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## Local teen wins three medals at 2023 World Dwarf Games in Germany

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

A Shelburne teen is now a multi-medal holder after representing Canada on the international stage at a multisport competition in Europe.

Gabriel McHughan, 13, returned home earlier this week from his appearance at the 2023 World Dwarf Games and brought with him four medals – three bronze and a silver.

"I feel like it was pretty fun, I got to see some of my friends and make new ones on Team Canada. I learned that I could do more than I thought I could in sports," McHughan told the Free Press.

McHughan was among 46 Canadian athletes ages 7 to 62 with dwarfism who represented Canada at the multisport event in Cologne, Germany. He competed in 8 of the 10 events, including badminton, basketball, boccia, soccer, swimming, track and field, table tennis, and volleyball.

He received his bronze medals in boccia, basketball and soccer, and his silver medal in volleyball.



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

**BRINGING HOME THE HARDWARE:** Local teen Gabriel McHughan can once again call himself a multi-medal holder after representing Team Canada at the 2023 World Dwarf Games in Cologne, Germany. McHughan competed in 8 of the 10 events at the multisport competition and received bronze medals in boccia, basketball and soccer and a silver medal in volleyball.

One moment from the 2023 competition that McHughan noted as a highlight was when Team Canada won bronze in soccer, the same event they narrowly missed out on

medalling in 2017.

Discussing what the medal moment meant to him, McHughan said, "it means not giving up no matter if you win a medal or not – all that matters is that you had fun and did the best that you could."

McHughan first participated in the World Dwarf Games in 2017 when they were held in Guelph. At the time, he was the second youngest athlete to sign up to compete for Team Canada and finished the games with a gold medal in floor hockey and two bronze medals in track and field.

McHughan said he hopes his two appearances at the World Dwarf Games can be an inspiration for other local youth.

"Whatever sports you like or want to try out for, you should do it. Don't think 'what if I don't make it', think positive and not negative about yourself."

The World Dwarf Games (WDG) began in 1993 with the inaugural event held in the host city of Chicago, Illinois, featuring 165 athletes from ten countries. The games are held every four years in an elected host city.

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# Orangeville Food Bank launches Neighbours Community Market in Shelburne and Grand Valley

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

Residents in the rural areas of Dufferin County will now have the opportunity to choose how much they pay for their weekly fruits and vegetables with the launch of a new community market.

The Orangeville Food Bank has officially launched its 'Neighbours Community Market,' a sliding-scale weekly produce market in Shelburne and Grand Valley.

The Neighbours Community Market is a pilot project for the Orangeville Food Bank, which will see produce products placed on a sliding scale for price. The food bank will purchase a variety of produce depending on the season and demands and will give customers the opportunity to pay either retail value, 50 per cent of retail value and as low as 30 per cent of retail price.

"The purpose of the market is to ensure that people have access to healthy nutritious foods and hopefully, regardless of

circumstances, that they can have the dignity that they need to purchase food their family needs to thrive," said Heather Hayes, executive director for the Orangeville Food Bank. "When we look at those accessing the food bank, 90 per cent are taking fruits and vegetables; the kinds of food that are the most costly in any budget."

The weekly sliding-scale produce market will be open to anyone in the community, such as post-secondary students, seniors, and even those not facing food insecurity directly.

A significant factor that the market's 'open for all community members' policy is looking to mitigate is the 'them vs us' stigma that can be affiliated with food insecurity.

"If we can offer programs that support anybody on the spectrum of food security, whether you are very secure or very insecure, it helps provide dignity and takes some of the stigma away," explained Hayes. "We're trying to take that stigma away for accessing food because food



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

**NEIGHBOURS MARKET:** The Orangeville Food Bank is opening a weekly pay-what-you-can produce market in Grand Valley and Shelburne.

insecurity is a continuum and like any other bank, sometimes you make deposits and sometimes you make withdrawals."

Another factor the market is looking to address is the accessibility of food programs for rural residents.

"There's less access to food programs when you move into smaller communities because the resources just aren't there, and we know that people are experiencing food insecurity in greater numbers. It used to be that when you thought about food insecurity, you were trying to find ways to get people to the food and now what we're trying to do is get food to the people."

