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THE LONE VETERAN: Local veteran John Flannery stood alone among an array of chairs reserved for veterans during the Remembrance Day (Nov. 11) ceremony in Shelburne. The image was a stark reminder of the few veterans that remain to be honoured during Remembrance Day. See more photos from the Remembrance Day Ceremony on Page 12.

Shelburne approves five per cent tax hike for 2024

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

Shelburne Town Council has approved the adoption of the 2024 Budget, which will see a five per cent increase in the tax rate.

Carey Holmes, director of financial services and treasurer for the Town of Shelburne, presented a detailed report on the 2024 budget for the public during Town Council's regular meeting on Monday (Nov. 13).

"In the inflationary context with which we're in and everything else going on around us, I don't think a 5 per cent rate increase is unreasonable particularly when you look at the number of things that we're undertaking next year; it's a fairly ambitious year and a fairly moderate increase to go with it," said Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills.

The five per cent increase in the tax rate will allow for an overall tax levy increase of nine per cent in tax dollars.

The estimated amount to be raised by taxation for 2024 is nearly \$9.9 million, calculated by taking the total operating expenses of \$12.9 million for 2023 and subtracting the revenues of just \$3 million.

The total estimate for the 2024 general operating expenses of \$12,944,252 is split up amongst eight expenditures: police (\$3,281,670); operations and transit (\$2,732,898); general government and town hall (\$2,739,043); recreation and culture (\$1,471,686); planning and devel-

opment (1,326,688); fire protection (\$726,969); council and committees (\$195,720); and other protective services (\$469,578).

Some of the increase in expenses is the result of three additional staff positions in the town, which include a recreation programs special events coordinator, an operations analyst, and a utilities labourer. The town has also budgeted to purchase a new plow truck and parks and recreation pickup truck as well as increase reserve transfers to assist long-term capital assets.

Council was able to cut down the tax rate increase by nearly one per cent with the removal of the weekend transit service from the 2024 budget, which was estimated to cost \$91,200.

The homeowner tax impact of a five per cent increase for the 2024 budget, based on an average single-family home assessment of \$335,366, amounts to an additional \$132 annually or \$11 per month on the town portion for a total of \$2,769.83 for the year.

The presentation showed residents a detailed breakdown of where \$1 of a taxpayer's money goes: \$0.33 to Police Services, \$0.26 to Operations, \$0.13 to Recreation and Culture, \$0.09 to Planning and Development, \$0.07 to Fire Protection, \$0.06 to General Government and Town Hall, \$0.04 to Other Protective Services, and \$0.02 to Council and Committees.

The 2024 budget addresses a number of capital projects, including \$101,311 for upgrades

to the exterior of the Town Hall and a new server; \$2,891,099 for connecting link paving, roads needs, drainage cleanout and the cemetery expansion; \$1,415,000 to spend on new equipment and workshop expansion project; and \$4,043,967 to go towards projects identified in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Nearly half of the capital projects for the 2024 budget will be focused on parks and recreation, leading to the financial plan being dubbed "the year of the park".

The 2024 budget totals \$8,451,377 for the listed capital projects.

Water and Sewer capital projects total just over \$2.5 million for 2024. The new projects associated with water include changes to Well #1 and developing a new Well #9, while the sewer capital project consists of the continued engineering design for the waste pollution control plant.

As part of the 2024 budget, it was suggested that Council use \$300,000 from the tax stabilization reserve to help lower the tax levy, which would leave the tax stabilization reserve with a total of \$214,299.27. The budget also recommended using \$150,000 from the 2023 estimated surplus in the reserve. The tax stabilization reserve is set up to help offset tax hikes during financially challenging years.

Shelburne Town Council unanimously approved the 5 per cent tax rate increase for the 2024 budget.

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Dufferin artists get financial boost thanks to bursary

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

The Dufferin Arts Council has selected this year's recipients for the 2023 Reed T. Cooper Bursary in visual arts.

The Dufferin Arts Council (DAC) announced in a press release on Nov. 6 that the annual bursary had been awarded to two Mono-based artists, Emily Escoffery and Deb Menken.

"It's always such an honour to be able to support our local, and already very talented artists," said Warren Maycock, chair of the Dufferin Arts Council. "What amazing homegrown talent we have here in Dufferin. It was a delight to meet both of these women."

Escoffery is currently pursuing a Master of Fine Arts degree at the University of Ottawa and will be using the bursary to support her final thesis. Her pieces of work focus on abstract visual art.

Menken will be using the bursary for a specialized artist retreat on the east coast of Canada, giving her access to stunning scenery to help develop her painting skills in landscape and abstract.

Established by the DAC's Artist Support Program, the bursary was introduced in 2006 following the passing of local artist Reed T. Cooper. The bursary was created to

honour his artistic achievements and many contributions to the local arts community.

The Reed. T Cooper bursary is awarded annually to a midcareer visual artist(s) in Dufferin County who has been working professionally for a minimum of five years and displays a unique talent and potential for excellence.

