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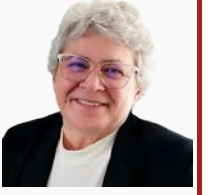
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## Coats for Dufferin: Giving the gift of warmth to those in the community needing it the most

Written By Paula Brown  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

With colder weather on the way, it's once again the time of year to sort through the closet and decide which coats to keep for the season and which to donate. For coats on the way out the door, a group of local realtors are ready to take them off your hands and give them to residents in need.

Shelburne-based realtors Claire Knight and Dave Crowe have joined forces with Orangeville realtor Jacqueline Clement for a local initiative called Coats for Dufferin.

"Dufferin County is not a warm area to live and there is a massive need, more than we realize, in our community for winter coats," said Knight. "There are so many people out there that have good warm coats that no longer fit or they don't like the style and by donating a coat it's going to keep somebody warm for the whole winter."

Started in 2022 under the name Stay Warm Shelburne, the Coats for Dufferin initiative looks to collect new and gently used coats for adults and children in need



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**WARMTH THROUGH WINTER:** Local realtors Claire Knight and Dave Crowe are collecting new and gently used coats through their initiative Coats for Dufferin in the hopes of helping keep individuals in need warm this winter season. Donations will be accepted at various drop-off locations until Nov. 15.

in Dufferin County. The coat drive was initially inspired by Shoes4Shelburne, an annual initiative organized by Shelburne Family Chiropractic that looks to provide quality shoes to local residents.

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"We heard from Shoes4Shelburne that there was this need for outdoor wear so we decided to collect coats because people need to stay warm over the winter," explained Knight.

Last year, the initiative received 79 donated coats and purchased an additional 22 to bring the total to 101 coats provided to those in need in the community.

"Every single coat went out to the community – they were all taken by the end," said Knight.

With the rise in the cost of living, Knight

said they expect the demand for coats this year to be similar to what it was during the 2022 initiative. She noted that the continued warm weather has made collecting coats slow and difficult, as many residents haven't had the opportunity to look through their closets.

"We want to be ready for when the weather turns so I'm encouraging people to go through their coats now because as the mornings get frosty and cold, we're going to see more of that need," said Knight.

To help get coats out to individuals in

need, Coats for Dufferin has collaborated with Shoes4Shelburne.

Starting Nov. 1 and running until Dec. 15, individuals in need will be able to browse the collection of donated adult coats at an open house event held by the Shoes4Shelburne organizers. The event will be located at 228 Andrew Street every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Coats for Dufferin will also have a spot at the Christmas Hamper pickup on Dec. 16, where the remaining adult and children's

coats will be available.

Donations of new and gently used coats can be dropped off at various locations in Shelburne, including the Shelburne Free Press, Shelburne Auto & Cycle, Keller Williams Home Realty Brokerage, Streams Community Hub, Crewson Insurance Brokers, and Turn it Out Dance Studio.

Items can also be dropped off at realtor Jacqueline Clement's office, located at 12 First Ave. in Orangeville.

Coats for Dufferin will be accepting donations until Nov. 15.

## Upper Grand District School Board exploring potential reshuffling of students from high capacity schools

Written By Paula Brown  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter



The Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB) is exploring the plausibility of moving students from high-capacity elementary schools to ones with more enrolment space.

In a press release issued on Monday (Oct. 23), the school board said it would be conducting a boundary review in order to address the accommodation pressures at Primrose Elementary School in Mulmur.

The rural school, which is serviced by a private well and septic system, has an operating capacity of 377 pupil spaces. In recent years, Primrose Elementary has experienced an increase in enrolment, and the current number of students enrolled in the school is approximately 580.

During a regular meeting in July, Shelburne Town Council received a report from the school board regarding their draft plan

for long-term accommodation at schools.

According to the report, the proposed school to accommodate the boundary review, Centennial Hylands Elementary School, has an enrolment of 413 students with the capacity to accommodate a total of 541 students.

While looking at the capacity of the elementary schools, Shelburne councillors at the July meeting also urged the school board to investigate a boundary review of Centre Dufferin District High School, particularly regarding students from Grand Valley.

"It's an awfully long way to be bussing students from Grand Valley to Shelburne, and I know traditionally it's been the case because there are limited options for secondary

schools, but in my humble opinion that's one area where I think the school board should be looking at a boundary adjustment," said Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills.

Centre Dufferin District High School has a capacity of 798 students, and the school currently has 853 students enrolled. The enrolment at the high school is projected to grow to 895 by 2025 and 1,140 by 2030.

"This council in the last term has had a lot of complaints come to it that were not council related complaints due to the over crowding at the high school," said Coun. Walter Benotto. "When it's crowded things erupt, problems start existing and parents turn around and who do they blame – us – and we have no control over it."

A boundary review is a staff process that allows the school board to review a variety of options for resolving issues with overcapacity and underutilized schools or when determining a new school boundary.

The UGDSB will be hosting a public information session at Primrose Elementary School on Nov. 22 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., where the public will be able to ask questions and provide feedback on the boundary review.

All questions and inquiries on the boundary review can be directed to [planning.info@ugdsb.on.ca](mailto:planning.info@ugdsb.on.ca).

Any approved changes to the school boundaries are expected to be implemented for the 2024-2025 school year.

## Council approves solution for fire-related cost recovery

Written By Paula Brown  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Shelburne Town Council has approved the decision to enter an agreement with Fire Marque Inc. to help recover costs associated with fire-related incidents.

During their meeting on Oct. 16, Town councillors received a report from chief administrative officer Denyse Morrissey regarding the Fire Marque Program. Shelburne Town Council was first presented with the program in March of 2020, and a decision on it was delayed as a result of COVID-19.

"The direction was to move forward with an agreement that we would be one of the municipalities in Ontario, which there are many, participating with the Fire Marque program in order to recover costs associated with structure fires and other related incidents," Morrissey told councillors.

Initially incorporated in 2009, about one-third of Ontario's 444 municipalities currently participate in the program. Existing clients of Fire Marque within local counties include 1 of 8 municipalities in Dufferin County, 6 of 8 municipalities

in Grey County, 7 of 8 municipalities in Bruce County and 11 of 16 municipalities in Simcoe County.

