their total investment in local nursing to \$1.7 million by 2025.

National Nursing Week runs from May 8 to May 14 and is held in honour of nursing pioneer Florence Nightingale. The week is designed to increase awareness of the many contributions nursing makes to the well-being of Canadians.



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

NURSES WEEK: Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) is receiving \$10,000 per year from the RBC Foundation over three years. This money will be used to support nurses with training so they can deliver care that is based on evidence and best practices.

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Check our facebook page to see the other kitties looking for their forever home. Donations always needed to help care for the cats as we are not funded at all, and rely on donations and fundraisers. If you would like to volunteer as well we are always appreciative.

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Orangeville Humane Society adopting out cats from northern Ontario

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

The Orangeville & District Animal Centre has joined other Ontario SPCA and Humane Society animal centres to help give over 30 cats a chance at finding loving homes through a northern animal transfer initiative.

The special feline passengers arrived last week and were transported by the Ontario SPCA from the Second Chance Pet Network in Dryden, Ont.

OSPCA animal centres in Sudbury, Muskoka, Midland, Barrie, Orillia and Orangeville have been tasked with finding homes for 32 cats through their adoption programs.

"The Ontario SPCA and Humane Society have a very successful adoption program in place and we have the capacity to bring these animals in and the homes waiting for them to adopt. It's very exciting to be part of that and to be able to lend a hand," said Dawn Lyons, manager of the Orangeville & District Animal Centre.

The Orangeville & District Animal Centre received three kittens through the northern animal transfer, and two of them have already been adopted into new homes.

"They came in spayed or neutered, and vaccinated which really helped in our turnaround time. We were able to do a medical check, hold them for a couple of day and then they were put up for adoption and found their forever homes," explained Lyons.

A lack of access to basic animal wellness services, such as veterinarians and spay/neuter services, has contributed to increased animal populations across Northern Canada. Many northern communities have more adoptable animals than families who can give them homes.

The Ontario SPCA works with Second Chance Pet Network each year to help find homes for the cats in their care.

"At the Ontario SPCA, we like to work alongside our partners to deliver much need resources, and that includes transferring them to us so that we can help find them forever homes," said Lyons. "In Southern Ontario, we have more homes and more families in the position to be able to adopt at this time and are looking to bring forever friends into their homes."

Anyone interested in adopting can visit the Ontario SPCA's adoption page at ontariospca.ca/adopt to learn more.



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- Christine Meyer

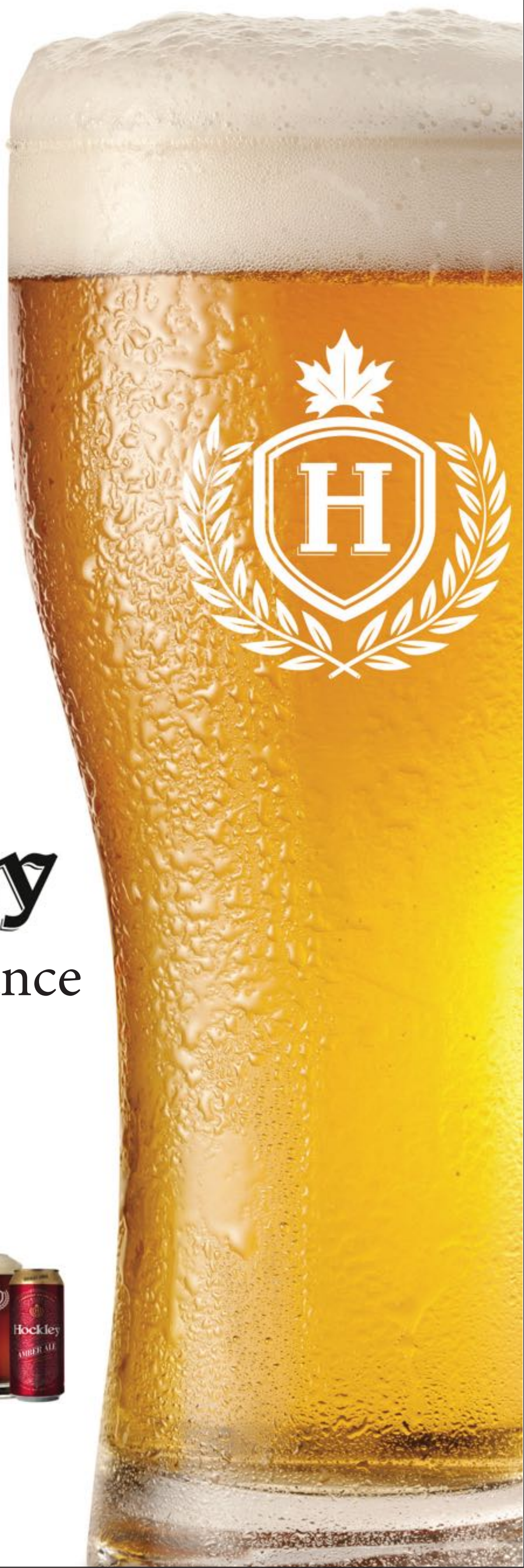
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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Test your stamina with Gotta Run Racing's event at Fiddle Park

Written By Brian Lockhart

If you're a runner, this will be a chance to test your endurance and skill when Gotta Run Racing hosts a running event in Shelburne that features different distances over a closed 1-kilometre loop at Fiddle Park.