Each year, the local arts council is able to award a maximum of two bursaries worth \$3,000 each based on a review of proposals received.

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

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

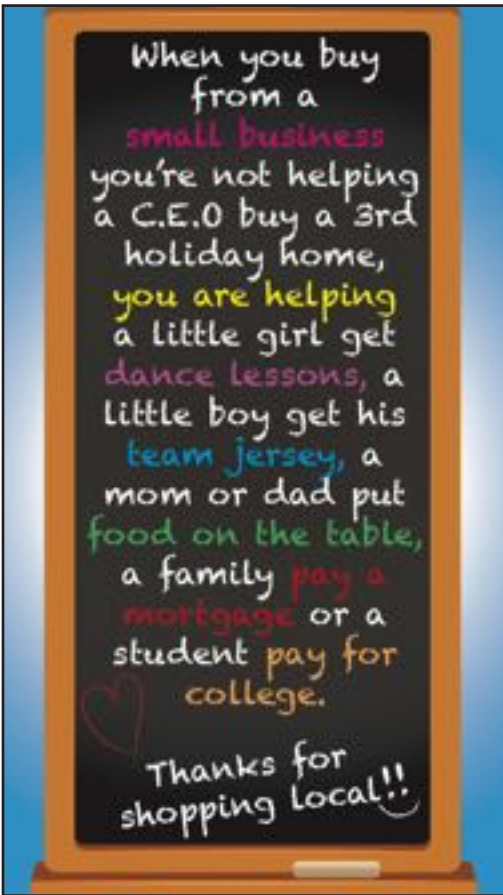
The 2023 recipients of the Reed T. Cooper bursary have been requested by the Dufferin Arts Council to do a talk or presentation at one of their members' luncheons held several times per year at Mrs. Mitchell's Restaurant in Mono.

"It's a unique opportunity for our membership to follow the careers of our local artists and witness their artistic development," added Maycock.



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SUPPORTING LOCAL ART: Mono-based artists, Deb Menken (left) and Emily Escoffery (right) were selected as the 2023 recipients of the Reed T. Cooper bursaries from the Dufferin Art Council. DAC chair Warren Maycock (centre) presented the two artists with their bursaries worth \$3,000, which are intended to help local artists develop their careers by providing them with financial boost.



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BIG BUCKS: Grand Valley resident James Secord is a little closer to his dream of retirement after winning more than \$75,000 in the Oct. 24 Lotto Max draw. Secord purchased his winning ticket at Town Milk & Variety in Shelburne, where a local couple also took home \$63,678.30 on a Lotto 6/49 ticket in September.

Grand Valley resident wakes up to \$75,000 Lotto Max win

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

A Grand Valley man has a few extra dollars to put towards his dreams after winning a Lotto Max second prize.

The Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLG) announced in a press release last Thursday (Nov.9) that James Secord of Grand Valley had won over \$75,000 in the Oct. 24 Lotto Max draw.

"I've been playing the game for so long, just doing quick pick numbers, and never really won anything more than \$20. I finally got lucky so it's kind of exciting," Secord told the Free Press.

The winning ticket was purchased at Town Milk & Variety on Main Street in Shelburne. Speaking with the Free Press, Secord said he stopped into the local convenience store to purchase the ticket

while on the way home from Collingwood.

"I just thought, 'I'd better get a ticket,' and it's become one of those lucky things," said Secord.

He discovered the win the morning after the draw when scanning the ticket using the OLG app.

"It was one way to wake up, for sure."

Moving to the Grand Valley area in 1983, Secord has been a self-employed house painter in the community for almost 40 years. He told the Free Press he will be using the winnings to make a few upgrades to his home, and at the age of 74, the money will go towards his retirement.

The recent lottery win marks the second time a winning ticket has been sold at Town Milk & Variety in Shelburne in the last two months. In September, a Shelburne couple took home \$63,678.30 on a Lotto 6/49 ticket sold at the store.

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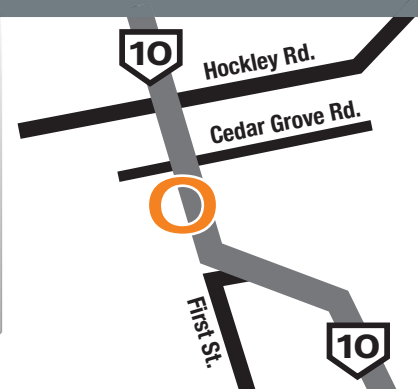


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Accused attempted murder suspect out on \$100,000 bail

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

A 51-year-old man charged with attempted murder following a “serious assault” incident in Shelburne last month, is now out of jail after his father pledged his \$100,000 bail.

Paul McNevan has been held in a Milton jail since the incident occurred the early

morning hours of Oct. 26.

