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OLD-FASHIONED PLOWING: A competitor rides a sulky plow during Day 2 of the Horse Plowing Competition at the 2023-2024 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo held in Bowling Green from Sept. 19 to 23. The multi-day event had an expected attendance of 70,000, and in addition to plowing competitions, it featured a range of fun activities for people of all ages. There were numerous opportunities to learn about agriculture and enjoy daily live entertainment in multiple match venues. Hundreds of vendors and exhibits were set up, along with a wide variety of food, a tent city and an RV park.

Dufferin Men's Shelter in crisis: Urgent funding requested to keep doors open

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

Dufferin County Council has declared the Dufferin Men's Shelter a 'project in difficulty' after receiving a request for emergency funding to keep their doors open for the remainder of the year.

During their meeting on Sept. 14, Dufferin County Council was presented with a business plan from Keith Ward, a Dufferin Men's Shelter board member, asking to obtain \$215,000 in urgent funding. Ward said the funding would allow the shelter to remain open through the winter and into Dufferin County municipalities' budget cycles.

"When we started, we could only guesstimate what the cost would be. No one else is doing this locally, it's not as if we have another comparator we could run out to and say 'please give us your numbers', we had to start from scratch," explained Ward. "We have numbers from shelters elsewhere in the GTA, but they're much higher and we knew it would take some real-world experience to come up with some better numbers."

The Dufferin Men's Shelter, located at 59 Townline in Orangeville, was opened by the Choice's Youth Shelter organization in March

2023. The shelter provides local men aged 25 years and up experiencing homelessness an alternative to living on the street while connecting them with resources to transition to stable housing and gain independence. The shelter initially opened with 6 available beds but increased due to demand and now has a capacity of 20 beds.

According to Ward, the shelter, on average, sees between 10 to 13 men each night but has also seen as many as 15.

The County of Dufferin previously provided the shelter with \$163,000 in funding when it opened earlier this year.

In a Health and Human Services Committee meeting held by County Council on Aug. 28, Dufferin Men's Shelter director Erin Goodyear said the funding had been used to pay staff members' salaries and that it has no other forms of revenue. She added that the shelter only had enough funding to support continued operation to the end of September.

The shelter has fundraised to gather additional financial support, but Ward said with the shelter's uncertain future, it's been "impossible" to fundraise because there is no guarantee the service will continue.

He also noted the difficulty the shelter has faced in obtaining additional funding from

other sources due to the lack of programs that cater to its demographic of solely serving men. With such limited support, the shelter relies on public funding and donations.

"Men are not an appealing population when it comes to shelters," said Ward. "There aren't programs out there that provide funding through other avenues as there are for women, for children, or for people subject to abuse."

A number of councillors raised concerns about the cost of the operations, which requires a base funding of \$370,000 annually, and the possibility of additional funding requests from the group in the following months.

"There doesn't seem to be any long-term plan that isn't heavily or exclusively reliant on County funding," said Dufferin County Warden Wade Mills. "We're going to put some tax-based money at this to keep the lights on for a couple more months, but we're not really going to solve a problem."

Coun. Fred Nix, deputy mayor of Mono, raised concerns with the cost of operating the men's shelter, noting that the roughly \$152 per night cost is more expensive than putting an individual up in a motel for the night.

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International Plowing Match Comes to Dufferin County



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POWERFUL PLOWING DISPLAY: The International Plowing Match and Rural Expo came to Bowling Green in Dufferin County from Sept. 19 to 23, featuring a variety of plowing competitions and agricultural exhibits. Plowmen and Plowwomen faced off in a variety of classes and contests. Some matches featured traditional forms of plowing, while others were pulled by tractors. The event is estimated to have brought out 70,000 attendees over the five days it was held.



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Shelburne Pride Rally set for return amidst rising anti-LGBTQ+ rhetoric

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

Members of Shelburne's LGBTQ+ community are looking to share their support of each other in the wake of rising anti-LGBTQ+ rhetoric with an upcoming Pride Rally.

"This is a pure celebration of the queer community, as we strive to combat the hate that we've been facing," said rally organizer Ethan Praxis. "The whole purpose of the rally is to show support for the queer community, in particular the transgender and non-binary community who have been disproportionately impacted."

The Shelburne Pride Rally was first held in September of 2022 as a positive alternative to protests in the Town, which were sharing anti-LGBTQ+ views. The 2022 Shelburne Pride Rally was originally planned to be a one-time-only rally, but Praxis said he chose to bring the event back again in response to the growing anti-LGBTQ+ conversations.

Speaking with the Free Press, Praxis

is touched on the importance of hosting events, such as the Shelburne Pride Rally, that support the local LGBTQ+ community.

