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FREEZIN' FOR A REASON: Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills took the plunge on Family Day, going for a chilly dip as part of the annual Dufferin OPP Polar Plunge fundraiser. The Dufferin OPP Polar Plunge took place at Fiddle Park in Shelburne on Monday, Feb. 19. The event is a fundraiser under the Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics. Plungers were cheered on by supportive residents and raised over \$17,000 at the time of print. To see more photos of the Polar Plunge, turn to page 11.

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County Council approves more vacation days for staff

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

Dufferin County Council has approved an increase in the number of vacation days for county staff as they look to fill high-level job positions.

During their meeting on Feb. 8, Dufferin County Council received a report from Rohan Thompson, director of people and equity, regarding the compensation of non-union county staff members, including the number of yearly vacation days. The report was previously presented to the general government services committee on Jan. 25.

"This proposal is very much in line with what some of the research and trends are across a variety of sectors. Employers, in order to be competitive in their recruitment and retention efforts, are looking to enhance benefits, make sure they have competitive time off, and looking at remote and hybrid work options as well as competitive wages," said Thompson.

The report to Council proposed having entry-level staff begin with 20 days of vacation, and increasing the number of vacation days by 5 for more years of service. Staff with three to seven years experience were recommended to have 25 days of vacation, those with 8 to 13 years would receive 30 days and staff with 14 years and over of time with the County of Dufferin would get 35 days of vacation.

According to the report, the City of Mississauga offers new hires 20 days of vacation entitlement while municipalities such as the City of Brampton, County of Wellington, City of Bradford and City of Waterloo offer 15 days.

The report also proposed lowering the number of vacation days available to carry over at the end of each year in half; from 10 to five.

Thompson said the decrease in the number of carry-over days is intended to encourage staff to take their vacation time as well as reduce the amount of liability that sits on the County books.

Dufferin County Councillors were split on the matter with some supporting the proposed increase in vacation days as is while others questioned amending the proposal.

"We've been hearing for month from Rohan that we're having some issues when it comes to recruitment and retention and it seems that is due to the fact we're lag-

ging behind our municipal competitors," said Coun. Wade Mills. "If this package is going to help us recruit and retain better people then quite frankly, I think we'd be doing a disservice to the rest of our staff and to the community that we serve if we don't implement this to try to recruit the very best people. At the end of the day, I don't want to be taking second or third choices, we have some high-level positions that are vacant and need to be filled."

"As a County Council we continuously advocate for living wage for people, we advocate for increases to OW rates and ODSP rates; we try to bring people up as opposed to trying to leave people being. As much as this may leave a bit of a taste in some people's mouth maybe we need to be in a place where we can point and say we're putting our money where our mouth is," said Warden Darren White.

Councillors against the increase in the number of vacation days were concerned specifically with the fact that for an entry-level position, the number of vacation days offered would be doubling what is currently in place.

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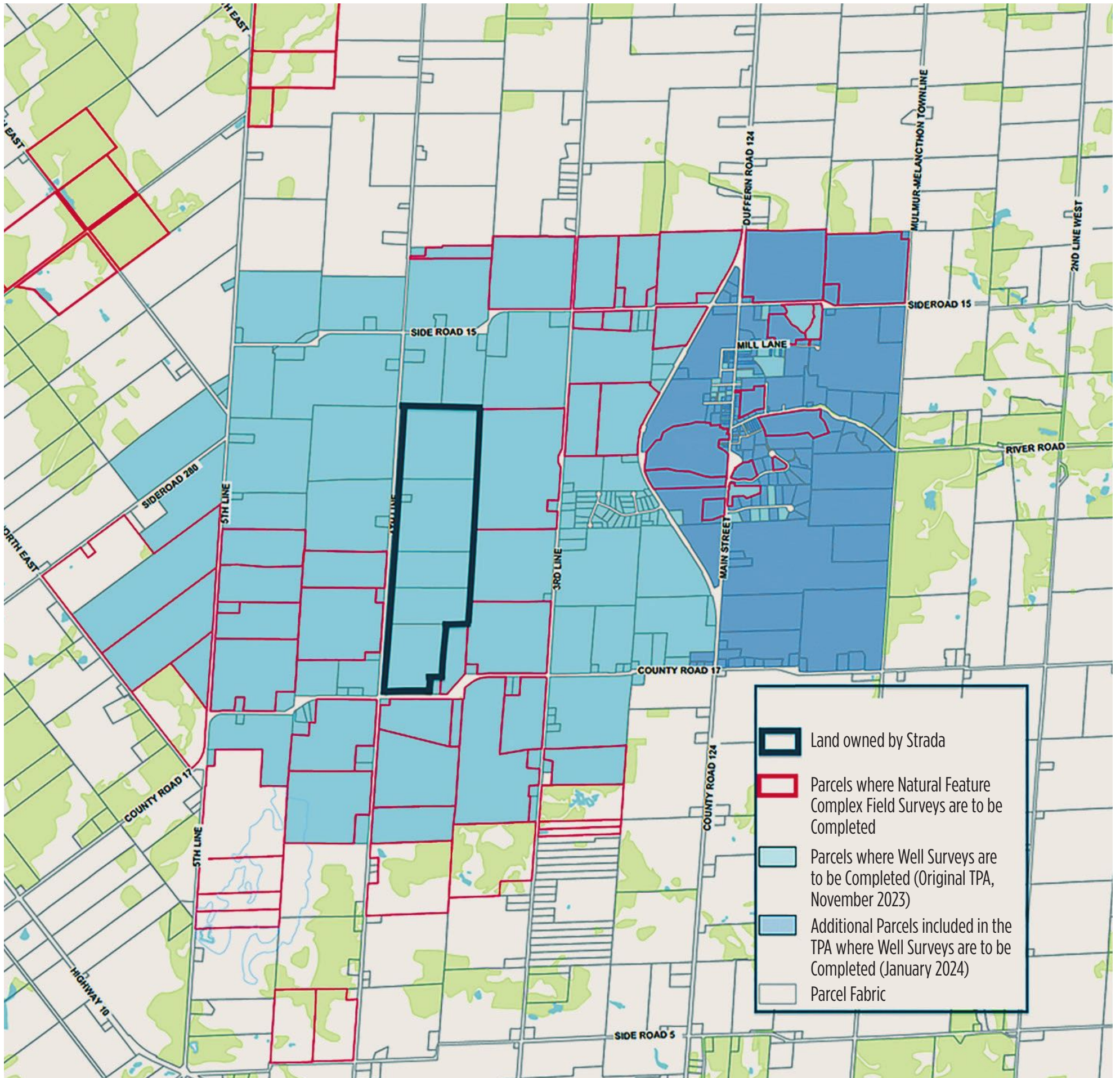
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"I cannot see starting folks at four weeks holidays from day one," said Coun. Janet Horner. "I think it starts putting us far away from the other folks that work in our community, from our own municipalities. It starts throwing things out of balance really quickly."