Officers from the Dufferin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a 9-1-1 call at an address on Simon Street in Shelburne around 2:25 a.m. on Oct. 26. Officers discovered a person inside the residence suffering from serious injuries. The victim was transported to a local hospital.

As a result of the investigation, police

charged McNevan with attempt to commit murder, aggravated assault, break and enter dwelling house – commit indictable offence, disguise with intent, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, mischief under \$5,000, and possession of a schedule I substance – opioid.

A part of his bail condition, McNevan can not communicate with the alleged victim or be near the home where the incident

occurred. He is also banned from having any weapons.

A publication ban imposed during Tuesday’s court appearance prevents any evidence presented during the bail hearing from being published.

McNevan will make his next appearance in court on Dec. 12.

Dufferin OPP lay multiple charges following a search warrant

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

On Nov. 10, 2023, members of the Dufferin Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU), along with Caledon CSCU executed a search war-

rant at a home in Orangeville. The search warrant resulted in the arrest of one male who is facing multiple charges. In addition, the officers seized a quantity of various drugs.

A, 32-year-old from Orangeville has been charged with:

- Possession of a Schedule I substance -

Cocaine

- Possession of a Schedule I substance - Fentanyl
- Possession of Weapon for Dangerous Purpose
- Possession of a Prohibited Device

The following property was seized:

- Fentanyl

- Cocaine
- Conducted Energy Weapon

Anyone with information regarding this investigation 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/>.

Local police lay impaired driving charges against two drivers

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) removed and charged two drivers with Impaired Operation related offences.

On November 10, 2023, at approximately 3:00 p.m., a Dufferin OPP officer conducted a traffic stop following a hit on the Automated Licence Plate Reader (ALPR), in the Township of East Garafraxa. The officer was led into an impaired operation investigation.

As a result, a 51-year-old-female from Cale-

don has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration 80 plus
- Operation while prohibited
- Driving motor vehicle with liquor readily available
- Fail to surrender permit for motor vehicle
- Fail to surrender insurance card

Later that day, on November 10, 2023, at approximately 11:00 p.m., Dufferin OPP officers were conducting a RIDE spot-check at

the intersection of Centennial Road and Tide-man Drive, in the Town of Orangeville. A male driver drove through the program and spoke with officers, which led to an impaired driving investigation.

As a result, a 34-year-old-male, from Orangeville has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Drive vehicle with cannabis readily available
- Driver fail to wear seat belt properly
- Obstruct plate
- Fail to surrender insurance card

OPP hosting open house event

Dufferin OPP are hosting a community open house at the Orangeville detachment located at 390 C Line in the Town of Orangeville on Nov. 19 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Dufferin OPP welcomes the residents in our community to drop by and learn more about a new program launching in Dufferin County that will help locate your loved ones that tend to wander.

The Project Lifesaver system involves

using radio technology to locate those who have a history of wandering due to a cognitive disability or impairment, such as those suffering from Autism, Alzheimer’s or other similar type conditions.

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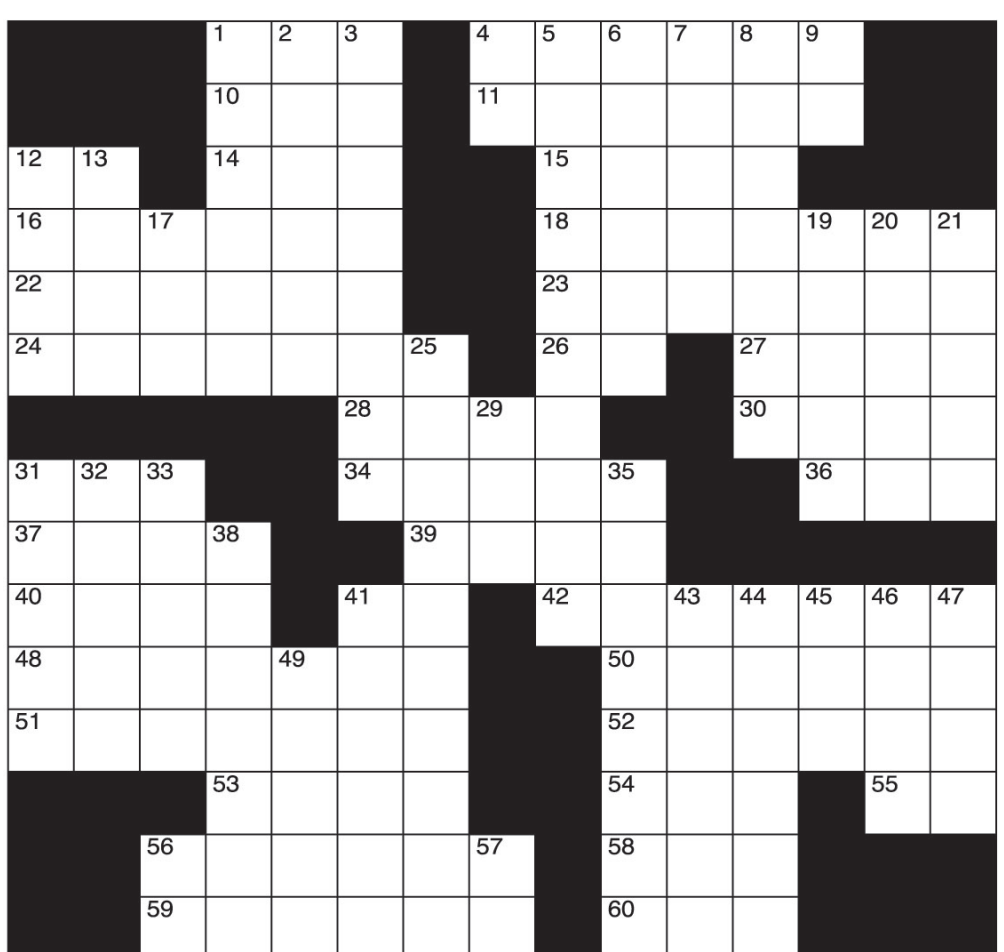
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4. Hindu deity