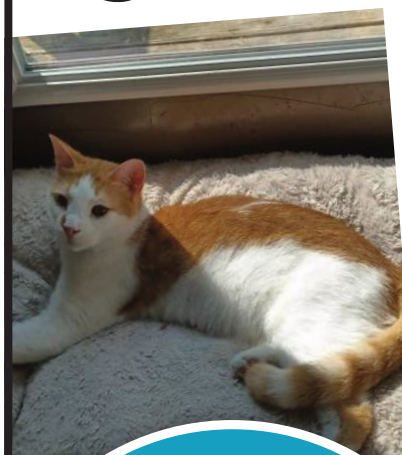
"It's absolutely vital that we have events like this, if not you're just emboldening those who are spreading hate and lies and those who are infesting the community with bigotry, even if they may be the minority," said Praxis. "If no one says anything, especially those in authority, it's highly detrimental."

The 2023 Shelburne Pride Rally will be held on Sunday, Oct. 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Jack Downing Park.

Individuals who are a part of the local LGBTQ+ community and those who are allies to the community are encouraged to attend the event.

"I'm hoping this will show the queer community in Shelburne and the more rural parts of Dufferin that they're safe here and to inspire them to have their own events. What we want from our allies is to just show up because we need you there to speak and stand with us," said Praxis.

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Opening Ceremonies at the International Plowing Match



PREMIER PLOWS: Ontario Premier Doug Ford took part in the opening ceremony at the 2023 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo at Bowling Green in Dufferin County on Sept. 19. He plowed part of a field as attendees looked on.



HORSE AND BUGGY: The 2022 Ontario Queen of the Furrow, Maranda Klaver, takes part in the opening parade at the International Plowing Match in Bowling Green on Sept. 19. She rides on a horse and carriage provided by Jim & Fran Braiden & Family of Shelburne.



RIBBON CUTTING: Organizers, dignitaries and past winners of the International Plowing Match and Rural Expo cut the ribbon to officially kick off five days of festivities and activities. Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback, Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones and Premier Doug Ford were in attendance. The plowing match was held from Sept. 19 to 23.



MARCHING AHEAD: The Sandhill Pipes and Drums helped lead the opening parade at the International Plowing Match in Bowling Green on Sept. 19. The group provided traditional pipe band music to help kick off the five-day event that ran until Sept. 23.

Dufferin County approves first Equity Strategic Plan

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Dufferin County Council has officially approved the County's first-ever Equity Strategic Plan.

"Dufferin County is privileged to have a diverse staff of all ages, races, genders, sexualities, abilities, faiths and backgrounds, and we know that this diversity has given us access to a wealth of experiences and perspective that have allowed us to serve our community for decades," said Dufferin County Warden Wade Mills. "We are proud to be embarking on a journey to become a more equity-informed organization, and by advancing the Equity Strategic Plan areas of focus, we will create an organization where every employee, especially those from communities that have experienced marginalization, is given the opportunities, resources, and support that they deserve."

The Equity Strategic Plan looks to develop solutions to the current systemic challenges, workplace experiences, and emerging opportunities for County employees. The plan was developed based on the findings of an equity audit that was completed at the County in November of 2022.

The overall goal of the plan is to have the County be an anti-colonial, anti-racist and anti-oppressive workplace with a focus on

dismantling all forms of systemic oppression derived from white supremacy, including anti-Black and anti-Indigenous racism, sexism, ableism, transphobia and homophobia.

The Equity Strategic Plan consists of four areas of focus to be completed across a four-year timeline.

The four areas of focus include increasing feelings of trust, belonging and wellness at the County of Dufferin for marginalized and racialized groups; ensuring marginalized groups have equitable access to career growth and management positions; greater level of accountability and transparency in cases of harassment and discrimination; and individual accountability for equity, diversity and inclusivity change.

Each of the areas of focus has corresponding strategies and tactical actions for the County to achieve each goal.

The Equity Strategic Plan is a part of the County of Dufferin's overall 2023-2026 Strategic Plan, finalized in June and highlighted 'equity' as a key priority area to address in its programs, services, and resources.

An equity assessment will be completed every four years to measure the County's success in implementing the equity strategic plan's areas of focus and vision.

Residents can read the complete Equity Strategic Plan on the County's website - www.dufferincounty.ca.

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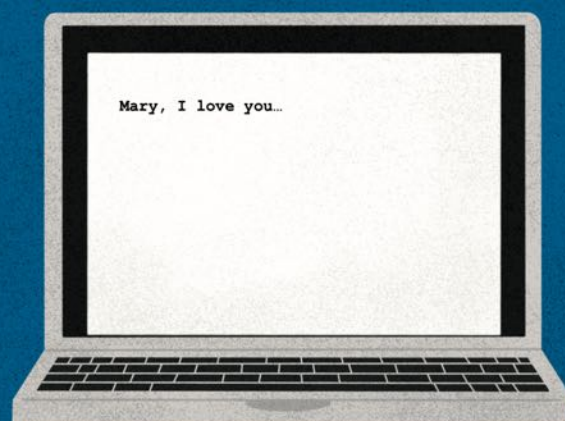
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Killers among us

It is a largely forgotten crime, but pretty spectacular for its day.

In 1973, a man in disguise, entered the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in Kenora, Ontario, with firearms, a bomb, and bags to hold money. He held a 'dead man's' switch between his teeth, so if anyone tried to stop him and he released the switch, the six sticks of dynamite strapped to his chest would explode.