The pilot project for the local sliding-scale produce markets will run until

December. At that point, the Orangeville Food Bank will look at the feasibility of continuing the program into the new year.

"What I would love to see is that this program, in the next few months, demonstrates that it is possible to run a pay what you can market and run a revenue neutral program, which means the expenses and income cancel each other out," said Hayes.

The Shelburne Neighbours Community Market will be open every Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex. The Grand Valley Neighbours Community Market will be located at the Grand Valley Public Library and is open from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. every Thursday.

## Shelburne Backpack Project in need of donations to support students at local schools

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

The end of summer holidays is rapidly approaching, which means it's time for families to start getting ready for another school year with back-to-school shopping.

But for some students, the preparation for another school year can be a struggle to ensure they have the basic supplies needed to succeed in the classroom.

To help with this, the Shelburne Backpack Project is asking for the community's help raising funds to provide students from junior kindergarten to Grade 12 with back-to-school supplies.

"We have a couple weeks to go because the students need stuff before the first day of school, and we are about half way to our goal in getting what we need for the backpack project," said Bobbi Ferguson, chair of the local backpack project.

The Backpack Project is an annual initiative run by the service clubs of Shelburne, which looks to provide school supplies such as backpacks, lunch bags, and water bottles to families in need. The program was launched in 2020, and in its first year, it provided 85 kids in Shelburne and the surrounding areas with essential back-to-school supplies.

Over the last three years, the Backpack Project has seen a steady increase in the number of students reaching out for their services.

So far, the program has registered 83 students for backpacks for the upcoming school year, but Ferguson said she expects the final numbers to be between 120 and 130 students.

"Last year, we had 105 students and we had to cut it off because we ran out of funds. We're preparing for the same this year," said Ferguson.

Ferguson believed that one of the reasons the program has seen an increase in the number of students accessing the service year-over-year is, in part, due to awareness of the program.

"It's the knowledge that this program is available. Obviously, things are tight right now, and what the [Backpack Project] does



is free up some cash so families can get food or put gas in their car instead of thinking what aren't we going to get this week because we need school supplies," said Ferguson. "We do feel very fortunate that our community allows us to do this for people that need it, and I'm hoping it means a reliable, good quality source of help when they need it."

The organizers spend a significant amount of time putting together the backpacks to ensure that each one is tailored to be age appropriate for specific students. The demographic need for supplies is determined based on the registration through the Shelburne Food Bank.

After the backpacks are packed, they are handed out to the families when they make their regular visits to Shepherd's Cupboard.

"It's all very discreet because we want to make it as private as possible. Students deserve to have nice things not matter what kind of trials they're going through," said Ferguson.

Ferguson noted that this year, the most common age group they're collecting school supplies for are students between the ages of 9 and 12.

The cost of putting together the backpacks for the local students is not a cheap endeavour and varies for each age group. To put together a backpack, a water bottle, and a lunch bag for one student costs the program around \$75.

According to Ferguson, the Backpack Project spent over \$6,000 in 2022 to provide the back-to-school kits and also received 20 backpacks through donations.

Anyone who is interested in making a donation to the Backpack Project can contact organizers via email at ShelburneChristmasHampers@gmail.com or by calling 519-278-4578.

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# Hockey Night in Dufferin Caledon raises \$115,000 for Headwaters

Written By Sam Odrowski

The Headwaters Health Care Foundation (HHCC) recently saw a boost in funding thanks to a community event organized by a local politician.

The 2nd Annual Hockey Night in Dufferin-Caledon, which saw local NHL players Brett Ritchie and Andrew Mangiapane compete with other elite players, raised \$115,000 for HHCC on Aug. 2.

The event was organized by Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback, who says he's "blown away by the outpouring of our community's support for Hockey Night in Dufferin-Caledon."