10. Polynesian garland

of flowers

11. Not chained to

12. Metric ton

14. Tall, rounded vase

15. Musical composition

16. St. Francis of __

18. Discover the location of

22. Compact group of mountains

23. Mend

24. Not current

26. Atomic #64

27. Young hawk

28. Or __

30. Pouches

31. Southern Thailand

34. Mends with yarn

36. Downwinds

37. One of two equal parts of a divisible whole

39. Italian

archaeological site

40. Cold appetizer

41. Yes

42. Peninsula

48. Of that

50. A way to divide

51. Relating to the physical senses

52. One who makes money

53. __ Spumante (Italian wine)

54. Inconvenience (abbr.)

55. South Dakota

56. Snow sport

58. The products of human creativity

59. Change mind

60. Born of

CLUES DOWN

1. Similar to the color of a clear unclouded sky

2. Former name of Iran

3. Made smaller

4. Type of meter

5. Revolt

6. Killed with rocks

7. Gregory __, US dancer

8. Nullifies

9. Home to the Flyers

12. Female parent

13. Pre-1917 Russian emperor

17. Outsourcing (abbr.)

19. Regal

20. Line

21. Hermann __, author of “Siddhartha”

25. Clearing up

29. No seats available

31. Leaves of an Arabian shrub

32. Groove in organ or tissue

33. Not of this world

35. Cooking device

38. Forget

41. Operational flight

43. Actress Danes

44. Poke holes in

45. A way to discolor

46. Shouts of welcome or farewell

47. Pharrell’s group

49. Red fluorescent dye

56. Jr.’s dad

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A group of men in traditional Scottish kilts and sporrans are marching in a parade. They are wearing black jackets with white spanglers and white socks. The man in the center is holding a sword. In the background, there are Canadian flags and other people.



PETER RICHARDSON PHOTOS

'LEST WE FORGET': A Remembrance Day Service and Parade came to Orangeville on Nov. 11, with the parade travelling from the Orangeville Legion (7 John St.) to the Cenotaph in Alexandra Park, beside Town Hall. The service featured local dignitaries, Legion members, veterans and cadets.



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Dining in Dufferin: Main Street Station Bar and Kitchen makes long-awaited return to Orangeville

Written By Gail Powell

It's full steam ahead for the return of a popular Dufferin County 90s destination hangout — brought back to life by two Orangeville women.

Co-owners Ashley Temple Thomas and Maureen (Moe) Saunders are pulling out all the stops for the grand opening celebration of their Main Street Station Bar & Kitchen today (Nov. 16), including a formal ribbon cutting and a visit from Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post.

The duo, along with their restaurant team, have created such a marketing buzz about their 75 First St. establishment that they've had to stop taking reservations for their inaugural music night on Nov. 17 because maximum capacity has already been met.

"We've had such a positive response in the community about reviving the Main Street Station brand," says Thomas.

"It was my husband who opened the first location just off Broadway back in 1992 then sold the bar in 2004 to pursue other ventures. Both Moe and I have been in the hospitality industry for a long time in Orangeville and we kept hearing from the community that people wanted a fun bar to go to again. Back in the day, the original Main Street Station was a regular meeting place for many people in this town. We wanted to create a good community gathering place like that again here with this Main Street Station."

The new restaurant will host live music every weekend (beginning with the Campfire Poets on Friday), a regular Sunday Brunch — with mimosas at the ready — starting in December, plus a revival of 25-cent wing nights starting in January.

"We want customers to think of us as a high-end gastropub trending in a modern direction," explained Thomas.

Their eclectic and upscale menu will offer a variety of classic Canadian dishes such as (nachos, burgers and chicken avec frites) plus internationally inspired kitchen favourites like Jerk chicken with pineapple salsa and Jalapeno crema or their Poke Buddha Bowl with soy-marinated tuna accompanied



GAIL POWELL PHOTO

LOCAL STAPLE MAKES RETURN: Co-owners and lifelong hospitality specialists, Maureen (Moe) Saunders and Ashley Temple Thomas open Orangeville's Main Street Station Bar and Kitchen located at 75 First Street today (Nov. 16).

with sprouted grains, cucumber, mango and avocado with an Asian influenced hoisin-sesame sauce.

