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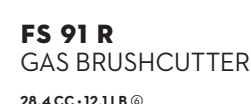
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DRIVING DOWN CRIME: The Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police hosted an Auto Theft Prevention Event at the Orangeville Canadian Tire (99 First St.) on Tuesday, April 2. The event was well-attended by municipal leaders throughout Dufferin County, such as the County Warden/Melancthon Mayor Darren White, Amaranth Mayor Chris Gerrits, Mulmur Mayor Janet Horner, Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post and Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills.

Community Paramedic Program to continue for 2 more years after \$1.8 million investment

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

Seniors, individuals with disabilities, and those managing chronic illnesses can be reassured they'll continue to get support in Dufferin County as the Community Paramedic Program receives additional funding.

The County of Dufferin and Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) announced in a joint statement on Tuesday (April 2), that the Community Paramedic Program had received a two-year \$1.8 million investment from the Ministry of Long-Term Care.

"Our team is so pleased for this Community Paramedic funding announcement; it will ensure that we will be able to support the most vulnerable members and families in our community," said Tom Reid, Chief of Dufferin County Paramedic Services. "Through this funding, [we] will continue to work with our patient's primary care physicians and community service partners to ensure they receive excellent care and support in the safety of their own homes."

Kim Delahunt, president and CEO of Headwaters, said, "The Dufferin County

Community Paramedic Program represents a groundbreaking approach to healthcare delivery. It empowers paramedics to use their expertise in non-emergency care roles, ultimately improving the quality of life for those individuals enrolled and helps them remain in their homes safely for longer periods and avoids unnecessary hospital visits."

An initiative focused on non-emergency, community-based healthcare, the Dufferin County Community Paramedic Program, was launched a decade ago. The program facilitates easier access to care for vulnerable populations in Dufferin County within the comfort of their homes by providing services aimed at health promotion, system navigation, and injury prevention.

Through the program, community paramedics conduct a wide range of services including wellness checks, safe home assessments, remote patient monitoring, and administering medication. Community paramedics act as an extension of a patient's primary care providers.

"As a local family doctor, I have several homebound patients that are seen regularly by the community paramedics. After the visit, the community paramedics do a



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home visit, they communicate their assessment to me, which then allows me to adjust medications or to start early treatments," explained Dr. Karen A. P. Sandhu, a family physician in Orangeville.

"This has been an effective strategy at reducing Emergency Room Visits by these patients, who may have previously needed to go to the ER frequently. This program continues to evolve and pivot depending on the needs of the community," she added.

According to the County and Headwaters, community paramedics conducted 2,042 in-home visits, 1,687 virtual visits and had 27 patients enrolled in the remote patient monitoring program in 2023.

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“Community Paramedics have given me the confidence that I need to continue living independently with the assurance that care is only a call away. Their team is made up of knowledgeable, kind and compassionate professionals that have made my at home healthcare experience truly positive,” said Joan Meehan, a client in the community paramedicine program.

“Dufferin County has an amazing group of paramedics. Words can’t express enough how helpful, thoughtful, skilled, knowledgeable, and real these people are. My husband and I quickly acquired an awesome friendship with them during their care, and I know that friendship has carried on since a year ago. I appreciate and thank them all so much from my heart,” said Shelley and her husband, who have received service from the community paramedicine program.

Anyone interested in the Community Paramedic Program can connect with the program directly by phone at 1-844-791-1182 or by email at communityparamedic@dufferincounty.ca, and complete a referral form.



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COMMUNITY CARE: Kate Martin, community paramedic visits her client, Joan Meehan, who lives in Dufferin County, to provide in-home care health services. The Community Paramedic Program will continue for at least another two years as it received \$1.8 million in funding from the Ministry of Long-Term Care. Community paramedics conducted 2,042 in-home visits, 1,687 virtual visits and had 27 patients enrolled in the remote patient monitoring program in 2023.

Shelburne dissolves Parks and Recreation Taskforce, no longer needed

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter



The Town of Shelburne has officially dissolved its Parks and Recreation Taskforce.

During a Town Council meeting on March 25, Lindsay Wegener, who sat as a council member on the taskforce, spoke about the decision to dissolve.

“The taskforce was set in place to bring recommendations to council with regards to aspects of the town within parks and recreation, so things that they wanted to see and updates to certain areas. With the Parks and Recreation Master Plan we’ve already done that so we’re struggling as a committee to find a purpose,” said Wegener.

