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HAIRCUT FOR KIDS: 41-year-old Shelburne resident, Monica Barrett cut off more than 12 inches of her hair on Monday (Oct. 16) and will be donating the hair to help make wigs for children in need. Barrett has spent the last year growing and maintaining her hair health in preparation for the big chop. Pictured is Barrett (left) and Nelly Ponte (right) owner of Vivid Hair Salon. Turn to Page 2 for a full story on the hair donation.

Shelburne Council decides to cut weekend transit service amid concerns around cost

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

The Town of Shelburne is looking to end its weekend transit service by the end of the year due to a lack of ridership and high financial costs.

During their meeting on Monday (Oct. 16), Shelburne council received a report from chief administrative officer Denyse Morrissey regarding the ridership and costs of the weekend transit service.

"As we have the budget framework report tonight and given the financial cost associated with the program, we wanted to make sure council has all information with respect to that deliverable to ensure you're making strategic financial decisions on the directions we have doing forward," said Morrissey.

According to the report, from April to October, the weekend service saw a total of 81 riders and had an operating cost of about \$40,000 for the seven-month period.

"The unfortunate reality is that that cost is in the range of \$40,000, which means that

the operating subsidy is about \$494 per ride. When we did it in 2022 the average subsidy was in the \$90 range," explained Morrissey.

The transit service in Shelburne initially launched in 2020 as a weekday service funded by a \$2.3 million grant received by Grey County and Southgate Township from the provincial government. The funding was used to implement service from Dundalk to Orangeville, also known as Route 2, Monday through Friday. The Town of Shelburne does not fund or contribute any cost to the weekday service.

In July of 2021, a five-month pilot project to expand the transit service to include weekends was launched with four stops. In April, the Town of Shelburne increased the number of bus service stops to 14, with the service consisting of ten runs for five hours on Saturday and Sunday.

The report to the council noted that the most active months for the weekend transit service were June and August, with 54 and 20 riders. The other months of weekend transit service saw between zero to six riders total

throughout the entire month period.

"I'm disappointed to see it wasn't utilized as we thought it would be. I can't support continuing going forward with it at this point; we tried and it doesn't work," said Benotto.

During their regular meeting on Monday, council also received a report on the budget framework for 2024, which included a recommended six per cent increase in the tax rate.

The 2024 draft budget included \$91,000 for the weekend transit service based on 12 months at \$7,583 per month. The report states that a one per cent change in the budget equals about \$99,876.

This means that the weekend transit service could contribute to almost one per cent of the 2024 budget, and its exclusion from the 2024 budget could see the recommended tax rate decrease to 5 per cent.

"There's a lot of other services that can be provided for that kind of money," said Mills.

Council directed staff to advise Grey County of their intent to discontinue the weekend transit service as of Dec. 31.

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One lock at a time: Shelburne woman donates hair for kids' wigs

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

Contemplating making a big hair change? Maybe think about putting the loose locks forward for donation.

Shelburne resident Monica Barrett cut off more than 12 inches of her hair on Monday (Oct. 16) to donate to help make wigs for children.

Speaking with the Free Press, Barrett said she was inspired to cut her hair after hearing a radio advertisement discussing children with wigs. Over the last year, she's been growing her hair out to prepare for the big cut and donate.

"I want these kids to have a way of life and to know that anything is possible; that it doesn't need to stop them living their life," said Barrett. "It means to world to be able to give what I have."

Nelly Ponte, owner of Vivid Hair Salon, who cut Monica's hair for the donation, spoke about the effect that hair can have on a person.

"Hair can be everything for an adult, never mind a child. It's a reflection of who they are and people can actually find themselves with a specific haircut."

When it comes to making wigs from human hair, it can be difficult to find sources with specifics in length, requiring a minimum of 12 inches and a preference for natural, non-co-

loured hair.

"A lot of people have reactions to synthetic hair such as allergies, irritations and rashes. So, when you have real hair, you're less likely to get that, and there's also more options for styling," explained Ponte.

While looking to help children facing illnesses such as alopecia and cancer, Barrett herself has been experiencing health concerns for the last decade.

In 2013, Barrett was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, also known as MS, a chronic disease that affects the central nervous system. Initially, she experienced relapsing-remitting MS, where she experienced relapses with symptoms worsening followed by recovery.

In the past few years, Barrett has gone from using a walker for assistance to using a wheelchair to move about her daily life.

Barrett said she hopes that by sharing her own experience with making the big chop to donate her hair will inspire others in the community to do the same.

"I have hair and I can grow hair, there are people out there that are not as fortunate to be able to grow and have their own hair. I want to do my best to donate what I can for others," said Barrett. "I hope that people will find it in their hearts that it's not just them, you're not alone and you have others out there to help."

Lennox Farm donates \$2,000 to North Dufferin Agricultural Taskforce

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

The North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Taskforce (NDACT) has received a donation of \$2,000 from Lennox Farm.

"To be chosen as the organization Lennox Farm was going to donate to this year, was really great and unexpected. They do so much for the community that goes under the radar and we're so thankful and moved to receive this donation," said Karen Wallace,

chair of NDACT.

The money donated to NDACT was raised through Lennox Farm's Field to Fork dinner series, which sees attendees tour the farm, harvest some vegetables, learn about some of the farm's techniques and how it is run, and then enjoy a four-course meal.

Jeanette French from Lennox Farm said they chose to donate the money to NDACT based on their joint focus on maintaining prime farmland.

"Dufferin County's main business is agriculture and we have such beautiful, amazing lands that have fertile soil. Agriculture does so much for our community, not only do we have local farms producing healthy food for our community, but they bring a lot of money into the County," said French. "If we don't protect the land, we're going to lose it - we need to make sure these lands stay here for future generations."

North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Taskforce is an organization of local farmers and residents working to change legislation and regulatory amendments to protect prime agricultural land and water sources. The task force was formed in 2009

to protect farmland in Melancthon from a proposed mega-quarry, and today, they continue to advocate for preserving prime farmland in the Dufferin County region.

"It's really important that groups like ours keep hammering away on the message, 'aggregate may be rare, but prime farmland is far rarer and irreplaceable,'" said Wallace.

Recent projects undertaken by NDACT include a proposal from Strada Aggregate to quarry under the water table. In June, NDACT and Strada Aggregate signed an agreement, which gave NDACT input and decision-making into Strada's quarry application prior to being submitted. As part of the agreement, NDACT will not oppose the application until and unless the science shows the quarry could harm the environment.

One aspect of the agreement included residents within the quarry recharge area having their well water monitored before the project began to have a baseline for any potential impacts.

Wallace said a portion of the donation will go towards community awareness of the well monitoring and joining in the program.

Haunt in the Park celebrates 30 years of scares and screams

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

Shelburne will be playing host to a number of spooky guests this Halloween as the annual Haunt in the Park attraction brings new horrors to the community.

This year, the Halloween-themed attraction is hitting a milestone, with the organizers celebrating 30 years since the first haunted event was held.

"This means a lot for us this year, especially because it feels like through the years and enthusiasm of all those involved that we're able to bring a community event to town that seems to have staying power; it's something we've done for fun, but has actually engaged so many other people," said Carola Little, one of the event's organizers.

The Haunt in the Park event originally began in 1993 when Bob and Sue Little and their three then-teenage children set up a haunted house on the porch of their First Avenue home. As the family moved homes over the years, the event moved with them until they found its current home at Fiddle Park in 2015.

Each year, the family looks to add new additions to the attraction, and they're remaining tight-lipped about the new aspects they've added for the 30-year milestone.

"It's never going to be the exact same as it was the year before and we've brought in some new elements that will have twists and turns you might not be expecting," teased Little.

