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FOOD RESCUE: The Shelburne Food Bank and Rotary Club of Shelburne accepted a cheque for \$13,000 from Farm Credit Canada on Nov. 15. The two organizations partnered to apply for the Farm Credit Canada funding, which looks to provide charity groups with donations to improve rural communities. The funding will be used to purchase two upright freezers at the food bank, located in the Mel Lloyd Centre, for their food rescue program.

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Shepherd's Cupboard gets \$10,000 grant as demand grows

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Shelburne's food bank, Shepherd's Cupboard, will be able to purchase more food to feed residents in need this holiday season after receiving grant funding.

The local food bank was selected as a recipient of the PepsiCo Foundation's Community Impact Grants and has been awarded \$10,000 USD to help address food insecurity in North Dufferin communities.

"First and foremost, we're a food bank and we have to be able to provide for the people in need, so we were very pleased to be provided with this grant money to help those who are suffering food insecurity," said Shepherd's Cupboard coordinator Ardith Dunlop. "What is great about this grant is it's not necessarily attached to a specific project, which means we'll be able to use the money to go out and get whatever food or items we need in order to continue to fill the hampers and provide to the community in need."

PepsiCo Foundation's Community Impact Grants program aims to support local communities by providing valuable programming resources that tackle inequality challenges through access to economic opportunity, clean water, and food security.

The Shelburne Food Bank is one of 100 public charities and organizations across the United States and Canada to be awarded with the PepsiCo grant.

"We look up to the community organizations that work tirelessly every day to ensure their neighbours thrive," said C.D. Glin, President of the PepsiCo Foundation. "PepsiCo has a long history of working with local partners to invest in communities where our consumers and associates live and work. We're proud to support these organizations in making lasting change."

Like many food banks across the province, Shepherd's Cupboard has seen a growing client demand as more people struggle to access basic necessities.

Speaking with the Free Press, Dunlop said that as of 2023, the Shelburne Food Bank is seeing almost 300 families a month. This represents a sharp rise from the 70 to 80 families it served before the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We've seen a gradual increase over the last 30 years, but since probably early 2021, we've seen a significant rise in clients. There are new people coming to us every shift we have," said Dunlop.

At the end of 2020, the food bank was serving, on average, more than 150 families.

In October, volunteers from Shepherd's

Cupboard attended a special Shelburne Council meeting as part of their application for municipal grant funding.

According to their presentation to council, the local food bank has over 700 individuals that access the food bank with 20 per cent of clients being seniors and 43 per cent children. Of the areas the food bank serves; 68 per cent of clients are from Shelburne; 20 per cent are from Melancthon; and 6 per cent are from Amaranth and Mulmur.

With the holiday season around the corner, the local food bank has shared a list called the 12 Days of Christmas Giving, highlighting their most needed items, which include canned tuna and salmon, flour, cooking oil, pasta sauce, canned fruit, laundry or dish detergent, cereal, peanut butter, and cookies.

The food bank also noted that they're attempting to expand their available items to address food restrictions such as gluten-free, vegetarian and vegan options as well as low-sugar foods.

"We're very appreciative to our community for supporting the Shepherd's Cupboard Food Bank for 33 years and helping their neighbours in such a wonderful way. With the community's support we won't be able to have the food bank and service those facing food insecurity," said Dunlop.

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Firefighters launch 14th Annual Community Food and Toy Drive

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

The Shelburne & District Firefighters Association has kicked off its 14th annual Toy and Food Drive fundraiser.

Firefighters from the local department were out on Saturday (Nov. 18) at Foodland in Shelburne for their first public event, collecting donations of non-perishable food and toys for the drive.

“We serve the community in times of trouble so it’s only right that we give back to them; being able to help families through the Toy and Food Drive is huge for us,” said Capt. Mike Morrell, coordinator for the annual event. “This year, we expect it’s going to be even tougher for families so we’re hoping people will be able to dig deep and give what they can; every little big helps.”

Each year, firefighters from the Shelburne Fire Department collect new un-wrapped toys to give to Dufferin Children & Family Services (DCAFS) and non-perishable food donations for the Shelburne Food Bank,

Shepherd’s Cupboard. All donations made stay within the community.

Morrell said last year, they were able to donate toys to a total of 400 families at DCAFS.

“We try not to set goal except to try and do better than we did the year before. For us, it’s more the reaction we get from the food bank when we drop off the food and the reaction we get from Dufferin Children & Family Services when they see the toys.”

The Shelburne Food Bank has shared a list of some of their most needed items for this year: canned tuna and salmon, flour, cooking oil, cookies, cereal, peanut butter, laundry and dish detergent and pasta sauce.

Donations will be collected until Dec. 16.

Donations can be dropped off at the Shelburne Fire Hall, located at 114 O’Flynn St, on Thursday and Friday Nights from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. Firefighters from the local department will also be holding collection events over the coming weeks including Nov. 25 at Giant Tiger, Dec. 9 at No Frills and Dec. 16 at Foodland.



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: Shelburne District Firefighters Association kicked off their 14th annual Toy and Food Drive by collecting donations outside the Shelburne Foodland on Saturday (Nov. 18). The local department will also be holding collection events over the coming weeks including Nov. 25 at Giant Tiger, Dec. 9 at No Frills and Dec. 16 at Foodland.



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WATER WOES: Shelburne residents were asked to avoid the areas of Main Street, Owen Sound Street and William Street on Monday (Nov. 20) following multiple water main breaks in the downtown core. The Town of Shelburne issued a boil water advisory for those in the catchment area affected.

Shelburne’s downtown core again flooded after water main breaks

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

Shelburne residents and commuters were asked to avoid travelling through the downtown core on Monday following multiple water main breaks that caused flooding in the streets.

The Town of Shelburne announced that Main St., Owen Sound St., and William St. had been affected by the water main breaks and advised avoiding the area. The pressure from the water main breaks cause sections of Main Street to rise.