He asked the bank manager for money, and told him to call the police. According to the bank manager, the man was calm and rational.

The man said he wanted a ride out of town. He hadn't thought his escape route very well. All roads out of Kenora are dead-end logging routes, due to the extreme rural location, except the one that leads to the Trans Canada Highway.

A local police officer in plain clothes volunteered to drive the get-away truck and help carry some of the money. As word spread around town, a large crowd gathered to watch the event.

As the man and police officer exited the bank carrying duffel bags full of money, a shot rang out - a police sniper fired a single shot hitting the man. A split second later the bomb

exploded showering the streets with over \$100,000 in cash - all of which was found when they started sweeping up the mess. The police officer, while injured, survived the blast. There was extensive damage to the bank and store fronts.

To this day, 50 years later, no one knows who the bank robber was. He was never identified.

He must have been someone's son, brother, father, friend, or acquaintance. Somewhere, someone probably wondered what ever happened to 'good old Bob,' the guy they knew in high school. And yet know one ever noticed a man, in his 40's, with a distinctive red beard, was missing. They couldn't provide a composite drawing or photograph of his face because it was pretty much eliminated when the bomb went off.

He, or what's left of him, was buried in an unmarked grave in the Kenora cemetery.

Ontario is a peaceful place, but there are a lot of people out there responsible for horrendous crimes, that have never been caught or identified. Forget about the gang bangers shooting each other in Toronto, for them, it's a hobby.

There are many unsolved murders in the province and someone is responsible.

In 1984, a 38 year old mother in Frankford, north of Trenton, was found murdered in her garage - by her 12 year old daughter. No reason known, no suspects.

In 1990, an innocent 13 year-old girl and her mother, in Cumberland Beach were attacked in their home at night. The mother was severely beaten on the head with a metal object, likely a pipe or tire iron. The girl was sexually assaulted and murdered in her back yard. No suspects, no one arrested.

Police theorize the perpetrator was local. Someone in Cumberland Beach knows who did this.

In Lucknow, in 1988, a 25 year old woman had returned from a home coming dance, then disappeared. The case was recently re-opened when a witness finally reported they had heard a woman screaming for help and running in a nightgown between Lucknow and her family farm. Someone knows what happened to her.

In 1996, a man received what appeared to be an early Christmas present at his home in Moffat. It was a bomb disguised as a flashlight. When he turned it on, it exploded, killing him in his home.

In 1991, a couple parked their RV in a rest stop, near Blind River. At 1:00 a.m. someone

pounded on the door demanding entry. The woman was shot and killed. A person saw the commotion and came to help. He was also shot dead. No one was ever arrested.

In 1985, an eight year-old girl disappeared in Etobicoke while going to meet her friend to go swimming. No suspect, no one arrested.

In 2010, nurse was violently murdered in her own home in Orangeville. Thirteen years later, no one has been arrested in connection with the case.

In 2022, a mother of three was gunned down and died in the driveway of her home in Alliston. No arrests. No suspect.

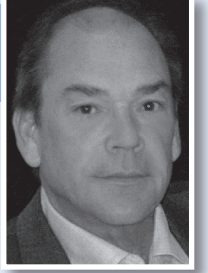
London, Ontario, has a full roster of unsolved murders of young women dating back to the 60's. No one arrested, no suspects.

These are just a few examples of unsolved murders or disappearances in the province. The list is long, and disturbing.

How can so many people be violently murdered, and no one held accountable?

These killers are out there somewhere, and so are people who have knowledge of the crimes, but aren't talking.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Why Canada needs an economic charter of rights

I came to Canada as a young immigrant and opened a one-man tool and die shop in a rented garage in the late 1950s. By sharing profits with employees, managers and investors, I built that tool shop into Magna International Inc., one of the world's largest auto parts suppliers with annual sales of more than \$40 billion and over 174,000 people in 30 countries.

In addition to more than seven decades of experience as a successful business owner, I've also served on numerous corporate, government, hospital and university boards, as well as on board of the NASDAQ stock exchange.

My name is Frank Stronach, and at this stage of my career, I would like to share some of my hard-won experience and knowledge to make Canada a better country and to create more opportunities for my fellow Canadians to succeed and prosper.

But I've grown increasingly worried that our living standards here in Canada are deteriorating because we no longer focus on the economy. If the economy doesn't function, nothing else will.

Without a strong economy, we won't have the money to adequately fund our health care and social assistance programs, and we won't be able to look after the most fragile and vulnerable citizens in

our society.

Unfortunately, we haven't zeroed in on what really powers the economy. The economy is driven by three forces: smart managers, hard-working employees, and investors. And all three have a right to the outcome of the business, which is profits.

Our economy should also function for the benefit of everyone, not just the rich. Right now, the divide between the working class and the wealthy is growing wider and wider because a growing number of Canadians are being denied a fair share of the wealth they help create.

The truth is our economy has been in a slow and steady decline for quite a while now. The reason why living standards are dropping is that we're exporting less and importing more. We're turning our factories into warehouses, which is why you hardly ever see a product made in this country on store shelves anymore. And we're strangling small business, the backbone of our economy, with unnecessary red tape and regulations.