Wegener noted that the Parks and Recreation

Taskforce has experienced difficulty in reaching quorum resulting in meetings being missed.

“Although the committee members are great and we appreciate them wanting to be in the committee, devoting their time and effort, it just seems a little counterproductive because we already have a plan,” said Wegener.

The Parks and Recreation Taskforce was originally formed as a way to identify

and prioritize park and recreational needs within the community as well as develop funding strategies to meet those needs and to make recommendations to Town Council that maximized opportunities for parks and recreation.

In September of 2023, Shelburne Town Council officially adopted the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, which is a 10-year working document focused on guiding future park and recreation projects in the community.

“I think we actually framed it as a taskforce instead of as a committee because we figured the mandate would be limited and was not intended to be something that goes on,” said Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills, about the dissolution of the taskforce. “It

did fulfill its mandate.”

During the meeting, Wegener made a point of reassuring the community that despite the disbanding of the Parks and Recreation Taskforce, residents will continue to have the opportunity to share their opinions of park and recreation projects within the town.

“There’s always going to be an opportunity for the community as a whole to reach out to us as council or to staff and share their concerns or their wants,” said Wegener. “It’s not like because we would be disbanding that there’s no more conversation.”

Residents who are interested in the specifics of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan can find a detailed report on the Town of Shelburne website.

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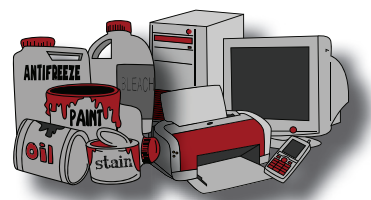
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Orangeville Lions 25th Home and Garden Show returning to fairgrounds with over 130 vendors

Written By Sam Odrowski

As spring comes into full swing, there's no better time to start thinking about home improvement projects.

Whether it's landscaping, painting, roofing, a major renovation or finding the perfect furniture and décor, a three-day event that's returning to the Orangeville Fairgrounds (247090 5th Sideroad) will help you find what you need.

The 25th Annual Orangeville Lions Home and Garden Show is running from Friday, April 5 to Sunday, April 7, with plenty to do and see.

"Come on down and celebrate spring with us," said Orangeville Lion Yasmine Slater, who's helping organize the event. "The home show is a centralized spot where the community can come out and see local businesses."

The home show provides attendees with the opportunity to browse over 130 vendors from various industries, primarily related to home improvement, and discuss their vision with professionals.

While the home show is free, it acts as a fundraiser for the not-for-profit Orangeville Lions, who organize it annually. Through sponsorships and the sale of booth spaces, the Lions are hoping to raise \$40,000. That money goes back into the community through charitable projects and donations to other service groups.

"Because we're a volunteer organization, all the money we collect from vendors supports projects in the local community," said Slater.

Some projects the Orangeville Lions have completed in the past include the Orangeville Lions Club Sports Park on Diana Dr., the BMX Park on the Alder Parklands and more recently, a natural playground at Island Lake Conservation Centre.

Dufferin Emergency Search and Rescue, a local not-for-profit, will be managing the home show's free parking, and accepting donations to support their operations.

Organizers of the home show anticipate anywhere from 5,000 to 7,000 attendees over the three-day event.

Slater said the event is a great opportunity to support the local business commu-



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BECOME A LION: The Orangeville Lions Club will have a booth setup at the home show to educate attendees about the important work they do and how to join the club.

nity and learn more about what they offer.

"You might have a project in mind that you want to source out a local business or if you are looking for inspiration, there will be lots of businesses showcasing the work they've done in the past," said Slater. "It's very well curated for different types of home projects."

In addition to home improvement, the three-day event is a great opportunity to learn more about not-for-profit organizations in the region, whether it's a charity or sports group. They will be set up in the cafeteria area at the event, alongside Cookies by Gia, providing attendees with food options.

While some vendors will be there for the first time, many come year after year to meet with potential clients. But they usually bring something different to the table.

"Vendors that come back year after year often have new products," said Slater.

"There might be some new, up and coming technology that's being showcased this year."

This year's home show marks its 25th edition, which also happens to coincide with the 75th anniversary of the Orangeville Lions, as the group was chartered on April 12, 1949.

It started with 21 members and has grown to 51 today.

The Orangeville Lions will have a booth set up at the event for anyone interested in learning more about the organization or volunteering.