The Shelburne and District Fire Department provides service to the Town of Shelburne, Amaranth, Mono, Melancthon, and Mulmur. According to the report, Shelburne's cost for service is about 54 per cent of the fire department's overall budget and in 2023 the Town's contribution was \$639,888.71.

"I have dealt with this in former municipalities and found it somewhat beneficial," said Shelburne and District Fire Chief Ralph Snyder regarding the program. "It's not huge money, but it is nice that if you do have a structure fire, you get something back."

The report noted that the cost recovery fees received from the program would be placed in a designated reserve account and applied toward the fire department's operating and capital budgets for the municipality.

"I first brought [the program] up many years ago, but unfortunately the council of the day wasn't interested. I'm finally glad to say that it has come forward," said Coun. Walter Benotto.

## Several events coming up at the Shelburne Public Library

**Ghosts and Fabled Misfortune - Halloween Mayhem in Dufferin County presented by MoD, Thursday, October 26th @ 6pm:** 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, November 1st, 11am-3:30pm:** 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.

**Medicines of Dufferin County with MoD, Tuesday, November 7th, 2pm:** Learn about some of the medicines and practitioners of Dufferin County from



MoD Archivist, Laura Camilleri.

**Library Literary Event featuring Dan Needles, Sunday, November 12th @ 2pm:** 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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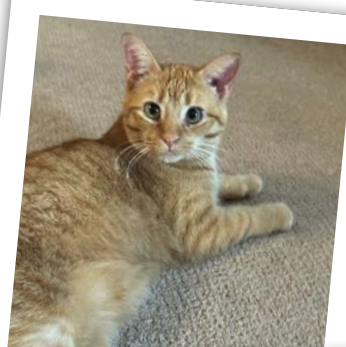
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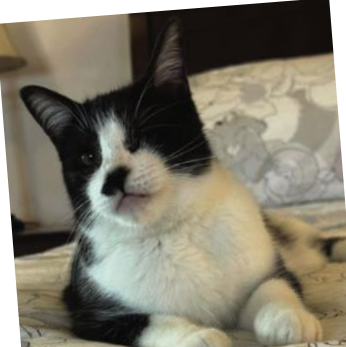
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# Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Dufferin in need of local volunteers

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

Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Dufferin and District are putting out a call for volunteers in Shelburne and North Dufferin communities to help find matches for local children sitting on their waitlist.

According to the local chapter, in Shelburne, there are currently five children who have been matched with a big brother or big sister, and there are seven children on the waitlist waiting for their match.

While it's not unusual to have children on the waitlist to be matched with a big brother or big sister, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Dufferin and District executive director Nancy Stallmach says the local district hasn't seen many volunteers coming from the Shel-

burne community.

"We think we could match these children more quickly if we could get some more volunteers coming in," said Stallmach.

Big Brothers and Big Sisters (BBBS) Canada was founded in 1913 and looks to take kids facing adversity and pair them with a caring mentor, whom they usually spend a few hours every week or two with.

"What's true about our program is that it allows children who might be isolated and having a hard time, to feel connected to their community and it sets them on a much more positive path in life; that can be a very positive thing for Shelburne," said Stallmach.

Shelburne resident Morgan Bennington has been a part of the local Big Brothers and Big Sisters program as a mentor for the last three years. Inspired by her own parent's

experiences as mentors in the program, Bennington joined during her first year of university and was paired with her little sister, Brooklyn.

"Growing up I saw how important it was to give back to the community and I wanted to help anyone who might be need a bit of extra support because I realized how lucky I was to have a good net around me," said Bennington.

Big Brothers and Big Sisters works to match the 'big' and 'little' pairings with similar interests and encourages low-cost or no-cost activities. Some of the activities that Bennington has shared with her little sister include hiking, playing basketball, watching movies, and making crafts.

"It's way more focused on the connection that you build and the friendship than the materialistic stuff," said Bennington.

She added that the mentorship experience is not just enriching for the children but also for the adult volunteers.

"Despite a busy schedule it's something that I look forward to, it's a fun time for me as well. It's really nice to have this connection and to see her grow up; you come to care about these individuals so much and it's so special."

Shelburne residents who are interested in volunteering as a big brother or big sister can fill out an application form on the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Dufferin and District website.

# Shelburne couple hit the jackpot with \$63,000 LOTTO 6/49 win

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

A Shelburne couple can 'find their possible' after winning a major lottery prize.

The Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLG) announced in a press release last Thursday (Oct. 19) that Randy and Kim Harris of Shelburne had won more than \$63,000 in the Sept. 23 LOTTO 6/49 draw.

"This is our first big win. I always play regular numbers that my wife picks," Randy shared while picking up their winning at the OLG Prize Centre in Toronto.

Randy was checking their ticket at Town Milk & Variety in Shelburne, where they purchase their weekly lottery tickets, when he discovered their big win.

"I was using the self-check and it said 'big winner', and I really didn't have a reaction I just kind of folded the ticket up and put it back in my pocket. When the [attendant] put the ticket in his machine it started going nuts with bells going off and then it shut down," he explained.

Receiving a slip of paper with their prize amount on it, Randy took it home to show his wife.

"I didn't believe him at first, but then he showed me the paper and I grabbed him,

gave him a kiss, and said 'we won!,' shared Kim.

Randy, a heavy equipment operator, and Kim, a custodian with the Upper Grand District School Board, have played the lottery for over 20 years. For years the Harris' have played regular numbers on the lottery, but following a mishap with a washing machine that "washed the luck out," they chose to change them a few months ago.

The randomly selected numbers chosen by Kim as their new regulars ended up being the ones they would ultimately win the \$63,000 prize with.

With their big prize now collected, the couple is planning to put the money away for their retirement and also hope to take a vacation out of the country sometime next year.

While they've already won big, the couple says they will be continuing to play their weekly lottery numbers.

"Absolutely, we're trying for that ultimate win," said Kim.

"We're not going to quit - sometimes you just have luck," added Randy.

The winning ticket was purchased at Town Milk & Variety on Main Street in Shelburne.