"I am supportive of everything in the report with the exception of the number of days. Had it been offered, like it has been suggested, starting at 15 day and moving up

from there, I would be very supportive of it," said Coun. Lisa Post.

During the meeting Coun. James McLean questioned if there was data to show Dufferin County's struggles with staff recruitment and retention while Coun. Phillip Rentsch asked how the experience will factor into the number of vacation days a new hire receives.

"We aren't collecting or holding data," said Thompson. "Through narratives amongst

managers we are struggling through competition to get our first choice at times and we're finding staff who are applying to us have leverage in regard to how much they're negotiating their packaged whether it be wages or vacation time off," said Thompson.

"Our current practice in regards to new employees, is the recognition of relevant work experience. If a staff person would come to us with relevant other municipal experience that would be recognized in

their offer," he added.

Council settled on reducing the number of vacation days allotted to each length of service level by five days, meaning entry-level positions will receive 15 days of holiday while senior staff with 25 years or over experience will have 35 days.

The report and motion were approved by a majority vote, with nine councillors voting in favour of amending the proposed number of vacation days and four voting against.

Shelburne Library recommends local books for Black History Month

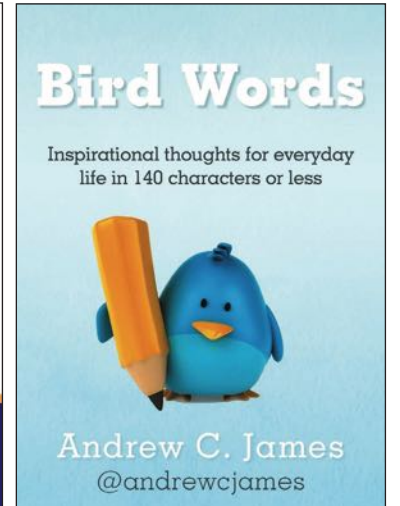
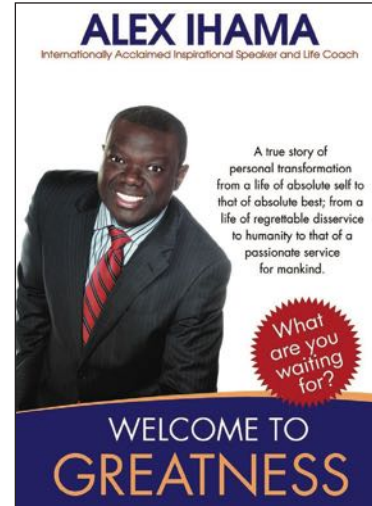
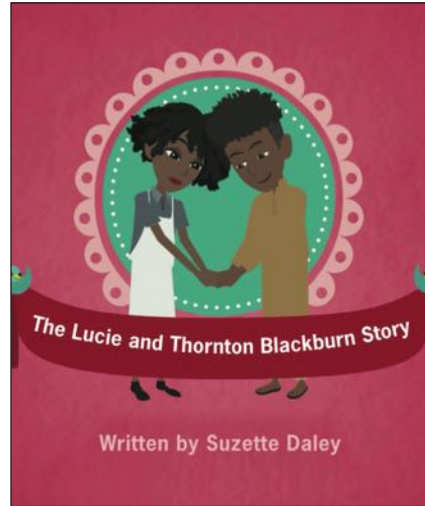
Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The month of February marks the celebration of Black History Month and the Shelburne Public Library has shared a few books written by local Black authors for residents to borrow and read this month.

"If you're looking for some great reads by Black authors, we have plenty of recommendations. Many readers will be familiar with authors like Esi Edugyan, Lawrence Hill and Austin Clarke, who works have told Black stories," said Jade Wyse, technical services librarian for the Shelburne Public Library. "That said, we would be remiss if we didn't highlight some of the outstanding contributions of the Black authors in our own community. Shelburne is full of talent, and we welcome you to drop by and check out any of these titles and more."

For younger readers, the Shelburne Library recommends the newest published book from local author and educator Suzette Daley, *The Lucie and Thornton Blackburn Story*.

The Lucie and Thornton Blackburn Story by Suzette Daley is based on the story of Lucie and Thornton Blackburn; two freedom seekers who escaped enslavement in Kentucky and later founded Toronto's first taxi company, "The City". After their deaths, they left a legacy of entrepreneurship, community and anti-slavery activism. In 1999 the Canadian Government



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

designated Thornton and Lucie Blackburn as "persons of national historic significance".

"While the Blackburn's story is presented in picture book format, and is thus a great resource for children, adults will also learn from this lesser-known story," said Wyse. "Suzette said it best: 'Lucie and Thornton did so much with so little, so what can we do.'"

For adults readers the Shelburne Library recommends *Bird Words* by Andrew C. James, *Driven to Succeed* by Steven D. Anderson and *Welcome to Greatness* by Alex Ihama.

Bird Words by Andrew C. James explores the impact of social media and how it has changed the way people community. Inspired

by a self-imposed challenge to "chirp" strictly positive and uplifting messages in 140 characters or less, James provides readers with wisdom from real-life experiences.

Driven to Succeed is an autobiography from former Shelburne Deputy Mayor Steven D. Anderson. The debut novel explores Anderson's experiences and struggles growing up in the Jane and Finch community during the mid-80s, and continues through his life becoming a young father, the first black lawyer at the TTC, and a member of Shelburne Town Council.

Welcome to Greatness is a self-help book from inspirational speaker and life coach, Alex Ihama. The book encourages readers to exam-

ine their own lives through the real-life experiences detailed in the book and utilize the strategies provided to obtain personal success.

"Each of these works will leave you wanting to do better, and will leave you with a sense of connection with, and admiration for, true leaders," said Wyse.

Black History Month will be recognized this year until Feb. 29, but Wyse reminds residents of their opportunity to read books by Black authors year-round.

"While Black History is formally recognized in the month of February, the learning can't stop at the end of the month – we have recommendations all year long," concluded Wyse.

Local high school commemorating Black History Month with student-led activities

Written By Danielle Williams

Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS) is commemorating Black History Month with numerous student-led activities. CDDHS follows its theme of reintroducing the black community to dispel the misconceptions they face.

Black History Month recognizes and honours black-identified groups and individuals from past and present. CDDHS started the month with a captivating display of culture, featuring drumming and flags representing diverse identities and cultures within the Black community.

"I think the kick-off for the month was really great. It showcased a lot of spirit and energy," said Emily Payne, the publicity manager of the student council at CDDHS. She's also an active member in many clubs, such as the Yearbook Committee and Jack Chapter, which focuses on improving students' mental health.

The Black Chapter affinity group took the reins, organizing a diverse range of activities aimed at empowerment and celebration for Black History Month.

According to Aaliyah Thompson, co-head of the Black chapter, its role is to promote "excellence within the school while creating a safe space." She emphasized the importance of encouraging "creativity and camaraderie", as well as the pride that comes from participating in such efforts at school.

"We do start talking about it [Black History Month] as soon as the school year starts. In terms of student involvement, we expect active participation when you think about the context of what we're doing," said Aaliyah Thompson.