"If you're a little bit curious about join-

ing the Lions and some of the other work we do... I think it's a great opportunity for people to meet with us and we can discuss some of the great things we're doing in the community," said Slater.

If anyone is interested in joining the club but won't be at the home show, they can email membership@orangevillelions.org.

Slater said she'd encourage everyone to stop by the Orangeville Fairgrounds from April 5 to 7 to shop local and support the local Lions Club.

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Situational awareness

The town Facebook page where I live routinely has complaints about bad drivers on local streets.

There are a few people with a lead foot driving around, but I find, for the most part, people here are courteous drivers. If you're trying to make a left turn through a line of traffic, someone always stops and lets you through.

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I drive a lot – I'm always on the road going somewhere.

I've had a few experiences where someone made a move that caused me to swerve, or to lay on the horn to avoid being hit.

However, that was the end of it. I figure most of these occurrences are simple driver errors, and that most likely the person who

was driving realized their mistake and didn't feel too good about it.

Why make a big deal out of it and get into some kind of road rage incident?

The worst is grown adults who like to flip the finger. Grow up. That gesture should be left to 12-year-old boys in the schoolyard.

Several years ago I went to a community meeting about road safety in a small town. Many residents said they were fed up with fast driving on their idyllic country roads, and that it was dangerous for children, people out walking, and for pets. They decided to hold this meeting with the town to see what could be done about it.

I went a little early and parked down the road from the meeting hall on the route I knew from where most of the residents would be arriving.

There is an intersection and a stop sign. Of all the cars I saw arrive at the meeting, less than half came to a full stop at the stop sign. A 'Hollywood stop' on a rural road isn't that big of a deal, but they were still committing an offence.

I also watched the speed of the cars. More than half of those vehicles came down that

road faster than the posted speed limit.

To be fair, it is one of those roads where the limit is probably lower than it should be, but they were still speeding.

My plan was to get up and speak to the group when the time came to receive input from the audience. I was going to casually mention that most of the people there had themselves committed driving offences while driving to a meeting to complain about bad drivers.

However, once the meeting was underway, I looked around the room and saw everyone had genuine intentions. I figured it would be better to stay quiet and let them sort it out themselves.

Situational awareness is a big part of being on a road or street.

Listening to the daily news, it seems bowling for people is a sport in Toronto where someone gets hit by a car almost every day.

I would bet that a majority of those accidents could have been prevented by the people who were hit if they were aware of their surroundings.

One of the best lessons I was given when learning to drive, was don't start driving just

because the light is green. Just because you have the right of way, doesn't mean the guy coming the other way is going to stop.

You should always look first, before proceeding.

I see this all the time at intersections. Pedestrians are waiting for the light to change, then start walking when it turns green without looking for on-coming traffic.

They are oblivious to their surroundings.

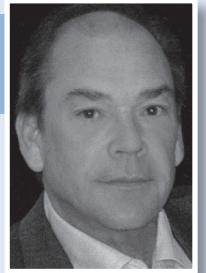
This happens all the time at the end of my street by parents pushing baby strollers. Yes, they have the right of way, but they don't look for oncoming traffic.

If most of those people on Toronto streets had bothered to look for oncoming traffic, they probably wouldn't have been hit.

Yes, you can blame the driver for blowing a red light, but you can avoid the pain, or worse, just by taking a second to be aware of where you are and what is going on around you.

The two seconds it takes to look for traffic won't slow you down, but it might save your life.

BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW



Are Canadian children worth the cost?

When the federal government table the budget two weeks from now, one of the items that may end up in the mix is funding for a new national school food program.

Many Canadian parents would support a program to provide meals to Canadian school kids.

But if these school programs are simply going to be feeding our children fatty, sugary foods filled with industrial pesticides, fungicides and other chemicals, we're setting them up for numerous health problems later in life.

I believe it's the number one reason why we're seeing alarmingly high levels of chronic disease in children under the age of 18, including asthma, Type II diabetes and a range of other developmental disabilities.

That's why I started a nonprofit organization several years ago with the mission of lobbying governments to provide nutritious organic food to all Canadian children at school and educating young Canadians about the lifelong benefits that come with eating healthy, all-natural foods.

Study after study has shown that improved nutrition can influence student learning potential and educational outcomes. Learning and diet are inseparably

linked.