# Museum of Dufferin joins forces with local library to embrace area history

Written By **Danielle Williams**

The Museum of Dufferin (MoD) is pairing up with the Shelburne Library for an event to promote "Collecting the Community" on Nov. 1.

"This project is an ongoing initiative to actively collect, preserve, and interpret the past, present, and future history of historically marginalized communities in Dufferin County," said Caitlin Hudson-Dubsky, interim curator at MoD.

Since 2022, the museum has held "Collecting the Community" promotional exhibits at local libraries to promote the project.

"Collecting the Community" mainly focuses on engaging and acknowledging historically marginalized groups in the county. The museum is currently collecting artifacts for their collection and encourages people to donate items that are significant to them.

The MoD partners with local libraries to share the joys of their collection with community residents who cannot visit the museum in person. Having utilized the Shelburne Public Library for outreach booths in the past, the museum decided to hold another event there to reach residents.

"The museum has a history of doing outreach booths at the Shelburne Library, including other Collecting the Community

outreach booths," said Hudson-Dubsky. "We were excited to work with them again, as libraries are such a hub for local communities."

The MoD has spent the last four months preparing and promoting the "Collecting the Community" project. From going to other libraries in Dufferin County to updating their blog online about artifacts they might be interested in, all as a preview to the event on Nov. 1.

The MoD is hoping the upcoming event results in community members bringing unique items to add to its collections and better representing groups in the community that haven't been the focus historically.

"Through this event, we hope to encourage future artifact donations to the museum from diverse communities within Dufferin County," said Hudson-Dubsky.

"As the demographics of the County change, it is important for the Museum to take active steps in preserving and telling the stories of its residents, especially those who have been historically excluded from our collections," she added.

Join the Dufferin Museum and the Shelburne Library on Nov. 1 from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to learn about the "Collecting the Community" project and help expand the collection further with diverse historical artifacts.

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# Monster Mash

One night just before Halloween, when I was a kid, there was a showing of the 1961 movie "The Pit and the Pendulum" on television.

The film was very loosely based on the short story of the same name by Edgar Allan Poe and starred Vincent Price.

I don't know what the deal was with Poe, but he certainly had a dark mind, and he put it to paper.

In one rather particularly scary scene, Vincent Price breaks into the tomb of his sister, Elizabeth, to determine if the rumours that she had been buried alive were true.

Price and the others gather in front of the exposed coffin in the darkened crypt, lit only by their torches.

I was glued to the edge of my seat, holding my breath, and slightly terrified of what was going to happen.

Vincent Price put his hands on the coffin and slowly started to raise the lid.

Then, they cut to commercial. What? Why? Why would they cut to a commercial at that point in the movie?

Apparently, all my friends watched the same movie because it was the talk of the schoolyard the next day.

I don't know why people enjoy the macabre and scary things, but Halloween has become the time for spooky activities.

Halloween's history is rather murky, although the date is somewhat rooted in the tradition of All Saints Day. The rituals and everything that goes along with Halloween seem to be influenced by Pagan rituals, with celebratory practices tossed in by other religions or beliefs.

Some sources state the origins of Halloween go back to an ancient Celtic festival called Samhain, in which the day marked the end of summer and the harvest and the beginning of winter. Celts believed that on Oct. 31, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred.

Trick or treating goes back as far as the 12th century when children would go door to door to ask for 'soul cakes' in exchange for praying for the dead.

From there, this special night really took off as customs became weirder over time with the thoughts that ghosts and other unworldly spirits were present on this night, and people took special precautions to ward them off.

The tradition of trick or treating is largely a North American custom which really devel-

oped during the 1930's. Some other Western European countries have something similar, but not nearly on the level that it happens on this continent.

I've spoken to some European friends who have told me they don't have trick-or-treating at all. In Poland, it is the tradition that after Halloween night, people all visit the cemeteries where their families are buried. One Polish friend told me that on Nov. 1, the cemeteries are full of the living having picnics. It's a way of honouring deceased family and your ancestors.

Carving a jack-o-lantern is pretty much a North American thing as well. Some cultures used to carve various gourds, but the pumpkin provided the best shape and could be hollowed out for a candle to make a face with a spooky glow.

The use of costumes has always been associated with the festivities. And for some reason, skeletons, vampires, and assorted ghouls have always been a part of the fun.

I'm not sure what skeletons have to do with it other than they can be a little freaky and are a constant reminder that 'from dust you are created and to dust you will return.'

The costumes have changed a lot over

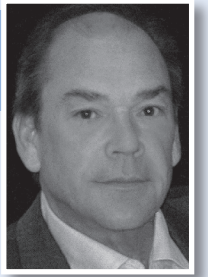
the past few decades as well. At one time, costumes were usually based on a scary appearance. Any good Halloween party would have at least one vampire, a witch, and a few other standard creepy costumes.

Now, with many people carrying on a version of trick-or-treating into adulthood, many witches have been replaced by a sexy nurse or another version of a rather altered uniform. It's all good – the idea is to have some fun.

I like giving out candy at Halloween. I like to see the kids having a little fun, even if some of the younger ones look terrified when you answer the door. However, the fear goes away when you offer them a Mars bar or a box of Smarties.

I like the homeowners that go to great lengths to decorate their yard to look like a cemetery or have witches on brooms flying over the yard. It just adds to a weird but fun time of year.

Oh, and yes, Elizabeth was buried alive – you got to love Vincent Price.



BRIAN LOCKHART  
FROM THE SECOND ROW

# Who's looking out for our small businesses

Earlier this year, one of the co-founders of Home Depot – the world's largest home improvement retailer – publicly stated that if he were to start his company all over again in today's stifling business environment, he doubts whether it could have ever grown any bigger than around 15 stores versus the more than 2,300 stores the chain operates today.

He makes a valid point. With all the chains we put on small business – everything from needless regulations to countless permits and licenses and endless forms that need to be filled out – it's a wonder most businesses stay open.

Here's why every Canadian should be concerned: according to a Statistics Canada survey published last year, most jobs in Canada don't come from big corporations – they are created by small businesses, which employ nearly two-thirds of Canada's labour force.

In other words, when it comes to job creation, small business matters.