He added, "For an event that's only in its second year, we saw incredible growth and phenomenal enthusiasm, which translated into \$115,000 raised for Headwaters Health Care Foundation. I'm immensely grateful to everyone for their support – from those who bought game day and raffle tickets; to the volunteers who gave their time and Teen Ranch who donated the ice time; to the fantastic sponsors who made it happen; including Enercare, our title sponsor. We couldn't have done it without all of you!"

In the end, Team Dufferin defeated Team Caledon in an action-packed hockey game.

**“ It was amazing to see our community come together for a fun evening to support a terrific and important cause.**

—Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback

The evening had a family-friendly focus and was full of activities, including "Chuck a Puck," which was enjoyed by all ages.

Three lucky winners took home raffle prizes, ranging from an Air Canada round trip for two, two tickets to a 2024 Toronto Maple Leafs Game, paired with one-night accommodation at One King West in Toronto, and two tickets to The Chicks Concert in September.

"It was amazing to see our community come together for a fun evening to support a terrific and important cause. Dufferin-Caledon can be really proud of what we achieved together last night. We'll continue to build on this success and have an even bigger Hockey Night in Dufferin-Caledon in 2024," MP Seeback enthused.



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**GAME ON:** Players from Team Dufferin and Team Caledon join together with Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback at Teen Ranch for a hockey game on Aug. 2 that raised \$115,000 for the Headwaters Health Care Foundation.

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## Residents encouraged to participate in International Plowing Match 2023 Beautification Competition

Written By Paula Brown  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Dufferin County residents have the chance to showcase local county spirit by participating in a beautification competition for the 2023 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo.

The 2023 International Plowing Match (IPM) and Rural Expo is a five-day celebration of agriculture and rural living. It will be held in Bowling Green, between Grand Valley and Laurel, from Sep. 19 to Sep. 23. In addition to the plowing competitions, the five-day agricultural showcase has multiple events and activities scheduled, including the IPM 2023 Beautification Competition.

The Beautification Competition is the host community's opportunity to be creative and showcase their Dufferin County spirit to welcome the event's estimated 70,000 visitors to the area.

"This is the first time Dufferin County has hosted the event and we want to make sure we put our best foot forward," said Kate Bryan, chair of the Beautification Competition Committee.

The theme for this year's IPM Beautification Competition is 'Breathe in Dufferin - Ontario's Heartland,' and will see the outdoor visual displays incorporate the flowers (hydrangeas and fall mums) and colours (blue, rust and cream) associated with the 2023 event.

Local organizers said the entries will be judged on the best use of flowers, the official colours, the theme, and overall impact and appeal. The competition will be scored out of a possible 100 points.



A total of \$2,500 in prize money is up for grabs in the competition, with first place winning \$300, second place receiving \$200 and third place awarded \$100 in each of the four categories: urban, rural, business, and barn quilts. Local churches are also encouraged to participate and are eligible for submission through the business category.

Those interested in participating in the Beautification Competition can do so by downloading the entry form at the International Plowing Match website (www.plowingmatch.org) and submitting the completed form along with an 8" by 10" photo (high-resolution jpg.) of the outdoor display by email to IPM2023Beautification@gmail.com.

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Our current economic system is out of control, and we need an adjustment to get things back in line so most people don't have to live lives of quiet desperation.

The housing crunch is hanging like a dark cloud over the country. More so in some places than others.

Ontario is particularly hard hit by rising and ridiculous home prices. Some western cities are in the same situation, beginning several years ago when Vancouver started spiralling out of control.

The latest hikes in interest rates are going to cause a big problem for a lot of people. The trouble is people are borrowing more money than they should be able to buy a home.

Having a place to live and raise your family should not mean you sacrifice everything else so you can make your mortgage payments. You shouldn't have to borrow a huge amount of money that will leave you with crippling monthly mortgage payments in the first place.

Several factors are causing the housing crisis, but for the most part, it's just a shortage of inventory.

Ontario Premier Doug Ford's announcement of a plan to build 1.5 million new

homes in the province won't do a thing to ease the current situation. Even if that plan goes through, developers don't build houses because they are nice guys. They build homes to make money.

There won't be 1.5 million new 'affordable homes'; there will be 1.5 million homes sold at what the developer can get for them.

