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Branch 220 plans events to recognize National Legion Week in Shelburne

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Shelburne Legion is looking to educate residents on the work the local branch does in the community as they celebrate the first annual National Legion Week.

The first annual observance of National Legion Week will run from Sept. 17 to Sept. 23.

"Believe it or not, a lot of people still don't know what the legion is and what we really do for the community. Any education that we can give to help veterans know they have a place to go or continue on with our duties for the community is great," said Dean Schroeder, president of Brach 220. "This week doesn't just educate [the community] about what the legion does, but can also help educate us on what our community needs."

National Legion Week has been marked by some Provincial Commands and their branches since the 1980s, but this year marks the official approval by the Dominion Executive Committee to establish the week as a coast-to-coast celebration.

The purpose of the week is to educate visitors on the work the local legion branch does in their community, from reinforcing the importance of serving and supporting veterans to the contribution to the well-being of the community.

The Shelburne Legion will be hosting three separate events over the span of a week to commemorate veterans.

The first event will be an open house on Sept. 17 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., which will include various educational booths. Visitors will have the opportunity to learn and ask questions about the programs for veterans supported by the legion, such as Heros Mending on the Fly, Guide Dogs, and a Hospital Trust, as well as the community services they support, including the food bank and Back Pack Program.

On Sept. 18, the Shelburne Legion will hold its weekly bingo night, featuring president Dean Schroeder as guest caller.

The local legion branch will wrap the week up with a member's appreciation on Sept. 22 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

"The legion started as a place for veterans

to talk with their friends who were also in the military, and over the years its evolved into a society that includes civilians," said local veteran John Flannery. "Functions like these let the public know that we're not just a bunch of disgruntled war veterans on our last legs, but that we try to do good deeds for the community."

National Legion Week also aims to drive new traffic, memberships and volunteers to the legion branches in their community.

"The way the world is going, there's always a war going on, and we now have some younger veterans that have been a little hesitant to join the legion. In time, they will see the legion as a place to go and share their experiences. If we can tell the public about the good work we do as a functioning entity, it will entice non-veterans to also come and join," said Flannery.

The commemoration will be held on an annual basis each September, kicking off on the third Sunday of the month in honour of the Battle of Britain Day and will wrap up on the following Saturday.

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Dufferin Arts Council opens applications for Reed T. Cooper Bursary

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

Artists in Dufferin County have the chance to receive a financial boost to help with the development of their artistic careers, with applications for the 2023 Reed T. Cooper Bursary in Visual Arts officially open.

"The Dufferin Arts Council is truly pleased to be able to support the growth of artists in Dufferin," said Shirley Boxem, executive director.

The Dufferin Arts Council introduced the bursary in 2006 following artist Reed T. Cooper's passing to honour his artistic achievements and contributions to the local arts community.

The Reed T. Cooper Bursary is awarded annually to a mid-career visual artist in Dufferin County who displays a unique talent and potential for excellence. The Dufferin Arts Council is able to award a maximum of two bursaries of \$3,000 based on a review of proposals received.

The bursary is intended to help artists develop their careers by providing a financial boost for further studies, setting up exhibitions of their work, research, travel, and

other professional opportunities.

The Reed T. Cooper Bursary is open to any professional artist who has worked in art professionally for at least five years, is a resident of Dufferin County, and is a member of the Dufferin Arts Council. Past recipients of the Cooper Bursary can re-apply for the funding after a period of five years.

Some of the eligible media for the bursary include paintings, sculptures, printmaking, ceramics, fibre arts, glass, wood, photography, and digital or computer-generated art.

The deadline to apply for the bursary is Sept. 30.

"Dufferin Arts Council is embarking on a period of growth and we look forward to growing our membership and the reach that we have to Dufferin County artists. Even if people are afraid, they might not qualify for the bursary, please reach out and let's have a conversation – we'd love to hear from them," said Boxem.

More information on the Reed T. Cooper Bursary in Visual Arts and the application form can be found on the Dufferin Arts Council website at www.dufferinarts.com.

Tourism Tent to feature live music, art, and food at plowing match

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

Looking to learn more about the sites, sounds and flavours that can be found in the Dufferin County community?

The County of Dufferin has organized a Tourism Tent for the International Plow-

ing Match (IPM), where eventgoers will be able to chat with 20 local ambassadors about the different tourism offerings in the communities of Dufferin and also participate in a survey regarding tourism services.

"Dufferin is a largely rural county with a rich agricultural history, and we are so

excited to share it with event attendees during the International Plowing Match this fall," said Janet Horner, chair of the Community Development and Tourism Committee. "We encourage everyone at the event to visit our tourism tent and take our Dufferin County tourism survey, and enjoy live music, art and sampling of our great local food and beverage options. Dufferin County offers something for everyone, and we look forward to showcasing that at the IPM."

The Tourism Tent will feature food, music, and art from local businesses and artists, including:

- Food from Lavender Blue, Black Birch, Ten of Tarts, Shine Bakery and Beyond the Gate, with special offerings from Chef Jason Reiner
- Beverages from Mochaberry

• Art displays from artists Ellen Cameron, Ricky Schaede and Hugh Russell

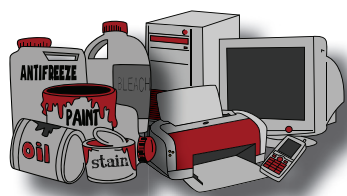
• Live music from Campfire Poets on Sept. 20 and 21 at 2 p.m. and Ashley MacIsaac on Sept. 22 and 23 at 2 p.m.