Black Chapter has put together different activities for each week, accompanied by a weekly announcement.

"I think judging from what I heard from Gabby and Aaliyah [the co-heads of Black Chapter], I think it's going to be great; I hope it brings the energy and involvement," said Emily Payne.

Two workshops are scheduled for this month, a dance workshop, showcasing vibrant rhythms of dancehall and Soca, for students to glimpse into different black cultures. Additionally, CDDHS students will have the chance

to participate in an art workshop where they can design a portrait following the theme for the month, which is the reintroduction of black individuals.

"We're more focusing on empowerment as opposed to education," said the co-head for Black Chapter, Gabby Spencer, when encouraging students to participate. "It may not be as impactful for the general population; I hope it is for black students who aren't in Black Chapter."

The weekly announcements serve as a platform for education and reflection, exploring various facets of black identity and heritage. From the meaning of one's name to poetry celebrating the beauty of Black hair, these announcements promote confidence and pride in one's culture.

Additionally, CDDHS is also putting together a food sale, featuring an abundance of cultural food such as jerk chicken, rice, peas, coleslaw, and more.

The highlight of the month is the assembly, which will include performances by the school band, singers, the Black national anthem, poetry readings, and dance performances. It

will be a significant event, marking the first CDDHS Black History Month assembly in four years and recognizing the talents and accomplishments of the Black community.

In essence, Black History Month at CDDHS is a celebration of culture, heritage, and empowerment. Through a series of engaging events and activities, students and faculty come together to honour and recognize the contributions of the Black community, fostering understanding, pride, and unity within the school community.

"For me in terms of Black History Month, it is always about education, and if it is that we can inform one person who does not know, we'd be fulfilling our mission for the year, which is to get away from the misconceptions that exist. If we could just change that one person's mind or make a difference for that person," said Tracy-Ann Spencer, a teacher at CDDHS who the supervisor for the Black Chapter group is also.

As Black History Month draws to a close, the spirit of celebration and empowerment will continue to resonate, leaving a lasting impact on all who participated.

CRY NOT spreading awareness about human trafficking in Dufferin and Caledon

Written By Zachary Roman
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A local group of volunteers is working hard to spread awareness about human trafficking.

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day is today (Feb. 22), and CRY NOT is bolstered its message on the important day.

CRY NOT is a volunteer organization that was created by the Rotary Club of Orangeville and Compass Community Church, organizations that were moved to action when they were made aware of the threat of human trafficking and sex trafficking in Dufferin and Caledon. CRY NOT stands for Compass Rotary Youth — No Trafficking and its goal is to bring

awareness to the threat, tactics, symptoms, and resulting devastating personal effects of human trafficking to the Dufferin and Caledon communities.

Sheri Moir, a volunteer with the Rotary Club of Orangeville who has been involved with CRY NOT since its inception in 2019, says the group was inspired by a presentation from

Caledon Dufferin Victim Services.

"The best thing we can do with this horrific crime... is spread the knowledge and awareness of what's happening," said Moir.

She explained one of the ways CRY NOT spreads awareness is through delivering presentations.

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Put down the phone

"Beam me up Scotty."
For fans of the Star Trek series, that little futuristic communication device they used on the original television show was something they dreamed they could own.

Imagine being able to call someone using a little device you could carry in your pocket.

Add to that the possibility of being able to see the person you are speaking to on a TV-type screen, and you really had something from the future.

The home picture telephone never really took off. The technology has been around for a while, but the thought of having a camera on you whenever you answered the phone just didn't seem like a good idea.

Designers realized that most people, when answering an important call, didn't really want to be exposed if the telephone rang early and got you out of bed, or some other time when you didn't look your best.

Do you really want to speak to a possible employer, or possible future romantic partner while wearing pyjamas and having a bed-head hairdo?

The whole beam me up Scotty thing really did happen. Current iPhones can actually do a lot more than the Star Trek

version did.

You can call up information on the internet, call your friends, gamble, check the news, check the weather, watch sports, and visit any neighbourhood on the planet via Google Earth.

Sounds like a good device to have. It has also become a serious social interaction killer device.

I went to McDonalds the other day for a Quarter Pounder with cheese. I stood at the designated waiting area, waiting for my number to be called.

While my burger was being grilled to perfection, I took a look around the restaurant. I didn't see a single person who wasn't on a phone or device of some sort – not one.

One table in particular was very disturbing. It appeared to be a family. A mother, father, and older teenage daughter.

With one hand they ate their food, with the other, they used their device. All three had their heads down, and eyes glued to a screen.

There was no interaction while having a meal – none at all.

I was at another restaurant a while ago, when another family was seated beside my table. There were the parents and

three younger children.

The father entered the restaurant while looking at his phone. Then for the next hour, he never put it down. When the server asked for their order, he didn't even look at her. He yelled out an order while still looking at the phone. He ate his chicken wings with one hand and never took his eye off of the screen. The whole time, his wife was attending to the kids.

I kept waiting for her to yell for him to put down his phone and interact with his family. She must have been very tolerant.

At a convenience store I frequent, the one person who works there is always on the phone. You have to wait at the counter until she tells her friend to 'hold on' because she is being interrupted by a paying customer. How about not spending personal time on phone calls while on the job?

You shouldn't have to be told not to talk on your phone at inappropriate times. How often have you been at a meeting, or gathering like a wedding or funeral, and the officiant has to ask you to turn off your phone prior to the service?

Unless you're on the kidney transplant list and could be called at any time to

come to the hospital and prepare for surgery, you don't have any real emergencies in your life.

Guys who have a partner who could go into labour at any time, could probably excuse for keeping their phone on – at least at work.

I read an interesting report from a teacher who tried an experiment in her classroom. These were younger kids, in grade two or three.

She assigned them to small groups and told them it was 'conversation day.' The teacher was surprised to see the kids had great difficulty with this. They didn't seem to know how to converse with each other without having a device to rely on.

Modern phones are great technology and can do a lot. However, when your device becomes more important than the people that you are with, you are missing out on a whole lot of things in life.

Try putting down your phone and using it only when necessary, and spend time in an actual conversation with someone.

Your phone can do a lot, but it still won't get you beamed up to the mother ship.



BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW

Why economic rights matter as much as democratic rights

A month ago, some of the richest and most powerful people on the planet gathered in Davos, Switzerland, for the World Economic Forum.

The annual conference has come under increased fire the last few years from people who feel that wealthy elites are developing and promoting policies that benefit them at the expense of everyone else.

We've come a long way from the days of tribal chiefs, absolute monarchies and autocrats. But make no mistake: the world is still ruled by powerful political structures – and people – who want to entrench their power and privilege while regulating and controlling the lives of others.

Historically, working and middle class people have had to fight tooth and nail to defend their liberties and freedoms against the control wielded by the rich and powerful. These rights are today entrenched in democratic charters such as the US Bill of Rights and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

But what about our economic rights and freedoms? Who protects these interests from the overreach of the rich and powerful?

This, for me, is one of the most powerful arguments for why our society needs an

economic charter of rights, a concept I've advocated this past year.