So, what can we do to get our economy straightened out?

I believe one solution is to create an Economic Charter of Rights and Responsibilities that focuses on economic rights, including the right of workers to accumu-

late wealth through profit participation, as well as responsibilities that require the government to manage our tax dollars responsibly.

The charter would contain seven key principles to create a stronger economy and a more prosperous country. We could get government spending under control, introduce profit sharing for millions of hard-working Canadians, and take the shackles off our entrepreneurs and small business owners.

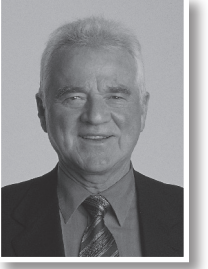
In the weeks ahead, I'll spell out in greater detail the various rights and responsibilities contained in this new Economic Charter, and I look forward to sharing my thoughts and views with readers in this weekly column, which will appear in

the London Publishing group of weekly newspapers published in towns and communities throughout Ontario.

Much of my focus in the columns will be on the economy and what we need to do to get it firing on all cylinders once again. Because without a robust economy, our living standards will continue to fall.

I'll bring forward some of the lessons I've learned over many years running global businesses at the very highest level. One thing you can be sure of: I will always put forth constructive solutions. That's what our country needs - and it's what Canadians are searching for.

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Charges laid in multi-vehicle collision in Melancton

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

Dufferin OPP have laid charges against a transport truck driver in connection to a seven vehicle collision that happened in Melancton last month, and resulted in the death of a young mother.

Dufferin OPP have charged 28-year-old Sukhwinder Sidhu from Angus with dangerous operation causing death and four counts of dangerous operation causing bodily harm.

On Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at approximately 3:10 p.m., officers responded to a call on County Road 124, south of 20th Sideroad in Melancton, for a serious collision involving seven vehicles, one being a transport truck. The collision resulted in several injuries including one fatality.

According to police, the accused entered the construction zone on County Road 124 and collided into the rear of the line up of vehicles, which were stopped in the northbound lane.

A 31-year-old Barrie woman identified as Alexandra Paul, was pronounced deceased at the scene. She was travelling with her infant child, who was transported by ambulance to a local hospital and later by ambulance to a children's hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

A 67-year-old man was extricated from his vehicle by firefighters and transported to a local hospital with serious injuries. He was later air-lifted by Ornge to a Toronto area trauma centre.

A 45-year-old woman and a 28-year-old man were transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The investigation is continuing, with police asking anyone who may have witnessed or has video of the collision is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

The affirmed charges have not been proven in court.

Collingwood woman, 59, dies in two-vehicle collision in Mulmur

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the OPP, along with Dufferin County EMS, and Fire Services attended a serious two-vehicle collisions in Mulmur.

On Sept. 25, shortly before 12:30 p.m., officers attended CTY RD 18 and CTY RD

21 in Mulmur for the report of a serious collision involving two vehicles.

As the result of the collision, an 59-year-old, female from Collingwood was pronounced deceased at the scene and the other vehicle driver was transported to a

local trauma centre with non-life-threatening injuries.

The Traffic Collision Investigation (TCI) team of the OPP was brought in to investigate. The investigation is continuing and anyone who may have witnessed the colli-

sion is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP 1-888-310-1122.

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OPP lays impaired operation charges on two drivers

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Dufferin OPP officers have charged two drivers with impaired operation.

On September 20, 2023, at approximately 8:00 p.m., a Dufferin OPP officer conducted a traffic stop on Centennial Road in the Town of Shelburne. The officer was led into an impaired driving investigation.

As a result, Lisa FRIZZELL, 36-year-old female, from Toronto has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs

· Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration 80 plus

On September 20, 2023, just before 9:00 p.m., a Dufferin OPP officer attended a call for a single vehicle into a ditch. The officer located the vehicle on County Road 18 in the Town of Mono and was led into an impaired driving investigation.

As a result, Lee AUSTIN, 53-year-old male, from Markdale has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and

· Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration 80 plus

The accused individuals are scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville, to answer to the charges in October 2023. Their driver's licence was suspended 90 days, and their vehicles impounded for 7 days.

These charges have not been proven in court.

Drugs and stolen vehicles seized with search warrant

Officers from the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) seized a quantity of drugs and recovered two stolen vehicles in the Town of Orangeville.

On September 20, 2023, members of the Dufferin Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU), with assistance from Nottawasaga CSCU, Collingwood CSCU,

Offender Management and Apprehension Program and frontline uniform officers

executed a search warrant in Orangeville.