"I think our tacos will definitely be a popular item, plus we will offer a great appetizer selection and every effort will be made to offer vegan, vegetarian and real fresh foods instead of the pub typical deep-fried menu choices. Our drink menu will consist of signature drinks developed by my best friend

and mixologist—Alex Giemborek."

Thomas and Saunders plan to source local ingredients as much as possible and will strive to maintain a high level of quality and dependability through their menu offerings.

"Food needs to be delicious and also consistently the same meal each time a customer orders it. So, when they request a particular dish, they know to expect a high quality and predictable experience," said Thomas.

"We'll strive to maintain a quality experience for our customers from the moment they first step into our restaurant and when they return to visit us again," she added.

To make reservations or for more info about Main Street Station's upcoming music nights or their upcoming 80s-inspired New Year's Eve party, visit www.mainstreetstation.ca

Santa Claus Parade and Tree Lighting set for this weekend

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

With Thanksgiving, Halloween and Remembrance Day in the rearview mirror, it's time to get into the spirit of the holiday season.

And the Orangeville Business Improvement Association (OBIA) is helping residents do just that with the return of the Joy and Lights Weekend, featuring a community Christmas Tree Lighting and Santa Claus Parade.

Christmas Tree Lighting and Starlight Shopping

The two-day Joy and Lights weekend celebration kicks off with a tree-lighting ceremony on Friday, Nov. 17, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Members of the public are invited to the annual lighting of Orangeville's Christmas tree, where there will be magic from the Great Steverino and a live reading of "A Visit from St. Nicolas" from Theatre Orangeville's David Narin. There will also be musical performances by Elizabeth Dubois

of the Theatre Orangeville Youth Singers (TOYS) choir, plus a special guest performer from "Cinderella...if the Shoe Fits," Theatre Orangeville's fun, new holiday pantomime.

Local dignitaries and special guests will say a few words of welcome before Santa Claus lights the festive tree. Afterwards, the jolly 'ole man will visit with little ones on Second Street, and strolling performers will be sure to entertain everyone.

The Christmas Tree lighting happens in front of Town Hall, located at 87 Broadway.

On Friday, Nov. 17, those who walk through downtown Orangeville will also see the unveiling of festive winter wonderland window displays at local shops, as they can partake in some festive Starlight Shopping. Shoppers will collect double Joy Book stamps on their purchases at participating businesses. Joy Books are available to pick up at participating downtown businesses and shoppers get their books stamped once for every \$10 spent. When stamped 20 times, shoppers are entered into a draw to win anywhere from \$100 to \$1,000 Downtown Dollars. These dollars can be used to make purchases at downtown businesses.

"A delightful evening of local shopping awaits!" said the OBIA in a press release.

Farmers Market and Santa Claus Parade

The festivities continue on Saturday, Nov. 18, with the Winter Farmers' Market inside Town Hall running from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

At this market, shoppers will find fresh and delicious locally grown, raised, and prepared food. As always, shoppers can enjoy a free Mochaberry Coffee while they browse the market.

"A visit to the Winter Market is a delicious start to a very merry day!" said the OBIA.

Later in the day, Santa will be headed through Orangeville atop his very own parade float sleigh.

Funded by the Town of Orangeville, the Santa Claus Parade will be led by this year's Parade Marshal, Heather Hayes, the Orangeville Food Bank's executive director.

The holiday joy begins at 5 p.m. on First Street at Hansen Road as the Parade starts and will travel south on First Street to Broadway and then turns eastward towards Fourth Street, where the Parade concludes,

and Santa begins his journey back to the North Pole.

"We hope you will join us on Broadway for pre-parade entertainment and festive shopping with double Joy Book stamps at participating businesses before the Parade," said the OBIA.

"We know our community's giving spirit doesn't stop with loved ones, so please consider supporting families in need by donating to the Orangeville Food Bank during the Joy and Lights weekend."

The OBIA noted that food is desperately needed to feed a growing number of Dufferin families this holiday season, and every donation helps. Donations will be accepted on Friday evening (Nov. 17) at Town Hall beside the community's Christmas Tree and on Saturday morning (Nov. 18) inside Town Hall during the Winter Market and Santa Claus Parade. Members of the Orangeville Fire Department will also collect non-perishable food donations along the Parade route.

"We hope to see your merry faces downtown to celebrate Joy and Lights with us!" said the OBIA.

Send goodwill to soldiers stationed at home and abroad with holiday card initiative

Written By Bock Weir

On Saturday, November 11, thousands of people from across Canada gathered at Cenotaphs to pay tribute to the fallen, standing alone with their thoughts through moments of silence and the playing of the last post.