So, the question is: if small business is so critical to job creation and employment in Canada, why don't we pay more attention to this country's small business sector?

With so much of Canada's economic prosperity riding on the success of our small businesses, it's puzzling that politicians don't focus more time and effort on removing obstacles for small business so they can thrive and hire even more people.

It makes you wonder: who's looking out for small business?

Owning and operating a business comes with a lot of struggle and sacrifice. The financial rewards for starting a business should be large enough to compensate for the effort, otherwise who would trade in the security of a salaried job, give up countless weekends and holidays, and put their personal assets and savings on the line just to open a small business?

I've never forgotten what it's like to own and operate a small business. When I started my business, I worked 16 hours a day, seven days a week. I was out hustling every day trying to drum up new clients, working in the tool shop, and taking care of the books. And when all that was done, I swept the floor.

In the years that followed, my business grew in size and sales. So did many others just like mine. But we had far fewer regulations and restrictions impeding our growth,

and taxes were lower. We need to re-create those conditions so small business can flourish.

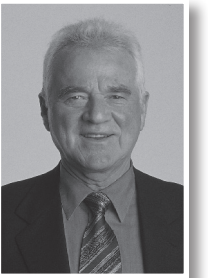
An economic charter of rights would allow us to do that. The charter would include measures to eliminate many of the regulatory shackles holding small business back. And it would remove the income tax on any small business with 300 or fewer employees.

Removing the taxes and red tape hindering the success of Canada's small businesses would unleash the kind of economic growth our country hasn't seen in decades.

For that to happen, small businesses throughout the country must unite and band together to push for the principles contained in an economic charter of rights.

If any business association wants to learn more about the proposed Economic Charter, I'd be happy to speak at your event and tell you more about how the charter can help small business. Email me at info@economiccharter.ca.

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# Dufferin OPP welcomes promoted Sergeant Corrie Trewartha

The Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is pleased to announce the promotion of Staff Sergeant Corrie Trewartha from Sergeant to Staff Sergeant and transfer from Wellington County to the Dufferin Detachment.

"I'm proud and privileged to welcome Staff Sergeant Corrie Trewartha to the Dufferin OPP Detachment. Corrie's leadership and experience will be an asset to our community and our detachment's leadership team," said Inspector Michael Di Pasquale, Dufferin Detachment Commander.

Staff Sergeant Trewartha was born and raised in Dufferin County, where she mar-

ried and remained to raise her own family. She began her career in policing at the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, spending time in both frontline operations as well as the Crime Unit.

In 2018, she transferred to the Dufferin Detachment in frontline operations. She was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2019 and transferred to the Wellington County Detachment where she took on the role of Team Leader.

Staff Sergeant Trewartha has a passion for community policing and went on to serve the Wellington Community as the Community Safety and Services Sergeant. Her duties included overseeing the Community Response Unit, Mental Health,

Media unit and School Resources Officers. Recently, she has spent time as the Acting Staff Sergeant in both Huron and Wellington County.

Staff Sergeant Trewartha has taken on the role of a Crisis Negotiator and Peer Supporter.

"I am honoured to be back in Dufferin. I look forward to fostering community partnerships and continuing with the incredible work OPP members are already doing in serving and protecting the citizens of Dufferin," said Staff Sergeant Trewartha.

Welcome back home to Dufferin Corrie. We are excited to have you and will benefit from your years of experience in community service, strong leadership, and professionalism.



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## NOTICE

### Hunting in the Dufferin County Forest

All users of the Dufferin County Forest are hereby advised that Nov. 6-10 and Dec. 4-8 are the shotgun/muzzle-loading gun/archery seasons for deer in 2023. During this time there will be a number of hunters using the Dufferin County Forest properties. Please use caution in the forest and wear bright-coloured clothing. There is no hunting allowed at any time in the following tracts: north portion of Amaranth, Hockley, Leening, Levitt, Little, Main, Mono, Thomson, and River Road. Suspected violations of the Fish & Wildlife Conservation Act should be reported to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry at 877-847-7667 (877-TIPS-MNR). Other inquiries should be directed to the County Forest Division at 877-941-7787.



# OPP investigating break and enter at hardware store

Members from the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a break and enter to a hardware store on County Road 109 in the Town of Grand Valley.

On October, 2022, at approximately 9:00 a.m., Dufferin OPP responded to the report of a break and enter at a local retail store in Grand Valley. Upon arrival, police noted the glass window in the side door had been removed gaining suspect(s) access to the building.

Officers reviewed security footage with the following observations.

At 2:10 a.m., a dark coloured SUV travelling

eastbound on county road 109 pulled into the parking lot of the hardware store. A suspect exited the vehicle wearing a dark coloured pullover with a hood, a facial cover and gloves. The suspect pried the glass off the door and entered the store.

At 2:45 a.m., the suspect vehicle left the parking lot heading eastbound on County Road 109.

At 4:10 a.m., the suspect vehicle returned to the hardware store. The suspect exited the vehicle wearing the same clothing as earlier. A second suspect was observed exiting the driver seat of the vehicle and was observed to be wearing a dark jacket with a hood, a surgi-

cal style facial mask, orange gloves, blue jeans, and blue running shoes. The first suspect entered the building, where he then dropped a safe from the second story out of an external window. The second suspect loaded the safe onto a dolly and brought it to the vehicle. Both suspects loaded it into the back of the vehicle.

At 4:30 a.m., both suspects departed travelling eastbound on County Road 109.

Anyone with information regarding this break and enter is asked to contact Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). You can also submit your information online at <https://ontariocrimestoppers.ca/>.

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# Police investigating stolen tractor

Dufferin OPP is currently investigating a stolen John Deere tractor from a rural property in the Township of Mulmur.

On Oct. 17, Dufferin OPP received a call for service at a rural property on 5 Sideroad in Mulmur for the theft of a tractor. It was determined that the vehicle was stolen over-

night on Oct. 15, from the property.

The tractor is described as a John Deere Loader and Backhoe, model 1025R, green in colour. The approximate value of the tractor is between \$30,000-\$40,000.