A part of the Little family's goal with hosting the Haunt in the Park annually is to see

Shelburne become a destination for everything Halloween-related. One way they've done this is through collaborating with other events held by businesses in town.

Some of the events this year include the BIA Treats in the Streets, the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex free Sunday family skate, and Go With Crowe's pumpkin carving and yard decorating contests.

"We may have started the Haunt in the Park, but we are absolutely all about the community and invites organizations and businesses that want to do something for Halloween to team up and do it all together," said Little.

Henry Little, also known as Henry the Hiker, will also be sponsoring his own scarecrow decorating contest, where by providing a \$15 donation to the Shelburne Food Bank, participants can decorate their own scarecrow and enter a judged contest.

Speaking with the Free Press, Little touched on why she believes the Haunt in the Park, which now spans three generations, has grown into the festival-fabric of the community.

"Halloween is the one time of year where adults allow themselves to play dress up and engage their imagination. It's fun to play dress up and to create characters that bring laughter and maybe the odd scream," said Little. "The vibe, the enthusiasm and the feeling surrounding the Haunt in the Park really spell out what Shelburne should be and is; a small town with a big heart."

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County's Transportation Master Plan aimed at addressing growing population

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Dufferin County is looking to prepare its roadways to accommodate the growing population and changes in the modes of transport by implementing a new transportation master plan.

During their meeting on Oct. 12, Dufferin County councillors were presented with the transportation master plan from Brett Sears, project manager for WSP, an engineering firm. The transportation master plan looked at existing travel patterns and brought forward recommendations to address different modes of transportation, the widening and rehabilitation of roadways, and constructing bypasses needed to accommodate the projected population growth by 2051.

"We can recognize that there are different needs, and we're trying to say these are the ones we should focus on and dedicate the financial resources for," said Sears. "Generally, the County Road network has capacity to meet the volumes that are here today, but if this growth materializes as forecast, and we think it will, we need to be prepared for that."

The report to council laid out improvements to roadways that can be done on the County level and the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) level.

The four projects at the County level include widening County Rd. 109 to four lanes between County Rd. 25 and Hwy. 10, widening County Rd. 16 to four lanes between Hwy. 10 and Mono Amaranth Towline Rd., widening County Rd. 7 to four lanes between Hwy. 10 and Side Rd. 5, and constructing a new two-lane road along Amaranth East Luther Towline to bypass Grand Valley. The recommendations for improvement at the MTO level included widening Hwy. 9 to a four-lane roadway from Hwy. 10 to County Rd. 18 and widening Hwy. 10 to a four-lane roadway between Side Rd. 15/

Mono Center Rd. and Hwy. 89.

One of the main concerns raised by councillors was the timeline associated with the widening of Highway 10 to four lanes from Mono Centre Rd. (Camilla) to Hwy. 89. According to the Transportation Master Plan, the widening of Hwy. 10 is a 'long-term' phase to be constructed by 2051.

"My problem with the Highway 10 issue is it talks out to the 2051 threshold, which means best case scenario building starts around 2043. That highway needs to be upgraded now it doesn't need to be upgraded 20 years from now, unless you're willing to accept the continued carnage, deaths, accidents, detours and closures that happen on a regular basis, particularly in winter - I'm not willing to accept it," said Coun. Darren White, mayor of Melancthon.

"I don't know how we can pass something that doesn't focus on Highway 10, I would suggest that that's probably our largest problem," added Coun. Todd Taylor, deputy mayor of Orangeville.

Melancthon deputy mayor James McLean raised questions about an assessment on County Rd. 124, and whether there were any considerations to widening the roadway similar to Highway 10.

"It's a busy thoroughway during rush hour during the week, and it serves as a major artery on weekends during the summer and winter," said McLean.

Sears explained that County Rd. 124 did not come up as a project recommended for the County to spend resources on due to a focus on the Shelburne bypass.

McLean also questioned whether motor vehicle collision data is looked at when determining the need for road upgrades.

"It depends on the circumstance. If we're looking at intersections than yes there are typical protocols, we can flow the data through and that includes collision data. There are some for

roads, but it's predominantly driven by total volume of vehicles and percentage of heavy vehicles within the compositions of total traffic," said Scott Burns, director of public works.

The recommended Shelburne bypass was also a project of concern for councillors, particularly the need to move forward with consulting the Ministry of Transportation to have the project developed as well as the suggested location.

According to the report, the recommended location of the Shelburne bypass is across 30 Side Rd. between County Rd. 11 and 4th Line, then along 4th Line to meet Hwy. 10.

Councillors from neighbouring municipalities to Shelburne noted their disappointment in not having their council consulted in the proposed location for the bypass.

"My council is not against the bypass; we just think there is probably a better route. Part of the problem is we weren't consulted, nobody asked us what our thoughts were, nobody came to us and said 'we're doing this'; it just showed up in a glossy document and now it puts us in a position where we almost have to take a position oppositional to the report," said White.

Sears noted they looked at three options for the bypass location and determined the route based on where the majority of vehicles were travelling. He added that the recommendation is not the final solution but a proposed solution for MTO to use.

Dufferin County Warden Wade Mills spoke to the timeline of both the Shelburne bypass and the expansion of Hwy. 10 lanes.

"These are not projects that we are going to undertake ourselves, but they're projects for which we'll be advocating. I think from an advocacy point of view they should be high priority and they should be in the near term because quite frankly from an expectation point of view, it's what our constituents are expecting," said Mills, who's also Shelburne's mayor.

The Transportation Master Plan will be updated periodically to align with changes in need.

Future steps in the Transportation Master Plan needed before construction include issuing a study completion with a 30-day public review period, allocating a budget to specific projects, environmental assessments for each project, and design.

School boards release EQAO results

Written By Danielle Williams

The Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB) and the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) released their Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) results for 2022-2023.

EQAO analyzes critical areas of the quality and effectiveness of Ontario's elementary and secondary public education. To enhance student learning and positive student outcomes, EQAO examines students' literacy (reading and writing) and numeracy (mathematics) skills. The test occurs for students in grades 3, 6, and 9.

UGDSB's main takeaway from this year's results is that many Upper Grand students performed at or above the provincial average for the grade 6 level. Whereas DPCDSB has consistently shown strong performance in the elementary EQAO assessments, with a significant percentage of students achieving or exceeding the provincial standard (Levels 3 or 4) in Grades 3 and 6 reading and writing assessments.

As of 2022, the EQAO format has shifted to an online test. The changes in the EQAO format beg the question of the reliability of comparing the paper version of the assessment with the online version. As Megan Sicoli, UGDSB administrative officer, put it, "it is not the same assessment."

After COVID-19 interrupted the EQAO testing, the DPCDSB results showed that grade 3 students' literacy decreased. The EQAO results from pre-COVID-19 (2018-2019) and post-COVID-19 (2022-2023) show a common trend of grade three students' literacy declining, no longer achieving the provincial standard, with writing lowering by -6% and reading by -3%. However, there was shown to be an increase in grade 6 literacy: +3% in reading and +2% in writing.

DPCDSB mathematic results for grade three students have remained stable; with

both the 2018-2019 and 2022-2023 tests, 60% of students achieved the provincial standard. In contrast, sixth-grade students have declined in mathematics by -1% from 2018-2019 to 2022-2023.

When comparing the school board's EQAO results to the Ontario EQAO results, both school boards have established areas for improvement. "The 2022-2023 results confirm the UGDSB's data, indicating a need to focus on improving skills in literacy and math in the early years," said Sicoli.

"The area we need to improve the most is mathematics, and while DPCDSB students have demonstrated improvement in mathematics achievement compared to 2021-2022, DPCDSB continues to dedicate a wide range of support to schools to focus on improving learning in this key subject area for all students," said Nancy Marshall, DPCDSB communications officer.