In April, the Town of Shelburne experienced similar breaks along Main St, which at the time had been attributed to over pressurizing from filling the new water town.

The Shelburne Free Press reached out to the Town of Shelburne multiples times for comment on the possible cause of the water main break, but did not hear a re-

sponse as of press time.

As a result of the water main breaks, the Town of Shelburne issued a boil water advisory on Monday (Nov. 20) for a small section of the downtown.

“You must bring the water to a rolling boil for at least one minute (60 seconds) before drinking it,” the notice advised. “Let the water cool down before using or drinking. Boiling the water will kill the harmful microorganisms in the water.”

The Town also recommended that those affected alternate their source of safe water, such as bottled water for drinking, making ice or mixed drinks, preparing baby food or infant formula, preparing food and brushing their teeth.

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This is the new world

Several years ago, I was acquainted with a woman I had worked with in an office setting for several years.

We were very friendly and had a lot of conversations.

She happened to be Irish – specifically from Northern Ireland.

My grandparents, on my maternal side, were also from Northern Ireland and came over to Canada on a ship in the 1920s as a young couple seeking new opportunities.

Northern Ireland has always had a divided population when it came to religion. The two sides didn't mix very well, and the situation quite often came to violence.

I was discussing this with my Irish friend one day at work and asked her about the whole situation since she grew up there.

Her family were all Irish Catholic. My grandparents were Irish Protestant.

Considering everyone involved is white and northern European looking, I asked her how you knew someone's religion so you knew who the enemy was.

"By your name," she said.

She asked what my grandparent's surname was, and when I told her, she mentioned a certain neighbourhood where they

probably lived – based on a simple name. The fact that they were from this neighbourhood and didn't have a typical full Irish name made them a natural enemy to the other side.

I never knew my grandfather, as he died just after I was born, but my grandmother lived to a ripe old age. In the 30 years I knew her, never once did I hear her make a political comment about that situation, nor did she ever make a derogatory comment about someone of the Catholic faith.

In Northern Ireland, this work friend of mine and I probably would never have ended up in a social situation together, and at one time, we could have been the victim of a bombing or other means of violence.

Yet, here we had a good discussion about the situation with absolutely no animosity at all. I even made a joke that perhaps at one time, my distant relatives had traded potshots with her family over some ridiculous dispute.

The paternal side of my family, my dad's family, were pioneers – homesteaders who fled religious persecution in Europe and landed on Canadian shores during the days of the Wild West and Western expan-

sion. They cleared a farm in Saskatchewan in the mid-1800s.

I am 100 per cent Canadian, and have no ties, in any way, to where my ancestors came from.

To me, it is inconceivable that I would even think of having a dispute with anyone here based on the origins of someone else's family.

Yet, now, we have threats, protests, and violence based on a conflict that is taking place thousands of miles away.

Someone actually fired a gun at three different schools in Montreal. How do you justify protesting violence in one part of the world by committing an act of violence in another part, in a country which has no impact on and is not involved in the conflict?

Firing a gun to terrorize a group of people in this country is exactly that – terrorism. It is designed to intimidate and threaten another group of people.

There is no place in this new-world country for old-world grudges.

What's going on in the Middle East is a generational thing. Kids don't naturally hate their neighbours. They are taught to

hate their neighbours by their parents. Then those kids grow up and teach their children to hate as well.

Unfortunately, some people can't let this type of thinking go away and bring their violent tendencies with them.

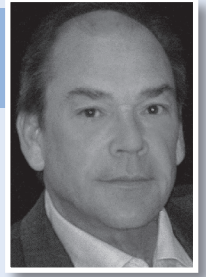
I have a neighbour who arrived in Canada from a rather poor South American country several years ago.

He told me he came here for the lifestyle and to provide his family with a better life. He has assimilated and is doing very well. He also told me that he is disappointed that he knows others from his home country who have arrived here and brought the same bad behaviour that caused him to leave his home country with them.

He doesn't understand why, as he puts it, "They bring the Third World with them," and cause the same problems that they sought to escape in the first place.

Canada is an open and welcoming place. Don't provide this country with the grief of old-world problems.

Leave them in the old world where they belong.



BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW

Small business owners are being strangled by red tape

Over the past month, small business owners have shared with me some of their personal stories and their frustrations.

Far too many small businesses in Canada are struggling and a growing number are simply throwing in the towel and closing up shop.

Why is that?

Many of these small business owners point to the costs and delays created by unnecessary regulations and red tape, a problem that is growing worse and worse year by year. In other words, we're shackling our small businesses with bureaucratic chains – and we need to throw off those chains so they can succeed.

I received an email last week from the owner of a manufacturing company who agreed that red tape was choking so many small businesses like hers, and that she had written to government officials on many occasions to complain about the needless regulations and red tape, but never even received a response.

I also received an email from a small business owner in the Niagara region. Here's what he said: "It has become increasingly challenging to run a profitable business in Ontario (I assume it is

the same across all provinces), compete against overseas companies that export tariff free into our country, employ local labour, and then have to pay the tax rates we have to pay."

He cited "red tape bureaucracy and certification costs on products" as factors that contribute to an erosion of profits for many businesses. Ultimately, he said, "there comes a tipping point where no further cost cutting measures or staff reductions are possible, and then closure follows."

He concluded his email by noting that "current political leaders don't seem to understand the realities on the street level for small businesses, and what will happen to the Canadian economy should the small business sector slowly evaporate as it becomes increasingly pointless to be a small business owner."

These and other stories shared by National Post readers raise the question – why do we keep placing so many hurdles and obstacles in their way?

Governments from across the political spectrum have talked about the need to cut red tape and reduce regulations. Some governments, such as the provincial government here in Ontario, even have cabi-

net ministers whose portfolio is focused on reducing red tape.