"The International Plowing Match is expected to see more than 70,000 attendees, and we can't wait for them to experience all that Dufferin County has to offer," said Dufferin County Warden Wade Mills. "Whether you're a Dufferin resident or a visitor, be sure to take some time to check out our great local restaurants, shops, outdoor recreation and cultural opportunities over the course of the event."

The International Plowing Match will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily from Sept. 19 to Sept. 23 between the farmers' fields surrounding Bowling Green and Laurel.

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Check the website for details on additional events this fall.

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Morningview Foundation commits \$3 million over three years to Headwaters Health Care

The Morningview Foundation has committed up to \$1 million per year for three years to match community support for Smart Headwaters, the campaign to bring MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) and more to Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC).

New donations and three-year pledges to the campaign started being matched on Sept. 1. Through this matching gift challenge, every community donation made will have more impact, matched dollar-for-dollar in support of better health

care close to home for patients and families.

"We believe that Smart Headwaters will transform care for every patient at Headwaters Health Care Centre. The hospital is investing in MRI, advanced health information technology, vital new equipment, nursing education and more, to improve the patient experience at every step in their journey of care," said Morningview Foundation about the significance of their pledge.

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Shelburne residents rally for cancer research in 43rd Terry Fox Run

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Shelburne residents will show their support for cancer survivors and the search for a cure as they participate in the 43rd annual Terry Fox Run.

The local Terry Fox Run will be held in Shelburne on Sept. 17 between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., with the walk starting at Natasha

Patterson Memorial Park. Participants will have the option to do a 5 km or 10 km route for the Terry Fox Run, or they can also walk laps on the track located at the park.

"We continue to increase our number of participants every year and we've noticed a lot of newcomers to town coming out as well. We hope this run will really bring our community closer together," said Taylor Wallace, co-organizer of the Shelburne

Terry Fox Run.

The Wallace family has been organizing the Terry Fox Run in Shelburne for more than a decade, with family matriarch Joan Wallace, a cancer survivor, leading the way.

In 1978, at the same time Terry Fox was facing his fight with cancer, Joan Wallace was facing her own battle. Diagnosed with stage 4 non-Hodgkin Lymphoma and ovarian cancer, she underwent radiation therapy in 1978, chemotherapy in 1979, and numerous surgeries.

"I hope that continuing the Terry Fox Run each year gives a little bit of courage to those in Shelburne who have or have had cancer. The same courage that Joan was able to feel when she saw Terry Fox. It obviously helped give her the inspiration to continue her fight, watching him continue his fight," said Wallace. "I hope it continues to also give everybody in Shelburne a little boost to help each other and to be kind to one another."

Thus far, the local event has seen around 27 individuals register to participate in the run, but Wallace said they expect to see between 40 and 50 people sign up on the

day of.

Last year, the Shelburne Terry Fox Run raised nearly \$10,000 for cancer research, and this year, the organizers are hoping to surpass the 2022 donation total. At the time of print, the Shelburne Terry Fox Run has raised almost \$5,000.

"Hopefully the proceeds we get on the day of the run will get us there," said Wallace.

Terry Fox embarked on his Marathon of Hope in St. John's, Newfoundland, on April 12, 1980. After running nearly 42 kilometres a day for 143 days (a total of 5,373 kilometres), on Sept. 1, 1980, he was forced to stop outside of Thunder Bay, Ont. because cancer had appeared in his lungs. Terry Fox died on June 28, 1981, at the age of 22.

To date, the Terry Fox Foundation has raised more than \$850 million for cancer research and funded 1,300 innovative cancer research projects.

To find out more information, to register to participate in the run, and to donate, visit the Terry Fox Foundation website at www.terryfox.org

'Rooted in Nature' exhibit to feature local artist at museum

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Mono-based photo artist Jo Thomson joins her passion for the outdoors and traditional photography techniques in a new exhibit at the Museum of Dufferin (MoD).

The exhibit, 'Rooted in Nature,' features a collection of 29 pieces of Thomson's work, described as 'cameraless photographs of botanicals.'

"With this collection I'm inviting the viewer to focus on the unique form, fragility and translucent qualities of the organic subject matter, and to feel a sense of calm, connection and appreciation of the natural work that surrounds us," said artist Jo Thomson. "'Rooted in Nature' will delight both botanical and nature lovers, analogue photographic enthusiasts and contemporary art collectors alike."

Thomson grew up near the coast of Devon, England. After completing high school, she went on to study art and earned a bachelor of arts degree in photography. In 2015, Thomson and her husband, Blair, along with their two children, moved from a house in the UK with a tiny urban backyard to a 10-acre forested property in rural Mono.

She said her relocation from urban UK to rural Dufferin County led to a deep appreciation of the natural beauty of her

new environment and coincided with a personal creative urge to return to her roots of the manual photographic process.

Thomas began to gather and preserve a collection of foraged botanicals such as leaves, grass and dried flowers, as well as wild bird feathers that she discovered on nature walks, and eventually, she embarked on a period of traditional printing experimentation.