While some who paid tribute to the men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice for King, Queen and Country have seen service themselves, so many more can't begin to imagine the realities they faced back then, and still face now as serving personnel.

This holiday season, you have the chance to show your appreciation for the Canadian men and women serving at home and abroad thanks to a holiday card initiative being spearheaded once again this year by Aurora residents Brian and Dianne Harrison.

For close to 20 years now, the couple has

organized efforts across Ontario and beyond to collect thoughtfully-written cards to help spread the joy of the season to those far from home.

Each year, they fan out to scores of communities across the Province with colourfully-decorated boxes in which participants can drop off their cards and notes. After the deadline, which is set for November 24 this year, the hard work begins: packaging dozens upon dozens of boxes of cards which are subsequently mailed to our naval bases on the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts, and also to Belleville where the Canadian Armed Forces distributes them to all parts of the world where Canadians currently serve.

With the turmoil now facing the Middle East, and the war that still rages in Ukraine, Dianne Harrison believes it is more important now than ever before to show your support through the written word.

"Our goal this year is 8,000 cards and we want to hit 30 bases around the world," she says. "We just want them to be safe. You can't imagine what they are going through. They are seeing things that no one should see in their lifetime. It breaks my heart what is happening to these people and the children, and our military are witnessing this. They may be thinking about their own child at home, thanking the Lord that their family is safe. It's just not in our minds that these things can be happening."

"We want people to send caring words. It's about the sincere message. On the return envelope, if they would like to include their return address or their email, they could possibly hear back from a soldier. If they don't, that's okay. That isn't the reason why they sent that card. The reason they were sending that card is just to touch that person's heart."

This year, more organizations than ever

are helping to support the cause.

In Aurora, for instance, the Cubs and Scouts that are based at the Salvation Army's Northridge Community Church have, over the last couple of months, taken 20 minutes out of every meeting to write cards.

"They have done a fantastic job and they really mean what they are writing," says Harrison. "We're also really pleased this year the residents of Kingsway Place Retirement Residence are taking part and writing cards this year."

Additional support is coming from the Optimist Clubs of Aurora and Barrie, community groups in London and Niagara Falls, ON, and businesses such as the Royal Rose Gallery.

For more on how to become a part of the program, you can reach out to Brian and Dianne Harrison at bdharrison2012@gmail.com.

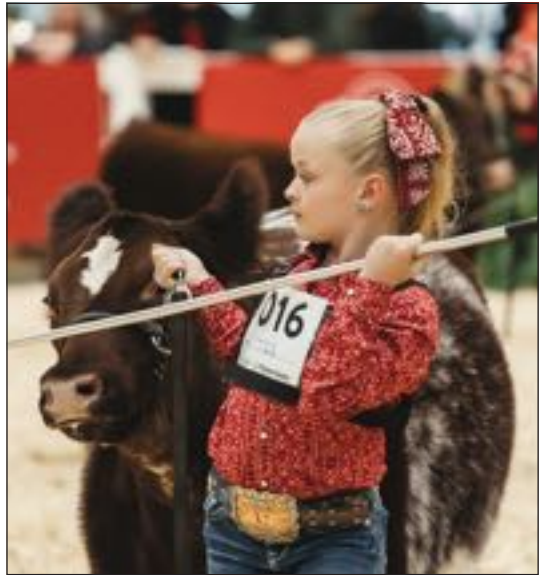
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‘WE WILL REMEMBER THEM’: The Shelburne community came together on Remembrance Day (Nov. 11) to pay tribute to the many veterans who have served and continue to serve Canada. A ceremony was held at the cenotaph in Shelburne, located beside Town Hall, with local veterans, legion members, cadets, dignitaries and community members in attendance.



LADIES AUXILIARY: The Ladies’ Auxiliary at the Shelburne Legion presented a cheque for \$7,500 to the local branch on Remembrance Day (Nov. 11). The donations were raised from their Veterans Dinner and will go towards the Poppy Fund.

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Dufferin County prepares for winter weather conditions, shares safety tips

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

With winter weather on the horizon, Dufferin County is preparing to keep the community safe and the County roads clear so residents and visitors alike can get where they need to go safely all winter long.

“Dufferin County continues to experience increasing wilder weather events, but the County is prepared to keep county roads clear and our community safe all winter long. The County’s winter operations team has been working hard to ensure we are prepared when winter weather arrives,” said Wade Mills, Warden of Dufferin County. “Everyone in our community has a role to play in making the season safe and enjoyable. Residents are reminded to give snowplows lots of space, not follow too closely and never try to pass a plow.”