UGDSB plans to improve the EQAO results by supporting the "early year" students in grades 1 and 2, with early reading teachers bettering young students' understanding of text. Additionally, "The Upper Grand District School Board is committed to the core priority of Foundational Education and Student Achievement as outlined in the Multi-Year Plan and realizing VISION 2026," said Sicoli.

The DPCDSB says it is reviewing the results in order to improve them and is committed to sticking to the Ministry of Education's curriculum and guidelines.

When looking at the results from the 2022-2023 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT), it is worth noting the achievement of local Grade 10 students. DPCDSB students achieved an 86% success rate, and UGDSB students achieved an 88% success rate, surpassing the provincial average of 85%.

"It is important to note that EQAO/OSSLT are snapshots in time, and each represents just one piece of achievement data," said Marshall.

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Haunt in the Park celebrates 30 years of scares and screams

The Haunt in the Park and all the screams and terrors that come with it will be in full force on Friday (Oct. 27) and Saturday (Oct. 28) from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. and Tuesday (Oct. 31) from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

For little kids and the faint of heart, a Mini-Boo event is being held on Saturday (Oct. 28)

from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Characters will be on good behaviour, without masks.

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International law

At the end of the American Civil War, there were a lot of guys hopping around on crutches because they only had one leg.

In the movies, getting shot in the leg means you only limp around for a while until a back alley doctor pulls out the bullet, and you're good to go with a bandage.

The truth is, any kind of bullet entering your body can kill you no matter where you are hit.

During the Civil War, they introduced a new kind of bullet called a Minié Ball, named after its inventor, Claude-Étienne Minié. It was a low-velocity bullet with a large calibre - .58.

It improved the accuracy of the rifles of the day and also improved loading times and overall performance.

Unfortunately, if you were on the receiving end of one of these bullets, the wound was devastating.

When one of these bullets entered a soldier's leg and struck bone, the bone would be shattered by the impact. The surgeons of the day had little choice but to amputate the leg to save the soldier's life.

Warfare is a brutal business. There are only two goals in warfare, as explained by a top general I saw during an interview once - destroy property and kill people. That's what

it's all about.

Even while killing each other, countries decided it should be done 'humanely'.

During the Hauge Convention of 1899, it was decided that 'Dum Dum' bullets, as they were known, were prohibited in warfare. Dum Dum bullets are hollow point or soft point bullets that expand when hitting a target, causing massive damage.

It was decided that shooting a person this way was not 'humane.' However, I think they missed the point entirely. Apparently, it's inhumane to shoot someone with this type of bullet, but it's okay to kill someone if you have the right bullet or blow them to pieces with an artillery shell. The end result is the same - the person is dead.

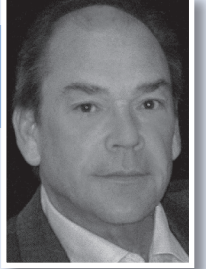
The PM made a statement a few days ago in support of Israel, saying, "Israel has the right to defend itself in accordance with international law."

Obviously, any country is going to defend itself when threatened, but since when does international law have anything to do with it?

Would Israel sit back and do nothing if 'international law' declared a reprisal to a military attack was not allowed?

The term 'international law' should be replaced with the phrase 'international suggestion.'

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



There are no real laws that cross borders. "Under international law" is a buzzword used by politicians all the time, but rarely, if ever, is it enforced because you can't enforce laws in another country.

The United Nations has never been united - it's just a name, and it has no real power.

The permanent Security Council at the UN has five countries - China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States, and they can't agree on anything.

Try getting a vote where Russia and China vote in the same way as the U.S. and the United Kingdom.

Try introducing some legislation where North Korea will support a motion by France - not going to happen.

The United Nations makes declarations and 'laws' all the time and can't or won't enforce any of them.

They have made laws about whaling but can't stop Japan from ravaging the seas, and they can't stop third-world countries from polluting their environment.

They can't stop a country from invading its neighbour, and they can't stop international crime because many countries don't even have extradition treaties, and the UN can't force a country to turn over a wanted citizen to another country.

If there were truly a 'United Nations', wars would be a thing of the past.

You can invade your neighbour, and the best your neighbour can hope for from the UN is to have the security council say, "Hey, you shouldn't do that." Even then, half of the security council would come out in favour of the invasion in one way or another.

It happens all the time.

If they really wanted to make the United Nations building in Manhattan a useful place, they should kick out the diplomats and turn the entire building into condominiums. At least it would be a useful place for people to live, and they could produce a new version of Friends, with happy young single people enjoying life while overlooking the East River.

Yes, they can ban certain kinds of weapons, but that doesn't work either.

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It's time to unshackle Canada's small businesses

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For one, small businesses develop a majority of the new breakthrough products and innovative technologies that fuel Canada's economic growth.

But more importantly, they generate most of the new jobs in this country. According to the latest Government of Canada statistics, small businesses accounted for 98 percent of all companies that employed people. As of 2021, small businesses employed more than 8 million people in Canada, which represents close to 70 percent of the total private sector workforce.

So, if small business is so vital to our country's economic well-being, why aren't we doing more to champion their success and promote even greater growth?

World-famous entrepreneur Sir Richard Branson, the founder of global companies such as Virgin Atlantic and Virgin Mobile, once noted that all big businesses start small.

That's certainly true of my own company. When I started Magna International Inc. in

the late 1950s, I opened a one-man tool and die shop in a rented garage in downtown Toronto. I bought some used equipment and slept on a small cot inside the shop. I drummed up my first sale by knocking on the door of the American Standard factory right next to my tool shop.

I hired my first employee after one month. And by the end of my first year of operation, I had ten workers on the company payroll. My small company began to take off: we added new customers, hired more people, and made more money.

We should have thousands of new startups like the company I founded all over Canada today. But unfortunately, we don't.

In fact, I've often wondered: if I were to start Magna all over again today, instead of more than 50 years ago, would I have been able to grow the company as quickly as I did with all the shackles we put on small business nowadays? I very much doubt it.

We've placed so many obstacles in the way of small businesses and burdened them with countless regulations and rules that it's no wonder so many small business don't survive more than a few years after

opening their doors.

So, what's the answer? I've been arguing in this column for the creation of a new Canadian Economic Charter of Rights and Responsibilities, and one of the foremost principles in that charter is the elimination of corporate income tax for awnny small business with 300 employees or less.

The one condition attached to eliminating income tax is that the small business owner has to reinvest most of the profits back into growing the business and hiring more employees. The government would receive far more in personal income taxes from the new jobs that small business creates than it ever would by simply taxing those same businesses.

We've got to stop holding back our entre-

preneurs by taxing them into the ground and making them jump through countless bureaucratic hoops. If we eliminated all income tax for small business, everyone would win: government would rake in more taxes on business sales, Canadians would have more job opportunities, and entrepreneurs would finally get a fair reward for bearing all of the risks associated with running a business.

By implementing this one single economic action and unshackling small business, we would ignite the Canadian economy and set our country on a path of phenomenal growth.

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Dufferin OPP welcomes new detachment commander

The Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is pleased to formally announce that Inspector Michael Di Pasquale has been appointed as the Detachment Commander.

"I'm grateful and excited to be part of Dufferin County. I am committed to making Dufferin County a safe place to live, visit and enjoy through trusting and effective partnerships that share a common vision of public safety and by fostering a healthy and engaged workplace," said Insp. Di Pasquale, Detachment Commander.