The following was seized:

- Close to 900 pounds of packaged dried marijuana
- 2020 Dodge Ram
- 2008 Nissan 350Z

The investigation is continuing, there are no charges at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation of any other criminal activity is asked to contact Dufferin OPP at 1-888-




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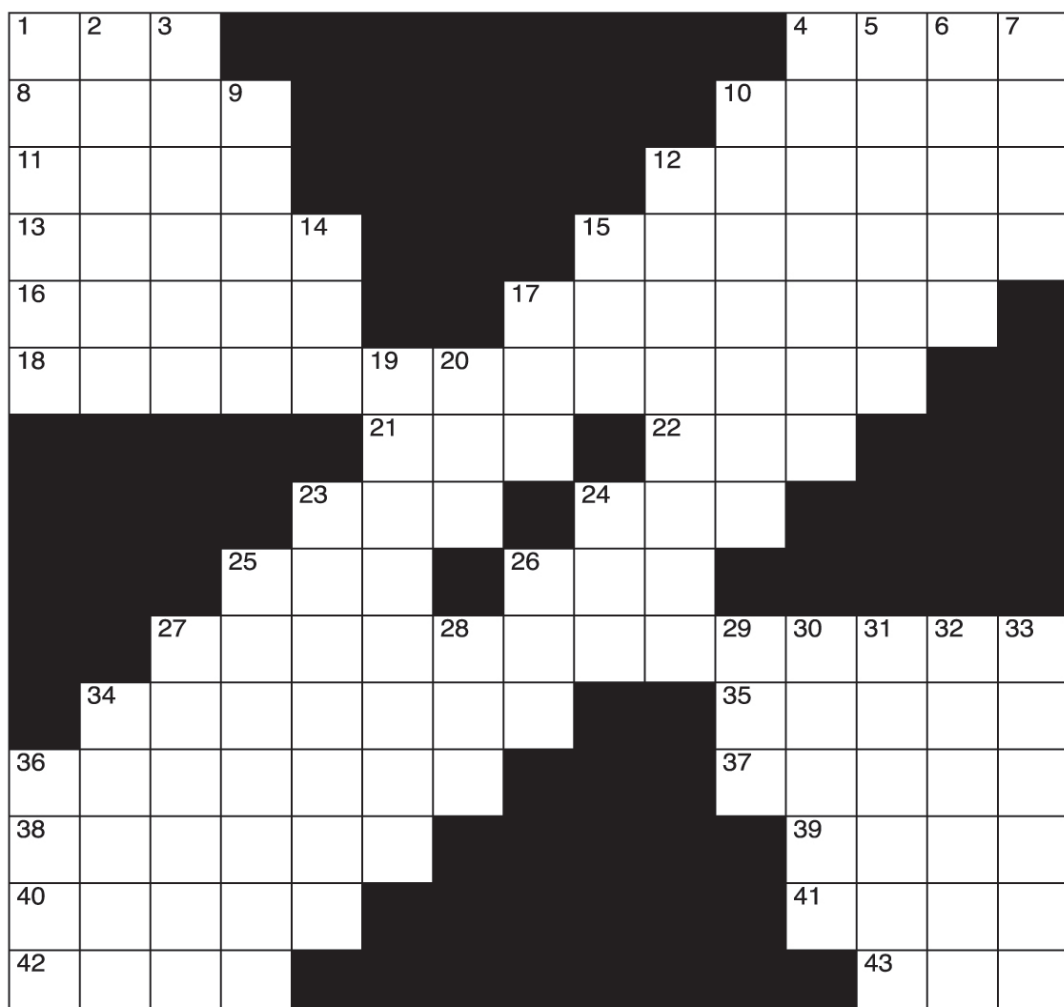
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34. Cause to become insane
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36. Supported with money
37. Type of equation
38. Court officials
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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Centre Dufferin girls' varsity team plays first game of the season

Written By **Brian Lockhart**

The District 4 girl's high school basketball season is underway with the Centre Dufferin District High School varsity team on the court for their first game on Wednesday, Sept. 20, in the gym at CDDHS.

The Royals were up against the Thunder from Westside Secondary School in Orangeville.

The Royals had little time to practice this season. With a low turnout for the junior program, the school has a varsity team this year with several Grade 9 students in the line-up and going up against senior teams from other schools.

Throughout the game, the Royals played a solid defence and offence and looked like a talented bunch of basketball players on the court.

At the half, the Royals were trailing by two points with a 14-12 score.

Westside stayed ahead for most of the third quarter, going ahead by four points to end the quarter with a 24-20 lead.

The fourth quarter provided the most

excitement when the Royals battled back to tie the game at 28 with just over four minutes remaining on the clock.

Westside put out a solid effort in the final few minutes, hitting three hoops and shutting down the CDDHS offence to win the game 34-28.

There are six high schools in District 4 competition this year.

In addition to Centre Dufferin, teams are entered from Emmanuel Christian High School, Erin District High School, Norwell District High School, Wellington Heights Secondary School, and Westside Secondary High School.

There is a 10-game schedule this year, so teams will all have plenty of opportunity to improve through the season.

The team from CDDHS will have five road games in October before returning to their home court.

The Royals will return to their home court on Wednesday, Oct. 18, to host the team from Wellington Heights Secondary School.

The tip-off is scheduled for 2:30 p.m.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

SEASON STARTER:The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals girls varsity basketball team takes on the Westside Secondary School Thunder during the first day of District 4 play in the gym at CDDHS on Wednesday, Sept. 20. Royals centre Calli Daly reaches for a rebound in the third quarter. The Royals played a solid game but gave up a narrow 34-28 loss in their first game of the year.