Take taxes, for example. At its core, taxation is all about the state seizing a portion of the wealth earned by its citizens.

In a progressive tax system like ours, the rich are taxed at much higher rates. But the reality is, they often pay far less because of loopholes, deductions, write-offs and countless other avoidance schemes that high-priced lawyers and accountants use to lower their wealthy clients' tax bill.

It might not be fair – but it's completely legal. Essentially, the game is rigged in favour of the rich and other powerful special interests, including big business.

Large corporations have lobbying clout, an army of lawyers and the financial resources to navigate and take advantage of our convoluted, overly complex tax system. Small businesses, on the other hand, get crushed by the time and money they're required to spend in order to follow murky tax laws and make tax filings.

Small business owners also have to routinely wrestle with a tangle of regulations that keeps them tied up in knots all the time – again, without the extensive financial, legal and accounting resources

and expertise that large, well-connected corporations have at their disposal.

This is where an economic charter of rights can level the playing field.

One of the seven key principles in the charter I'm proposing would require government to simplify our tax system by making it easy to understand, clear-cut and fair, with no loopholes and deductions for the rich and special interests. The charter would also force governments to cut the slew of needless regulations that harm small businesses far more than large corporations.

The charter would make life a lot easier for most Canadians and small business owners. It would also be much fairer. But most of all, it would revive and regenerate our economy by giving millions of everyday Canadians a shot at boosting their

income and wealth.

For the past several months I've been regularly meeting with small business owners and concerned citizens, and they've been extremely receptive to the notion of an economic charter. These Canadians are eager to back a grassroots movement called "Regenerate Canada". To learn more, visit: www.economiccharter.ca.

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Stolen goods, drugs seized in Orangeville by police

Written By **Sam Odrowski**

If you see something, say something. This phrase rang particularly true on Family Day, when a call to the police about suspicious behaviour by two individuals in an Orangeville parking lot resulted in a litany of charges being laid against them by Dufferin OPP.

The two men who were arrested are charged in connection to multiple criminal investigations.

Officers from Dufferin OPP were called to a retail hardware store parking lot in Orangeville on Monday (Feb. 19). The person who

reported the two men to police said they observed suspicious behavior by them inside of a vehicle. Police located the suspects and quickly came to learn that the driver and passenger were breaching several former release conditions and were subsequently arrested.

Mahal Lakwinder Singh, 26, has been charged with: Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5,000 (two counts), Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000, Failure to comply with release order (two counts), and Possession of a Schedule I Substance (three counts).

Sidhu Manmoh Singh, 24, has been

charged with: Operation while impaired-alcohol and drugs, Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5,000 (two counts), Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000, Failure to comply with release order (two counts) and Possession of a Schedule I Substance (three counts).

As a result of the investigation the following items were seized and recovered:

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The accused individuals were held for bail at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville, to answer to the charges. None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation or any other criminal activity 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 information about suspected crime online at ontariocrimestoppers.ca.

Dufferin police recover stolen vehicle in Orangeville

Written By **Sam Odrowski**

At least one pickup truck owner in Dufferin County had a reason to rejoice last Thursday (Feb. 15).

Dufferin OPP officers recovered a truck, valued at \$55,000, that day through the help

of an Dufferin Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU), and Offender Management and Apprehension Program (OMAP).

Investigators of the theft received information that the vehicle identification number on a truck had been tampered with. CSCU and OMAP investigators obtained

a search warrant to where the truck was being kept and confirmed the vehicle was stolen.

The vehicle was seized along on with a blank key fob and documents to support the investigation.

The investigation is continuing, and

charges are pending.

Dufferin OPP ask that anyone with information regarding this investigation or any other criminal activity to call 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Impaired operation charges laid following single vehicle collision

Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged one driver with impaired operation related offences as the result of a single motor vehicle collision.

Officers from the Dufferin OPP responded to a single motor vehicle collision in Grand

Valley on Feb. 17, just after 11:00 p.m.

Officers arrived on scene and spoke with the driver at the side of the road, which quickly led them into an impaired operation investigation.

Joseph DAVIN, a 30-year-old male, from

Amaranth has been charged with:

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

The accused is scheduled to appear at

the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville to answer to the charges. Their driver's licence was suspended, and the vehicle was impounded.

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

Impaired driving, cannabis possession charges laid

Dufferin OPP charged a 37 year old Toronto man with multiple offenses after a traffic stop.

On Feb. 15 Dufferin police were patrolling the area of County Road 109 in Orangeville when a traffic stop lead officers to question a driver's ability to operate their vehicle. He was subsequently arrested and a search of the vehicle resulted in cannabis being seized. He faces charges for:

- Operation while impaired- alcohol and drugs
- Failure or refusal to comply with demand
- Operation While Prohibited under the Criminal Code

• Possession of over 30g dried cannabis in a public place

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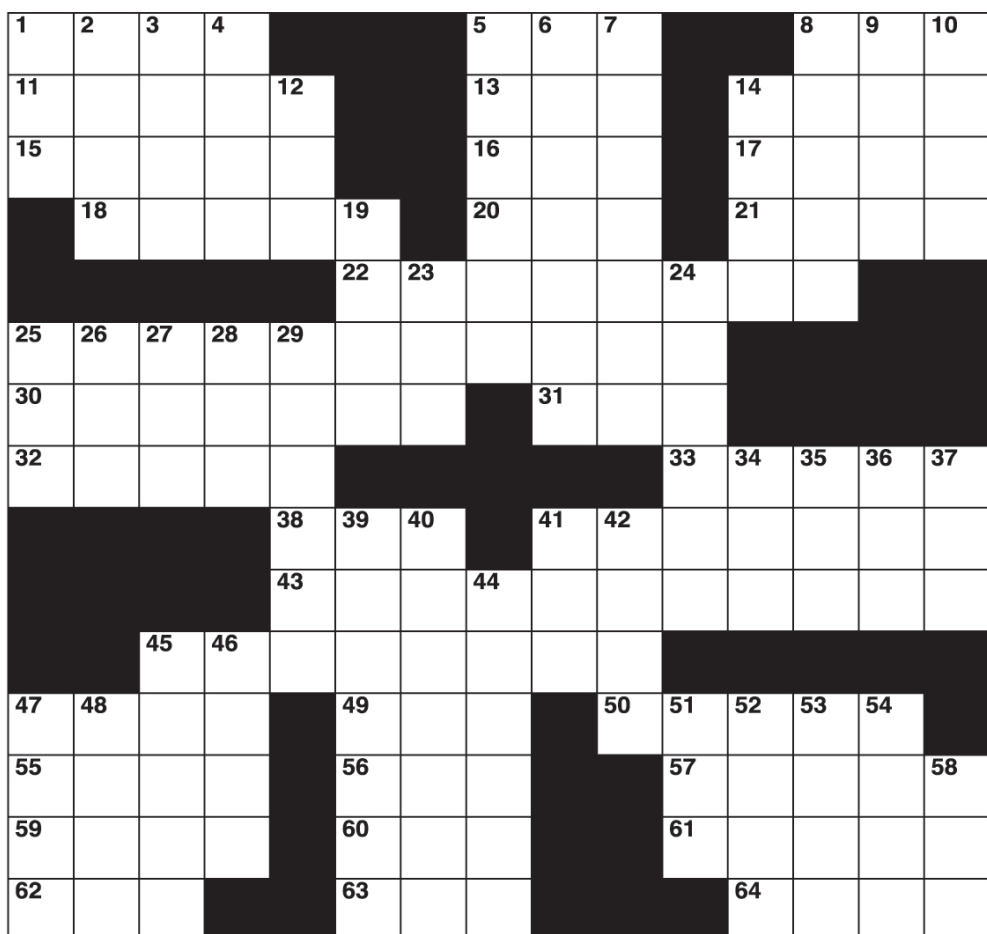
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- Member of Muslim people
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- Type of cheese
- Type of lounge chair
- ___ King Cole, musician
- Fellows
- North, Central and South
- In an early way
- Foes
- Georgia rockers
- Cryptocurrency
- Narrow path along