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

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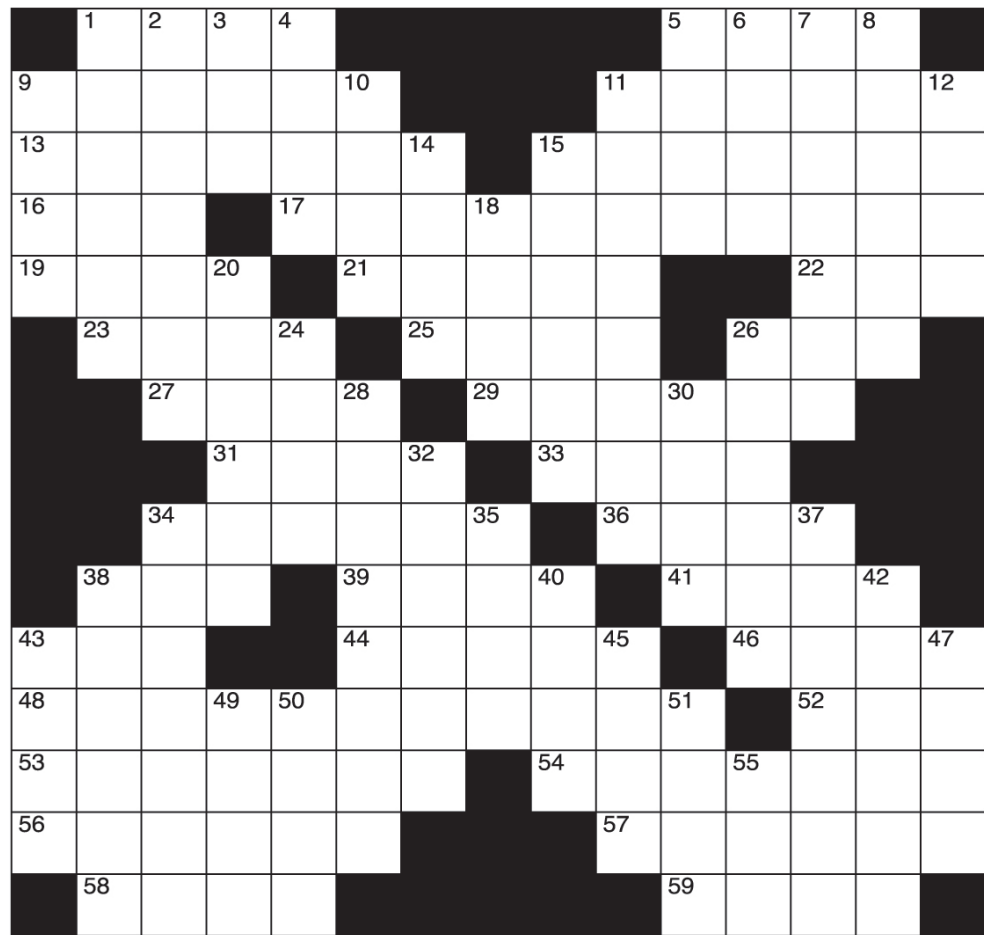
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- What one does overnight
- Dwarf planet
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# SHELBURNE SPORTS

## Amaranth Wolves 2023 DCC Champions beating out Shelburne Stallions

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Amaranth Wolves have captured the 2023 DCC championship with a win over the Shelburne Stallions in the final game of the Dufferin County Cup Premium T20 final showdown.

The tournament was hosted by the Shelburne Cricket Club, with the final game held at KTH Park on Saturday, Oct. 21.

In the highly anticipated match, the Stallions won the toss and chose to bat first.

The weather was less than ideal for the final game, being cold and wet, but the players battled through the elements.

The Stallions had a strong batting performance, picking up a total of 136 runs.

Key contributions from players included Kartik Desai (25 runs), Paul Hippolyte (20 runs) and Samir Patel (23 runs), were instrumental in securing the Stallions' competitive score.

When the Amaranth Wolves went to bat, they delivered some exceptional batting. Team captain Shridev Raval seized the spotlight with

a captain's knock, scoring his maiden half-century and amassing an impressive 53 runs.

Raval's performance anchored the Wolves' chase and secured them the title of the first-ever Dufferin County Cup champions.

"By concluding the 2023 cricket season with the Dufferin County Cup premium T20 tournament, the passion and enthusiasm for the sport continues to flourish in our vibrant cricket community," said Ahsen Siddiqui, president of the Shelburne Cricket Club.

Ahsen emphasized the significance of events like the Dufferin County Cup, SCC Tyro Tournament, SCC T15 Women's Cricket series, SCC Soccer Tournament and SCC T25 House League in nurturing local cricket talent and united cricket enthusiasts from across the county and surrounding areas.

The SCC is now gearing up for the 2024 season, with player registrations set to begin in mid-January.

For more information on the upcoming season, visit the website at: [www.shelburnecricketclub.com](http://www.shelburnecricketclub.com)



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**CRICKET CHAMPIONS:** The Amaranth Wolves are the 2023 Dufferin County Cup champions after a win over the Shelburne Stallions in the final game. The final took place at KTH Park in Shelburne on Saturday, Oct. 21.

## CDDHS Royals girls' basketball team in 3rd place after win over Erin

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals senior girls' basketball team is in third place in the District 4 standings after a decisive win over the Erin District High School Raiders on Monday, Oct. 23.

The Royals pounded the Raiders in the first quarter of Monday's game, taking an 11-2 lead at the end of the quarter to set the tone of the game.

At the half, the Royals were leading 18-5 after playing some stellar defence that shut down the Raiders attack.

"We were playing a team that's pretty aggressive, they like to guard you really close, but I think we did really well as a team to break the press, pass the ball, and we worked as a

team," summed up Royals shooting guard, Charlotte Miller. "We always start with our starters, and they went out with a vengeance today. We knew we wanted to start strong and start well as a team, and I think they set that tone for the rest of us. We they started shutting them down at the start, the rest of the team picked up on that energy and it spread around the team."

At the start of the fourth quarter, the Royals had increased their lead to 34-6.