Inspector Di Pasquale began his career with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) in 2002. He has worked at various locations, including the Nottawasaga, Port Credit, Aurora and Toronto detachments, and also served on the Highway Enforcement Team. He is a Critical Incident Commander, Respectful Workplace liaison and a Diversity Career Champion Program mentor. Inspector Di Pasquale is also a member of and mediator for the Highway Safety Division Inclusion Council. He is the recipient of an OPP Accolade Award for Enforce-

ment (Team) and a Champion of Diversity Award from the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism.

"On behalf of County Council, I would like to welcome Inspector Michael Di Pasquale to his new role as Dufferin OPP Detachment Commander. I look forward to working with Inspector Di Pasquale to ensure that our Dufferin County community remains a safe place to live, work, and raise a family," said Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills, Warden of Dufferin County.



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Local police charge three people with impaired driving

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) had a busy weekend patrolling the roads, as officers removed and charged three drivers with impaired operation.

On Oct. 13, just before 9:00 p.m., Dufferin OPP received the report of a possible impaired driver from a concerned citizen in the area of County Road 124 in the Town-

ship of Melancthon. Officers were able to locate the vehicle and driver a short time later and were led into an impaired driving investigation.

As a result, Trevor HAGER, 47-year-old male, from Alliston has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Failure or refusal to comply with demand

On Oct. 15, 2023, just after 2:30 a.m., Dufferin OPP received the report of a possible impaired driver from a concerned citizen in the area of Hwy 10 in the Township of Mono.

Officers were able to locate the vehicle and driver a short time later and were led into an impaired driving investigation.

As a result, Marlon THOMPSON, 47-year-old

male, from Kenilworth has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
 - Failure or refusal to comply with demand
 - Drive motor vehicle - Perform stunt
 - Fail to surrender insurance card
- In both incidents the charges have not been proven in court.



Hello, Fall Fair supporters, another Shelburne Fall Fair in the books. We know that fall fairs don't run on butterfly burps and frog farts. They are run on dedicated volunteers and sponsors. The Shelburne Agricultural Society would like to thank all those who contributed their time and sponsorship to this year's Fall Fair. We had a great fair with lots of activities for all ages and some great weather. The planning for 2024 has begun and is going to be bigger and better. Thanks again. Murray Crawford President along with the Board of Directors for the Shelburne Agricultural Society.



Mono resident charged with impaired driving

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged two drivers with impaired operation.

On October 7, 2023, shortly after 11:00 p.m., Caledon OPP located a vehicle stopped in a live lane on Mayfield Road, near Dixie Road, in the Town of Caledon. During the investigation, the officer formed grounds that the driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

As a result, Bachan BHULLAR, 28, of Brampton, was charged with:

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



drugs, the officer formed grounds that the driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

As a result, Jag SHARMA, 29, of Mono, was charged with:

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

Both accused are scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on October 26, 2023, to answer to the charges. Additionally, both driver's licences were suspended for a period of 90 days, and their vehicle's impounded for 14.

These charges have not been proven in court.

Motorists are reminded that no amount of alcohol or drugs in your system is safe when driving. If you plan on drinking or consuming drugs, plan to not drive. Instead, arrange for a designated driver, take a taxi or public transit, or come up with another plan that takes impaired driving out of the picture. If you suspect that someone is driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs, it is important to call 9-1-1 to report it.

You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

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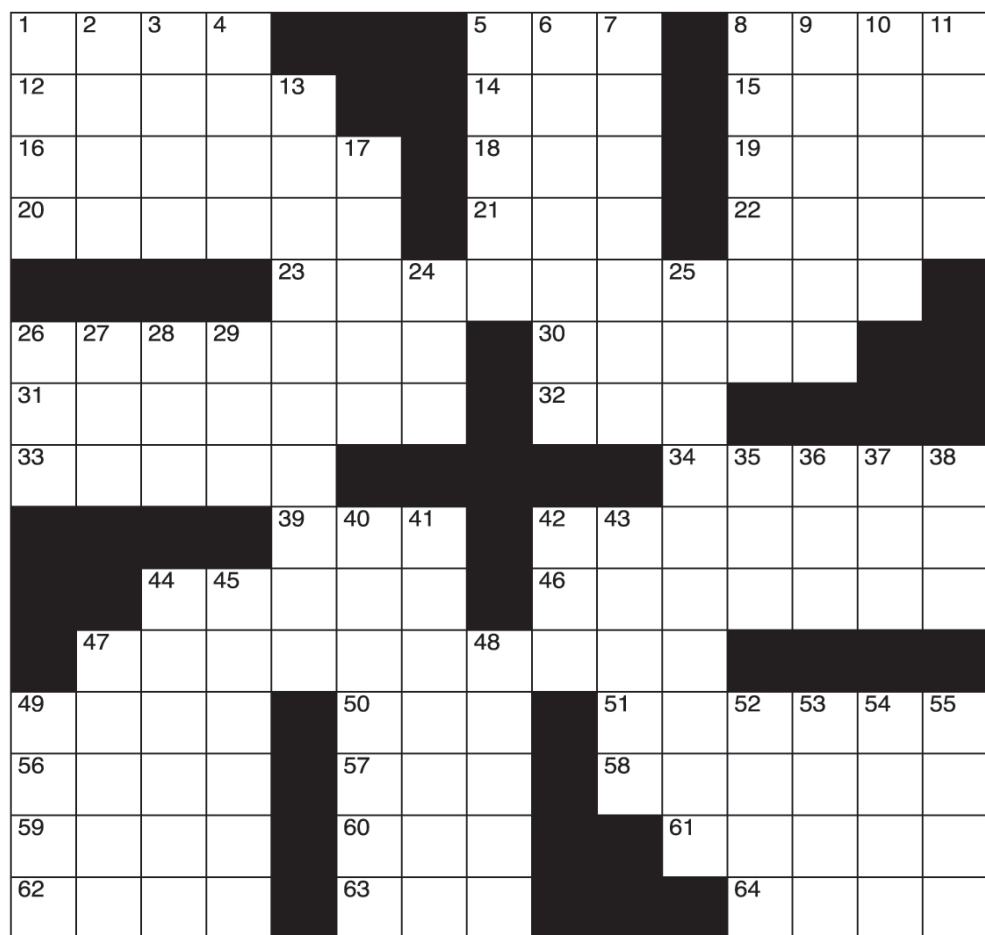
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15. C. European river
16. Bowl-shaped cavity
18. ___ Caesar, comedian
19. Lyric poems
20. Tia's sister
21. A way to develop
22. Cows collectively
23. Areas close by
26. Slightly disreputable
30. Made a mistake
31. One who cites
32. Food stall: ___ pai dong
33. Narrow valley between hills
34. Members of people living mainly in the Congo
39. More (Spanish)
42. Classroom implements
44. Cognizant of
46. One who tells on others
47. Free from slavery
49. Thick piece of something
50. Containing two nitrogen atoms between carbon atoms
51. Removed entirely
56. Late rocker Turner
57. Appreciated
58. Observation
59. Opposite of subtracts
60. Unit of work
61. Wreckage on the sea bed
62. Affirmative! (slang)
63. Witness
64. River in England

CLUES DOWN

1. A dissenting clique
2. Japanese city
3. Spiritual leader
4. Second letter of Greek alphabet
5. Musical term
6. Ruled over
7. Fortified wine
8. First year player
9. Moved in a circular way
10. Adolescents
11. Scottish or Irish Gaelic language
13. Someone who serves in the armed forces
17. Bring up
24. Factual written account (abbr.)
25. Having three sides
26. Annoy
27. Hustle
28. American WW2 leader
29. Stale atmosphere
35. US Treasury
36. Sound unit
37. They ___
38. Soviet Socialist Republic
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41. Medical event
42. When you hope to arrive
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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Shelburne Senior Muskies won't be playing this season

Written By Brian Lockhart

Fans of senior hockey in Shelburne will have to find another team to cheer for this season, with the Shelburne Senior Muskies deciding not to play this year.