But progress has been painfully slow. And often times, whenever one level of government chops some needless regulations, another level of government imposes even more. We're spinning our wheels.

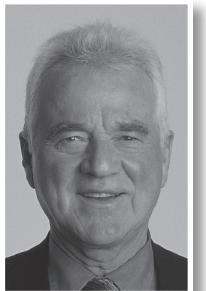
Most small business owners would agree – we need to put an immediate halt to the introduction of any new regulations, and we need to start cutting the tangle of red tape that's holding small business back, eating into their profits, and ultimately making them less competitive.

The best way to do that is through the establishment of a new national Economic Charter of Rights and Responsibilities, something I've been advocating for quite a

while now.

The Economic Charter would give important economic rights to small business owners while imposing on government the responsibility to create the right economic environment so that small business can succeed, including removing all the red tape and bureaucratic chains holding business back.

To learn more about the economic charter and how it could help Canadians and Canada's small businesses, email me at info@economiccharter.ca. Or to learn more about the economic charter, please visit: www.economiccharter.ca.



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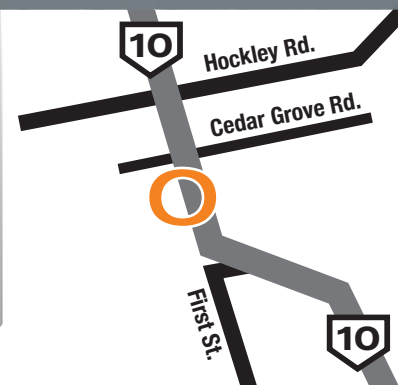


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Dufferin OPP are investigating a fatal collision in Shelburne

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A 23-year-old man has been killed in a multi-vehicle collision involving a transport truck on Tuesday (Nov. 21) night.

Officers from the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to the report of a serious three-vehicle collision on County Rd. 124 shortly after 7 p.m. on Tuesday. The collision involved a transport truck, and two pickup trucks.

As a result of the collision, a 23-year-old man from New Lowell, who was the lone occupant of one of the vehicles, was pronounced deceased at the scene.

There were no other injuries reported at the time.

Police closed County rd. 124 from Highway 89 to Wansborough Way for the investigation. The road reopened early Wednesday morning.

The Traffic Collision Investigation (TCI) team of the OPP was brought in to investigate. The investigation is continuing and anyone who may have witnessed the collision is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP 1-888-310-1122.

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

If you had witnessed the collision and wish to speak to victim services, Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services can be reached at 905-951-3838.



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Police investigating break and enter to a home in Mulmur

Dufferin OPP are investigating a break and enter incident at a home in Mulmur.

On November 20, 2023, at approximately 5:20 p.m., Dufferin OPP responded to the report of a break and enter in progress at a residence on 2nd Line west in Mulmur. The complainant advised officers that through their in-home security camera they observed three unknown suspects within their residence.

Upon arrival, police noted a door that had been forced opened to gain entry. Inside police observed a safe that had been emptied. It was later confirmed that four

firearms, along with personalized jewelry, purses and wallets were all stolen from the residence.

Police have obtained security footage of the suspects and their vehicle. Officers are requesting assistance with identification.

The suspects and vehicle are described as follows:

Suspect #1 Female wearing purple TNA hoodie and purple plaid jacket, jeans, black with white face cover, and knee-high boots.

Suspect #2 Female wearing green jacket, black pants with white writing on the left

leg, black hoodie, and a black face covering.

Suspect #3 Male wearing a black and grey hoodie, yellow gloves, black ball cap, and a black bandana.

The vehicle is a white Chevrolet dually style truck, with noticeable damage to the rear passenger side of the truck, diesel exhaust vents on the hood, tinted side

windows, no tailgate, and no license plates affixed to either side of the vehicle.

Anyone with information regarding this break and enter or possible surveillance video 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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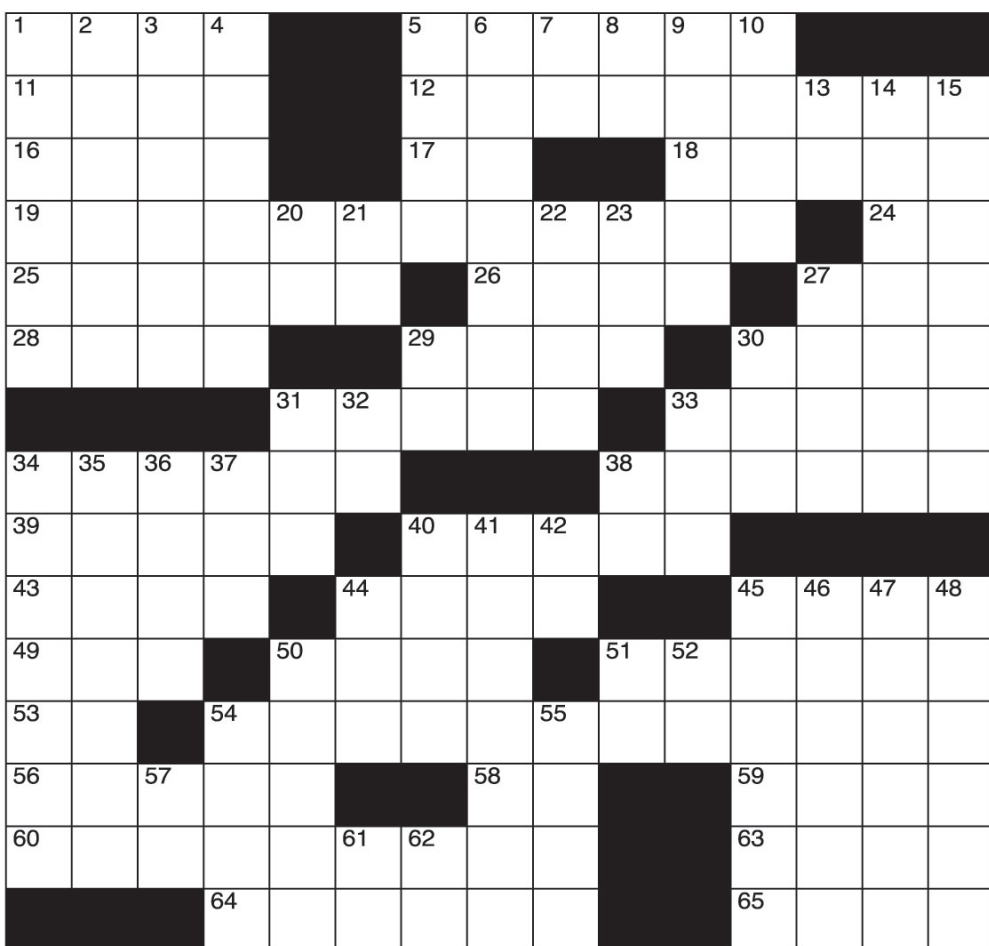
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- Middle Eastern city
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- Partner to Pa
- Percussion instrument
- Popular computers
- Decrease light
- Valley in the Osh Region
- "To _ his own"
- Absence of difficulty
- Notice announcing intended marriage read out in church
- Trims by cutting
- Impact
- Military member
- A French river
- Member of prehistoric people in