The result of the experimentation has been a collection of cyanotypes, blue-based images that are created using the sun's UV rays, and photograms, black-and-white prints developed using a traditional darkroom.

While both art forms have existed for more than a hundred years and are based on traditional photographic printing methods, Thomson's pieces of work involve no camera or negative.

The collection of cyanotypes and photograms are inspired by the 19th Century botanical studies of photographer and botanist Anna Atkins and the early darkroom studies of pioneering photographer Man Ray.

Thomson exhibit 'Rooted in Nature' will be on display in the 4th floor Silo Gallery at the Museum of Dufferin until Oct. 21.



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CREEPING BELLFLOWERS: Local photo artist Jo Thomson displays her latest collection of works inspired by traditional photography techniques at the Museum of Dufferin (MoD) in exhibit titled, "Rooted in Nature".

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If you were hosting a party in your home, and the doorbell rang to reveal two people you didn't know who looked like they were of questionable character and said they were there for the party, would you invite them in?

Would you have two strangers in your house without knowing who they were, what they really wanted, and not knowing anything about them? What if you knew they were both local career criminals who were wanted by the police?

I'll bet you would politely tell them it was a private party, close the door, and hope they go away.

Our national party seems to be getting crashed.

The Globe and Mail has uncovered reports that federal authorities in Canada have issued arrest warrants for three hundred foreign criminals deemed to be a danger to the public. These people include sex offenders and people convicted of violent crimes, according to the Canada Border Services.

They are also trying to track down more than 37,000 foreigners who may pose a flight risk, may not voluntarily agree to be questioned or attend an immigration hearing, or

may pose a danger to the public. That number is the size of a small city, and those people are out there.

The figures provided come three years after the auditor-general raised serious concerns that the border agency had already lost track of a large number of foreign nationals facing deportation, including dangerous criminals.

The reports say that as of last month, there were 37,326 active immigration arrest warrants, of which 33,032 were to remove people from the country, including 306 people who are a danger to the public.

The report quotes the border service as saying it is "strongly committed to ensuring the safety and security of Canadians," and that tracking down and deporting people guilty of criminal offences is a priority.

Well, apparently, it isn't a priority because if it were, there wouldn't be so many criminals walking free on our streets. There are thousands of these criminals on our streets, and the government has no idea where they are.

How is this even possible?

If a Canadian decides to drive to Florida for a winter vacation and is stopped for a check at the border and it is realized they have a

DUI arrest from years earlier, that alone will stop you from visiting Disney World. If you have a valid passport, a driver's license or some other type of identification, you're on record somewhere.

How is it that the police can find out you have a warrant just by going on their in-car computer, but a serious criminal continues to evade authorities by not leaving a trail?

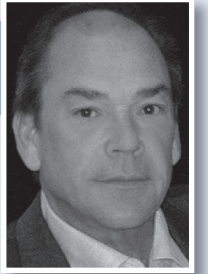
These criminals aren't just hiding and going unnoticed. They are staying somewhere and being helped by other people.

The federal government's policies on immigration have become a joke. The ridiculous scenario of people walking across the border into Quebec over a period of a couple of years while RCMP officers carried their luggage for them sent out a signal that getting into Canada is easy and no one cares about your past.

People were arriving with no documents, unvetted, no sponsorship, no ties to this country at all, and were simply disappearing.

These criminals who are missing must have some means of support. Even the friends who are sheltering them aren't going to do it for free and pay their expenses.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



If they are working, they are on the radar somewhere. If they are working under the table for cash, their employer knows something is wrong. If they are on some kind of social assistance, they receive money somewhere.

People who commit crimes of violence do so because they are violent. I had a neighbour who just had that tendency. He's had several driving while impaired charges, has been in jail several times for assault, including the last time for aggravated assault, where he stabbed a man in the throat and spent two years locked up. You would think that would cure him.

Nope, he's currently in jail awaiting trial on a new charge of attempted murder. Some people don't learn and can't change.

What's scary is these known criminals are on the streets, and no one seems to know where they are.

The real tragedy here will be the next victim of a crime by a person who is not supposed to even be in the country.

Armenia's last round?

The Armenians are a people of great antiquity – the first Armenian kingdom was in the 8th century BC – but they grew up in a tough neighbourhood, and they have been in retreat for a very long time.

They lost their independence to the Persians, then to Alexander the Great, then to the Romans and the Byzantine empire and the Seljuk Turks and the Ottoman empire and the Russians, bleeding territory at almost every step.

Armenia's borders stabilised under the Russian empire and the Soviet Union, but after the Soviet collapse in 1991 they got their independence back and the border problems started again. They held their own against the neighbours for a while, but now they are making a bad mistake.

It's still a rough neighbourhood – Turkey to the west, Iran to the south, Azerbaijan to the east, and Georgia to the north (with Russia just beyond Georgia) – and Armenians are minnows in a sea of sharks. Turkey is 85 million people, Iran is 89 million, even Azerbaijan is 10 million – and Armenia is 2.7 million.

Having a serious border dispute with Azerbaijan was unlucky, but the Armenians couldn't help it. In Stalin's time Moscow deliberately drew the borders of the non-Russian republics in ways that would foster disputes between them: it was a tactic that strength-

ened imperial control.