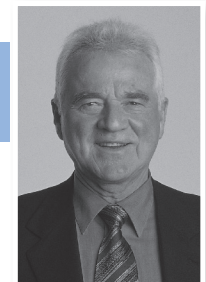
The UN's World Food Programme conducted a large-scale, multinational cost-benefit analysis in conjunction with Boston Consulting Group a number of years ago and found that schools enrolled in school meal programs had better attendance, lower dropout rates, and better test results than schools that did not participate in food programs.

Most Canadians would agree that the health and welfare of our children is a top priority. The fact is, if children grow up healthy and happy, there is a greater chance they will reach their full potential. And one of the best ways of ensuring that is childhood nutrition.

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Providing breakfast and lunch meals consisting of natural organic food will not only improve the mental and physical well-being of our children, it will also boost their intellectual capacity. It's a win-win scenario.

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Our children's health plays a critical role in building a sustainable and prosperous future. But if the next generation is sick and unhealthy, our future is on shaky ground.

Ultimately, the question is not: who's going to pay for organic meals in our schools?

The real question is: if we don't find funding to create an organic meal program, are we prepared to pay the heavy costs that will come in the form of

increased health care spending and social assistance?

Governments invest in a lot of different programs, causes and initiatives. Very few of them are as important as the health and happiness of our children.

To learn more about how we can improve Canadian health and increase living standards, email me at info@economiccharter.ca.

Our Readers Write

50 Years

I just want to congratulate you guys at London Publishing for carrying on the publishing of the New Tecumseth Times along with the numerous other newspapers you publish.

Thanks go out to the present owner of London Publishing Corp. whom purchased Simcoe-York Printing & Publishing Ltd. from me in 2009.

You continue to do a great job in keeping our area up to date on local happenings.

Your reporter, Brian Lockhart, does a terrific job in news, sports, and his weekly col-

umn. I also enjoy, and totally agree, with all the writings of Frank Stronach. He should be our next Prime Minister.

Great job guys and keep up the good work. Congratulations to all of you.

Hard to believe it is 50 years since Bruce Haire and I launched this group of newspapers.

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Man wearing garbage bag smashes window of local business with rock

Written By Sam Odrowski

A business in Orangeville's downtown area has become the latest victim of vandalism.

The business, located on First St., had its window smashed with a rock on Easter Sunday (Sunday, March 31) at approximately 2:30 p.m.

The person who threw the rock remains at large but attempted to conceal their identity with a garbage bag before vandalizing the business.

"The individual is described as a white male wearing a black garbage bag costume

over his navy-blue puffer jacket," said the Dufferin OPP in a media release. "The bag was used to partially cover his blue, grey and white winter hat."

The Dufferin OPP is seeking the public's assistance in identifying the man who committed this crime.

The police are requesting that anyone who may have witnessed the rock-throwing incident or has video or dash cam footage that may assist the investigation is asked to contact 1-888-310-1122 or the Canadian Crime Stoppers Association to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-8477 or www.stop-crimehere.ca.



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BAGGED AND TAGGED: Dufferin OPP are searching for the man pictured here, who wore a black garbage bag as a disguise before throwing a rock at the window of a local business. Anyone with information about the man's identity or whereabouts is asked to call 1-888-310-1122.

Theft leads to multi-jurisdictional search, arrest and recovery

As a result of a call for service involving a theft from a gas bar in Wellington County, three individuals have been arrested and charged.

On April 1, members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), were advised by Wellington OPP of a motor vehicle that fled from a theft at a gas bar on Wellington Road 109.

Police located the vehicle in Caledon in where three suspects fled on foot. Ultimately all three parties were located as a result of the joint police effort.

Kulwant Singh BAJWA, a 26-year-old from Brampton has been charged with:

- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5,000
- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000
- Obstruct Peace Officer
- Possession Break In Instruments

Ramanjot Singh DHILLON, a 23-year-old from Windsor has been charged with:

- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5,000
- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000

Surinder Sidhu SINGH, a 25-year-old from Brampton has been charged with:

- Possession Break In Instruments
- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000



As a result of the investigation the following was recovered:

- Black Hyundai Elantra
- The accused individuals are scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville, to answer to the charges.

None of these charges have been proven in court.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation of 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 your information online at <https://ontariocrimestoppers.ca/>.

Over 330 traffic charges laid over Easter Weekend

Dufferin OPP recently concluded the Easter long weekend seatbelt campaign, and the results are in. Officers conducted traffic stops throughout Dufferin County and issued a total of 337 charges.