When it comes to emergency preparedness during winter weather, the County of Dufferin is sharing safety tips to follow

should residents need to travel, including:

- Clear vehicles of any ice or snow before driving;
- Drive according to weather conditions by slowing down and keeping a distance from other vehicles
- Keeping an emergency kit in all vehicles with items such as a shovel, blanket, and flashlight
- Ensure all vehicles have properly inflated snow tires

With winter storms, power outages may occur, so residents are encouraged to have a 72-hour emergency kit prepared in their home with items including:

- Battery-powered radio and extra batteries
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Lightweight blankets
- First aid kit
- Non-perishable snacks
- A-lister of medications

In October, the County of Dufferin announced eight new municipal emergency

support (ESS) trailers to provide support to local residents during crisis situations. The trailers contain equipment and provisions to enable volunteers to provide support to up to 50 people per trailer in emergencies.

“The safety of Dufferin residents is a top County priority, and we are dedicated to ensuring anyone traveling within the County gets where they need to go safely. We encourage uot community to keep safety top of mind this winter – keep an emergency kit in your car and a 72-hour emergency kit in your home, and if you are interested in volunteering to help in the vent of an emergency, contact the County’s Emergency Preparedness Team,” said Sonya Pritchard, chief administrative officer of Dufferin County.

The County of Dufferin Public Works team is responsible for all County roads and some local roads in Dufferin County’s eight municipalities. In total, Dufferin is responsible for clearing roughly 700 lane kilometres of County roads during each winter

weather event.

The County of Dufferin has shared some tips for residents to stay safe, including giving snowplows lots of space and not following too closely; never trying to pass a working snow plow; and children should never play in, on or near snowbanks on the sides of roads.

Residents are also reminded to check that mailboxes and posts are in good repair before plows hit the County roads. Metal is the preferred material for rural mailboxes, and there should be a solid connection from the box to a 6-inch top and a wood post in good condition. The front of the mailbox must be a minimum of three feet off the edge of the pavement.

To get updates on County Road winter maintenance, visit www.dufferincounty.ca. Anyone who may be interested in volunteering to help if an emergency strikes is encouraged to contact emergency.management@dufferincounty.ca to learn more.



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

CITIZEN CO-OP: Orangeville Citizen staff members Doug Rowe (left), Sam Odrowski, Rebecca Samborsky, Carolyn Dennis and co-op student Danielle Williams share some smiles from the Citizen office at 10 First Street.

CDDHS Co-op Corner: Orangeville Citizen and Selburne Free Press

Written By **Danielle Williams**

Danielle Williams, a Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS) co-op student, is diving into journalism at the Orangeville Citizen, where she is learning the ropes and gaining hands-on experience.

The Orangeville Citizen Newspaper, founded in 1974, will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2023. The Claridge Family, who founded the newspaper, began with the Shelburne Free Press (formerly the Shelburne Economist) before expanding to Orangeville.

“It was just a community newspaper focused on the community,” said Doug Rowe, the Orangeville Citizen’s general manager.

Working alongside Rowe is the paper’s editor, Sam Odrowski, classified advertising and office manager Carolyn Dennis, production and graphic designer Rebecca Samborsky, reporter Paula Brown and sales manager Heather Erwin.

Danielle has seen various career paths within the newspaper during her co-op journey. Classified advertising is a professional who manages and organizes classified ads that are typically short, text-based listings. The production department is responsible for making display ads in the newspaper, along with its physical creation and layout. A sales manager sells advertisements in the physical newspaper and maintains positive relationships with clients. Lastly, the general manager is responsible for financial management, staff supervision, ensuring the newspaper adheres to industry standards, and maintaining customer and partner relationships.

Rowe highlights the Citizen’s contribution to the community by simply stating, “Our whole paper is about promoting the community and promoting the events.”

The paper intends to support the non-profit charitable sector of the community, hold the government accountable, and advocate for local causes.

“We eat, sleep, and breathe community,” says Odrowski, emphasizing the Orangeville Citizen’s dedication to shining a light on the local community.

Danielle’s day-to-day workload consists of planning interviews for potential stories, writing stories, reflecting on the edits made by her editor, and then the process repeats itself. As she continues with her co-op, she is perfecting many skills like, accountability, the rewards of asking questions, and problem-solving. All skills play a big role throughout her placement.

In her role as a junior reporter, Danielle is getting valuable insights into the field of journalism. After being given a camera and notepad, she set out on jobs. She’s had the privilege to go to events, reach out to people about potential stories, and contribute three original articles for the Orangeville Citizen and Shelburne Free Press. She’s honing her skills in question formulation, story creation, determining newsworthiness, research, photography for news stories, and even page layout and design.

As Danielle gets comfortable in her co-op environment, juggling article due dates, she is slowly being introduced to what an everyday work week would look like, preparing her for the future.

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Dufferin County Bi-weekly Yard Waste Program

Dufferin County Yard Waste Program is carried out bi-weekly until the week of November 20, 2023. For a full schedule please see the [Dufferin County Waste Guide](https://dufferincounty.ca/waste-services/yard-waste) or visit: <https://dufferincounty.ca/waste-services/yard-waste>.

Collection starts on Monday at 7:00 AM and continues throughout the week until the area is completed. Please note that your yard waste collection may not be the same day as your regular collection day.