CLUES DOWN

- Colorless fluid part of blood
- Of a main artery
- Photographic
- Mexico
- Messenger ribonucleic acid
- Musician Clapton
- Greek sophist
- Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- Narrow valley
- A way to disentangle
- Indicates not an issue (abbr.)
- Recommending
- Genus of legumes
- Friend to Larry and Curly
- Off-Broadway theater award
- Fencers
- Small Eurasian deer
- Denoting passerine birds
- Separate by category

CLUES ACROSS

- Equipment
- Confirms a point
- Developed over time
- Not the leader
- Lang (country singer)
- Adults need one
- Nests of pheasants
- Antelopes
- One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
- Japanese three-stringed lute
- Type of cat
- Cools your home
- The ancient Egyptian sun god
- Pouches
- Trigraph
- Form of Persian spoken in Afghanistan
- _ route
- Body part
- Bridge building degree
- Indicates position
- Political action committee

- Tasty snack
- Part of a quadruped
- Locate
- Pitching statistic
- Of I
- City in Utah
- Football players in the trenches
- Hammer is one
- A "nightmarish" street
- Performers
- Slang for cut or scrape
- More breathable
- Most slick
- Provokes
- Home to college's Flyers
- Sodium
- Large fish of mackerel family
- Zero
- _ and behold
- The Palmetto State
- Popular Tom Cruise movie franchise (abbr.)

No one has more self-confidence than the person who does a crossword puzzle with a pen.

Residents raise concerns about Strada Aggregate Gravel Pit at public meeting

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

Residents living close to the Strada Aggregate gravel pit in Melancthon had the opportunity to bring forward their questions and concerns on a wellness program created to protect their water quality and quantity.

Strada Aggregate hosted the public information session on Nov. 9 at the Horning's Mills Community Hall in Melancthon. The meeting was intended to advise property owners with wells and natural features within a three-kilometre radius of the gravel pit about the logistics of the WELLness Check Program.

"The turnout was great. The more people and the more questions, the better we can understand the concerns of the community and the better we can address those concerns," said Kevin Powers, community liaison for Strada Aggregate. "Meetings like this one are very important to us before we make our application, so that we can make our application better and ensure that it meets the needs of the people."

The WELLness Check Program is one of the key schedules in an agreement signed by North Dufferin Agricultural and Community

Taskforce (NDACT) and Strada Aggregate back in June. The program will assist with understanding existing environmental conditions, monitoring those conditions, and ensuring the proposed quarry if approved for a licence, will have no adverse effects on the surrounding water wells and the natural environment. The program will also see that should there be an impact to a well or natural feature, Strada would finance solutions.

By participating in the program, residents will give Strada Aggregate a baseline to reference the quality and quantity of their water if, in the future, there are any impacts brought on by quarrying below the water table.

One of the biggest concerns raised by residents during the information session was the fact that many of them had not been included in the 'target participation area', while their neighbours had been.

"We looked at publicly available water wells records and ascertained where wells were installed based on those records. Some properties are shown to be installed in the same unit that we would potentially be taking water from on our property. There's the consideration that they could be linked and the potential impact for those," explained hydrologist Alicia Kimberley.

Those same residents also raised concerns about having to cover the costs to fix their wells or natural features, even if Strada is at fault.

"Even if you do not sign up for the program, if there is a problem with your well and it is the fault of Strada because of its quarry operation, Strada is obliged by this agreement to immediately provide you with a continuous source of water until the reason is discovered. If the reason is Strada, they are on the hook for the cost of everything, event finding you a new source of water," said Powers.

Speaking with the Free Press about the concerns raised by residents during the meeting, Powers said,

"Any concern is a fair concern, and we're happy to listen to them. A lot of people want to be involved in this program, and we're going to work with NDACT to determine whether or not to involve them more, but the more people that are involved, the better."

Strada Aggregate initially brought forward a presentation to Melancthon council in October of 2021, which noted their intention to submit an application for a proposed quarry. The Strada Aggregate quarry was proposed to be constructed in an existing gravel pit,

located in the area of 4th Line and County Rd. 17 in Melancthon, and designed to extract 2 million tonnes of aggregate while extending below the water table.

In June, NDACT and Strada Aggregate signed an agreement that gave NDACT input and decision-making into Strada's quarry application before being submitted. As part of the agreement, NDACT will not oppose the application unless the science shows the quarry could harm the environment.

The agreement between the grassroots organization and the aggregate company has been described as unprecedented by NDACT.

"Strada was under no obligation to engage with the community prior to filing an application. They could have conducted the required studies, filed the application with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and only at that point be obligated to provide landowners 60 days to review everything before launching an appeal," explained Karen Wallace, chair of NDACT.