The news is a shock for fans who have been coming out to support the team at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex.

The Muskies' history goes all the way back to 1935.

There has yet to be an official announcement by the hockey Club as to why the Muskies won't be on the ice this year.

However, some insiders have indicated that other teams started recruiting Muskies players, which threw a monkey wrench into the Muskies organization and ability to form a team. As of April 2023, the Muskies were advertising for someone to fill the General Manager position. This happened after the former GM decided to move to Western Canada and was unavailable to continue with the job.

In addition, the Western Ontario Athletic Association, which was the umbrella organization of the Senior Hockey League, is no longer involved in senior hockey.

The WOAA's website lists no games for senior hockey this year.

The WOAA league participated outside of the jurisdiction of Hockey Canada; however, the two organizations were cordial and worked together.

Teams from the WOAA have now moved to the Ontario Elite Hockey League (OEHL).

Teams returning this year from the WOAA but playing in the OEHL include Saugeen Shores, Tavistock, Creemore, Seaford, Durham, Ripley, Milverton, Minto, and Lucknow.

Two new teams have been included in the 11-team line-up. They are the Georgian Bay Applekings and the Erin Outlaws.

The OEHL website lists the Shelburne Muskies and the Shallow Lake Crushers as currently on leave of absence.

It also says franchise rights exist for those two teams.

THE OEHL regular season schedule got underway on Saturday, Oct. 14, with the first games and will run through to Feb. 4.

The playoffs will commence after the completion of the 2023-24 regular season.

Mulmur athlete makes Top 100 in RBC Training Ground's Olympic Talent Search

Written By Brian Lockhart

Julie Grohal, a multi-sport athlete from Mulmur, has been named a finalist in RBC Training Ground, the Canadian Olympic Committee's official cross-country talent search.

The program is designed to identify and fund future Olympians.

Grohal was one of 2,200 athletes (aged 14-25) from a wide range of sports who participated in free local qualifier events across the country, performing core speed, strength, power and endurance tests in front of Olympic talent scouts to find the sport for which they are most suited or earn a funding boost in their existing sport based on their raw physical abilities.

The top 100 deemed to have great Olympic potential will now compete in the RBC Training Ground national final on Dec. 2 in Toronto. Thirty athletes from the final will earn funding, a spot on Team Canada with one of 12 partner National Sport Organizations, and an accelerated path to the Olympics.

Grohal, who graduated from Centre Dufferin District High School in the spring and is now playing rugby at Brock University, is looking forward to the opportunity.

"I'm really looking forward to meeting different athletes from different sports and different places, who all have an Olympic dream," said Grohal.

During RBC Training Ground National Final testing, athletes' speed, power, strength, and endurance will again be tested against sport-specific, high-performance benchmarks under the supervision of program sport partners. An athlete's anthropomorphic measurements (height, wingspan, etc), sport-specific testing (conducted following the qualifier stage) and competitive sports history also play a role in who is selected for funding.

"RBC Training Ground is designed to help fill and fund Canada's Olympic sport talent pipeline, said Evan MacInnis, Technical Director, RBC Training Ground. "Some of the athletes who participate in RBC Training Ground are looking to reenergize or boost an Olympic dream in a sport they are already participating in. Others participate with the hope of being discovered and directed toward an Olympic sport they may have never considered. But they all rely on raw athleticism to impress our sport partners and compete for funding."

The finalists, who will have transportation,



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LOCAL TALENT: Mulmur athlete Julie Grohal has been named a finalist in RBC Training Ground, the Canadian Olympic Committee's official cross-country talent search. She's seen here competing in the Barrie to qualify for RBC Training Ground.

hotel and food covered by RBC, will be joined at the Final by RBC Training Ground alumni and Olympic medalists.

The 30 athletes selected for funding will be announced early in 2024. The funding is administered by the participating National Sport Organization, bringing the athlete into its system, and is used for coaching, transportation, travel, equipment, and nutrition. NSO partners include Boxing Canada, Canoe Kayak Canada, Climbing Escalade Canada, Cycling Canada, Cyclisme, Freestyle Canada, Luge Canada, Rowing Canada Aviron, Rugby Canada, Speed Skating Canada, Triathlon Canada, Volleyball Canada, Boxing Canada, Climbing Canada; Triathlon Canada; and Wrestling Canada.

The complete list of 100 finalists is available at RBCTrainingground.ca in the community/news section.

Now in its 8th year, RBC Training Ground

is a nationwide talent identification and athlete-funding program dedicated to finding and supporting the next generation of Canadian Olympians. Since its inception in 2016, the program has tested 13,000 athletes at free local events across Canada, with close to 2,000 being identified by NSO partners as having Olympic potential.

Thirteen RBC Training Ground athletes have competed at two Olympic Games, and together they've brought home a collective seven medals. Program alumni Kelsey Mitchell and Marion Thénault are among the medal winners, both of whom had never tried their Olympic sport before showing up at an RBC Training Ground event.

A new season of RBC Training Ground will be launching in early 2024. Visit RBCTrainingGround.ca for details.

Three-way tie in Provincial Junior Hockey League

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

There is some serious competition in the North Carruthers division of the Provincial Junior Hockey League this season, as three teams are currently tied for the number one spot in the standings.

The Schomberg Cougars, Stayner Siskins, and the Alliston Hornets all have 14 points and almost identical records.

The Cougars and Hornets both have 7-2 records for the season after playing nine games. The Siskins have taken three losses but have been on the ice ten times this year.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

AIDAN ROSS

"I like being part of a team," Aidan Ross said of why he likes playing volleyball. "It's not an individual sport, you're playing with people. It's nice to know you have other people's backs and they have yours. A lot of playing volleyball is the team chemistry and how well you know your teammates."

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A well rounded athlete, Aidan also plays rugby with the high school's senior team.

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County of Dufferin recognizes Circular Economy Month

Dufferin County Council recently proclaimed October 2023 Circular Economy Month in Dufferin County.

“Dufferin County is proud to proclaim October 2023 Circular Economy Month! This month provides us with the important opportunity to learn more about protecting our planet and reducing waste,” says Melissa Kovacs Reid, Manager, Waste Services. “Circular Economy Month raises awareness about the benefits of the circular economy and celebrates circular innovations. We encourage Dufferin residents to learn more about the circular economy throughout October, take part in Waste Reduction Week and encourage others to take action

to reduce our waste locally!”

October 16 to 22, 2023 is also Waste Reduction Week, an extension of Circular Economy Month. Each day this week has a different theme related to waste reduction. Residents, schools and businesses can participate by following Dufferin Waste’s daily tips for the week!

Textiles Tuesday

Donate your unwanted textiles and keep them out of the landfill to help work towards Clothes’ing the Loop on textiles. Not sure if your worn and torn textiles can be donated? Some organizations accept those too! Use the Clothes’ing the Loop Map Tool to find busi-

nesses, organizations and community donation bins near you.

E-Waste Wednesday

Wednesday is E-waste Day! Do you have a lot of electronics piling up? Get rid of them responsibly by attending the Hazardous and Electronic Waste event on Saturday, October 21st at the Orangeville Agricultural Society Event Centre from 8am to 3pm! For more information on acceptable items and limitations, visit www.dufferincounty.ca/waste.

Plastics Thursday

How can you help reduce plastic pollution? Choose to reuse! Switch to reusable grocery and produce bags, reusable take-out containers, reusable utensils, reusable straws and reusable coffee mugs. Reusable items help reduce waste and keep materials, such as plastics, out of lakes and oceans and the landfill!