a slope

- Disallow
 - Joyousness
 - Inaccessible
 - Evoke emotions
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 - Boston Celtic punk rockers (abbr.)
 - Sword
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 - Afflicted
 - One point north of northeast
 - Born of
 - Arabic name
 - Traumatic brain injury (abbr.)
 - Extremity
 - Post
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- Pacific Standard Time
 - Protruding ridge on nematodes

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- Type of milk
- One who brings home the bacon
- More
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- Red mineral
- Breezed through
- Therefore
- Supplement with difficulty
- Early kingdom of Syria
- Satisfy
- They confuse doctors (abbr.)
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CLAIRE KNIGHT-CROWE, REALTOR

As a business person, Claire Knight-Crowe, made a dramatic shift in the direction of her career, however, the knowledge she had from one career gave her the skills she needed when pursuing a new path.

After graduating from university with a Masters Degree in Kinesiology, Claire began selling health food supplements. Her sales area was huge, encompassing all of Ontario and Manitoba.

While she was successful in her career, the amount of travel started to get difficult as she was also raising a young family. Claire decided to change career paths, and obtained her real estate license while she was on maternity leave with her third child.

While the two careers seem very different, Claire said the fact that she was in sales for so many years, provided an easy transition to real estate, as she was still selling and educating consumers, and many of her skills were transferable.

She is also well educated in negotiation techniques and is a self-described 'multi-tasker.'

Claire began her career as a Realtor in the town of Fergus, where she became the top selling real estate agent in the region for five years.

Since becoming a realtor in 2005, Claire has sold over 1,000 homes. She likes meeting and working with her clients, and likes the fact that every real estate deal is different – it's a challenge she enjoys.

Providing solutions for clients is a big part of the job, and Claire enjoys helping people achieve their home buying or selling goals. Claire has always been active in the community through sports and being involved with youth activities and other local events.

Claire is part of the Crowe Team under the Keller Williams Home Group Realty Brokerage.



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YASMINE STEPHENS – LESSON UP

Many business people are successful because they see a need, and decide to create a service that fills that void.

Local entrepreneur, Yasmine Stephens, realized that many people work hours that conflict with the time their kids get out of school. Rather than having children going home and being alone, Yasmine has created Lesson Up – a safe place for children after school.

"Lesson Up is a program for children who would normally be home alone after school," Yasmine explained. "They are supervised, and do their homework, play games, and just interact with other children."

A nurse by profession, Yasmine's occupation meant she quite often has to work long hours. She was inspired to start Lesson Up when she needed after school care for her own child and being on a wait-list for three years.

Yasmine realized there was a need for help for parents who commute to their jobs every day.

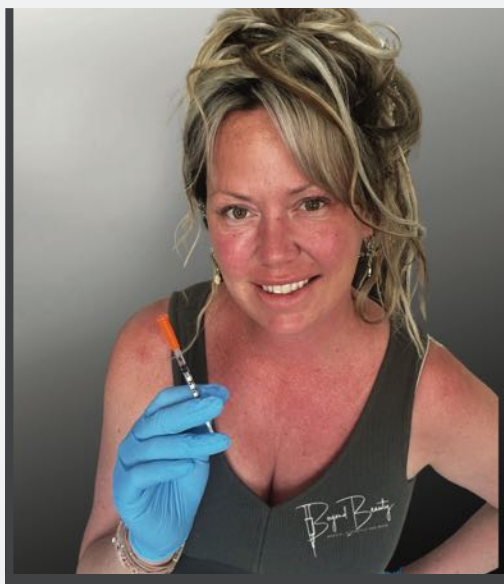
The program is held at the hall at the Shelburne Agricultural Centre, five days a week – Monday to Friday. Children from kindergarten up to Grade nine arrive after school and are supervised by a certified Early Childhood Educator (ECE).

For the children, this can be a time to catch up on homework work, or enjoy crafts and other activities. The kids are happy to be engaged in an activity and meeting with others rather than being home alone.

For parents, they can finish their work day knowing their children are safe and being cared for.

"Our ECE works at one of the local schools and she's quite familiar with a lot of the children," Yasmine explained.

As a respected local nurse and business owner, Yasmine saw the need for a service and now helps local parents by giving them peace of mind when they are on the commute home.



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Crystal began offering her services almost by chance. With three young children, she began working at home doing eyelashes. That proved to be a successful venture and she quickly had a dedicated and appreciative client base.

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Crystal took the required classes and Beyond Beauty Medical Aesthetics was born.

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LEISHA CHIN-BRAMWELL – JAMAICAN HOUSE JERK

For Leisha Chin-Bramwell, owner of Jamaican House Jerk in Shelburne, transitioning to becoming a local business owner was a fairly easy learning curve, although entering the restaurant business did present some challenges.

Jamaican House Jerk is on Col Phillips Dr., in the east end plaza.

Leisha was already involved in the business world having achieved a degree in business and had worked for several different companies using her knowledge and skill.

Growing up in Jamaica and Canada, Leisha was already familiar with traditional Jamaican cuisine. As a home cook, she was encouraged by family to use her talents in the kitchen in a commercial venture. They all assured her she had superb skills in the kitchen.

Living in the Mississauga / Brampton area, Leisha and family would frequent a Jamaican House Jerk restaurant in the area, and she loved the food.

When the restaurant decided to start a franchise opportunity,

Leisha's business instincts kicked in and she realized this was the perfect opportunity to branch out on her own and start her own restaurant.

The franchisee helped by supplying training and sharing knowledge of what it takes to run a restaurant.

After moving to Shelburne in 2014, Leisha opened her restaurant and found a warm welcome from the locals. A restaurant with food unlike any other restaurant in the area proved to be very popular.

As a business person, Leisha is skilled at running the day to day operations of a restaurant and making sure it is a viable venture.

While running a restaurant can be a challenging and busy enterprise, Leisha is friendly by nature, and enjoys interacting with all the local people who frequent Jamaican House Jerk. She loves meeting with customers who appreciate her terrific food.