Registration for the WELLness Check Program closes on May 31, 2024, with well and natural feature inspection to be completed by June 30, 2024.

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'Cold Noses Warm Wishes Auction' for SPCA Orangeville & District Animal

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



Find the perfect gift this holiday season while also helping local animals in need with the Cold Noses Warm Wishes Auction, a fundraiser for the Ontario SPCA Orangeville & District Animal Centre.

The Cold Noses Warm Wishes Holiday Auction went live on Monday (Nov. 20) and runs until Nov. 29 at 2 p.m.

With the holidays just around the corner, the Ontario SPCA said the Cold Noses Warm Wishes Auction is a great place to find a gift for a special person or animal in your life.

"Funds raised from the auction will be used to help our furry friends here at the Ontario SPCA Orangeville & District Animal Centre," said Dawn Lyons, manager of the Orangeville & District Animal Centre. "Plus, you'll feel good crossing items off your holiday shopping list knowing that you're also supporting the care and shelter of vulnerable animals."

A variety of items are available for bid-

ding from the donation of local community members and businesses.

Some of the auction highlights include hockey tickets for the Guelph Storm, a round of golf from Hockley Valley or the Orangeville Golf Club, theatre tickets, music lessons from TriTone Music Studios and vouchers for Let Me Out Escape Rooms.

To view the items and bid, visit can.givergy.com/coldnoseswarmwishes2023/?-controller=home

As a registered charity, the Ontario SPCA does not receive annual government funding and depends on the generosity of donors to help change the lives of animals in need.

For more information, visit www.ontariospca.ca/orangeville or follow the Ontario SPCA Orangeville & District Animal Centre on Facebook and Instagram.



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COLD NOSES: The Ontario SPCA Orangeville & District Animal Centre is hosting their 'Cold Noses Warm Wishes Auction' until Nov. 29 to raise funds for local animals in need.

Several events upcoming at the Shelburne Public Library

Annual Silent Auction & Book Sale, Saturday, November 25th, 10am-4pm: Drop by the Library any time to peruse the Silent Auction donations we have received to date. We are able to accept donations until November 25th! Bidding ends at 3:30pm on the day of the event. Contact Rose Dotten, library CEO, at 519-925-2168 with any donation inquiries.

From the Archives, Tuesday, December 12th, 2pm: Archivist Laura Camilleri will show some of the interesting finds from the Museum of Dufferin's archives! Stay tuned for registration.

Coffee, Conversation & Books featuring Barrie Shepley, Thursday, December 14th, 7pm: Join us in conjunction with Grand Valley and Orangeville Public Libraries at



Mochaberry (177 Broadway) in Orangeville. Barrie Shepley is the author of Chasing Greatness, and will talk about the highs and lows of sports, what goes on behind the scenes, and how to stay true to yourself!

Shelburne Library holding Silent Auction and Book Sale fundraiser

Written By **Danielle Williams**

The Shelburne Public Library is hosting its annual Silent Auction on Nov. 25 to raise funds to expand its book collection.

Local businesses and community members have contributed over 150 items, from original paintings to homemade baked goods. Donations are accepted until the day of the event. Bidding ends at 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 25.

"The silent auction is to bring together community members in support of the library, specifically to dedicate funds to enhancing the library collections," said Rose Dotten, library CEO and lead organizer for the auction.

A frequent standout auction item is the Book Baskets, which Dotten describes as curated "works of art." Getting the attention of other libraries, the baskets are a testament to the Shelburne Library's commitment to literature.

"The funds are used exclusively to enhance our collection," said Dotten. "Although we have a budget supported by all our municipalities, sometimes there are new resources, and

especially the electronic ones, that it helps to have the extra funds with which to purchase them."

Shelburne residents are invited to indulge in the silent auction festivities, bid generously, and help the library grow. As the Shelburne Library prepares for another Silent Auction and Book Sale, the community is reminded that it is more than just an event; it is a celebration of community spirit, shared values, and a dedication to the library's continued success.

"Because we are so generously supported by the donations and the purchase of the donated items, we are truly appreciative of whatever the final outcome is," Dotten said of her expectations.

"We know that people also purchase with generous spirits because they are supporting the library and also because they value the items and the thought that went into the particular donation."

If you are interested in donating to the Shelburne Public Library, contact Dotten at rdotten@shelburnelibrary.ca.

Co-op Corner: McDonald Tool & Manufacturing

This week, Emma Day from Centre Dufferin District High School shares a little bit about their co-op experience at McDonald Tool & Manufacturing.

McDonald Tool & Manufacturing has been in business since 1983, owned and operated for over 40 years by Gord McDonald and his son Craig McDonald.

Based out of Orangeville, the business carries a wealth of knowledge and experience in tool and die, machine manufacturing, machine repair, general machining and fabrication. The shop provides a number of services, including custom machining, machine building, tool & die making, machine rebuilding, production machine parts, part refurbishing, hard surfacing, spray welding, silver soldering and brazing.

Emma is a millwright assistant/welder at her co-op placement. So far, she has prepared metal surfaces for welding, used CNC machines, provided input on projects, and done some welding projects.

She said she may get to use mills, lathes, and hydraulic presses later on in her training. Emma's supervisors, Koby and Ken, have taught her how to operate a number of different machines in a safe and efficient manner while following all shop rules.

Since Emma started working, she's become aware of a number of career opportunities associated with her placement. This includes millwrights who design, build, maintain, and operate machinery. There are also pipefitters who install, assemble, fabricate, maintain, and repair piping systems. There are fabricators and machinists as well.

Emma began creating a scrap metal sculpture to enter into the 2023 Erin Fall Fair Welding Wars on Sept. 25. Her project was entered on Oct. 5, and she won first place.