Shelburne Curling Club looking for new members

Written By **Brian Lockhart**

If you're looking for a new sport and appreciate the social aspects of playing, the Shelburne Curling Club hopes you will consider curling as a recent activity.

The Club held an open house on Friday, Sept. 22, and Saturday, Sept. 23, to invite the public to see what it is all about.

Curling at the Club is an all-ages activity with events for both those new to the sport and seasoned players who like a lot of good competition.

Curling is an easy sport to learn, and Club members will show you how it is played, the nuances of being on the ice,

and the rules of etiquette.

"Our goal this year is to have 50 new members join the club," explained Rob Scott, board member and past president. "After COVID, hopefully people are more comfortable about coming out, socializing, and getting some exercise. Shelburne has grown and we'd like to attract a proportion of the new group to come in and find out about curling and have some fun with us."

There has been a lot of interest from local residents. This includes people new to the sport and others who haven't played in years but would like to throw some rocks once again.

The Club hosts different events on dif-



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

NEW SEASON NEW MEMBERS: The Shelburne Curling Club is looking for new members who would enjoy playing the sport. There are leagues for competitive curlers as well as recreational players. The Club is also a very social place with a lot of fun activities in the lounge after the games.

ferent nights. The "learn to curl" program happens on Friday evenings.

"It's a six week program and it's not very

expensive at all," Rob said of the learning program. "They get on the ice once a week with an hour of curling instruction, from skills to game play, to etiquette, and after six weeks if they really like it we hope they just join our club."

The social aspect of the sport is a big part of why many people join. While they like the competition, enjoying company in the Club lounge after your game is also a lot of fun.

"We have a youth program that runs on Thursday," Rob explained. "We have leagues every night of the week. There is a Monday afternoon league, mostly for seniors. Monday night is our most competitive league. Tuesday night is a recreational league."

There's a league for people of all skill levels, both competitive and recreational, so finding your place at the Club is easy.

The first day of curling this year will take place on Oct. 30.

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CALLI DALY

A well rounded athlete, Calli Daly, brings a lot of experience to the Centre Dufferin District High School Royals girl's basketball team.

The Grade 12 student started playing basketball in Grade 10. "I like the aggressiveness of it, because all the other sports I do are individual sports," Calli said of why she likes the sport. "Track and field is my main thing, and I'm also a Scottish Dancer."

Calli represented the school at OFSSA last year in high jump during competition in Ottawa and finished seventh overall in the province.

Calli hopes to repeat her OFSSA performance again this year.

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Dufferin Men's Shelter in crisis: Urgent funding requested to keep doors open

Ward explained that the Dufferin Men's Shelter is not only about having a place to sleep but offering a number of services to the men, including access to food security, employment searches, counselling for substance abuse and mental health, and criminal justice support.

"Our job is to try to stop people from coming back," said Ward. "If you simply put people in a motel that's not going to stop them coming back, so it's important to offer the services to the men to make sure they're getting what they need to actually stabilize themselves."

The County of Dufferin has a motel program run by its director of community services, Anna McGregor, and her team, which allows the OPP to give people a room for the night. According to McGregor, the motel program has operated in the County for well over a decade.

"That runs and still runs, but in addition to that we have a number of hotel rooms that we used and some of that was scaled back when the men's shelter opened," said McGregor.

Coun. Darren White, also Melancthon's mayor, raised concerns about the sustainability of the men's shelter with the lack of revenue avenues within the business plan.

"At the end of the day, the county is not 100 per cent funded for any of the organizations we helped fund, not because we don't want to but because we only have a finite amount of capacity in order to fund," said Coun. Todd Taylor, deputy mayor of Orangeville.

He added that he doesn't think the shelter operation will be successful.

"I think we're throwing away money. I would support this with parameters in place,

but since we don't have the parameters written at this point, I don't know what we would vote on. It just doesn't feel like a good thing."

Dufferin County councillors also expressed concerns about what would happen should the men's shelter shut down due to a lack of funding from the County.

"If we lose the shelter, I'm still not convinced that these men will be taken care of," said Coun. James McLean, deputy mayor of Melancthon.

"I don't really care where the money goes, but if not this then what? There is a need for this service and it's growing," said Coun. Philip Renstch, deputy mayor of Grand Valley. "At the end of the day, this is the issue for this term so if you don't like this plan, give me a better one - I haven't heard one yet."

In response to the funding request, County Council voted to name the Dufferin Men's Shelter a 'project in difficulty.' The declaration has a limited time status and would see staff members work with the organization to provide appropriate governance and financial sustainability.

"It does rely on people being open and honest and showing us their books and having us in their meetings," said McGregor.

County Council approved a motion to provide funding up to \$116,000 to the Dufferin Men's Shelter based on the 'project in difficulty' model. The motion stipulates the funding would be given in monthly installments to reflect the monthly costs of operating the shelter. The motion also says a report must be given to County Council in a month to re-evaluate the funding.