"We did a press break at the end, then we did a man-to-man - we played our hardest," said Royals shooting guard Ashley Valade after the game. "We were good on cutting, and grabbing the rebounds first, then going back up," she said of the team's offensive play in the game.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

**DECISIVE VICTORY:** The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals senior girls' basketball team takes on the Erin District High School Raiders in the gym at CDDHS on Monday, Oct. 23. The Royals played a solid game, leading the scoring for all four quarters and leaving the court with a 39-20 win. Royal's shooting guard, Ashley Valade, takes a shot during the first quarter of the game.

The Raiders started picking it up in the final quarter and getting hoops, but the Royals stayed ahead and pressed for the rest of the game.

CDDHS won the game 39-20 for their fifth win of the season. They now have a 5-2-0 record with three games left on the regular season schedule.

The Centre Dufferin girls had a game on Oct. 25 against Emmanuel Christian High School, with results not available at press time.

The Royals will play their final regular season game on the home court at CDDHS on Monday, Oct. 30, when they will host Wellington Heights Secondary School. Game time is 2:30 p.m.

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"I like working with a team," said CDDHS Royals girl's basketball team point guard, Lexus Burt of why she likes playing basketball. "It's a whole team effort. I like to work as a team and not a single player. There's a lot of multitasking on the court - you have to look down the court and see where all your players are."

Lexus has been playing basketball since she got involved with the sport in elementary school and brings a lot of experience and skill to her team. Lexus is a well rounded athlete having played football, volleyball, and softball as well as basketball.

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# Centre Dufferin gears up for CWOSSA after district championship

Written By DANIELLE WILLIAMS

Centre Dufferin District High School's (CDDHS) cross-country team is heading to CWOSSA after a solid performance at a local tournament.

Last Friday, Oct. 20, the CDDHS cross-country team attended a District 4/10 XC Championship Tournament at Teen Ranch in Caledon. In cold and rainy weather, the CDDHS cross-country team showed school spirit through loud cheers and applause.

The tournament consisted of 13 teams participating in six different races. The novice boys and girls ran a 4.1-kilometre race, the junior boys and girls ran a 5-kilometre race, and the senior boys/girls ran a 5.9-kilometre race.

"When I started at Centre Dufferin, we had six athletes and now we're up to six teams," said Emma Norris, coach of the CDDHS cross-country team, expressing

her excitement about what the team has become.

The CDDHS cross-country team had two second-place runners, Chelsea Thalenhorst in the Junior girl's 5-kilometre race and Quinn Patton in the Novice boy's 4.1-kilometre race, along with the junior girls placing 4th overall.

"I'm not a competitive runner, so I'm focusing more on the fun part and the physical fitness more than the competition," said Naomi Cameron, a senior runner for CDDHS. "I find that every time I do it [running], I like running, and whenever I finish, I'm like that's so fun, so I push myself to keep going because I find so much joy in it."

Following a combination of intensity interval sessions as well as short and long-distance running, the CDDHS cross-country team heads to CWOSSA to compete regionally today (Oct. 26).



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**GREAT PERFORMANCE:** Centre Dufferin students performed well at the District 4/10 XC Championship Tournament at Teen Ranch in Caledon on Oct. 20. The local cross-country team had two second-place runners, Chelsea Thalenhorst in the Junior girl's 5-kilometre race and Quinn Patton in the Novice boy's 4.1-kilometre race.

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**SECOND PLACE:** The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals senior boys' soccer team takes on the Raiders from Erin District High School on the pitch at CDDHS on Monday, Oct. 23. The Royals won the game 2-1 and are now in second place in the District 4 standings with a 4-1-2 record.

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# Theatre Orangeville's 'Twas the Night Gala' starts holiday season

Written By **Constance Scrafield**

Great news: there are still tickets for 'Twas the Night Gala, Theatre Orangeville's most important fundraiser of the year, set for Nov. 25 at the Best Western Plus Orangeville Inn and Suites. This year's date for 'Twas the Night Gala does not conflict with the Santa Claus parade, which offers more people the chance to come.

The evening is always the first part of the upcoming holiday season. We wear our best "bib and tucker," stroll the wonders of the Silent Auction, appreciate the jazz trio and nibble on trays of hors d'oeuvres.

When dinner is announced, we make our way to our assigned tables, ready to enjoy the meal, the wine and the entertainment. Along with the last is David Nairn, auctioneer of the Live Auction, which he will work through during the course of the evening.

In anticipation of this grand event, the Citizen sat down for a Zoom with Laura Sheehan Austin and Hazel Mason (committee co-chairs), Amanda Doerrie (TOV marketing strategist) and artistic director David Nairn to hear more about the fun for this season's Gala.

Two matters were first. "The Theatre Orangeville crew and admin team are outstanding," David Nairn enthused. "They put this show together with the stage, sound, lights, all of it, all above and beyond their work at the theatre. At the end of the Gala, tuxedos and dresses are swapped for jeans and t-shirts and they're clearing the venue."

Next was praise for the people without whom this event could not happen: the volunteers. Many volunteers are coming back

from last year and more. Ms. Austin's and Ms. Mason's daughters are both helping this year. There are volunteers from Young Company this year, too, and the comment was, "Good to see it come full circle."

Already, donations for the silent auction have been delivered, and many gift certificates for restaurants, theatres and services – one for \$300 worth of interior decorating. A Rickenbacker guitar, John Lennon's favourite guitar brand, is in the auction mix, plus top hockey tickets.

There is still time for items to be donated, an excellent way to draw attention to an individual business' product lines.

The 30th anniversary Theatre Orangeville is celebrating is traditionally marked by pearls. This year, jewellery maker extraordinaire Anne-Marie Warburton will pick pearls she loves to create a fabulous piece of jewellery as a donation to the Gala's fundraising.

Yes, as Mr. Nairn always promises us, "There will be entertainment."

The Theatre Orangeville Youth Singers (TOYS) choir is finally back as of late last season! Directed by music director Elisabeth DuBois, they will sing from the staircase in the lobby of the Best Western to begin the 'Twas Gala evening. This season, the choir has expanded from 13 members to more than 20. TOYS is singing from the staircase to begin the evening. This is the first of their six or seven performances scheduled over the holiday time.

Mr. Nairn said humorously, "It was nice of them to fit us in!"