McDonald Tool & Manufacturing supports Centre Dufferin District High School's co-op program by offering students like Emma life-changing learning opportunities.

Emma would like to thank the co-op program at CDDHS, her teachers and Craig from McDonald Tool & Manufacturing for providing the work placement opportunity.

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Theatre Orangeville to stage 'Cinderella - If the Shoe Fits'

Written By Constance Scrafield

For the first time ever, Theatre Orangeville (TOV) is filling the theatre with the fun of Pantomime in a new show, "Cinderella - If the Shoe Fits." Written collaboratively by Debbie Collins and David Nairn, this "modern take" on the Cinderella fable brings all the spoof, the outrageous characters, the political teasing and, most of all, the audience itself, interactive with the whirl and high comedy of traditional Panto.

"Cinderella - If the Shoe Fits" opens Nov. 30 and runs until Dec. 23, as the theatre's latest production for its 30th season.

The Citizen sat down with the cast to talk about the show and Panto. They were emphatic about one aspect of the art form - that the audience is all involved: where there are villains, the audience must boo, and when Cinderella comes on, they are all cheers.

As authors of the show, Debbie Collins, whose experience in Panto is extensive and TOV artistic director David Nairn, whose talent for massaging funny plays to even funnier is legendary within the trade, took delight in writing this locally specific story.

Debbie Collins had been talking about it to David Nairn for a while.

"I had been to see a few Pantos," he commented. "When I decided I wanted to do a Panto, she was my first call."

To begin development, Ms. Collins presented a few scripts, but as they read them over, Mr. Nairn realized, "We had to start from the ground up."

"Writing this has been a joy and a thrill since the beginning," said Ms. Collins.

In this story, Cinderella is an organic farmer living in Greensville. All the local references are there, for it is also Panto's job to make fun of local politicians and others.



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HOLIDAY FAIRYTALE: The cast of "Cinderella if the Shoe Fits," are having lots of fun in rehearsals for the World Premiere Pantomime coming soon to Theatre Orangeville. From left: Billy Lake as Stella (evil step-sister), William Lincoln as Blanch (evil step-sister), Debbie Collins as the evil stepmother (also co-writer of the show), Ben Skipper as Buttons, Jillian Cooper as Cinderella and Connor Meek as William.

As to the cast themselves, what a treat we are in for, with five of the six cast members coming to Orangeville for the first time. Each of them has come from Sheridan or Randolph College, and each comes with the triple threat of dance, voice and acting to perform.

Debbie Collins, who has graced the TOV main stage many times, is the one familiar face in her role as the evil stepmother.

Let us introduce Jillian Cooper, who plays the part of Cinderella.

Billy Lake is one of the evil stepsisters, Stella, while William Lincoln plays Blanch, the other evil stepsister. Good versus evil is the main theme of every Panto. The audi-

ence is positively another character in the show, singing along with the cast, assisting with the plot, and playing to ad-libs with the actors that make every show different from the others.

How can we stop the evil stepmother, who owns a large swath of land in Greensville, from selling it to the greedy developer, when the evil stepsisters are so much in favour of getting all that money! How can we help Cinderella keep her organic farm from going under, and what Dark Secret does the handsome William harbour?

Connor Meek plays the role of William, whom audiences must encourage to be the hero.

William is not the simple busker he wishes he were, playing and singing in the street one day when Cinderella meets him.

Yet, who is the mysterious Buttons, bringing magic to the tale? Ben Skipper plays Buttons. Buttons has a few roles to perform, one of which is to stir the audience to join in their own part.

This is a modern version of the ancient tale; this is a Panto written by two local comic writers about their home territory. Never before, for all its trailblazing, has a story about our own locale been created and performed at Theatre Orangeville.

Evil is their plot, but silly is the nature of the "Silly Step Sisters," as the cast made clear. TOV staff are so enthused about putting on the show and their individual roles in it, that questions from the Citizen were answered before there was a chance to ask them, and the interview bubbled like any good champagne.

"The Sisters just want husbands!" we were told. "And they hate Cinderella with a passion."

Said another, "There's something for everyone with all the twists and turns. Especially this time of year, when there's so much negativity, it's in the theatre are cheer and sunshine and fun. Encouraging people to come and be part of the family."

"They'll experience the joy and sheer delight of the show!"

Into this moment came the praise for the creative team, with Beckie Morris' design for the set described as "Fabulous!" Wendi Speck is making the costumes. After her amazing "Turkey" of last year, will come the ballgowns and wigs for this show. Chris Malkowski is back as the lighting designer.

From Mr. Nairn, "There is no where else in the country that is as arts-centred as this community. It is rural but very open."

It is always great to see Nicolas Mustapha back as music director and accompanist. Candace Jennings is on deck as the Choreographer.

Mr. Mustapha said, "Songs everyone knows are sung in different ways and styles during this show, And people can sing along. There's a stretch of music that all audiences know."

Mr. Nairn reminded us that children coming with their schools come for free this year to see the show as the result of donations that fund this bill, another nod to Theatre Orangeville's 30th year.

"So, it doesn't cost the school anything," he said. "We're even able to give them \$100 toward bussing. Thousands of kids are coming."

It is agreed amongst them that we will want to see the show more than once, considering how the interaction with the audience may greatly differ from show to show. Some fun!

Mr. Narin told us, "It's been a very joyful process putting this together."

"Cinderella - If the Shoe Fits" opens Nov. 30 and runs until Dec. 23. For tickets, go to www.theatreorangeville.ca or call the Box Office at 519-942-3423 or drop in at 87 Broadway.

Make a difference in local health care by volunteering for Headwaters' Patient Advisory Program

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) is seeking individuals with firsthand experience at the hospital as a patient, family member, caregiver or volunteer for their Patient and Family Advisory Program.

The Patient and Family Advisory Program is part of the hospital's mission to provide patient-centric care by creating a collaborative and inclusive environment where the voices of patients and their families can play a role in shaping the healthcare services provided.