When a new subdivision was being built at the end of my street, my neighbours and I kept a close eye on the situation. At the time, the first few homes were sold for around \$550,000. By the time they started building the rest, the price had risen to \$900,000.

"Cost of building supplies," the developer claimed. You don't have to be a builder to be able to check the cost of supplies and note that, no, supplies had not gone up 40 per cent in six months.

Another development project is going up near where I live. This is definitely not an 'affordable housing' plan. The houses are all large, on big lots, and the entire development is obviously geared toward people making a lot of money.

There's nothing wrong with that. Some people want to buy and can afford to have a big house.

However, after speaking with a local real estate agent who is working on the project, it seems most of the houses were bought before shovels were even in the ground. That, in itself, is not unusual. A lot of people have bought a house based on a set of blueprints.

The problem, in this case, was the project got underway during the height of the pandemic. People signed a deal to buy a house for \$1.5 million at a time when there was panic buying and multiple bids on existing homes.

However, the pandemic ended, and housing prices levelled off or dropped. My real estate friend told me there are plenty of peo-

ple moving into that subdivision who paid \$1.5 million for a house that might be worth \$1.1 million when they move in.

To keep that house, they will be paying interest on \$400,000 that never paid for a thing.

The problem is there are more people than houses, which is causing strife and financial hardship. The current government seems to think we need more people in the country to

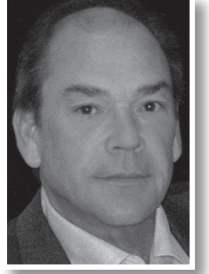
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## Police seize Fentanyl, cocaine when executing search warrant in Shelburne

Officers from the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) seized a quantity of drugs and charged an individual after conducting a search warrant at a residence in the Town of Shelburne.

Members of the Dufferin Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU), along with front-line uniform officers executed a search warrant at a home on Main Street in Shelburne on Aug. 4. The search warrant resulted in the arrest of one male who is facing multi-

ple charges. In addition, the officers seized a quantity of various drugs.

Justin DART, 32-year-old from Shelburne has been charged with:

- Possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime - under \$5000
- Failure to comply with release order (two counts)
- Possession of a Schedule I Substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Cocaine
- Traffick in Schedule I Substance - Opioid

• Possession of a Schedule I Substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Opioid (two counts)

The following property was seized:

- Fentanyl - purple
- Fentanyl - pink
- Cocaine
- Crack Cocaine
- Hydromorphone pills
- Quantity of unknown pills
- Scales

- Baggies
- Drug paraphernalia
- Cash - Canadian currency
- Air soft gun

The accused individual was transported to the Dufferin OPP detachment where they were held pending a bail hearing.

These charges have not been proven in court.

## Three pickup trucks stolen from car dealership in Mono, one recovered

Officers from the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are currently investigating a theft of three vehicles from a Dealership in Mono.

On Aug. 8, shortly after 10:00 a.m., Dufferin OPP received a call for service to a Dealership on Monora Park Drive in Mono for a report of three stolen vehicles. The complainant, who is an employee at the dealership, advised that sometime in the

overnight hours from Aug. 7 and 8, three Chevrolet Tahoes were stolen. The stolen vehicles are described as a 2022 White Chevrolet Tahoe, 2023 Black



Chevrolet Tahoe and a 2021 Black Chevrolet Tahoe that was recovered.

On Tuesday, Aug. 8, a Dufferin OPP officer, while conducting general patrol, observed an abandoned 2021 black Tahoe on Broadway in Orangeville. An investigation revealed that the vehicle was stolen from the dealership at an earlier time. It was confirmed that the suspects added gasoline to a diesel engine rendering the vehi-

cle inoperable.

The investigation is continuing.

If you have any information or video surveillance footage in relation to this theft, please call the Dufferin OPP Detachment at (519) 942-1711 or 1-888-310-1122.

You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit your information online at ontariocrimestoppers.ca/.

## Dufferin OPP issue safety warning after serious collision in Amaranth

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are currently investigating a serious collision involving an All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV) carrying four passengers on private property.