The Seatbelt campaign ran from Friday March 29, 2024, until April 1, 2024. Officers across Dufferin County worked very hard to ensure everyone's safety this long weekend. During the campaign, officers were highly visible as they conducted seatbelt safety checks. Although properly worn seatbelts was the focus of this campaign, enforcement was not limited to just seatbelts.

- Breakdown of charges:
- Seatbelt charges - 28
 - Speeding charges - 178

- Distracted Driving charges - 1
- Impaired Operation charges - 4
- Stunt Driving - 9
- Other miscellaneous charges - 117

"The results of the Seatbelt campaign show that there are still drivers and passengers who are not wearing their seatbelts. It only takes a few seconds to buckle up. A properly worn seat belt greatly increases your chances of surviving a motor vehicle collision," said Dufferin OPP. "Everyone travelling in a motor vehicle must properly wear a seatbelt and children must be properly secured in child car seat. Drivers are responsible for ensuring all passengers under the age of 16 are properly secured in either a seat belt or Child Car Seat."

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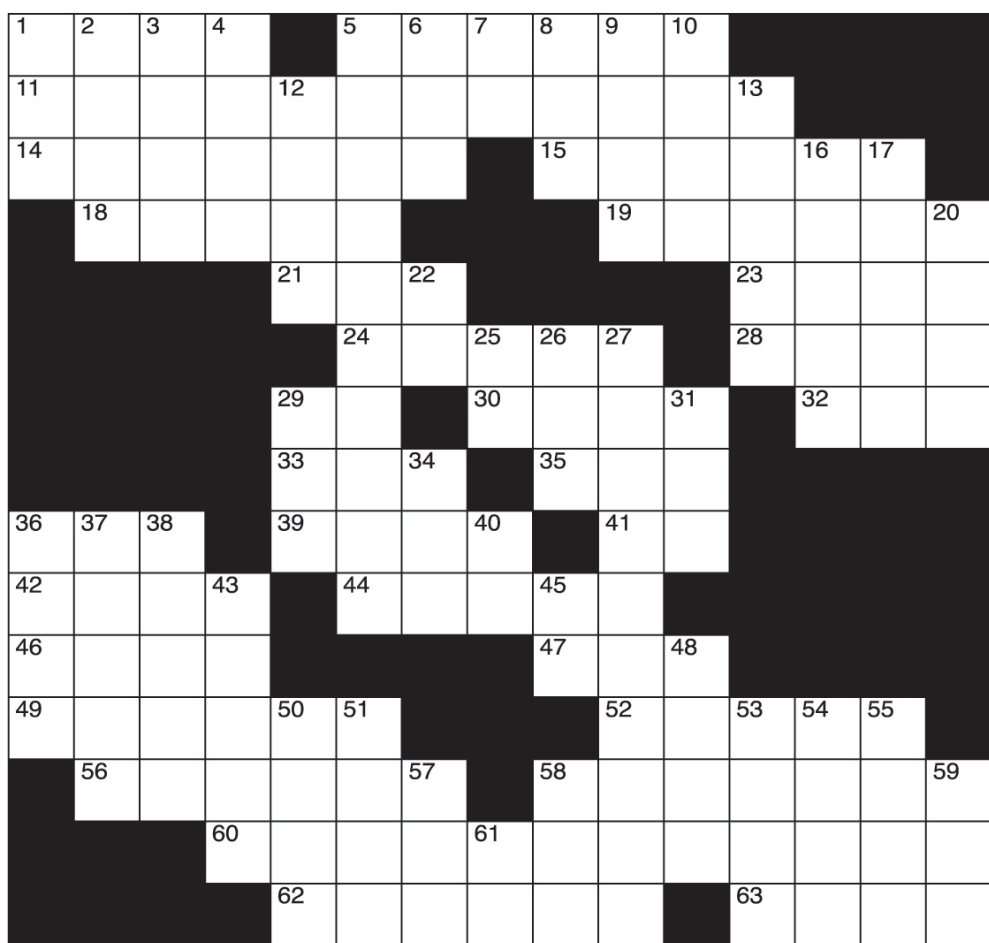
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| 5. Mystical or magical start | 41. Commercial | 7. The Golden State (abbr.) | 38. Hebrew calendar month |
| 11. Shortening | 42. Spots where golfers start | 8. Lizard genus | 40. Designated hitter |
| 14. More satisfying | 44. Polite form of address (Indian) | 9. Parasites that invade the skin | 43. Norther Poland village |
| 15. Other side | 46. French river | 10. Took apart | 45. A passport is one form |
| 18. Philippine island | 47. Reduce the light | 12. Mild yellow Dutch cheese | 48. Hand (Spanish) |
| 19. More unnatural | 49. Blood-sucking fly | 13. S. California town | 50. Hit with the open hand |
| 21. Mutual savings bank | 52. A way to categorize | 16. Suffix plural | 51. Actor Idris |
| 23. Famed designer Chanel | 56. Procrastinates | 17. Painting technique | 53. Shakespeare's nickname "The ___" |
| 24. Makes less wild | 58. Tall slender tower | 20. Small Eurasian deer | 54. Northern U.S. lake |
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| 29. The cops who investigate the cops | 62. Office of the Pope | 25. Microsoft | 57. Soak |
| 30. Immune system response | 63. Office furnishing | 26. Shock therapy | 58. Partner to cheese |
| 32. Distress signal | CLUES DOWN | 27. Able to be sold | 59. Expression of disappointment |
| 33. Engine additive | 1. Possesses | 29. A doctrine | 61. College dorm employee |
| 35. "No Scrubs" trio | 2. American Board of Orthopedic Surgery | 31. These three follow A | |
| 36. Very fast airplane | 3. Ancient Syrian city | 34. Pulse | |
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No one has more self-confidence than the person who does a crossword puzzle with a pen.