Food Waste Friday

Did you know that the average household wastes \$1500 worth of food per year? Imagine what you could do with an extra \$1500 if you

wasted less food and saved more money! Many foods wasted are healthy fruits and vegetables. Not only are you losing money but you’re also losing nutritional value! Use our resources to help you preserve what you buy, save money and eat healthier in the process!

Sharing Economy Saturday

Do you have unwanted items, such as appliances, clothing, dishes and more? Take them back to a participating vendor for reuse, recycling, and proper disposal. Download the Take it Back Directory to find vendors near you. When you take back your unwanted items, you help contribute to a circular economy and keep waste from ending up in the landfill!

Swap and Repair Sunday

Attend a clothing swap party or organize your own! Check out the Swap It Toolkit from the Circular Innovation Council to get started. Attending repair cafes or DIY repair projects are also a great way to repurpose materials instead of throwing them away. Visit the Share, Reuse, Repair Hub to learn more!

Dufferin County shares tips to avoid a spooky climate footprint this fall

Dufferin County is encouraging residents to enjoy a climate-friendly fall

“Our seasonal traditions can create joy and connection, but can also lead to increased waste and energy consumption,” says Sara MacRae, Climate and Energy Manager, Dufferin County. “This fall, we encourage everyone carve out space for climate-friendly traditions that celebrate the season and honour our planet”.

Dufferin County’s Climate Action and Waste teams have easy tips so we can have fun this fall, while avoiding a spooky climate footprint:

- Make nature-inspired arts and crafts! Collect fallen leaves and pinecones and express your creativity this fall.
- Use energy-efficient lighting! LED candles and solar-powered lights are great for creating that spooky ambiance.

• Have fun DIYing your seasonal décor! Get creative with DIY projects using recycled materials. Transform old jars into lanterns or ghosts from old sheets.

• Enjoy sustainable treats! Source locally grown pumpkins and make delicious, homemade pumpkin treats. Reduce waste and support local Dufferin farmers.

• Dress up in second-hand costumes! Consider thrifted or upcycled costumes. Give old outfits new life and reduce textile waste. Use our Clothes’ing the Loop map to find businesses, organizations and/or community donations bins near you!

• Compost your pumpkins! Residents can put pumpkins in their yard waste or beside their Green Bin. All decorations/candles should be removed before composting.

Upcoming Events at Shelburne Library

The Shelburne Public Library is hosting the following events in the coming weeks:

How to Teach Your Kids About Money with Christine Whalen, CPA, Thursday, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m.

Learn about the challenges and strategies required to raise financially independent kids from Christine Whalen, CPA. Please note this presentation is best for adults.

Story Time Special Guest- Mandeep Kaur Bassi, Friday, Oct. 20 at 11 a.m.

Hear a special story from our guest followed by activities!

Ghosts and Fabled Misfortune - Halloween Mayhem in Dufferin County presented by MoD, Thursday, Oct. 26 at 6 p.m.

Listen to some spooky tales stemming from Dufferin County. This presentation

is intended for adults, so listeners beware!

Collecting the Community with Museum of Dufferin, Wednesday, Nov. 1, 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Drop by to learn about the Collecting the Community project and see artifacts that represent the diverse history of Dufferin County! The Collecting the Community project addresses a gap in the Museum of Dufferin’s permanent collection by actively collecting, interpreting and preserving the past, present and future of historically marginalized people in Dufferin County.

Library Literary Event featuring Dan Needles, Sunday, Nov. 12 at 2 p.m.

Join us at YOUR Library to welcome local author, Dan Needles, as he talks about his new book, Finding Larkspur: A Return to Village Life. Registration for this event is required.

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Three-way tie in Provincial Junior Hockey League

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The Otters have three wins and six losses, including one overtime loss.

In the number eight spot, the Midland Fly-



ers have won only two games this year.

In the basement, the Innisfil Spartans have had only one win after nine times on the ice this season.

It is a 42-game schedule this season, so there is a lot of hockey still to play.

Junior C fans will be in for a real treat as the season goes on and teams do their best to climb in the standings.

Spooktacular Shelburne
Friday Oct 27, Saturday Oct 28 & Sunday Oct 29 2023

Come out for community wide events on the last weekend of October! All events FREE, though donations of monetary and non-perishable food for the Shepherd's Cupboard Food Bank gratefully accepted!

- FREE Shuttle Bus** running between events 10am-2pm
- Treats in The Streets**
Downtown Shelburne
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Fiddlerspark
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Mini Boo Sat 10am-2pm
Full Score Sat 7pm-11pm
Full Score Tues 6pm-10pm
- Pumpkin Carving & Yard Decorating Contests**
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Bugsy Malone Jr. musical, 'a roaring good time' for audiences of all ages

Written By Marie Hoy-Kenny

Residents of Dufferin County are invited to come out and support a cast of local 7 to 16-year-old actors and singers as they take the stage by storm, performing "Bugsy Malone Jr.," a fun and lively stage version based on the hit 1976 film that featured Jodie Foster and Scott Baio.

LP Productions, a non-profit theatre company based out of Shelburne, has put the performance together.

According to the play's producer, one of LP Productions' founders and Dundalk resident, Alison Port, "It's like a mini West Side Story, but has been adapted to suit kids. It is a parody of 1920s gangster movies without the violence. Instead of shooting, they threw custard pies. We're using silly string for this one."

The show is sure to be entertaining with its catchy music, delightful choreography, and humorous and clever script. The young actors are polishing up their New York accents, ready to shine for the show.

Port decided to choose this play because she has fond memories of watching the movie as a child. Although the production features rivals competing, the deeper message is about resolving conflicts and form-

ing unlikely friendships. She explains that this play "touches on some modern-day difficulties facing kids today regarding bullying," and that her favourite part is "the happy ending with everyone coming together and realizing that they could have been anything they wanted to be and fighting didn't solve anything," which is always a timely moral for people to contemplate.

Port also expresses that youth sporting events may fill stadiums and arenas, but not every child is going to receive praise and recognition for their athletic skills, and supporting developing skills in the arts is crucial. Learning to present publicly is an asset in most careers, and at the same time, these young people are learning the critical importance of dedication and commitment. They attend practices three times a week in preparation for this performance.

Port hopes the young actors will be able to look out into the audience and see the encouragement of their community, propelling them towards continuing to demonstrate strong public speaking skills or even possible careers in the entertainment industry, future stars forming on a local stage.

To quote a line from the play, "Okay fel-



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NEW STAGE PRODUCTION: LP Productions' cast of local 7- to 16-year-old actors and singers are eager to bring "Bugsy Malone Jr." to Shelburne audiences, starting Nov. 24 and running until Dec. 3.

las, this is our moment. Keep a cool head and keep those fingers pumpin', 'cause remember, it's history you'll be writin'."

Perhaps our local youth are writing history before our eyes. Shelburne's Grace Tipling Hall is sure to be bursting with fun

and energy during the show dates, which run from Nov. 24 to Dec. 3. The stage will come alive through music, dancing, acting, and plenty of laughter.

Tickets are available through Eventbrite.

Theatre Orangeville opens 30th season with 'The View from Here'

Written By Constance Scrafield



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SEASON OPENER: Melanie Janzen and Jamie Williams star in "The View from Here," the first play of Theatre Orangeville's 30th season. Written by Jamie Williams, the comedy tells us about a year in their 32-year marriage from New Year's Eve to New Year's Eve and how long term relationships weather the storms. On now until October 29.

What a terrific show "The View from Here" is, the first of Theatre Orangeville's 30th season. It opened last Friday, Oct. 13 and runs until Oct. 29. Written by and starring Jamie Williams (Skin Flick and others) and Melanie Janzen (Screwball Comedy and others), this couple gives us an evening that is so good it lasts a long time in your head afterwards.