On the stage in the ballroom where dinner is served, there will be a number of performers, with David Nairn taking turns between to auction off the fabulous Silent Auction items.



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**TWAS THE HOLIDAY SEASON:** David Nairn starts ast year's 'Twas the Night Gala Live Auction by selling the leg lamp from Christmas Story.

Some are trips, usually escorted by Mr. Nairn himself, to Stratford or Niagara-on-the-Lake (Shaw Festival) for lunch and to see a show. These unique theatre trips include going backstage to meet the actors and see how the magic happens. You might meet actors you have also seen in a Theatre Orangeville production.

He reminded us that every dollar raised for the theatre goes to support the many programs Theatre Orangeville runs over the year. Theatre Orangeville is a charity that needs to raise funds in order to continue to "satisfy our

hearts. Without your support," he said, "we cannot exist. Step up and say the theatre is important."

He hinted about the entertainment, "There will be a couple of surprises. One very special performer – one I've been trying to get here for a while."

For tickets to 'Twas the Night Gala on Nov. 25, call the Box Office at 519-942-3423 or go online at [www.theatreorangeville.ca](http://www.theatreorangeville.ca) and click "Support us." The Box Office is open at the Opera House, 87 Broadway, Monday to Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

# Celebrate Halloween at Orangeville Fairgrounds with Jamie's Jam Retro Party

Written By **Sam Odrowski**

The Orangeville Fairgrounds is the place to this weekend.

An 80s/90s retro Halloween party featuring the Soundqwest Crew and DJ Stevie P from the Way Back Playback Drive at 5 Show on z103.5 is taking the venue over in support of local charities on Oct. 28 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The inaugural event, Jamie's Jam Halloween Bash 2023, is in memory of Jamie Ferris, a former Orangeville resident who founded Qwest Riders Motorcycle Club, Soundqwest DJ Services, and was very active in the com-

munity, often spearheading charitable initiatives. He passed away on May 11, 2023.

The Halloween party is raising funds for the Orangeville Food Bank and the charitable Christmas initiative Toys for Terry, which Ferris used to support through fundraisers with Qwest Riders.

"Jamie always had this incredible sense of community, as far as with the riding club, giving back and everything," said MacGregor. "He went, 'what would make me happy?' Knowing that in my community, everybody's eating and that on Christmas, kids have toys. That's what he was about."

A portion of the money raised through the

event will also be directed towards a fund created for Ferris' three children and baby granddaughter.

Attendees can expect to hear a variety of genres, such as hip-hop, pop, top 40s and reggae, with a focus on the 80s and 90s, across two rooms/stages.

Ferris and MacGregor (Dana Mac) used to be a DJ and MC duo at bars around Orangeville, such as TJ's Hangar, the Rusty Nail and Main Street. MacGregor said Jamie's Jam will have a similar feel to his and Ferris' past performances.

"We're recreating a vibe and an atmosphere, and we're leveling it up to the expectations of the community," MacGregor said. "There's an expectation when you come to a show that has Jamie Ferris's name attached to it, even if we've lost him, that we won't let anybody down."

Ferris had always wanted to hold a community party in Orangeville with a retro theme, and now it's being created in his honour, said MacGregor.

"We're taking Jamie's concept and amplifying it to the level that he always wanted," he remarked.

Halloween costumes are encouraged at the event, and there will be prizes for those best dressed, but they are not mandatory.

MacGregor said that the work being put into Jamie's Jam will set it apart as Orangeville's best Halloween party this year.

"The production value of this show is going to be unlike anything," MacGregor lauded.

He said he's hoping Jamie's Jam will become an annual community event that grows into a popular staple here in Oran-

geville, similar to Blues and Jazz.

"Everybody's welcome to come out and everybody's going to feel like they're a part of our family," said MacGregor. "It's what Jaime was about – let's play music, make people dance, forget about their problems and be happy."

Advanced tickets can be purchased for \$25 each by e-transferring [fradette294550@gmail.com](mailto:fradette294550@gmail.com) with the number of tickets being purchased and first/last names for the tickets. Tickets are also available at the door for \$30.

The event's venue has a 1,500-person capacity.

Jamie's Jam is for individuals aged 19 and up.

Shuttles are available, operating every 30 minutes, approximately, from three stop locations: Circle K at Townline and Dawson Rd., Sobey's at Riddell and Centennial Rd. and Canadian Tire on First St.

Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post encouraged residents of the community to attend the Halloween bash in a recent promotional video.

"If anybody in the community knows or knew Jamie Ferris, you will know that he was absolutely larger than life. He loved a good party, he loved an excuse to bring people together and he loved to do something awesome for his community," said Mayor Post. "So in honour of that, Soundqwest Music is putting together a super fun fundraiser, Halloween themed, over at the Agricultural Centre on Oct. 28."

She continued, "I hope you will join us, we're going to have great friends, great music – all for a great cause."

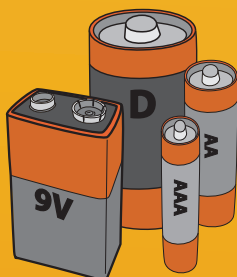
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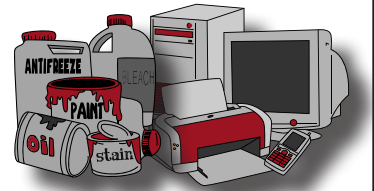
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# 'Get spooky with us': Branching Out to host inclusive Halloween Dance

Written By Sam Odrowski

Get your costumes and dancing shoes ready. Branching Out Support Services is hosting an inclusive Halloween Dance next Friday (Oct. 27) on the lower level of the Westminster Church from 6:30 to 9 p.m. The event will feature a live DJ spinning Halloween-themed and popular music to keep attendees on the dancefloor all night long. There will also be games, a mocktail bar

sponsored by Flaunt Salon, snacks, and fun contests for attendees sporting the spookiest costumes. The organization hosting the dance, Branching Out Support Services (BOSS), provides community-based care to adults with developmental differences. The Citizen recently spoke with a handful of people BOSS serves who are helping to organize the dance. BOSS participant Nicole Fortin said she's most looking forward to seeing what costumes people dress up in and dancing with

her friends from other BOSS programs. "We'll all be able to hangout in one area," she said. "It's going to be fun." BOSS participant Michael Bradding said he's looking forward to collecting the tabs from pop cans that get used throughout the evening. He collects the tabs and donates them at Orangeville District Secondary School, where they are sent off to be recycled into wheelchairs. Shaan-e-abbas Jamal, who participates in BOSS's programs, said he's looking forward to getting on the dancefloor and hearing

Halloween classics like "Monster Mash" or Michael Jackson's "Thriller." "Come get spooky with us," he said. People of all ages and abilities are welcome to attend the dance, but those under 16 will require a caregiver to be present. Caregivers and support professionals can come for free or on a "pay what you can" basis. Tickets are available online for \$25 each at [simpletix.com/e/costumes-dj-halloween-party-tickets-142298](https://www.simpletix.com/e/costumes-dj-halloween-party-tickets-142298) or at the door.