Leisha is an entrepreneur with the right attitude and spirit to continue to operate a successful business in town.



Over 30 women-owned businesses highlighted by Dufferin Board of Trade

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

International Women’s Day is just around the corner and the Shelburne Free Press is celebrating the contributions of women entrepreneurs and business owners in the community.

International Women’s Day (IWD) is a Global Day of Activism held annually on March 8 that focuses on celebrating the achievements of women as well as forging a commitment to women’s equality. The day has been recognized for over a century with the first International Women’s Day held in March of 1911.

“Dufferin County is made up almost exclusively of small businesses, and in a lot of those small businesses the key decision maker is a female,” said Diana Morris, executive director for the Dufferin Board of Trade (DBOT).

This year, the International Women’s Day theme is Inspire Inclusion.

“When we inspire others to understand and value women’s inclusion, we forge a better world,” reads the International Women’s Day website. “And when women themselves are inspired to be included, there’s a sense of belonging, relevance and empowerment.

The Dufferin Board of Trade has a small business directory highlighting 32 businesses in Dufferin County that are self-identified women-led businesses.

According to Morris, roughly 90 per cent of the Dufferin Board of Trade’s clients accessing their social enterprise are women.

“It’s incredibly important to recognize that women have different struggles. Oftentimes, they’re juggling family, taking care of home, possibly another job as well as running their business,” said Morris.

Women-owned businesses interested in becoming part of the directory are encouraged to contact the Dufferin Board of Trade.

“When small businesses are thriving and succeeding, they’re able to be better employers, they’re able to support local charities and events, and give back to our community. The better they do, the better our community wellbeing is as a whole.”



JAMIE-LEE HIGGINSON – HIGGINSON TRANSCRIPTION SERVICES

While the COVID pandemic descended like a dark cloud over many people, Jamie-Lee Higginson saw it as an opportunity to learn new skills, upgrade her qualifications, and pursue a new career.

Jamie-Lee started Higginson Transcription Services and creates an authorized written record of a legal proceeding. She creates the transcripts as a certified independent Authorized Transcriptionist trained to meet the highest level of standards set out by the Ministry of the Attorney General.

Jamie-Lee began doing court transcriptions in 2005, but then pursued another business for several years. After several personal issues, she decided to again change careers and upgraded her qualifications to meet the new and current standards.

Jamie-Lee is qualified to transcribe everything from every day traffic tickets and bylaw infraction trials, up to Provincial Offences Court and even trials for very serious offences. She also transcribes 9-1-1 recordings, police video interviews, and depositions.

As an authorized and certified transcriptionist, her work is important

and serves as a truthful and accurate written transcription of a legal proceeding.

She found it easy to learn the required new skills and transition back into the profession. She has already passed on her knowledge by mentoring two students who have just completed their transcriptionist exams.

Jamie-Lee is based in Melancthon, but is also authorized to produce in-court transcripts from all Ontario judicial jurisdictions.

Being self-employed is something that Jamie-Lee enjoys as it offers the freedom to set her own hours and change those hours to suit her life schedule.

On top of her duties as a Transcriptionist, Jamie-Lee is also the Operations Manager for her family’s trucking company, Higginson Motor Freight.

Even though she is a busy professional person, Jamie-Lee believes it is never too late to try a new venture and has a passion for learning new skills and information.



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JOANNE FERRIER – MAIN STREET CAFE

It is a mainstay of downtown Shelburne, and the Main Street Cafe provides breakfast and lunch to many patrons who have been enjoying their time there for many years.

Joanne Ferrier, operates the Cafe, and admits it was a real challenge when she first took over the popular Shelburne eatery.

After buying the business in November of 2019, and looking forward to a successful enterprise, the COVID pandemic and its subsequent restrictions, dropped the hammer on the restaurant business.

However, Joanne did not give up. She took on the challenge head on, and used a smart strategy and good business sense to keep operating during the shutdown.

She changed up the menu and offered more lunch offerings as well as evening take out dinners.

The strategy worked, although Joanne admits it was a lean couple of years – but the cafe survived.

Joanne gives a lot of credit to her ‘amazing staff’, who stuck with her,

knew the business, and helped ensure they could get through a difficult situation. Her staff, Joanne said, knew the customers and what they wanted.

Joanne first began working in the restaurant business ‘many years ago’ when she lived in Amherstburg, near Windsor, and had a catering business. She catered mostly to corporate clients.

After moving to Shelburne, she purchased the Main Street Cafe.

A friendly and outgoing person, Joanne enjoys meeting her customers – it’s something she refers to as ‘the fun part,’ and likes getting to know her regular customers as well as those that are new to the Cafe.

Since returning to regular service, Joanne has been able to attract new customers to her Cafe including many younger people who enjoy the food and the atmosphere.

As a local business person, Joanne used good business sense and strategy to overcome a difficult time and create a successful downtown Shelburne establishment.



JACQUELINE CLEMENT – REALTOR

When Jacqueline Clement decided to enter the world of real estate, it wasn’t just a quick decision to try a new career.

As a local real estate agent, Jacqueline, had given much thought to the direction she wanted to take in her life, and she has always had an interest in both real estate and construction.

Jacqueline remained at home during her children’s younger years as a stay-at-home mom. When the children were old enough to become more independent, Jacqueline decided it was time to get back into the workforce, however, she also wanted a career that was busy, but allowed a flexible schedule.

After living in different places in southern Ontario, Jacqueline and her family moved to Melancthon in 2017, and instantly fell in love with the vibe of the town, the people, and the rural outdoor lifestyle. She appreciates living in a rural setting while being close enough to Shelburne to enjoy the town’s amenities within a short drive.

As a woman in business, Jacqueline enjoys the interaction she has with her clients. A self-described people person, she is actively engaged with those she works with and especially likes helping people achieve their goals as first-time home buyers.

She strives to help clients have a good experience knowing they can trust her to have their best interests at heart.

Working under the eXp Realty Brokerage umbrella, Jacqueline is an active realtor in Dufferin County and the surrounding area and looks forward to meeting new clients and help them both achieve their home buying dream, as well as sell their property when they are ready for a move.



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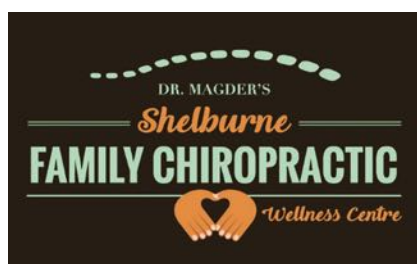
As a co-owner of one of the largest health and wellness multidisciplinary clinics in Dufferin County, my journey began over five years ago with just my husband and me.

Today, I am honored to have developed a center with over 20 new employment positions, servicing up to 100 patients per day and transforming our practice into a wellness cornerstone for our community.

My incredible colleagues and I have recognized that health is a complex interplay of physical, psychological, and social elements. With this knowledge, we have worked together to build a clinic that celebrates diversity and addresses our community’s overall well-being by providing services such as manual therapy, rehabilitative care, dietary guidance, mental health counseling, and more to support the body as a whole.