On August 6, shortly after 4:45 p.m., the Dufferin OPP along with emergency services responded to a single ATV collision at a rural property on the Mono-Amaranth

Townline in the Township of Amaranth. Two occupants of the four-seater side-by-side were ejected from the vehicle and suffered serious injuries while the other two occupants received minor injuries. None of the riders were wearing seatbelts or helmets.

Dufferin OPP would like to remind ATV operators that even though many see these vehicles as “toys,” responsible use and

proper safety equipment should always be used to prevent a fun time turning into a tragic event.

ATV operators are reminded to:

- Always wear a comfortable, well-fitted and fastened approved helmet
- Never drink and ride
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## August Long Weekend traffic patrols result in 377 charges for drivers across Dufferin County

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) worked tirelessly to ensure the safety of our residents and visitors in Dufferin County over Civic Holiday weekend.

Between Aug. 4 and 7 members of the Dufferin OPP laid 377 total traffic related charges. Officers conducted several

R.I.D.E. spot checks as well as conducting traffic enforcement with a focus on the “Big Four” which include impaired driving, distracted driving, speeding, and lack of seat-belt use.

The statistics speak for themselves, some drivers are still not getting the message.

- Speeding charges - 203
- Stunt/Racing - 6
- Move over for emergency vehicles - 5
- Impaired driving charges - 1
- Seatbelt charges - 36
- Other - 126

“Dufferin OPP would like to thank the majority of road users that obey laws and assist in keeping our roads safe. Thank you as well to our hard-working officers last weekend for their efforts and dedication in keeping our communities safe,” said the Dufferin OPP in a press release. “If you suspect that someone is operating a motor vehicle, boat or off-road vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, do not hesitate to call 9-1-1.”

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### CLUES ACROSS

1. A way to pick up
5. Presents
10. Type of guitar
14. Actor Idris
15. A citizen of Iran
16. Creative
17. Harness
18. Weight unit
19. You better call him
20. Utterly devoted
22. Male cat
23. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
24. Risk-taker
27. A team's best pitcher
30. Cool!
31. Women's \_\_\_ movement
32. Georgia rockers
35. Step-shaped recess
37. The princess could detect its presence
38. Type of truck
39. Butterhead lettuces
40. Angry people
41. Lines where two fabrics are sewn together
42. Soviet city
43. Carpet
44. Traveled all over
45. Thin, straight bar
46. Body art (slang)
47. Congressman (abbr.)
48. No seats available
49. Breaks apart
52. Arabic name
55. Ballplayer's tool
56. Type of sword
60. Baseball team
61. Upper bract of grass floret
63. Italian Seaport
64. Ancient Syrian city
65. Shoelace tube
66. The Miami mascot is one
67. South American nation
68. Popular video game "Max \_\_\_"
69. Body part

### CLUES DOWN

1. German courtesy title
2. Ancient Greek City
3. Ancient Hebrew calendar month
4. Long-legged frog family
5. Photo
6. Delivered a speech
7. Lute in classical Indian music
8. Decorated
9. Take a seat
10. Belonging to a bottom layer
11. Member of a Semitic people
12. Part of a ticket
13. Defunct Guinean money
21. Challenges
23. Popular BBQ food
25. Subway dweller
26. By way of
27. Shady garden alcove
28. Egyptian city
29. Partner to "flowed"
32. Widens
33. Old Eurasian wheat
34. Act incorrectly
36. European pipeline
37. Al Bundy's wife
38. Ocean
40. Root eaten as a vegetable
41. Sound units
43. Style of music
44. A way to drench
46. Hot beverage
47. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
49. Rumanian city
50. Urge to action
51. Vaccine developer
52. Canadian law enforcers
53. Wings
54. "Perry Mason" actor Raymond
57. Small fry
58. \_\_\_ Clapton, musician
59. Take a chance
61. Bland food
62. Consumed

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# SHELBURNE SPORTS

## North Dufferin Baseball League starts championship series

Written By Brian Lockhart



The Junior division of the North Dufferin Baseball League has now moved to the 2023 championship final series.

In the final, the Orillia Royals will be up against the Creemore Padres.