The Fiddle 50 event will coincide with the 10th anniversary of Towne Fitness, which is sponsoring a 10 km distance race to celebrate its decade of helping local residents stay fit.

Whether you are a new runner or a seasoned long-distance veteran, this race will have the right distance for everyone.

In addition to the 10 km run, there are 25 km, 50 km, 80 km, and 100 km events, and for those who really take this sport to the extreme, there is a 160 km event – that's 100 miles.

There is also a team relay option where four to six team members can divide up the 100 km distance.

"We've partnered with Gotta Run Racing before in a lot of races, and because I've been running in their races for many years, they've supported our running groups and we supported their races, they added a 10 k this year to help celebrate our ten year anniversary," explained Towne Fitness owner and trainer, Hannah Sine. "This is an event they wanted to



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

LONG DISTANCE RUN UPCOMING: Gotta Run Racing will be hosting a running event at Fiddle Park in Shelburne on Saturday, June 3, with distances from 10 kilometres up to a gruelling 160-kilometre route. Norm Naddon and Joeli McNeill of Gotta Run Racing are the event directors. Hannah Sine of Towne Fitness has partnered with Gotta Run Racing and Jennifer Crewson of Crewson Insurance Brokers, an event sponsor.

bring to Shelburne because there really is no running event here. This is the second year. Normally they run longer distances, but we

added a 10 K, to allow people who wouldn't normally run a long distance the opportunity to run a 10 km."

Hannah is a seasoned long-distance runner who ran the 80 km route her last time at the event. She has also participated in 160 km events.

"It's a 1 k loop around. Last year I ran the 80 k, and I came first but I was the only one in that division," Hannah explained. "But I also used it as a training run for a run I was about to go to in California. A lot of people use these events as a training run. What's really nice is the runs are fully supported, which means there are aid stations with food and water, so you don't have to carry anything. Every time you loop around there's someone there to support you."

The loop around the course is groomed and relatively flat.

"Our long term goal is to create a running festival that will bring together members of the community, small businesses and music lovers," explained Jodi McNeill, who, along with Norm Naddon, own Gotta Run Racing and are well-known race directors in the area. "For the relay, you can have up to six team members and split the 100 k distance, so you can decide who runs how many loops. We did that last year and it worked out really well. All the runners will be cheered on constantly because they're going to be out there together and they're going to pass us every kilometre. We want to build this event into a festival. The first couple of years will be something small, but we're building it into something big."

Norm has run full 100-mile races and is a world-class competitor.

Crewson Insurance Brokers in Shelburne is one of the event sponsors. As a company that supports its employees by helping with physical activities, this event is a good fit.

"One of the pieces of our employment contract is our company pays for each of our staff to do a stress relieving activity of their choice," explained Jennifer Crewson of Crewson Insurance. "It could be yoga, running, or going to Towne Fitness. A lot of them have chosen to peruse a membership with Hannah at Towne Fitness. We are also very committed to the community and this is a community event."

In keeping with the theme of the race, organizers are looking for local fiddlers who would like to come out and entertain at the event.

The Fiddle 50 will take place on Saturday, June 3, at Fiddle Park in Shelburne and will carry over to June 4 if enough competitors sign up for the super long distances.

You can sign up on-line by visiting www.gottarunracing.com.

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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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Brighter Tomorrows Classic benefits Special Olympics and Community Safety Partners

Written By Brian Lockhart

Golfers can tee off knowing their fees and contributions will go to worthy causes at the Brighter Tomorrows Classic golf tournament at the Hockley Valley Resort on June 8.

Funds raised at the tournament will go to the Police Torch Run benefiting the Special Olympics and Community Safety Partners.

This is a brand new tournament but is a continuation of previous tournaments that supported the Special Olympics.