Ontario's new Queen of the Furrow named

In a celebratory evening that saw the top competitive plowmen awards handed out, it was also the night when the new Ontario Queen of the Furrow was crowned—and it was local representative Melissa (Mel) Karpenko who was named to the unique honour.

A graduate of the University of Guelph with a Human Kinetics degree, she has worked with Corteva Agriscience and BASF Canada and is currently in her final year at Western University in the nursing program. She plans to work locally as a Registered Nurse upon graduation. Karpenko was raised in Caledon and currently lives on dairy goat farm in Dufferin County.

First runner up for the Ontario Queen of the Furrow at the International Plowing Match (IPM) was Jacquelyn Easson of Haldimand-Ontario, with Annie Watson of Elgin named as second-runner up.

Karpenko was also named Miss Friendship by her fellow competitors and placed second in the plowing competition, while Watson took top spot in the plowing competition with Easson placing third.

Rounding out the top five in the plowing competition were Shayna Morphy of Wellington, fourth; and Lambton County's Morgan Rombouts placing fifth.

Other representatives in the competition included Hanna van Stuyvenberg of Bruce County, Meghan McLeod of Durham, Abby Reed of Hastings, Elizabeth Dowdall of Lanark, Regan Carkner representing Leeds, Rhiana Gallagher of Ottawa-Carleton and Janet Bruce of Oxford Blenheim.

The evening is also a wonderful chance for many former Ontario Queen of the Furrows to return for the crowning and re-connect with the close-knit plowing community.

Former Ontario Queen of the Furrow Lynne (Stewart) Moore, crowned at the 1977 IPM, then known as the International Plowing Match and Farm Machinery Show in Frontenac County made a brand-new, first-time special presentation to Karpenko, in honour and tribute to Spencer and Kay Wilson of Norval

Spencer was

Moore's plow coach and Kay invaluable support throughout her time as a Queen of the Furrow for Halton

County, which is where the Wilson's were from. In fact it was an address to the Ontario Plowmen's Association (OPA) convention in 1959 by Kay that inspired the formation of the Ontario Queen of the Furrow competition and all these many years later, the program continues.

But for former Ontario Queen of the Furrow Elisabeth Barker MacMillan, it was a particularly special reunion. Barker was crowned 60 years ago at the plowing trifecta—an IPM, a Canadian Plowing Match and a World Plowing Match—held on the Highway 10 Caledon farm of Conn Smythe in 1963, just 25 minutes south of this year's match. Travelling all the way from Nova Scotia with her son for this year's match, she said she didn't want to miss this anniversary moment. "It chased us out of the Maritimes," said MacMillan, referring to post-tropical storm Lee which has left a trail of destruction on Canada's east coast.

As the evening wound up Karpenko expressed her gratitude to the many people who have provided help, assistance and support during the past year, describing the experience of representing the IPM host county as "memorable".

"(It) allowed me so many additional opportunities to promote the tradition of plowing and the value of the agriculture industry. Above all, I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to meet so many new people, each sharing their stories of past matches, the brotherhood and camaraderie that is interwoven within the tradition of plowing," she said.

Karpenko will now spend the next year travelling the province acting as an ambassador for Ontario Agriculture and the OPA—the parent host of the IPM—and attending events to promote next year's IPM being held in Lindsay, Kawartha Lakes from Tuesday, October 1 through Saturday, October 5, 2024.

Top plowmen named over weekend

After four days of focused-concentration and attention to detail in the fiercely-competitive plowing competition, the judges' scores were tallied and the winners announced at last evening's Celebration of Excellence, held at the Orangeville Fairgrounds.

Scott Thomas of Elmwood with 493 (also the winner of the Lloyd Vandusen Award) and Terry Linton of Roseneath with 468 points were named the Champion and Reserve Champion International Plowing Match and Rural Expo (IPM) Champion Horse Plow Person.

There was a lot at stake during the match competition as this is where the Ontario Plowing Champion is named, earning the right to compete next year in the Canadian Plowing Championships in Wolfe Island, Kingston, Ontario next August. Representing Ontario next year will be:

Junior Champions: Austin Brodhaecker of Ayr with 572 points; and Alex Cameron of Owen Sound with 506.5 points (also the winner of the Barb McAllistir Memorial Scholarship)

Ontario Championship Tractor Plowing with a Conventional Plow will be Brian Davenport of Owen Sound with 604.5 points; and Patrick Sanders of Alvinston with 585 points

with a Reversible Plow will be Daryl Hostrawser of East Garafraxa with 613 points; and Bob Campsall of Cannington with 596 points

The six Ontario representatives will be kitted out with a special hat and coat for the competition, presented to them by Helen and Michael Craig in memory of Graeme Craig, a long-time director with the Ontario Plowmen's Association.

Other award winners included: Fred and Helen Davenport Memorial Award - Austin McLeod of Cottam; John S. Moffat Memorial Trophy - Richard Elliott of Strathroy, Champion and Reserve to Colin Dougherty of Scotland; IPM Champion Antique Award - Richard Elliott; and the IPM Champion Tractor Award - Gene Gruber of Richmond, Champion and Reserve to Daryl Hostrawser.