The teams finished one-two in the regular season.

Orillia led the pack at the end of the schedule in first place with a 16-2 record. They averaged almost ten runs per game in the regular season.

The Padres finished in second place with a 10-7 record. They averaged eight runs per game in the regular season.

Both the Royals and Padres had a bye in the first round of playoffs this year. The first round matched four teams.

The Orangeville Bengals won their first-round series over the Mansfield Clubs to

advance. In the other series, the Innisfil Cardinals won over the Barrie Baycats.

In round two, the Royals dispatched the Cardinals to advance to the championship.

Creemore knocked out the Bengals in two games to earn the right to advance to the Junior championship.

The Junior championship will be a best-of-seven series.

Game one of the series was slated for August 3 in Orillia but was postponed when heavy rain made the field unplayable.

If the series goes seven games, the final game will take place on Sunday, August 20, in Creemore.

The Mansfield Cubs had a good season

but finished well down in the standings in sixth place and made the playoffs by finishing two points ahead of the Georgina Bulldogs. They had a 6-10-2 record for the season.

In the Senior division, the playoffs got underway this week, with the first round getting underway on August 8.

The Bolton Brewers will be facing the Lisle Astros in their best-of-five series.

Defending champion New Lowell Knights will be up against the Creemore Padres.

The Barrie Angels will meet the Midland Mariners for their first-round series.

The Ivy Rangers will take on the Clearview Orioles in their first-round match-up.



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**CRICKET ACTION:** The Shelburne Gladiators take on the Shelburne Warriors during cricket action at KTH Park in Shelburne on Saturday, Aug. 5. The Gladiators came out on top in this match with a one-wicket win.

## Gladiators win over Warriors in weekend of Shelburne cricket

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Shelburne Cricket Club had another exciting weekend on the pitch at KTH Park.

On Saturday, Aug. 5, the Gladiators were up against the Warriors for the first game of the weekend.

Winning the toss, the Warriors struggled with Ahsen Siddiqui's 23 runs.

Fawzan Nagal's outstanding bowling yielded four wickets, limiting the Warriors to 66 runs.

The Gladiators responded, led by Deepak Bhamra and Khurram Gulzar's partnership.

Ahsen Siddiqui's four-wicket haul for the Warriors applied pressure.

Abhay Pratap guided the Gladiators to a tense one-wicket win.

Ahsen Siddiqui earned the Man of the Match.

The following day, Sunday, Aug. 6, the Shelburne Knights were up against the Shelburne Samurais.

Batting first, the Samurais set 132 runs, led by captain Abdul Razzaq's 22 runs.

The Knights started well but ran into trouble.

Shubham Begda scored 25 runs, and Chinmay Naik scored 20, but they fell short by four runs, giving the Samurais the win.

The Samurai's Pradeep Sidhu's five-wicket haul and batting earned him the Man of the Match.

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## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



### CAM GREEN

"I like that it has a mental aspect to it," said Mansfield Junior Cubs player, Cam Green. "You have to talk to your teammates on the field. We had a shaky start but we turned it around and we want to keep it rolling," Cam said of the start of playoffs.

He said he plans on continuing the sport and moving into the senior divisions.

When he's not on the diamond, he plays Juvenile hockey in Arthur.

**TEAM: MANSFIELD JUNIOR CUBS**



# Headwaters seeks public input for 2024-2029 Strategy Plan

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

Headwaters Health Care Centre seeks public input for 2024-2029 Strategy Plan

Headwaters Health Care Centre is developing its next strategic plan, a collaborative strategy that will shape the hospital's future over the next five years.

The strategic plan aims to build on current success and guide the hospital's activity to create a future-ready hospital for the residents of Dufferin County and Caledon. The approach is guided by a Strategic Advisory Committee of the Hospital's Board of Directors.

"We are excited to hear from the people we serve and who work, volunteer and partner with us about their experiences, perceptions and hopes for their community hospital. It is important we create a strategic plan that is shaped with community input so we can plan for our future growth and contin-



ued focus on quality care," said Kim Delahunt, President & CEO, Headwaters Health Care Centre.