In brief, Michael and Mary have been married for 32 years. Running over a year from New Year's Eve to New Year's Eve, the cleverness of the play and the actors' delivery keeps us laughing, involved and irresistibly loving this adorable couple.

The magic between them works so well because they are, in fact, a married (to each other) couple, bringing, as the Director of the play, David Nairn said, "their own short-hand."

In his playwright notes, Jamie Williams admits the idea for this comic view of married life sprung from "our own completely unsexy bedtime routine...a far cry from what I believe our bedtime looked like in our younger days...My aim was to highlight those moments that are at once ordinary and extraordinary in a marriage. It is a love letter to those relationships that endure because of and in spite of ourselves."

In the course of this year's challenges, Mary's elderly father is slated to retire to a seniors' home, and her dealing with this move, her fear for her father and her repulsion for the place may well ring true in the hearts of many in the audience.

On the other hand, is the upcoming wedding of their daughter to Rob, a philosophy graduate whose constant output of big words and long-winded rhetoric irritates

the father of the bride-to-be.

All that and the sudden closure of the newspaper for which Michael has written over many years forces his abrupt retirement with perhaps unexpected reactions on his part.

Beckie Morris, Set Designer and Production Manager, created a revolve, the device that swings the sets around on stage and is usually round. This one is square, showing the two sets of bedrooms on one side and living room on the other. Propelled to swing between the sets during scene changes and a song plays, its job is really to push the story into its next moment. A simplistic cut-out of a roof and windows is the backdrop. Running across the surfaces is the printed dialogue. A true Beckie Morris for its innovation – the best design for the play.

Louise Guinand's lighting beautifully follows the same theme of the shift in time and life to perfection.

Directing, David Nairn presents us with a show of great timing, a pleasure to enjoy that touches our minds and our emotions. That is his particular skill.

Theatre Orangeville's brilliant creative team pulled it off again to give us the very lovely to look at production.

From the really silly opening to the perfect touch at the end, The View from Here is a must-enjoy couple of hours of theatre.

Jamie Williams ended his notes by reminding us, "It is of course a love letter to, and for my wife, Melanie."

For tickets, subscriptions and tickets to the "Twas the Night Gala, Theatre Orangeville's biggest fundraiser of the year, go to www.theatreorangeville.ca or call the charming folk at the Box Office at 519-942-3423.

Alliston man wins Auctioneer Challenge at Plowing Match

Written By Brian Lockhart

It was a first-time competitor's energetic auctioneer chant that caught the judges' attention at the International Plowing Match and Rural Expo held in Amaranth in September.

At the end of the competition, John Dunn of Alliston came out on top.

Held on Friday, Sept. 22, of this year's event in the Holmes Agro Agricultural Showcase Tent, Dunn caught the judges attention when it was his turn to take the stage.

Competition judges looked for clearness of speech, rhythm, how well the participants caught the bidder's eyes, dress code, and

how correctly information about the winning bid was relayed to the clerk.

As the winner, Dunn earned the right to join in on the live auction fun at the Celebration of Excellence event that same evening.

Veteran auctioneer Bob Severn of Severn Auctioneering Inc., from Shelburne, led the night's live auction, with Dunn saying he was thrilled when Severn invited him to the stage to get in on the auction action.

"That is the biggest crowd I have ever auctioned for," Dunn said.

The International Plowing Match and Rural Expo ran from Sept. 19-23, attracting competitors and visitors from around the country and the world.



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GOING ONCE: Alliston resident John Dunn was crowned the winner of the 2023 International Plowing Match's Auctioneer Challenge held in September. Dunn was a first time competitor in the chant, the caught the attention of judges.

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LOOSE LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM

Between October 23 - November 17

2023 LOOSE LEAF COLLECTION

Residents can take advantage of all the available leaf collection and disposal options during the Fall Season: Curbside Collection, Operations Drop Off Days, Dufferin County Yard Waste Program, Mulching, Composting and Leaving the Leaves.

Curbside collection

Curbside collection is provided only to residents in older neighbourhoods on streets with mature boulevard trees (trees on the road allowance – near the roadway). Residents are required to use Dufferin County’s Yard Waste Program for small amounts of leaves and for leaves generated on private property.

The 2023 collection period starts October 23 and ends November 17, 2023. Collection schedule will vary by Zone. Check your date before you rake! Be sure to have your loose leaves out for 7:00am of the date listed on your Zone. Please do not rake the leaves to the curb after Sunday November 12, 2023. Final collection will be in progress that week. Any leaves not already at the curb during the final collection will be the resident’s responsibility to remove, bag for Dufferin County Yard Waste, or bring to a Drop Off Day.

Schedule

October 23 – November 17, 2023

Zone 1 – (North of Main Street, West of Owen Sound St.): Thursdays – October 26, November 02, November 09, November 16, 2023

Zone 2 – (North of Main Street, East of Owen Sound St.): Tuesdays – October 24, October 31, November 07, November 14, 2023

Zone 3 – (South of Main St.): Tuesdays – October 24, October 31, November 07, November 14, 2023

All dates are weather dependent.

Leaving the leaves on your property provides great shelter for pollinators (bees, butterflies, and moths) over the winter months. This will also provide a natural mulch to help suppress weeds and add nutrients to your soil.

Missed Curbside Collection?

For any remaining leaves or if you have missed the Town’s pick-up — leaves should be:

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- bagged for Dufferin County’s Yard Waste bi-weekly pick-up.
- brought to Dufferin Transfer & Recycling located at 473051 Dufferin County Road 11, Orangeville, ON L9W 5L7.
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Dufferin launches emergency support trailers to aid in crises

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

The County of Dufferin and its local municipalities are preparing to support people facing crises with the County's first-ever emergency support service trailers.

"Dufferin County continues to experience increasingly wilder weather events, like the 2022 winter storm over Christmas that led to the closing of all County roads," said Dufferin County Warden Wade Mills. "These emergency support service trailers will help ensure the well-being and safety of our residents and visitors in any crisis. I encourage residents to contact the County to take part - when neighbours join us in helping neighbours, we can all keep our community safe."

Dufferin County, together with Amaranth, East Garafraxa, Grand Valley, Melancthon, Mono, Mulmur, Orangeville and Shelburne, has purchased and stocked eight municipal emergency support (ESS) trailers to provide support in local crisis situations.

The County said the trailers are the first of their kind in Ontario at a regional level and will help ensure the safety and well-being of the community in emergency situations.

"One of my jobs as mayor is to make sure that my municipality is prepared in the event of an emergency. I am please with the new community resilience project to have an emergency support service trailer in my municipality, ready to serve at our emergency shelter at the Horning's Mills Com-

munity Hall during an emergency event," said Darren White, Mayor of Melancthon.

"The Town of Grand Valley values the assistance of Dufferin County in emergency planning and winter preparedness. The addition of emergency trailers with supplies and equipment supports the community of Grand Valley and its visitors with a flexible approach to emergency shelter assistance," said Grand Valley Mayor Steve Soloman.

The ESS trailers will be stationed in each lower-tier municipality for rapid deployment to designated shelters. The trailers contain equipment and provisions to enable volunteers to provide support to up to 50 people per trailers in emergencies.

The trailers' equipment and provisions

include 50 folding cots, 50 blankets and pillows, reflective vests for volunteers, personal hygiene supplies, emergency food supplies, first aid kits with enhanced wound care supplies and administrative supplies.

According to the County of Dufferin, with the eight ESS trailers plus an additional unit supplied by the County that can support up to 150 people, they will be able to provide aid to up to 750 people in an emergency.

The County of Dufferin is recruiting and training volunteers who live near the local designated shelter sites to help set up and operate. Those interested in volunteering in emergency cases can email emergency.management@dufferincounty.ca to learn more.