Armenia and Azerbaijan both got their independence from Russia in 1991. However, there was an enclave of 150,000 Armenians inside Azerbaijan called Nagorno-Karabakh and a similar-sized exclave of half a million Azeris on the far side of Armenia proper. So there was an immediate war, of course (1991-1994), and the Armenians won it.

Russia, as the former imperial power, helped negotiate the ceasefire and guaranteed it. The Armenians of Nagorno-Karabakh kept all the land they had in Soviet times plus about as much again around it, and a road corridor to Armenia proper guarded by Russian troops.

There were several opportunities in the following years to make a peace deal that left all the existing borders in place, but turbulent Armenian domestic politics sabotaged them. By 2020 Azerbaijan had used its oil wealth to build up its army and buy attack drones from Turkey, and it reopened the war.

The drones carried the day. The Armenian troops in Nagorno-Karabakh, which was effectively being run by Armenia, were decimated, and by the time of the ceasefire (mediated by Vladimir Putin) even much of the core territory of the enclave had been captured. So had the road leading west to Armenia proper, but Russian troops kept it

open.

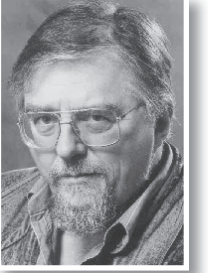
It might have stayed like that for many more years, but last year Putin invaded Ukraine. By December the Azerbaijanis had figured out that the Russians were too distracted by that war to worry about Armenia, so they imposed a blockade on that single road to Nagorno-Karabakh – and the Russian troops did nothing.

There are now dire food shortages in Nagorno-Karabakh, and in desperation Armenia's prime minister, Nikol Pashinyan, has turned to the United States for help. There are still Russian military bases in Armenia, but the first joint exercise between Armenian and American troops got underway on Monday.

Armenia has also sent its first humanitarian aid to Ukraine, in a deliberate snub to the Russians, and it has moved to ratify the treaty establishing the International Criminal Court (which has indicted Putin as a war criminal).

The Armenians' anger is understandable, as the Russians have been their only useful ally for decades, but they should remember that Russia has no strategic or economic interests in Armenia. It only supports the country out of imperial nostalgia and Christian solidarity. Both are quite fragile motivations.

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It is therefore foolish for Prime Minister Pashinyan to imagine that the United States can or would take Russia's place. Seen from Washington, Armenia is an opportunity to embarrass the Russians, but it's too far away, too inaccessible, too poor and unimportant to waste much American time or money on, let alone American lives.

Azerbaijan is not looking for another war, and it's certainly not planning a genocide. The 'blockade' is illegal, but it is only on the road from Armenia proper. People in Nagorno-Karabakh can bring in food any time they want by the roads that connect it to the rest of Azerbaijan. They won't, but that's just a matter of principle.

If there was ever a chance to make Nagorno-Karabakh part of Armenia, it was lost many years ago. Cutting a good deal for the Armenian minority in Azerbaijan is still possible – and if the Armenian government doesn't believe that, then all the more it needs the Russians.

Putin was always awful and now he's abandoned them, but for Armenians Russia is still the only game in town. Before they bet the farm on the Americans, they should have a chat with the Kurds.

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Dufferin OPP laid multiple charges over labour day long weekend

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 the Labour Day weekend.

Between September 1 - September 4, 2023, members of the Dufferin OPP laid 292 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 seatbelt use.

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

- Speeding charges - 145
- Stunt/Racing - 5

- Distracted driving - 11
- Impaired driving charges - 6
- Seatbelt charges - 13
- Other - 112

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.

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. Highway, trail, and waterway safety is a shared responsibility. By working together, the OPP and members of the public can ensure everyone's safety.



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HYDRO OUT: Dufferin OPP responded to a call on County Rd. 124 for a single vehicle accident on Sunday (Sept. 10). The road was closed between Wansbrough Way and County Rd. 17 due to downed power lines.



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POLICE PRESENCE: Dufferin OPP advised on Sept. 8 of increased police presence at the motel located on Hwy. 89 and Hwy. 10 due to an investigation. The situation was later resolved without incident

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OPP investigate break and enter

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are currently investigating a break and enter to a business in the Town of Orangeville.

On September 7, 2023, shortly before 2:30 a.m., Dufferin OPP officers responded to a business alarm in the area of Broadway in the Town of Orangeville. Upon arrival officers noted the front door was broken along with glass all over the floor.

Security footage revealed that a suspect had damaged the front door using a rock then entering the business. The suspect grabbed the cash register and fled on foot heading east on Broadway. The suspect was able to take an undisclosed amount of cash.