SHELBURNE SPORTS

Shelburne Legion holds cornhole tournament

Written By Brian Lockhart

It is a quickly growing activity that requires good concentration and coordination skills.

Cornhole has been around for many years. It became popular in the U.S. in the 1980s and over the past few years, it has gained popularity in Canada, with many leagues springing up around the region.

Cornhole matches are played with two sets of four bags, two boards, and two, four, or eight players. The board has a single hole near the top.

The objective is to toss the bean bag through the hole. Points are accumulated by either getting the bag through the hole or having it land on the board.

The Shelburne Legion took advantage of the popularity of the game, and in keeping with the Legion's way of always having something fun going on, it held a cornhole tournament on Saturday, March 30.

Teams played a round-robin style tournament. The Legion has some of their own cornhole boards and borrowed others from the Kinsmen Club for the tournament.

"We are having our second cornhole tournament," explained event organizer, Philip Norris. "We're trying to raise money for

the community. People come in and have a good time."

You can't pick your own team for this tournament, the teams are decided by a draw.

"You come in and put your name in, and we draw names out of a hat," Philip said. "We call it a blind draw. We have 13 teams today, so one team has a bye while the others are playing. It's something to get everyone out and have a fun time."

He added, "We own some of the boards, the rest belong to the Kinsmen. They were good enough to let us use them. We also have someone who are going to build some for us. We're hoping that for the summer, we'll have a licence for the patio and we can get some games going out there. It's a really good game - similar to horseshoes.

"The tournament generates some interest in the Legion and gets people out to enjoy themselves. The tournament is round-robin so everybody plays each other - one game against each other team. Who has the most wins at the end, wins the tournament. If you place the bag in the hole, it's three points. If you get it on the board it's one point," Philip noted.

Competitors take the game seriously, but at the same time, enjoy the fun of playing the game.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

IN THE HOLE: The Shelburne Legion hosted a cornhole tournament on Saturday, March 30, in the Legion Hall. The tournament was held in a round-robin format with the team with the most wins at the end of it all, declared the winner of the tournament.

PJHL Divisions finals will crown champions this week

Written By Brian Lockhart

Junior C divisional playoffs will wrap up this week with 16 teams still playing in the finals series and eight teams winning titles across the province.

The Provincial Junior Hockey League, with 61 teams, is the largest Junior hockey league in the world. Final games are scheduled to be over on April 8, if the series go the full seven games.

In seven of the final series, the two teams that made it to the final were teams that finished first and second in the regular season.

The only division that doesn't have top

finishers playing, is the East Tod Division. In that Division, the third-place Port Hope Panthers are up against the fourth-place Napanee Raiders.

Napanee is leading that series 3-0.

Locally, the Alliston Hornets are leading the Stayner Siskins 3-0 in the North Carruthers Division after Alliston won game three 3-2 in overtime on Monday, April 1, on home ice.

That game took place in front of a full house at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre in in Alliston.

The first-place Frankford Huskies and second-place Amherstview Jets of the Tod Division were eliminated in an under-

dog-winning semi-final series.

The finals are scheduled to be over on April 8, if the series go the full seven games.