A new award presented for the very first time is the Brian Fried Memorial Trophy, donated by the many friends in the close-knit plowing community of the late plowing champion. Fried represented Canada at the World Plowing Championships an impressive ten times. This new award was presented by Fried's son, Nathan, and the winner is none other than Dufferin County's own hometown 2023 Ontario Championship Tractor Plowing winner in the reversible class, Daryl Hostrawser.

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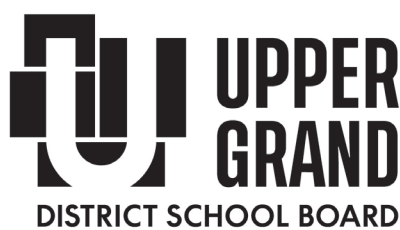
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Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, donations to Shelburne Residence Residents Council or the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated.

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for Arie Greydanus
Saturday October 7th at 9:30am

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Combines/Tractors: Gleaner K combine, gas, 10' straight cut head; JD 105 corn special combine, gas, 14' straight cut head; IH 966 tractor, 540 & 1000PTO; DB 1210, loader tractor, 1 remote, quick tach bucket; DB 990, 1 remote, diesel; Husqvarna Z4224 riding mower; IH 886 tractor, cab, runs-needs work, 540 & 1000PTO, 2 hydr; Nuffield Universal 4, diesel-not running; Nuffield 1060 diesel-not running **Trucks** (all sold as is): 1999 GMC 3500HD, 6.5L, diesel std, SL, 191Kms, dually, 2WD, homemade 13' deck; 1974 GMC 3500 custom, 350 gas, 2WD, 12' dump box, dually, no ownership; GMC 2500 pickup, gas, 2WD, parts only, no ownership; 1978 Chevy 3500, 350 gas, dually, 12' dump box; 2003 Chevy 2500HD, 2WD, Dura Max diesel, not running

Mach & Equip: IH 510 seed drill, 24x6, grass, fert; Bruns gravity wagon; 6' scraper blade 3pth; NH 256 side rake; Kverneland B2 5 furr, semi-mount plow, 16" bottoms; White 508 5 furr semi-mount plow, 16" bottoms; NH 352 Mixmill, auger ext; 23' mesh hay wagon, Horst undercarriage; 18' wood hay wagon, Marin undercarriage; IH 2 furr plow; (3)DB 3 furr plows; IH 4 furr semi-mount plow-parts; (2)IH 3 furr plows, 12" bottoms; Fast-hitch IH cultivator; IH 3 section drag cultivator-horse pull; IH 8' drag, steel wheel cultivator; IH 10' drag, tire cultivator; (5)sect diamond harrows-no bar; 18' Bushog disc, man wings; NH 770 forage harvester, 1000 PTO, control box, no heads; NH 450 sickle mower, 3pth, 7'; The Hanco Co. grain cleaner 36A, on trailer; 5' Mott mower, 3pth; IH 80 snowblower, 80", 2 auger, hyd chute; IH 7' side mower, 3pth; Ezee On loader; Allied loader; DB loader; Allied 8"x52' auger, PTO drive; wood feeder wagon; NH 680 manure spreader, tandem, top beater, plastic floor; Owatonna Hydrostatic 260T swather, 12' draper head, conditioner, gas; NH 492 haybine, 9', good rollers; (A)MF steel wheel manure spreader; (A)IH steel wheel seed drill; NH 269 sq baler; NI crimper; Grain-O-Vator wagon, 1 axle; Brillion 12' sprocket packer; 21' pony harrows; IH 45 18' cultivator, man wings; & much more!

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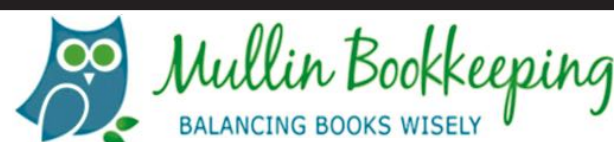
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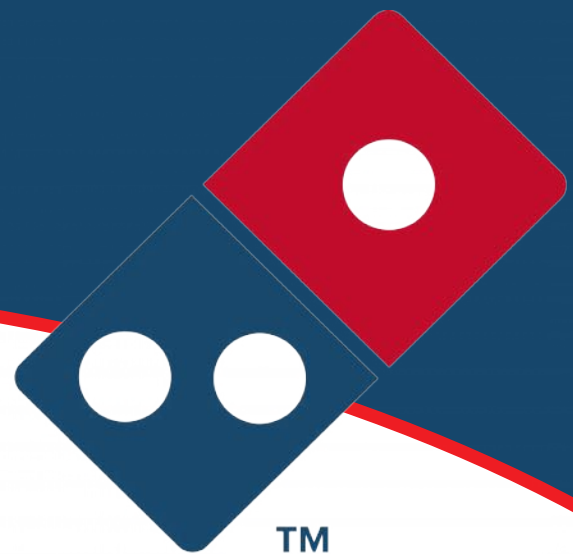


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