Volunteers in the program will have the opportunity to contribute their insights, share perspectives, and actively participate in discussions that influence Headwaters Hospital's policies and practices.

"We recognize the immense value that lived experiences bring to the improvement of healthcare services. By involving patients and their families directly in our decision-making processes, we ensure that our services are not only clinically effective but also deeply compassionate and considerate of individual needs," said Juliann McArthur, manager of Patient Experience.

Some of the volunteer positions include ambulatory care, critical care,



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diagnostic imaging, dialysis, medicine, mental health, obstetrics, oncology, patient relations, pediatrics, spiritual care and surgery.

Headwaters said applicants selected as volunteers will undergo training to ensure they are equipped for their roles within the program.

In order to be eligible to volunteer in the program, candidates must have had personal experience with Headwaters Health Care Centre as a patient, family member, or caregiver within the last three years.

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County launches Community Engagement Framework and Climate-Equity Lenses

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The County of Dufferin has introduced a new framework for community engagement and has also adopted climate and equity lenses as part of its 2023-2026 Corporate Strategic Plan.

"The County is charting a path to a sustainable, inclusive, and prosperous future for our community, and the Community Engagement Framework and Climate and Equity Lenses will help us as we work to achieve our goals under our strategic plan. With a focus on collaboration and social and environmental considerations, the County will ensure a thriving, equitable and resilient community for all in Dufferin," said Wade Mills, Warden of Dufferin County.

The County's first-ever Community Engagement Framework will serve as a guide for future consultation and engagement opportunities. The framework, which is based on the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) public engagement spectrum, looks to:

- Define community engagement and the

County's commitment to it

- Outline the roles and responsibilities of County Council, staff and the community
 - Define the different levels of community engagement and tactics for each based on IAP2's spectrum
 - Feature useful tools for staff to help develop community engagement plans that will help ensure county engagements are meaningful, accessible and inclusive
- "The County is committed to actively engaging and partnering across departments and with community members, stakeholders, and other organizations to collectively address local challenges and achieved shared goals," reads a Nov. 15 press release from the County of Dufferin.

The County has also adopted equity and climate lenses as part of the Corporate Strategic Plan that will be applied across the entire administration through its day-to-day operations and policy design.

The Equity Lens is a method for analyzing or diagnosing the impact of the design and implementation of policies and programs on under served individuals and marginalized groups. It will focus on the inclusion of marginalized groups such as

radicalized communities, Indigenous peoples, 2SLGBTQ+ communities and persons with disabilities.

The Climate Lens is a process to analyze the relationship between a municipal decision and climate change. The Climate Lens will have the County consider whether its policies, plans and projects will affect the climate through the production of greenhouse gas emissions or be affected by climate variables like temperature or precipitation.

The County will be trailing the equity and climate lenses on a set of projects and initiatives across the corporation to inform ongoing work and provide updates

if required.

"The lenses will help the County understand and evaluate the impacts of new or changing policies, programs and services, ensuring decision are made with social and environmental consideration foregrounded and in alignment with its long-term objectives," states the press release.

In January, Dufferin County Council approved the 2023-2026 Corporate Strategic Plan, which will act as a roadmap to guide council and staff plans for the future and form the foundation of operational plans, the annual budget, and recommendations to council on day-to-day decision-making.

County Council declares gender-based and intimate partner violence a epidemic

Dufferin County Council has declared gender-based and intimate partner violence an epidemic, and has called on the provincial and federal governments to provide the necessary supports to municipalities to meaningfully address it.

During their meeting on Nov. 9, Warden Wade Mills and County Council proclaimed November 25, 2023 as International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women in Dufferin County.

"Dufferin County is committed to ensuring our residents are safe and healthy, and that everyone in our community has access to the services they need – but we cannot do that alone. County Council calls on the Province to declare gender-based and intimate partner violence an epidemic in Ontario, and for the provincial and federal governments to provide the necessary supports so that municipalities can act to keep our communities safe," said Wade Mills, Dufferin County Warden.

International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women was designated in 1999 by the United Nations General Assembly. The date of November 25 was chosen to commemorate the lives of the Mirabal sisters from the Dominican Republic who were violently assassinated in 1960. The day pays tribute to them and urges global recognition of gender-based violence.

Gender-based violence and intimate partner violence, often referred to as domestic violence, is any use of physical or sexual force, actual or threatened in an intimate relationship, including emotional and/or psychological abuse or harassing behaviour.



Dufferin County joins the growing number of municipalities and regions in demanding action from all levels of government to address this growing epidemic and recommends that gender-based violence and intimate partner violence be declared an epidemic in Ontario.

The County also requests that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all municipalities and regions in Ontario declare gender-based violence and intimate partner violence an epidemic, and that the provincial and federal governments enact the additional 85 recommendations from the Culleton, Kuzyk, and Warmerdam Inquest, which provides a roadmap to preventing intimate partner violence from escalating to femicide.

"The safety of our community and its members is of extreme importance to every Dufferin County resident, as well as to Dufferin County Council. We call on our partners at FCM, AMO and the provincial and federal governments to address the growing gender-based and intimate partner violence epidemic so that we can keep our community safe and provide services and support for victims and survivors," said Coun. Lisa Post.



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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Shelburne Minor Hockey takes over CDRC for day-long event

Written By Brian Lockhart

Hundreds of young hockey players, friends, and family came to the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex on Saturday, Nov. 18, to be a part of Hockey Day in Shelburne.

The event featured a full day of hockey from early morning to evening.

It kicked off on Friday evening with a U15 rep game followed by a U18 LL game.

On Saturday, there were 15 games on the schedule covering teams from U7 right up to U18.

Visiting teams came from around the region, including Honeywood, South Grey, Orangeville, Collingwood, Clearview, South Muskoka, Orillia, and Penetang.