The Hanover Barons are currently ahead 2-1 in their Pollock Division series against the Mount Forest Patriots. The winner of the Pollock Division will face the winner of the North Carruthers Division for the Conference championship.

In the Orr Division, the Clarington Eagles are leading the Georgina Ice 3-0.

In Niagara, the Grimsby Peach Kings are ahead 2-1 over the Dundas Blues. That series is a tough one and is expected to go the full seven games.

The New Hamburg Firebirds are winning

2-1 in their series with the Woodstock Navy Vets in the Doherty Division.

The Yeck Division has the Thamesford Trojans leading 3-1 over the Mt Brydges Bulldogs after a 4-3 win on Monday night.

In the Stobbs Division final, the series is tied with the Lakeshore Canadiens and Essex 73s both winning two games.

That is another series that will likely go the distance.

The Division champions will move on to compete for the Conference championships. The Conference championships will be four best-of-seven series, that will get underway as soon as the Division finals and the league can arrange a suitable schedule.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

ABBY HOLLIDAY

Playing hockey since she was four years-old, Abby Holliday brings a lot of experience to the CDDHS Royals girl's hockey team.

"I like how it's competitive," Abby said of why she likes playing hockey. "I like the friends you make and the moments you cherish with the sport. I'm on the ice four or five times a week."

Abby helped the Royals win the District 4 girls hockey championship this year.

Out of school, Abby plays hockey with the Barrie Sharks AA team.

TEAM: CENTRE DUFFERIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL ROYALS GIRL'S HOCKEY
POSITION: DEFENCE



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

OVERTIME WIN: The Provincial Junior Hockey League is the final stretch of Division championships as 16 teams battle it out across the province. The Stayner Siskins battle the Alliston Hornets on Alliston home ice in game three of their championship series. The Hornets won this game 3-2 in overtime to lead the series 3-0.



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Upper Grand hires Evelyn Giannopoulos as associate director

Written By Sam Odrowski

The Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB) recently announced, after an extensive search, Evelyn Giannopoulos has been hired as the board's new associate director.

"These changes come as a result of recent retirements and resignations over the past several months from the UGDSB's Executive Committee. This is not an expansion of the executive committee, but a reimagining of roles and responsibilities while filling vacancies," said UGDSB in a press release issued on March 28. "This reimagining will support us serving students, staff and communities, in alignment with the Multi-Year Plan and Vision 2026."

Giannopoulos brings a wealth of experience to her new role. She is currently serv-

ing as superintendent of student achievement and well-being at the Waterloo Region District School Board – a role she has been in since 2017.

"I am deeply honored to be stepping into the role of associate director with the Upper Grand District School Board," said Giannopoulos. "I am looking forward to joining a highly skilled, deeply dedicated and caring leadership team who are steadfast in their desire to prepare students for a better tomorrow."

Giannopoulos has worked in several roles in the education sector throughout her career. She has been a regular classroom teacher, a special education resource teacher, and worked in the guidance department. She's also been a principal and vice-principal.

"Evelyn plays a key role in supporting the

broader public education sector in Ontario through her leadership on the Ontario Public Supervisory Officers Association (OPSOA) Board of Directors and the Educational Computing Network of Ontario (ECNO) Board of Directors," the UGDSB noted in its press release.

Giannopoulos shared her excitement for the new role when the UGDSB made the announcement about her employment.

"I am eager to bring my passion and experience to this role, and I am excited to collaborate with the educators, staff, families, partners and trustees at Upper Grand. I am grateful for the opportunity to contribute to such an outstanding community," she said.

Giannopoulos' first day will be on April 29, 2024. Changes to the UGDSB's executive committee responsibilities will be posted publicly on its website at that time.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

NEW DIRECTOR: Evelyn Giannopoulos has been hired as the associate director at the Upper Grand District School Board.

BBQ fundraiser coming to Orangeville for women who lost family and home

Written By Sam Odrowski

The community is coming together to support a woman who lost her three children and both parents in a house fire earlier in the year.

A fundraising BBQ is coming to the shopping plaza at 47 Broadway on Saturday, April 13 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., to help Kristyne (Woodcock) Klassen deal with costs related to the tragedy. She grew up in East Garafraxa and lived in Orangeville for several years.

The fire took place on Feb. 18, while Kristyne and her husband were away and her parents Pauline and Michael Woodcock were babysitting her three kids, Andrew, William and George.