Contact Us

Questions? Contact 519-925-2600 ext. 261 or email jkaske@shelburne.ca



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WINTER SPORTS REMOVAL

Residents are reminded to remove all sports equipment from roadways and boulevards.

With the winter season approaching, these items create safety hazards during winter maintenance and could become damaged. The Town is not responsible for any damages to equipment not removed from the road or boulevard.

Please ensure all items are removed and placed back on private property. Items include but are not limited to:

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SHELBURNE SPORTS

CDDHS seniors boys compete at District 4 volleyball championship

Written By **Brian Lockhart**

The Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS) Royals senior boys volleyball team made it to the District 4 championship held at CDDHS on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

The Royals had an outstanding season, going 10-0 on the regular schedule to finish with 20 points and a first-place finish.

They beat every other team in the District, blanking the other teams 3-0 in the sets in seven of those matches. At the end of the regular season, the teams geared up for playoffs, with the top four teams making the cut.

Norwell District High School and Erin District High School did not qualify for playoffs.

In the semi-final round, the Royals eliminated Emmanuel Christian High School from Fergus during their morning match.

In their semi-final, Wellington Heights District Secondary School eliminated Westside Secondary School from Orangeville to set up the championship game between Wellington Heights and CDDHS.

In the championship match, the Royals took the first two sets in the best-of-five competition.

Wellington Heights responded and won the next two sets in really tight games with a lot of competition on the floor.

With two sets each, the teams got ready to play a tiebreaker. The final game was only scored 15 points, so both teams had to put forth a strong effort to gain an advantage.

Wellington Heights won the final match, 15-11, to claim the District 4 title.

The Royals Junior Team also entered the playoffs this year after having a good season and finishing in third place in the District standings with a 5-3 record.

The juniors lost 3-1 in their semi-final match against Emmanuel Christian High School to end the season.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

TIEBREAKER: The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals, the senior boys' volleyball team, take on Wellington Heights Secondary School in the gym at CDDHS during the District 4 championship match on Tuesday, Nov. 7. The Royals won the first two sets but lost the second two sets to force a tiebreaker. Wellington Heights won the tiebreaker 15-11 to claim the District title.

Orillia Terriers leading North Carruthers Division of the PJHL

Written By **Brian Lockhart**

The Orillia Terriers continue to hold on to first place in the North Carruthers Division of the Provincial Junior Hockey League with a two-point lead over the Aliston Hornets.

The Hornets moved back into second place after a 5-3 win over the Stayner Siskins on their home ice on Thursday, Nov. 9.

All three teams, along with the Schomberg Cougars, have been in first place this year, making this season a very competitive year on the ice.

The Terriers have 28 points and a 14-3 record. The Hornet have 26 points and a 13-3 record.

The third place Siskins have a 12-4 record and 24 points.

Schomberg was in first place early in the season but dropped to third. However, Schomberg gave up a point with one

tie game, leaving them one point behind Stayner, and they are still a powerful team this year.

All four teams have a chance to move up in the standings over the next couple of weeks.

In the middle of the pack this season, the Caledon Golden Hawks and Penetang Kings are separated by three points with 17 and 14, respectively.

The Huntsville Otters are in seventh place with 11 points.

In the bottom of the standings, Innisfil and Midland continue to struggle. Innisfil has won only two games after 17 times on the ice.

Midland has won twice after 15 games. Both teams have five points.

There's a lot of hockey left to play on this year's 42-game schedule, and with the competitive play this season, fans will be treated to a lot of good hockey as teams put out their best effort.

Shelburne & District Firefighters Association 14th Annual Toy & Food Drive

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"I love that there is the team aspect," Charlotte said of why she likes the sport. "A lot of the sports I play are very individual. I like the fact that you have the games together and you have that camaraderie."

A well rounded athlete, Charlotte plays badminton, curling, and is on the school's soccer team.

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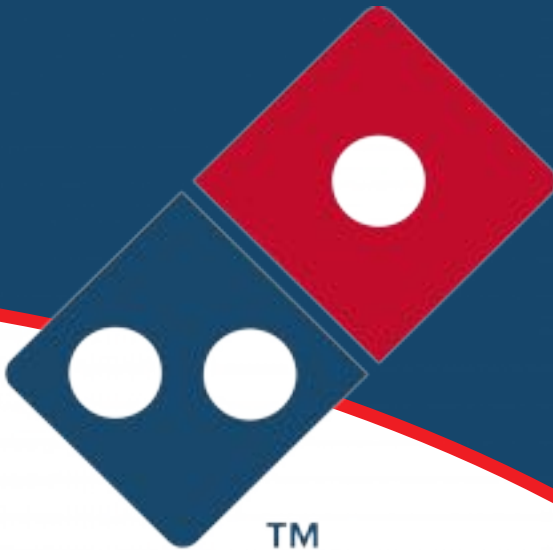


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