"Half of the proceeds from the tournament will go to Community Safety Partners and half will go to the Law Enforcement Torch Run," explained OPP Detective Constable Jeff McLean, who's helping to organize the event. "We'll have the golf tournament and then we will be doing a gala dinner at the resort after the tournament. We have a committee of six people. I'm representing the Law Enforcement Torch Run, Sue Snider is representing Community Safety Partners, and we brought in some others who have organized golf tournaments in the past. We already have over 80 confirmed golfers and we're expecting a lot more."

There will be some special guests at the tournament as some Special Olympics athletes will be taking part.

"Special Olympics Ontario has entered a foursome and we have one group that has sponsored a foursome of Special Olympic Athletes from the Caledon branch of the Special Olympics that will be golfing," Jeff explained. "At the gala we'll have a full steak dinner as well as a silent auction. It will be sports themed, and we will be honouring a few athletes at the event."

The event will be held in memory of



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

SPECIAL OLYMPICS FUNDRAISER: Classic Golf Tournament will begin at the Hockley Valley Resort on Thursday, June 8. The tournament will support the Police Torch Run, benefiting the Special Olympics and Community Safety Partners.

Bradley Ough, a Special Olympics athlete from Caledon who won silver in floor hockey in Korea.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run is the largest grass-roots fundraiser for the Special Olympics, consisting of law enforcement from police, corrections, the Ministry of Natural Resources, and the Ministry of Transportation.

Special Olympics Ontario is part of the global organization whose purpose is to serve local athletes with intellectual disabilities, promoting respect, acceptance, inclusion, and human dignity through sport.

Community Safety Partners' mission is to create a safe community for everyone through implementing local programs to advocate for safety on the roads, at work, and at home. They partner with local police, fire, and paramedic services to promote safety, with a focus on road safety, child safety, and family safety.

The Brighter Tomorrows Classic will be held at the Hockley Valley Resort on Thursday, June 8.

Registration starts at 11:00 a.m., with the tournament underway at 1:00 p.m.

The golf tournament is sold-out as of April 24. However, tickets are still available for dinner.

Organizers are still looking for sponsors as well as items for the silent auction.

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Draws for Paws 50/50 Lottery jackpot approaching \$60,000

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Ontario SPCA is days away from the grand prize draw for their Draws for Paws 50/50 Lottery, and you still have time to buy tickets for a chance to win big.

The Ontario SPCA announced on Monday (April 24) that the jackpot for the lottery draw is sitting at nearly \$60,000.

"The excitement is building as we get closer to our Grand Prize deadline," said Dawn Lyons, manager of the Ontario SPCA Orangeville & District Animal Centre. "One lucky individual is going to take home a sizeable cash prize, and everyone who played can feel good knowing that their ticket purchase has helped change the lives of animal in need of care and shelter."

The Ontario SPCA is a registered charity

that does not receive annual government funding and depends on donations from generous support to help change the lives of vulnerable animals.

Funds from the Draws for Paws 50/50 Lottery will be used to provide needed care and shelter for homeless animals.

The tickets cost \$10 for 10 and \$20 for 40.

To celebrate their 150th anniversary, the Ontario SPCA also has a special offer, where if you purchase 200 tickets for \$40 you will receive an additional 150 bonus tickets.

The Grand Prize Draw for the Ontario SPCA Draws for Paw 50/50 Lottery will take place on April 28.

To learn more about the draw or to purchase tickets for the Ontario SPCA Draws for Paws 50/50 Lottery visit www.ontariospcalottery.ca.



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DRAWS FOR PAWS: The Ontario SPCA still has tickets available for its Draws for Paws 50/50 Lottery that runs until April 28. The jackpot is nearly \$60,000.

Know someone who needs hearing help? Gift of Hearing nominations now open

Untreated hearing loss is connected to the onset of depression, isolation, increased risk of serious falls and is now the top modifiable factor in the risk of developing dementia.

To celebrate May as National Speech & Hearing Month, Hear Well Be Well is once again offering the gift of hearing to five people in Ontario.

For ten years, Hear Well Be Well has offered the Gift of Hearing program to get hearing aids, support, and services to those who, for one reason or another, do not have access to hearing health.

With the support of hearing aid manufacturer Beltone, the Gift of Hearing program has

helped many Ontarians discover the sounds they were missing, helped repair relationships, and improved overall health.

"Untreated hearing loss not only impacts overall health and relationships, it can also be dangerous," explained John Tiede, co-CEO of Hear Well Be Well. "Sever hearing loss, left untreated, means you may not hear alarms, cries for help, or even sirens."

John and Kathleen Tiede of Hear Well Be Well have been advocates for supporting the communities in which they have locations.

"We're so pleased we've been able to continue this kind of support for our communities," Kathleen said. "It's one of our company

values – compassion – and it's a value all the teams throughout Ontario work hard to keep at the forefront of everything they do."