The suspect can be described as:

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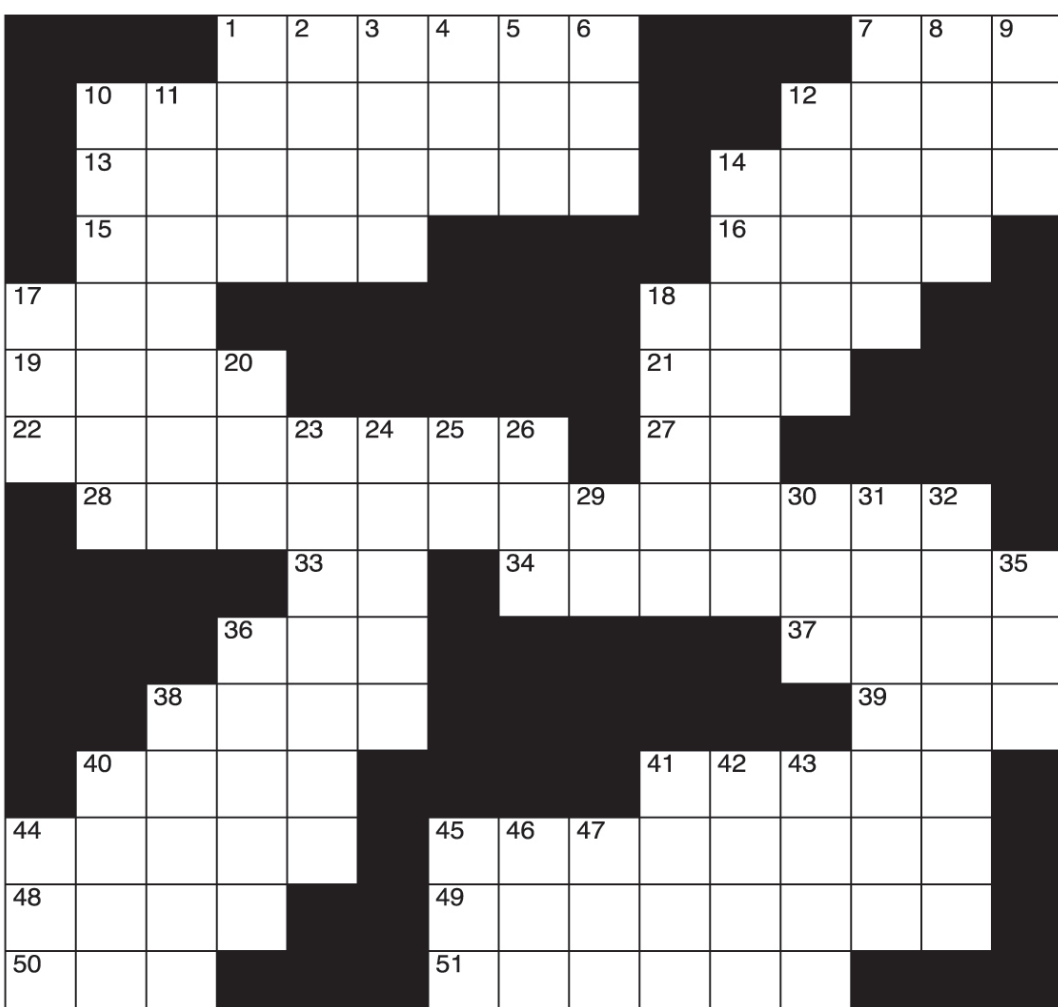
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7. Fashion accessory
10. Most cerebral
12. Incline from vertical
13. Dependent on
14. Broken in
15. Strongly desires
16. Mounted soldier
17. Ad __: when necessary
18. Cattle
19. Ottoman military commanders
21. __ student, learns healing
22. Composed in poetic meter
27. Promotional material
28. Where people live
33. Sodium
34. Embarrassing
36. Medical man
37. Mother of Hermes
38. One who saves the day
39. Tooth caregiver
40. Not clothed
41. Slope covered with loose stones
44. Used to cook
45. Praises enthusiastically
48. Rooney is a famous one
49. Beekeeper
50. Pigpen
51. Potato chip brand

CLUES DOWN

1. Living quarters
2. Horizontal passage
3. Attacks
4. Vietnamese

5. Midway between east and southeast
6. Confined (abbr.)
7. Book of Esther antagonist
8. Port in Yemen
9. CNN's founder
10. Type of bulb
11. Prepare
12. Promoted
14. Dinner jackets
17. Partner to cheese
18. Nebraska city
20. Human gene
23. Pays no attention to
24. Lowland South American plain
25. Blood group
26. Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano
29. Atomic #37
30. Unit of electrical resistance
31. Jeweled crowns
32. Nastiest
35. Traditional cars need it
36. Bowler hat
38. Robust
40. Not straight
41. Stony waste matter
42. Have an interest in
43. Jacob __, journalist
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ADDRESSING THE CROWD: Dufferin County Warden Wade Mills addresses the audience during a special preview day in the Tent City at the International Plowing Match & Rural Expo grounds on County Road 10 in Amaranth on Friday, Sept. 8. The Plowing Match will have visitors from around the country and the world when it gets underway on Sept. 19.

International Plowing Match & Rural Expo gives preview of what's to come

Written By Brian Lockhart

It is going to be one great big party with lots of good competition and entertainment when the International Plowing Match & Rural Expo gets underway in Amaranth on Tuesday, Sept. 19.

The event will run through to Saturday, Sept. 23, and is expected to receive close to 80,000 visitors.

Some of those visitors will make it a day trip, while others will stay for the entire event and live in the RV park that is currently under construction.

Event organizers hosted a media day on Friday, Sept. 8, to invite the media and dignitaries to preview the site and see all the work being done to make the event's several hundred-acre venue ready for all the people and plowing events to come.

The work being done is very impressive, with hundreds of utility poles erected through Tent City and the RV park to accommodate the electricity flowing into the park and a system designed to supply fresh water. The Tent City is just as it sounds, with tents of various sizes on the grounds. Some are very large and accommodate hundreds of people.