I have always believed that a healthy community is a happy one, and that philosophy is at the heart of our clinic’s mission. Giving back through community service has always been important to me and an integral piece of building a healthy and happy community. During my time in Shelburne, I have co-launched, collaborated on, and managed many community wellness projects, such as the Shelburne Farmers Market, Shelburne Splash Pad, #Shoes4Shelburne, and free community yoga, swimming, and skates in support of the food bank.

I look forward to continuing to work hard, alongside my husband and colleagues, in building a happy and healthy community.



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SHELBURNE SPORTS



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

DISTRICT 4 CHAMPIONS: The Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS) Royals senior boy's basketball team claimed the District 4 championship with a 71-39 win over the Norwell District Secondary School Varsity Reds in the gym at CDDHS on Wednesday, Feb. 14. Team members, from left, Keymar Lewis, Jay Dwomoh, Will Day, Mohammed Raza, Corey Sterling, Hayden Stephenson, Jadon James, Silas Kajinaki, Ishayu Kothamdi, Chris Plummer, coach Matt Barlow, coach Sam Mikulik, in front, Churchill Unugbro, celebrate the win after Wednesday's game.

CDDHS Royals senior team wins District 4 championship

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals boy's basketball team has captured the District 4 championship with a win over the Norwell District Secondary School Varsity Reds at home on Wednesday, Feb. 14.

The Royals came to the final game as a first-place team, undefeated for the season.

They dispatched the Emmanuel Christian High School Eagles 73-12 in their semi-final game on Feb. 12 to earn the right to advance to the final.

Norwell finished the regular season in sec-

ond place with a 4-2 record.

The Royals took an early lead and stayed ahead for the game. At the half, CDDHS was leading 34-18.

By the end of the third quarter, they had stretched the lead to 28 points going ahead 55-27.

The Royal claimed the championship with a 71-39 final score.

"At the start of the year, we weren't getting it together, but our practices were getting better, and we were more focused," summed up Royals forward Hayden Stephens of the season. "I felt pretty confident coming into



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

LEAPS AND BOUNDS: The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals senior boy's basketball team hosts the Norwell District Secondary School Reds during the District 4 championship final game in the gym at CDDHS on Wednesday, Feb. 14. The Royal won the game 71-39 to claim the title and will now go on to compete at CWOSSA.

today's game, and I'm pretty sure my teammates were also confident."

Teammate, Mohammad Raza, also thought the team improved as the season went on.

"It's been good. We started the season kind of shaky, we were still getting to know each other," Mohammad said. "We started practicing, stayed in focus, and we started getting results. Our team worked together - that's all part of basketball."

The Royals will now move on to compete

at the regional level at CWOSSA where they will be up against other championship teams.

Centre Dufferin is hosting CWOSSA this year, with games being held at CDDHS as well as at Westside Secondary School in Orangeville on February 23-24.

The Convenor for the event is CDDHS coach Matt Barlow.

The winning team from CWOSSA will go on to compete at the provincial level at OFSSA.

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CRY NOT spreading awareness about human trafficking in Dufferin and Caledon

It does presentations on human trafficking in person, and during the pandemic they also delivered presentations online. Any community group is able to request a presentation from CRY NOT on the organization's website, crynot.ca.

The presentation teaches people the signs of human trafficking and how criminals lure victims into it.

"We welcome any parent council, any adults, any community service club... anyone who would like the presentation can

request it," said Moir.

Moir said CRY NOT has reached well over 1,000 people through its presentations.

CRY NOT members are also dedicated to educating themselves, receiving presentations from Caledon Dufferin Victim Services, the OPP Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force, and judicial officials to name a few.

"We're taking everything we've been able to learn and we're trying to bring it to the

community," said Moir.

CRY NOT currently has a radio campaign going, and has also enlisted the help of local municipalities to make proclamations to recognize National Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

Moir said she's come to learn that human trafficking is a multi-billion-dollar business for organized criminals, who can make hundreds of thousands of dollars per year off of a victim.

"They're trapped into this... it's happen-

ing in our communities, so whatever I can do to stop that from happening... that's why I'm involved," said Moir.

She said in 2022, for example, Caledon Dufferin Victim Services helped 16 victims of human trafficking. From 2017 to 2019, Caledon Dufferin Victim Services helped 77 victims of human trafficking.

Moir said that CRY NOT's website can be used to find valuable resources for parents and young people, and encourages people to check it out.

Executive director of Family Transition Place announces resignation

Written By Sam Odrowski

After serving as the executive director of Family Transition Place for over 15 years, long-time advocate for victims of domestic violence, Norah Kennedy, is retiring.

FTP's Board of Directors announced in a press release on Feb. 20 that Kennedy is resigning from her role, but will continue to lead FTP until the end of 2024.

In Norah's resignation letter, she spoke of her time at FTP as one of her "greatest sources of pride and accomplishment," and that she had found her calling, "working with a team of people who will always be family to me."

Acknowledging that FTP is led by a team of "exceptional and capable, strong, talented women," she wrote it is now someone else's time to have the honour and privilege of guiding the agency into the future. Norah asserts she will "always be an ambassador for the agency," and FTP said in a press release that it is immensely grateful for that.

"Norah has shown exemplary leadership in her time as ED. She has led FTP with integrity, grace, conviction, and an unwavering com-

mitment to advocacy for the VAW (Violence Against Women) sector, and for all women and families who have needed support and services to find their way to safety and wellbeing," reads FTP's press release. "She has provided countless staff with invaluable mentorship and education. She has secured a place for FTP as a leader within the VAW sector and with her enthusiastic openness for continual learning, Norah has remained a beacon of light, compassion, empowerment, belonging and hope, and alongside her team has worked tirelessly to serve our community."

FTP noted that while her retirement from this role may be sad news for the Board, staff, clients, and the organization's community partners, it's because of Norah's intrinsic understanding of the needs of the agency, that she has spent the past several years thoroughly, and thoughtfully, preparing FTP for this impending transition.

As a result, the Board of Directors says it remains confident that "the brilliant stewardship for which Norah is known, will continue as we welcome a new ED into the role when the timing is right."



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

END OF AN ERA: Executive director of Family Transition Place Norah Kennedy announced on Feb. 20 that she'll be resigning from her role at the end of 2024.

While the executive director role will be posted in the coming days, FTP says for now, it will celebrate Norah Kennedy's "inspiring leadership, her notable achievements, and the brilliant legacy she leaves behind."

"With enduring thanks, we also extend to Norah our very best wishes for a long, happy and healthy retirement shared amongst those who love her as much as we do," read FTP's press release.

Shelburne council draws attention to rise in vehicle thefts

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

As car thefts become an increasing concern locally, Shelburne Town Council is looking to provide answers on how residents can best protect themselves by holding an information session with the Dufferin OPP.

During their meeting on Feb. 12, Shelburne Councillor Walter Benotto raised concerns about the number of car thefts occurring within the community.