If you know someone who is having difficulty hearing but does not have the resources to do anything about it, you can nominate them for this program.

Gift of Hearing provides top-technology hearing aids, hearing tests, services and support to the five selected nominees at no charge.

In the past, Gift of Hearing recipients have been nominated by family, friends, and co-workers.

Nominations will be accepted from May 1

to May 31, 2023. An impartial selection committee will review every nomination received and will create a shortlist based on a variety of criteria.

"The people who take the time to tell the story about why someone needs hearing aids and can't get them, plus how hearing aids will change that person's life, tend to get more traction with the selection committee," Kathleen explained. "We can only work with the information provided so those who tell a more complete story are more likely to be moved forward in the selection process."

The nomination form for Gift of Hearing is available online at www.hearellbewell.ca.

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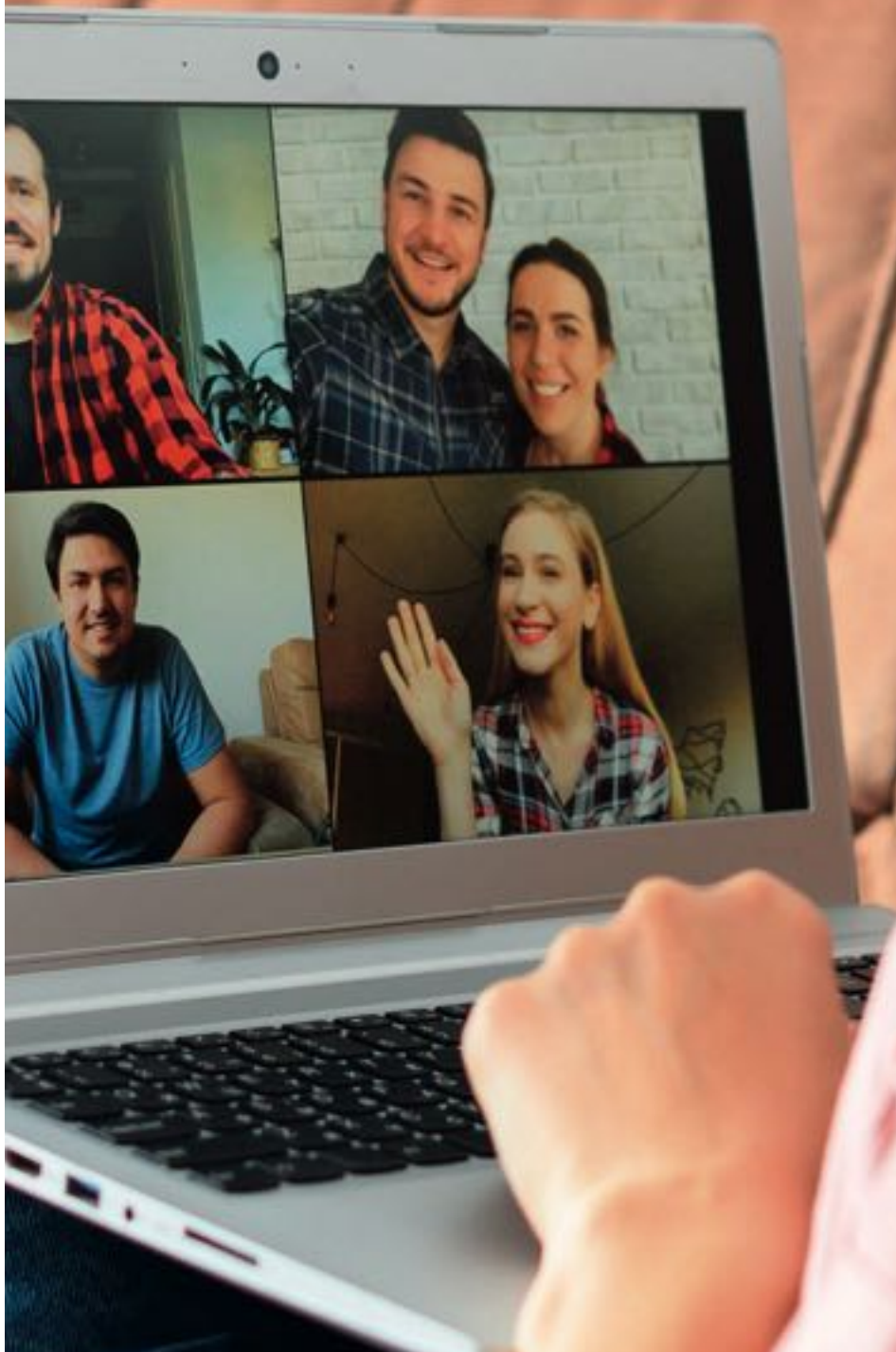
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