This is the 104th edition of the International Plowing Match and the first time it is

being held in Dufferin County.

"This is the first time the Plowing Match & Rural Expo will be held in Dufferin County and we couldn't be prouder as a County and community," said Dufferin County Warden Wade Mills during opening remarks. "As a largely rural county with rich agricultural routes, we are excited to welcome the expected 70,000 attendees. I would like to thank everyone involved in the planning and execution of this beloved tradition. We look forward to celebrating agriculture and rural living at the IPM and connecting with our local residents and those that come to visit."

Held in Amaranth, local farmers donated the land for use during the Plowing Match.

Amaranth Mayor Chris Gerrits thanked town staff for their effort in helping with the event.

"The Township of Amaranth last published a history book in the early 80s and I have confidence that when we update that history book, there will be a whole chapter on this event," Mayor Gerrits said.

When it gets underway, the Plowing Match is expected to provide an economic boost to the region when the thousands of visitors arrive through spending at local establishments, restaurants, accommodations and other costs associated with staying out of town.

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Morningview Foundation commits \$3 million over three years to Headwaters Health Care

K.C. Carruthers, Headwaters Health Care Foundation CEO said "I want to extend sincere thanks and appreciation to the Morningview Foundation for their continued support of Headwaters Health Care Centre. I am confident this incredibly generous gift will inspire the Dufferin-Caledon communi-

ty to support Smart Headwaters, knowing their impacts will be doubled. Together, we can make a lasting difference in the lives of patients, families and medical staff close to home."

Donations can be made at www.hhcfoundation.com or call 519-941-2702 ext. 2303.



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TEDDY BEAR CLINIC: Headwaters Health Care Centre is holding a Teddy Bear Clinic on Sept. 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Orangeville hospital to host Teddy Bear Clinic

Written By James Matthews
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Ailments troubling animals of the stuffed variety have been a constant worry for children.

And medical staff at Headwaters Health Care Centre in Orangeville will don scrubs and stethoscopes exclusively for stuffies on Sept. 16 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. during a Teddy Bear Clinic at the hospital.

Teddy bears of Dufferin-Caledon can receive pretend-play treatment from real doctors and health care providers at the hospital.

The Teddy Bear Clinic has been a beloved annual children's event since 1998, raising support for the hospital through the Headwaters Health Care Auxiliary and making a meaningful impact.

Located in the ambulatory care area and Friendship Gardens of the Headwaters Health Care Centre, the Teddy Bear Clinic is a carnival-style event where children and their families can bring their teddy bears or stuffies to the hospital for the whole patient experience, from "teddy triage" to "teddy treatment." After a pause during the pandemic to this beloved annual community event, expect an educational and fun-filled experience of games, BBQ and storytime.

"The Teddy Bear Clinic gives the community a chance to create an awesome hospital experience for children," said Juliann McArthur, the hospital's patient experience manager. "This year we are focusing on raising support for our first Kids Kart, including age-appropriate toys, games and electronics that kids love."

Visiting a hospital can be a scary experience, especially if children are not feeling well. The goal of the Teddy Bear Clinic is to help reduce children's anxiety and fear around a hospital visit.

Admission is free. Participation in the Teddy Bear Clinic is by donation. All funds raised through the Teddy Bear Clinic will be used to improve children's healthcare

at Headwaters Health Care.

Community businesses that have stepped up to support the clinic include Bluebird Café and Grill, BookLore, Bridlewood Soaps, Cineplex Galaxy Cinemas Orangeville, GANZ, Greenhawk Harness & Equestrian Supplies, Funvilla Guelph, Forage Restaurant, HARIBO, Kennedy's Flags/Kennedy House, logoyou, PepsiCo Canada, Sanderson Source for Sports, Sobseys, and Zehrs.

Organizers are still looking for donations in-kind to help support the event, including decorations, refreshments, products, games, and children's entertainment. Qualified donations may receive a charitable receipt in partnership with the Headwaters Health Care Foundation. Contact patientexp@headwatershealth.ca for a receipt.

"We are very excited to offer our community a special event that focuses on the hospital experience for one very important patient group: children," said Kim Delahunt, the hospital's president and CEO. "We welcome all children and families to participate in this event and hope that they will leave with comfort and understanding that Headwaters is a safe place to receive care when they need it."

The 2023 Teddy Bear Clinic is spearheaded by Headwaters Health Care Centre Patient Experience Office, health care providers and staff with support from Headwaters Health Care Auxiliary.

"The return of the Teddy Bear Clinic in 2023 marks the event's 25th anniversary," said Auxiliary President Mike Carter. "Since the event was started by the Headwaters Health Care Auxiliary, it was led by a dedicated team of volunteers who wanted to help children in our community feel more comfortable coming to [the] hospital."

"The auxiliary is supporting this year's event, and our team of volunteers remain dedicated to the hospital to support excellent patient experience for children, families, and all patients."