"I'd like to know from the Inspector at some point in time as to what actions the police are

doing in the community," said Benotto.

In January of this year, Dufferin OPP reported the theft of a \$41,000 RV and a 2021 black Dodge Ram TRX from a residence in Shelburne. The police also reported the theft of two vehicles in Mono and two in Orangeville that month.

"It is a problem obviously and not to diminish the problem, but it isn't just a Shelburne problem, this sort of thing unfortunately is happening in small towns throughout Southern Ontario; for whatever reason the individuals doing this tend to be targeting smaller communities it seems," said Mayor Wade

Mills. "It's disconcerting the fact they're going right into driveways and in one case right into somebody's garage and stealing vehicles - that's pretty troubling."

Denyse Morrissey, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for the Town of Shelburne, recommended staff inquire about hosting an online information session with the Dufferin OPP to provide residents with proactive tips as well as raise questions about car theft in the area.

"It could be half an hour of key information and a Q&A over what you can do. Maybe these are some of the situations that people can share and then provide guidance on how to avoid that happening," said Morrissey. "I think that might go a long way as opposed to an in-person [meeting], making it more accessible anytime."

A date for the online information session has yet to be determined.

Shelburne Library shares what's new

Tickets for our March Break events are now available! These programs are geared toward school-aged children, and always promise lots of fun. This year we have:

- Birds of Prey @ YOUR Library on Tuesday, March 12th @ 2pm—See live birds of prey up close and personal! This event is sold out!
- Fireside Munsch @ Grace Tipling Hall on Wednesday, March 13th @ 2pm—This is a high-energy show featuring four of Robert Munsch's classic stories performed as one wacky storytelling play!
- Bumbling Bert @ Grace Tipling Hall on Thursday, March 14th @ 2pm—Supremely comical, silly, and ultimately entertaining, Bumbling Bert's show always features dazzling magic and loads of audience participation.

Tickets are still available for Fireside Munsch and Bumbling Bert for a cost of \$4 each. Adults and children alike must have tickets. Tickets can be purchased at the Library during open hours with cash.

We are seeking donations for our Seed Library in advance of our Seedy Saturday event on Saturday, March 2nd, 2024. Please label seed donations with the variety and when it was harvested.

Upcoming Events

Rose's Book Club, Tuesday, February 27th, 2pm: The best part about this book club is there is no required reading! That means you can come ready to discuss whatever you've been reading, and hear the recommendations of other book club members. Rose will also feature a selection of noteworthy books!

Seedy Saturday, Saturday, March 2nd, 10am-1pm: Drop by YOUR Library and borrow seeds from our Seed Library!

We have many varieties of herbs, veggies, and flowers available. You'll also be able to chat with other community partners interested in growing, including The Town of Shelburne's Community Garden Coordinators and the Shelburne & District Horticultural Society.

Staff Pick of the Week: Blood Betrayal by Ausma Zehanat Khan

With the Denver Police force spread thin between two racially charged cases, protests on both sides of the cases begin and Lieutenant Waqas Seif and Inaya have their work cut out for them.

Why Jade recommends it: This is the second book in the Inaya Rahman series, and this time we get more insight into the lives of our protagonists, Dt. Rahman and her Lt. Seif.

Blackwater Falls is about to erupt into widespread violence after two unrelated, though simultaneous, conflicts result in the fatalities of a Black graffiti artist and a Latino man. Dt. Rahman is instructed to stick to investigating the Blackwater Falls case involving Duante Reed, but when her past comes knocking, she can't help but investigate Mateo Ruiz's case, too.

The reason this series feels different, insofar as police procedurals go, is because Rahman and Seif are a part of the Community Response Unit-- a unit specifically designated to help vulnerable populations and hold law enforcement accountable. Focusing on the wellness of community members is not something we see in many of this type of book, and adds an element to the story seasoned readers will enjoy. The narration on both this work and the first book, Blackwater Falls, is wonderful and would be a great series to launch your audiobook journey.

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GERALDINE SHERRITT

Peacefully with family by her side at Matthews House Hospice on Tuesday February 13, 2024 in her 77th year. Predeceased by her beloved husband Gordon. Loving mother of Patti (Chris) Hobbs, Traci Sherritt, Pamela (Roger) Villaflor and Cindi (Carlos) Gutierrez. Proud Grandmother of Joshua, Marcus, Nate, Olivia, Isabella, Ethan, Rennick, Allyssa, Ivy, Dominic and Georgia Lee.



Whether you called her Mom, Grandma, Geraldine, Gerri, Sister, Auntie or friend, one thing you knew for sure was that she was the toughest woman you would ever meet.

Born to Allan and Dorothy McComb on October 24, 1947, in Shelburne, Ontario, she spent her childhood days on the McComb homestead in Melancthon.

In 1965, she met a tall, dark, and handsome man, the love of her life, Gordon. Their love blossomed, and it carried them to the altar on December 30, 1966. They moved to Toronto, where they were blessed with four beautiful daughters. The Sherritts would spend four decades on Mancroft sharing countless memories.

With her retirement in 2009, Geraldine had a full-circle moment, returning to the country and finding peace in her roots. If you knew Geraldine, she wasn't complete without the love of her four-legged creatures, of which there were many.

With her diagnosis in 2012, she showed true spirit. Her bravery was once again put on display when Gordon became her Angel in 2015. She then immersed herself in the church and found joy in helping others in the community. In June 2021, the doctors gave her two weeks, but with sheer determination and the unwavering support of her family, she gave us 2 1/2 more years of love, laughter and memories. In our hearts, we know that this isn't goodbye; this is 'til we meet again.

Our family would like to extend our eternal gratitude to Carla, Bayshore and the staff of Matthews House Hospice for the respect with which our matriarch was given throughout her most trying times. In lieu of flowers, if desired, donations to Matthews House would be appreciated.

Friends and family will be received at Trinity United Church, 200 Owen Sound Street, Shelburne on Sunday, March 10, 2024 from 1-2 p.m. The service will follow at 2:00 p.m. A reception will be held immediately after the service in the Town & Country Room at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex, 200 Fiddle Park Lane, Shelburne.

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Community comes together to support Polar Plunge



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DIPPING WITH DUFFERIN OPP: Several brave souls took part in the Dufferin OPP Polar Plunge at Fiddle Park in Shelburne on Family Day (Feb. 19). The community event saw some participants dress up in costumes while others plunged in regular clothing. The event supports the Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics and as of print, \$17,327 was raised.

Family Day Skate well attended at community centre



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

FREE FAMILY DAY SKATE: Shelburne residents laced up their skates and flocked to the Centre Dufferin Recreation Centre's ice pad on Feb. 19 for a Family Day Skate. The afternoon event was filled with fun, in addition to the skate, attendees enjoyed balloon animals, prizes, and free popcorn or hot chocolate. The event was sponsored by Shelburne Family Chiropractic and Wellness, Shelburne Optometry, Go with Crowe Real Estate, Main Street Family Dental.

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