The event was a fundraiser for the Hockey Association and featured a silent auction in the lobby of the arena.

"Today is Hockey Day in Shelburne, and our purpose is to host as many home games as we possibly can," explained Shelburne Minor Hockey Vice President Lisa Hutch-Conn. "We had two games last night and there is 15 games today. For the younger kids

U9 and downs, it's half ice, so we're able to host four teams at a time. The older teams have full ice. There's 200 kids from Shelburne here. We have teams from all over."

Several local businesses stepped up to sponsor the event.

"We're grateful to the Topsy Fox in Shelburne for sponsoring all our 'player of the game' [rewards]. They donated a \$15 gift certificate for each player of the game. We have three sponsors for the fish toss. Shelburne Optometry, Shelburne Family Chiropractic, and Main Street Family Dental are all sponsors."

The silent auction featured an exciting line-up of fun and valuable items or useful services.

"All of the teams were responsible for bringing in a gift, of which 100 per cent of the proceeds are brought back into our organization for fundraising. Whether it's for power skating costs, or actual ice time, it's a way to give back to our teams."

Games were non-stop all day, and big crowds were in attendance watching all the action.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

HOCKEY DAY: The Shelburne Wolves U11 team takes on the Honeywood Hurricanes during a game at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Centre on Saturday, Nov. 18. It was Hockey Day in Shelburne, with games taking place all day long. The Wolves won this game 6-1.

Stayner Siskins take top spot in PJHL's Carruthers Division

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Carruthers Division of the Provincial Junior Hockey League is providing a wild ride for fans this season. First place in the Division has changed numerous times, and the Stayner Siskins are back on top after a win on the weekend.

The Siskins picked up two points after a 7-0

win over the Schomberg Cougars on home ice in Stayner on Thursday, Nov. 16, which moved them back into first and dropped the Orillia Terriers to second place.

Stayner has a 15-4 record and 30 points so far this season. Orillia is close behind with 28 points and a 14-4 record.

Four teams have been in first place this season.

The Alliston Hornets are in third place after the weekend. The Hornets dropped a home game to the Huntsville Otters on Friday, Nov. 17, after taking a 3-2 loss.

Huntsville pulled out the win by scoring the tiebreaker with less than a second remaining on the clock in the third period.

Alliston rebounded the following night with a 9-1 slam dunk over the Penetang Kings. The Hornets now have a 14-4 record and 28 points.

The Schomberg Cougars held first place at one time but have dropped to the number four spot – but not by much. The Cougars have 25 points and a 12-5-1 record.

The entire line-up is making for some very

exciting hockey this season.

In the middle of the pack, the Caledon Golden Hawks are in fifth place with 17 points. They are followed by the Penetang Kings with 16 points and the Huntsville Otters with 15 points.

The Innisfil Spartans are in seventh place with a 3-16 record. In the basement, the Midland Flyers have won only two games this season and have five points, taking one overtime loss for the extra point.

The season is approaching the halfway mark on the regular season schedule, and there's still a lot of time for teams to move in the standings before heading into the playoffs.



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The building permit fee review report identifying the necessity to adjust building permit fees as well as the new fee schedule can be viewed electronically at: <https://www.dufferincounty.ca/services/building-services>

PUBLIC MEETING

The public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. at the W. & M. Edelbrock Centre, 30 Centre Street, Orangeville.

A virtual option to participate is also available. To join the meeting virtually on Zoom, please use the following link:

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Written comments can be sent to the attention of the County Clerk by email or via regular mail to the address listed at the end of this notice.

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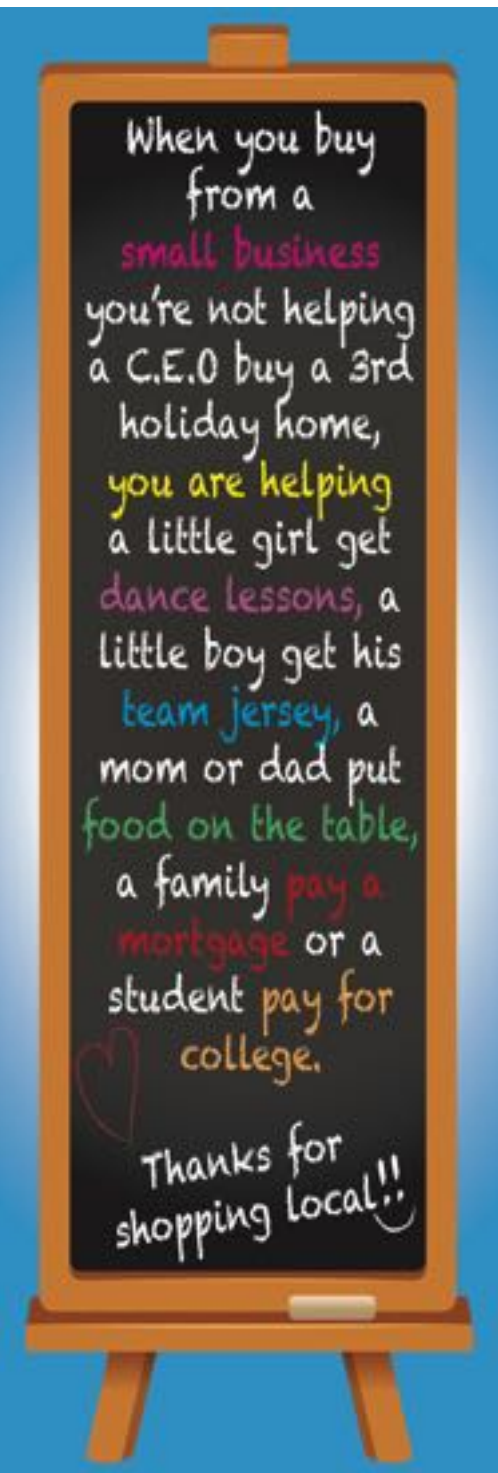
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