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8 Main entrance	
9 Back entrance	
10 Parking	
11 Accessible parking	
12 Facepainting	10:00-6:00
13 Farmapolouza (games milking cow)	
14 Fair trailer / Information	
15 Exhibits	
16 Heavy horse display	
17 Dairy Show	10:00
18 Sheep display	
19 Farmers games	
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20 Baby show	10:00
21 Pancake breakfast	10:00
22 Artsporation Bus	12:00-4:00
23 Pie eating contest	3:00
24 Kids tractor pull	11:00
25 Dog Show	1:00
26 Yoga demonstration	
27 Blacksmith demo	10:00-6:00
28 Farshot Ax throwing	12:00-4:00
29 Balloon twisting	11:00-5:00
30 Hair braids, Vivid Salon	10:00-2:00
31 Demolition Derby	4:00
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Dufferin Cup cricket tournament underway in Shelburne

Written By Brian Lockhart

The inaugural Dufferin Cup Cricket Tournament is now underway in Shelburne as four teams battle it out on the local cricket pitch to claim the regional title.

The tournament is an extension of the Shelburne Cricket Club's summer season. The SCC's house league wrapped up with a championship game on Sept. 3, with the Warriors claiming the 2023 title.

Organizers wanted to keep cricket going into the fall, so they organized this first-ever tournament featuring teams from several different towns. They invited clubs from around the area to put together their best teams to compete for the Dufferin Cup. Each club was allowed to handpick players for their team to enter the tournament.

Day one of the tournament took place on Saturday, Sept. 9.

"Shelburne Cricket Club house league is a league where individual players register and they play the cricket house league to learn the game and play from May to September," explained Shelburne Cricket Club president Ahsen Siddiqui. "The house league is done. This tournament is the first time we've done this in Dufferin Country. This is more premium cricket so it's the best players from SCC and the sur-



CHAMPIONS: Four teams line up during the opening ceremonies of the Dufferin Cup tournament at KTH Park in Shelburne on Saturday, Sept. 9. The Shelburne Stallions, Amaranth Wolves, Orangeville Tigers, and Mono Mights are battling it out for the championship title. The Shelburne Stallions take on the Amaranth Wolves on day one of the Dufferin Cup Cricket Tournament. The Stallions won this game 119 - 78. The tournament will take place every weekend through Oct. 15.



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rounding area. They play crickets in other leagues. There are four teams. In this tournament the teams get registered, not the players, so the captain is allowed to bring any of his best players from around the GTA. Whoever wins this tournament will win a money-tree of \$5,000."

With a sizeable quantity of cash as the prize for the winning team, the squads are

giving their best effort on the pitch.

"It's a short tournament so each team will play six games and the final will be on Oct. 15," Ahsen said. "The whole idea is to bring the Dufferin Cup here and bring people and tourism here."

Teams entered in the tournament include the Shelburne Stallions, Amaranth Wolves, Orangeville Tigers, and the Mono Mights.

On the tournament's first day, the Mono Mights won 130 -129 over the Orangeville Tigers, and the Shelburne Stallions won 119 - 78 over the Amaranth Wolves.

Day two of the tournament will take place on Saturday, Sept. 16, with the final championship game scheduled for Oct. 15.

NDBL Senior championship series tied at two

Written By Brian Lockhart

The North Dufferin Baseball League Senior Division championship series after both teams won a game over the weekend.

The best-of-seven championship series has the Bolton Brewers up against the New Lowell Knights. Bolton finished first in the regular season, with New Lowell close behind in

second place.

In the playoffs, the Brewers won six of eight games played in the first and second rounds to advance to the final.

New Lowell won six of their seven first and second-round games.

It was a good weekend for baseball when the two teams met for game one of the final series. That game got underway in Bolton on

Saturday, Sept. 9, with a 1:00 p.m. start.

Both teams battled hard and played good defensive games. In the end, the Knights left with a one-run advantage to win the game 4-3.

Game two of the series was in New Lowell on Sunday, Sept. 10, with a 1:00 p.m. afternoon start. This time, the Brewers had a big advantage on the diamond with a lot of good hitting.

Three Bolton players hit solo home runs to bring up the score. The Brewers' home runs came from Brett Chater, Drew Volkey, and Stephen Warden.

The Brewers managed to shut down the Knights, allowing no runs for the game to

leave the diamond with a 12-0 win to tie the series at one game each.

New Lowell is the defending League champion, having won the title in 2020. They were also the champion team in 2015, 2016, and 2019.

The Brewers last won the title in 2021 and are trying to get it back this season. They also won the League in 2017 and had a consecutive five-year championship run from 2009 to 2013.

Game three and four of the series will take place this week. Game three will be in Bolton at 1:00 p.m.

Game four of the series will be in New Lowell on Sunday, Sept. 17, at 1:00 p.m.