### How can you get involved?

The hospital's strategic plan will be developed through a comprehensive consultation process.

Residents are encouraged to visit [headwatershealth.ca](http://headwatershealth.ca) and take part in the Strategic plan 2024-2029 Survey.

The survey closes September 15, 2023.

In addition to the survey, the hospital is hosting public virtual and in-person community conversations and is meeting with community partners.

People are encouraged to register in

advance by email at [info@headwatershealth.ca](mailto:info@headwatershealth.ca)

The virtual and in person conversations are being held Aug. 14 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Dufferin Oaks Long Term Care Home, Aug. 18 from 12 to 1:30 p.m. virtually, Aug. 28 from 6 to 7:30 p.m., Aug. 29 from 6 to 7:30 p.m., Aug. 31 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sep. 11 from 12 to 1:30 p.m., Sep. 12 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Grand Valley and District Community Centre, Sep. 15 from 12 to 1:30 p.m. virtually.

### Additional Priorities and Areas of Focus

Earlier this year, Headwaters Health Care Centre unveiled its Clinical Priority Plan (CPP). With a focus on addressing the most urgent clinical needs and anticipating the growing populations, the CPP emphasizes improvements in Emergency Services, Geriatrics, Mental Health and Substance Use, Obstetrics, and Paediatrics while also

focusing on quality improvements across all areas of the hospital.

HHCC's new People Strategy Plan, launched this year is also focused on the health, well-being, safety and accessibility of its staff, physicians and volunteers.

The hospital is also embarking on updating its Master Program and Plan that will guide both the programs and services required for the next 15 to 20 years as well as a full-facility assessment and plan to support the growth required on the hospital campus.

To further elevate the quality of care provided, the Hospital Foundation launched the SMART Headwaters campaign. This ambitious \$18 million fundraising initiative seeks to acquire an MRI machine and other vital medical technologies.

The campaign's success will significantly enhance diagnostic capabilities and contribute to better health outcomes for patients in the region.

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## Local teen wins three medals at 2023 World Dwarf Games in Germany

The 2023 games marked the largest number of participants in attendance at the event, with over 530 athletes from 29 countries competing.

Despite the number of athletes and countries participating in the competition steadily growing over the last 20 years, the World Dwarf Games continues to be lesser known than other international multisport events.

This means the athletes miss out on significant sponsorship dollars, and the cost of attending the games, including travel and accommodations, often falls on the athletes and their families.

"This is kind of the only platform where it's an even playing field for him to be able to compete against other athletes that are just like him. It's one hundred per cent funded by the athletes to go and it's unfortunate that they're not as recognized as other athletes," said Crystal McHughan, Gabe's mother. She noted that for her and Gabe to attend the competition in Germany, it cost them roughly \$10,000.

With the next World Dwarf Games expected to be held in Australia, the McHughan family is gearing down to begin fundraising to attend the sporting event in four years. The family will

be doing various fundraising initiatives locally starting in October, which marks Dwarfism Awareness Month. The next World Dwarf Games is expected to be held in 2027.

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Passed away peacefully at the Brampton Civic Hospital on Wednesday, August 1, 2023 two weeks before his 93rd birthday. John Frederick Lever was born on August 15, 1930, son of Harvey and Norine Lever. He married Joan Lever on October 15, 1977 and together they had six children Wendy (Marc), Sandra (Roger), Johnny, James (Carlee), Michael (Isabella) and Sarah (Nickolaus). They were blessed with nine grandchildren Matthew, Alex, Daniel, Elena, Eddy, Henry, Benjamin, Jane and Charlotte. John is also survived by his four daughters Lisa, Deborah, Gwendolyn and Catharine and their mother Betty Davis.