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can be downloaded on Apple or Android devices for weekly reminders. Find Dufferin Waste on Facebook and Twitter.

# Survey reveals more Canadians struggling with mortgage payments

Written By Brian Lockhart

If you are feeling the crunch every month when your monthly mortgage payment is deducted from your bank account, you're not alone. A new study says the number of Canadians who are struggling with monthly mortgage payments is increasing. Along with that burden, many homeowners are worried about potentially higher payments when their mortgages come up for renewal at a higher interest rate. Data released by the Angus Reid Institute in October 2023 indicates that 15 per cent of mortgage holders say they find paying their mortgage to be 'very difficult.' That's up from eight per cent in March and 11 per cent in June. The survey says that even if the Bank of Canada holds key interest rates steady at

five per cent, 79 per cent of survey respondents are worried that they will face higher payments when it's time to renew their mortgage. While homeowners with variable-rate mortgages were less likely to find monthly payments to handle currently, they were also more likely to be worried about what might happen during their next mortgage renewal. Canada's central bank held the key interest rate steady last month but also left the opportunity for more rate hikes, citing concerns about the persistence of underlying price pressures. The September consumer price index report helped ease some concerns about the inflation rate, which dropped to 3.8 per cent. Survey reveals more Canadians struggling with monthly mortgage payments.

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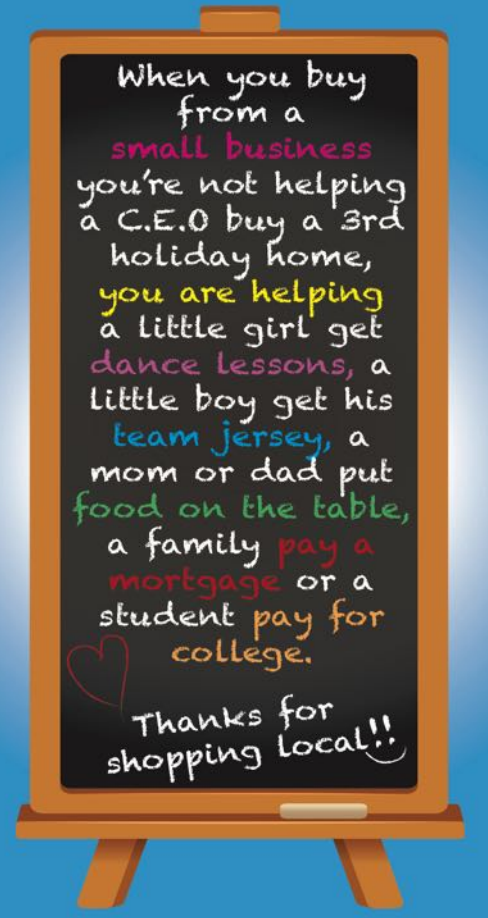
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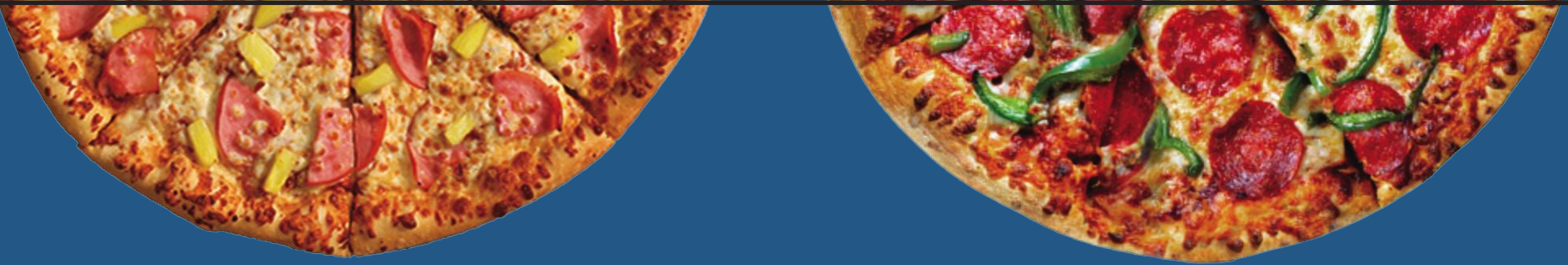


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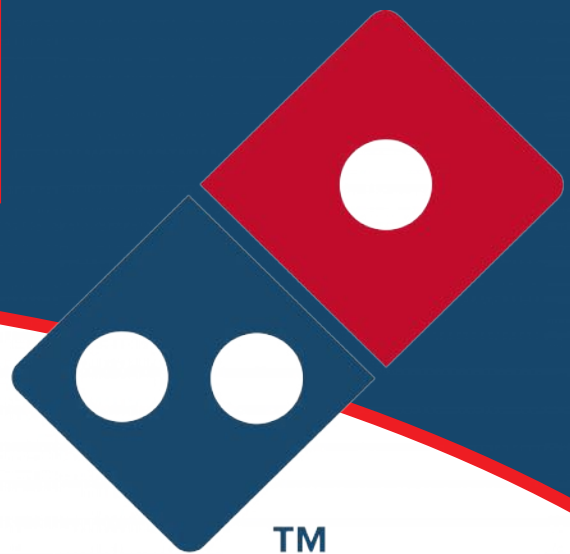


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