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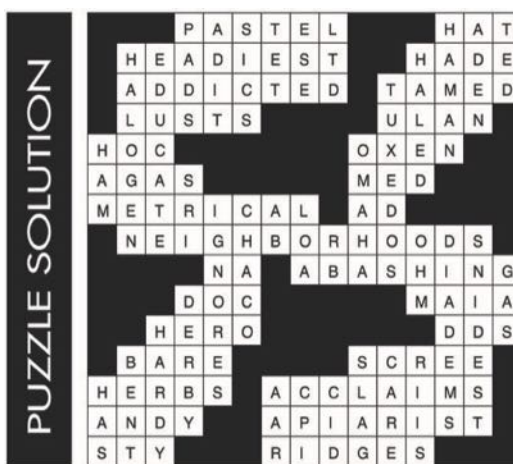
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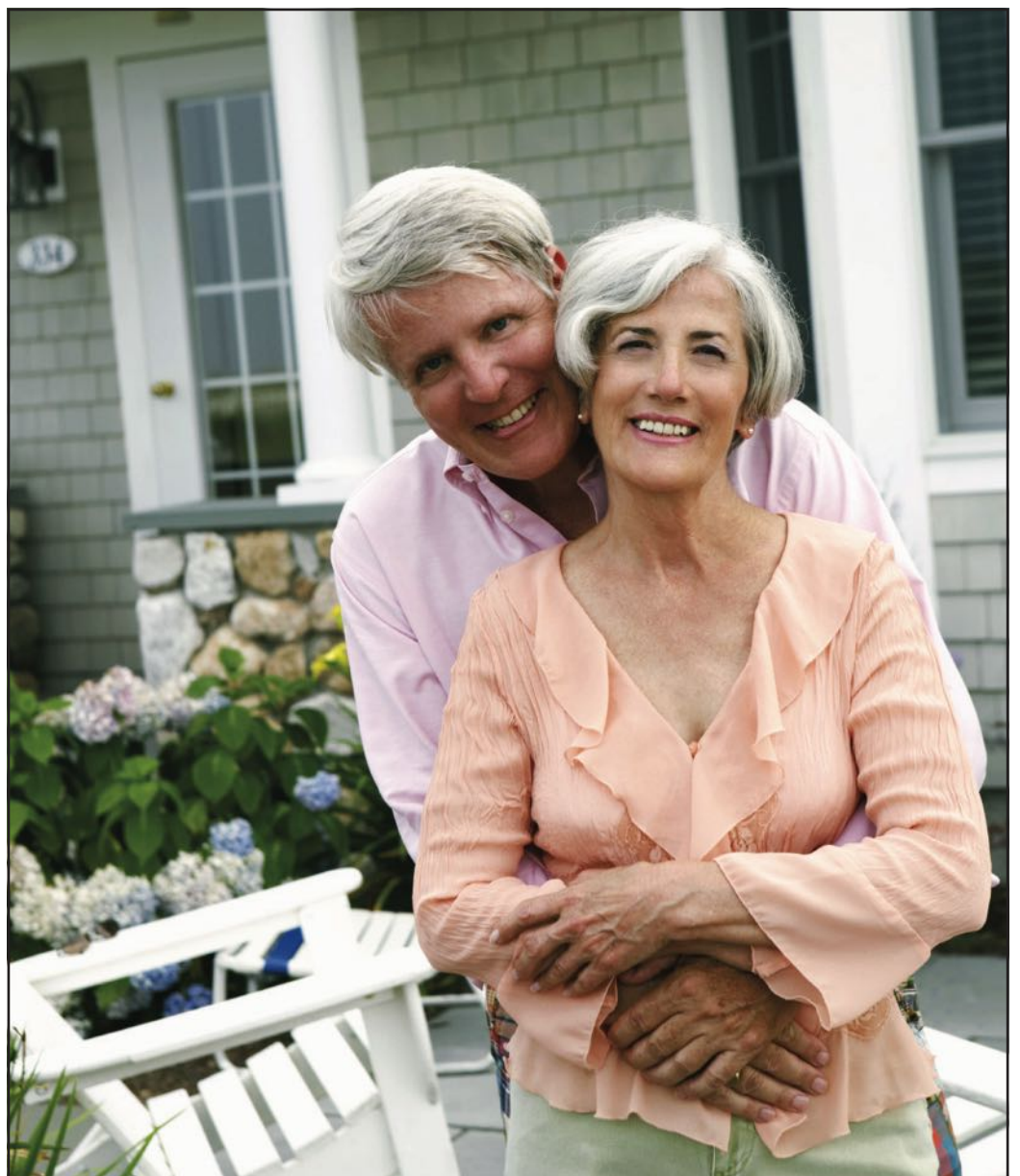
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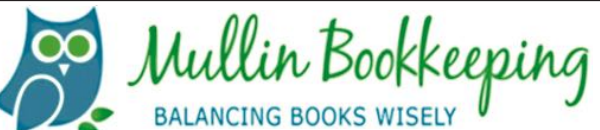


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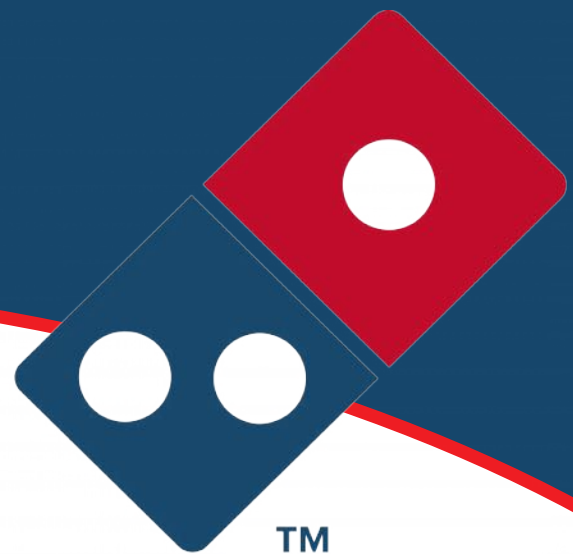


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