John was raised in Toronto, Ontario, also spending every summer as a child in Algonquin Park. Through those experiences he gained a love of the outdoors, boating and fishing. He earned his Private Pilot's license in 1946, followed shortly by his Commercial Pilot License. His love of flying was inspirational to all those he taught as a flight instructor at the 164 Shelburne Squadron. He later joined the Army and served as a Military Policeman until he was discharged with honour in 1954. John met the love of his life in 1976 while earning his Bachelor of Education from Western University. He used his degree teaching generations of students in Shelburne until age 65 full-time, and then into his 80's as a supply teacher. John will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Friends and family were received in the Warrior's Hall at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 220, 203 William Street, Shelburne on Saturday, August 5, 2023 from 10-11 a.m. The funeral service followed in the Warrior's Hall at 11:00 a.m. Private interment took place at Boyd Cemetery in Shallow Lake at 3:00 p.m. If desired, donations to the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #220 would be appreciated as expressions of sympathy. Online condolences and donations may be placed at [www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com)



**RICCI, ROSEMERI (ROSE) BARBARA (NEE ADAMO)**

Rosemeri (Rose) Barbara Ricci, (Nee Adamo) of Shelburne, Ontario, passed away peacefully with her family at her side on August 2nd, 2023 at the age of 78, after a short battle with Multiple System Atrophy (MSA). Predeceased by her husband of 50 years, Valentino. She is survived by her beloved children Micah and Sarah (David), grandson's Jacob and Mason. Rose is also survived by brothers; Frank (Linda), Luy (Peggy), and Tav (Kathy deceased).



Rose is predeceased by parents Peter and Josephine; brothers Dom (Laurie), Tony (Dyanne), Jack (Rochelle) and Vic (Thea). Also surviving Rose are sister-in-law Natalina (Don deceased), Georgina (Robert deceased), Ramona, Ruby (Loretta), Vinny (Sue deceased), and Christine (John). Also predeceased by brother in laws; Joe (Twyla), Roger (Carol), and sister in laws; Bonita (Joe), Shirley, Karon and Anna.

Rose was born in North Bay, ON on December 4, 1944. Rose and Val found their way to Shelburne in the early 70's where they made fast friends and settled in with their new family. Creating many memories along the way. She spent 35 years employed by the Shelburne Credit Union, where she built lifelong friendships with colleagues and customers alike. Rose was an active part of the community through the Kinettes and K-Ettes. Rose enjoyed travelling, skiing, golfing and entertaining.

Her family will cherish the memories of Scallini making, assorted holiday baking, as well as decorating for the Christmas season. Rose will truly be missed by those whose lives she touched.

Family and Friends will be Celebrating Rose's Life on August 26th from 1pm to 4pm at the Shelburne Royal Canadian Legion Branch 220, Backhall. The Shelburne Royal Canadian Legion is located at 203 William Street, Shelburne, ON L9V 3L6.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Defeat Multiple System Atrophy (MSA) Canada, or to Headwaters Health Care Foundation - Palliative Care in Memory of Rosemeri Ricci. Online condolences can be made at [www.imfunerals.com](http://www.imfunerals.com)

In Memoriam Funeral Services Inc. has been given the honour to serve the Ricci family.



**CIANFROGNA, LINDA (NEE FERRIS)**

It is with great sadness that we share that Linda gained her wings on July 25, 2023, at the age of 58. Born on November 29, 1964, to Paul and Joan Ferris, she was the middle sister to Barbara and Cathy. Raised in Shelburne, Ontario, Linda grew up working the family farm until completing University and moving to the city where she met her husband John Cianfrogna. John and Linda married in 1989. Together they had a son, Leonardo Cianfrogna. Together they traveled near and far and were always in search of their next camping spot. Linda was known to have a book in her hand and always knew what concert, plays or activities were coming to town and ensured she attended as many as possible.



After her being diagnosed in 2019, Linda relapsed late last year with stage four cancer. Linda had her final battle with cancer and unfortunately grew tired with no cure in sight. She passed away peacefully in her sleep with her son and sister by her side. Linda had a great love for animals which led to the adoption of their cat Domenic. To honour Linda, if you desire, you can make a donation to a rehabilitation center called Fur Warriors. <https://furwarriors.com/>



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The Cunningham family would like to express their thanks for all the kind thoughts and good wishes sent to us at the time of David's passing.

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To the ICU nurses and doctors at Headwaters Hospital, a very special **THANK YOU!!**

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