Volunteer Dufferin receives \$36,900 in grant funding to improve website

Written By **Sam Odrowski**

Volunteer Dufferin is getting a boost in funding to improve its website's functionality.

The federal government's Community Services Recovery Fund Grant has distributed \$36,900 to Volunteer Dufferin, administered locally by the Dufferin Community Foundation.

The will support "Prepare to Engage Dufferin," a project that will enhance Volunteer Dufferin's website functionality to serve the community's evolving needs better.

Recognizing that the long-term recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic continues, the Government of Canada made a \$400 million investment to support community service organizations, including charities, nonprofits and Indigenous governing bodies, as they

adapt and modernize their organizations.

"For Volunteer Dufferin, this investment will allow the organization to enhance services for members and modernize internal processes. Positioning Volunteer Dufferin for the future, the grant will create opportunities to engage with citizens and organizations in ways that meet their changing needs and preferences, including those of traditionally marginalized and underserved people," said Volunteer Dufferin in a press release.

According to Volunteer Dufferin's community engagement coordinator, Sheralyn Roman, "Since the pandemic we have seen a significant shift in what our member organizations need from us, and in the different ways that individuals want to volunteer in their community. Our portal is showing its age and its design isn't optimal for these new expectations. We called

this project "Prepare to Engage Dufferin", because it reflects our intention to prepare and plan for anticipated change, consult with our users and design systems and processes that will truly engage the people of Dufferin in a variety of ways, helping to build a sense of belonging and purpose."

Jennifer Payne, Executive Director of Headwaters Communities In Action (HCIA) - the charitable backbone behind Volunteer Dufferin - added, "We are very grateful to the Government of Canada, the Community Services Recovery Fund National Funders and Dufferin Community Foundation for this timely support. This project will deliver a needs assessment, improved digital tools, processes, and reporting so that we can better show our impact in the community. Our hope is to provide more flexibility, customization and automation in

our portal, to build capacity and skills, and to develop not only technology innovations but also equitable non-digital approaches that better serve all people in Dufferin."

Volunteer Dufferin is a web-based volunteer matching platform whose mission is to strengthen the volunteer base in Dufferin and increase community involvement and connection by engaging and mobilizing citizens. volunteerdufferin.ca

Volunteer Dufferin is a project of Headwaters Communities in Action (HCIA), a registered charity and community backbone organization with a vision of engaged citizens shaping a vibrant, sustainable and resilient community, together. headwaterscommunities.org Funding support is provided by the County of Dufferin.

Georgian College students stand against gender-based violence with 'Take Back the Night'

Written By **James Matthews**
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Students at Georgian College in Orangeville took back the night on Sept. 27.

The annual Take Back the Night event was held on Georgian College campuses throughout Ontario. The Social Service Work program has been offered in Orangeville for the past four years and its students participated in the event.

This year was the second outing for students to reclaim the night and stand against gender-based violence, said Johanna Magee, an instructor at the Orangeville campus who

organized the local event.

She said the Social Service Work program coordinator, who works out of Orillia, is an advocate for issues that impact the health and safety of people in the college's communities.

"She was inspirational last year as we organized our first annual Take Back the Night event at the campus," Magee said. "The local agency involvement and support is phenomenal and the messages from the speakers are worth a million dollars."

She said the college will promote the event outside the campuses next year, and nursing students and those in the early childhood

education program will be invited to take part.

Mayor Lisa Post, who is a part-time instructor at the campus, attended the event. She said the turnout for the event was comprised of Georgian faculty and students as well as local organizations who have roles in protecting and supporting women.

"This event is an important one," Post said. "The primary group targeted to attend are first-year college students, and many of them are international students who may not be aware of the local organizations that are here to support them."

"This year, Family Transition Place, Head-

waters Hospital, the OPP, and WindyRidge Stables were there to talk about sexual assaults, including the data and the supports that are available."

Take Back the Night brings awareness of the issue to an age group, many people of which may be away from home for the first time.

"The event helps to bring awareness to the issue, to share that it can happen to anyone and to remove the stigma associated with being a sexual assault survivor," Post said.

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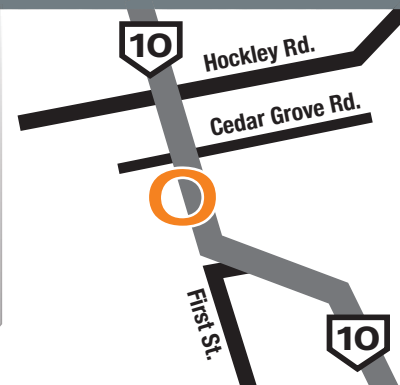


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DELORES MARY HANNON (NEE JOHNSTON)

Delores Mary Hannon (nee Johnston) passed away peacefully on October 15, 2023 at Grey Gables in Markdale ON. She was in her 92nd year.



Delores was predeceased by Howard, her husband of nearly 67 years, in 2020.

She is survived by her daughters Lori (Philip) and Sherri (Aaron) and her son Wayne. She will be missed by her five granddaughters; Carly (Nick) and Kristen, Samantha (Lyle), Alicia (Ben) and Emily (Tamir). She is also survived by her brother and sister-in-law, Ron and Beth Johnston, as well as sister-in-law Dorothy Hannon. Delores was born in Abbey, Saskatchewan on December 18, 1931 where her parents, Archie and Inga Johnston were wheat farmers. After several years during the depression of drought and crop failure, Archie and Inga came east in 1937 and settled near Proton Station near Archie's family. They later purchased and moved to a farm at Wareham.

Delores attended school locally and continued on to secondary school in Flesherton where she graduated at the tender age of 17 and began her career as a teacher the next fall in the first of many one-room schoolhouses. In 1953, she and Howard were married and they moved to the farm west of Redickville where she resided until ill health necessitated a move to long term care in 2019.

After the birth of her first child, Delores gave up teaching for a few years and took on the role of Clerk for Melancthon township, the first woman to hold that position. She returned to teaching in the late 1960s and continued until her retirement in 1987.

Delores and Howard loved to dance and joined the Modern Square Dancing group in Honeywood when it was formed in the late 1960s. They made many friends square dancing and enjoyed trips to several locations around the globe with their square dance friends.

Delores was an avid quilter and sewist. She participated in the Markdale quilt guild for many years and leaves behind many beautiful creations.

Delores was a keen genealogist and spent many hours compiling the family tree so that family history could be passed along to future generations.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Grey Gables for the wonderful care they provided to Delores for the last 4 years.

Funeral arrangements are being entrusted to McMillan & Jack Funeral Home in Dundalk; Delores will be laid to rest beside Howard in South Line Union Cemetery in Badjeros.

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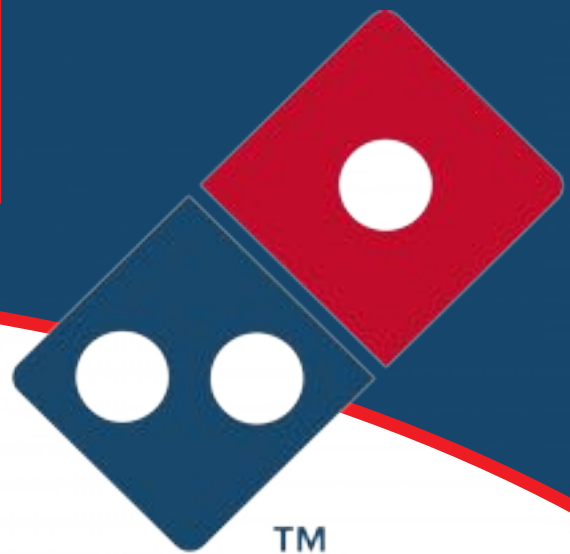


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