Jennifer Pratt, who's been close friends with Kristyne since elementary school, is helping to organize the community BBQ.

"We're trying to help just with the financial burden of it all because she's had to bury five people," Pratt said. "Kristyne grew up in East Gary, so we all knew her family very well, growing up in that small community. It's just one way we can give back."

Kristyne currently lives in Davidson, Sask., as she moved there with her family a few years ago.

It's been a difficult couple of months for Kristyne, losing five members of her immediate family and her home.

But support has been coming in to help Kristyne and her husband with the funeral

"Nothing's going to bring them back, but we can help alleviate some of the financial burden by raising money."

—Jennifer Pratt, event organizer

costs and overall recovery from the blaze. A GoFundMe Page generated nearly \$60,000 in the weeks following the fire.

The children's funeral costs have been covered, so Pratt is hoping the community BBQ will generate a few extra dollars to help with the funeral costs for Kristyne's parents.

The event is being catered by Smoke on the Water BBQ, with all the food generously donated by M&M Food Market in Barrie and Orangeville.

All of the money raised will support the Klassen Family Fund.

Pratt said she'd encourage everyone to stop by the BBQ next Saturday and show their support.


"Nothing's going to bring them back, but we can help alleviate some of the financial burden by raising money," she said.

Editor's note: While the Woodcocks raised Kristyne, and she would like them remembered as her parents, they are technically her grandparents.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

TRAGIC LOSS: Andrew Frustaci, William Klassen and George Klassen passed away in a house fire on Feb. 18. Michael and Pauline Woodcock also passed away in the fire. To help fundraise for Kristyne (Woodcock) Klassen, the daughter of Michael and Pauline, as well as the mother to Andrew, William and George, a community BBQ is being held April 13 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 47 Broadway. In addition to the Woodcock and Klassen families, Marc Frustaci, the father of Andrew, is also deeply impacted by this tragedy.



**NOTICE OF PASSING OF BY-LAW NO. 2024-14
BY COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF DUFFERIN
TO ADOPT DUFFERIN COUNTY OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 4**

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the County of Dufferin passed By-law No. 2024-14 on March 14, 2024 pursuant to Section 26 of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, C.P.13, as amended.

THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT of By-law No. 2024-14 is to adopt Dufferin County Official Plan Amendment No. 4 which is the third and final phase of the County's Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) to bring the Dufferin County Official Plan into conformity with the Provincial Growth Plan, A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (Growth Plan) (Office Consolidation 2020), to ensure that it has appropriate regard for matters of Provincial interest, and is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020. Official Plan Amendment No. 4 relates to the policies of the Official Plan that address general strategy to govern development growth throughout the County. These include general policy updates relating to housing options, climate change, Employment Lands, implementation, and interpretation. This also includes updates to key policy definitions for the purposes of conformity and to simplify policy wording.

A copy of the Official Plan Amendment is available on Dufferin County's website <https://www.dufferincounty.ca/sites/default/files/dccss/2024-14%20OPA%204.pdf>

Additional information is available on Join In Dufferin <https://joinindufferin.com/dufferin-county-municipal-comprehensive-review>

Official Plan Amendment No. 4 applies to the whole of the County of Dufferin and therefore, a key map is not provided with this notice.

PUBLIC INPUT in the form of oral submissions at the public meeting and written submissions in advance of the public meeting was received by the County. Prior to Council adopting the amendments to the Dufferin County Official Plan, an open house was held on February 14, 2024 and a public meeting was held on March 14, 2024 in accordance with the Planning Act. Summaries of the written submissions received regarding the amendment to the Dufferin County Official Plan, the County's responses to the submissions, and the effects of the submissions on the decisions of Council, are included in the March 14, 2024 Statutory Public Meeting agenda package and as part of Item #7.4 in the Regular Dufferin County Council agenda. The March 14, 2024 agenda packages are available on the County's website <https://www.dufferincounty.ca/council/council-meetings>

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Rising from the ashes: Old Mill Hub reopens after nearly two-year closure

Written By Sam Odrowski

A central location for local businesses that had been closed since late summer of 2022 due to a devastating fire recently reopened its doors to the community.

Formerly known as the Mill Street Mall, the Old Mill Hub, located at 28 Mill St. reopened at the start of 2024, featuring a denture clinic, jewelry boutique, cellphone repair shop and environmentally friendly refillery store.

The hub is still recovering from the fall-out of the August 2022 fire that resulted in its nearly 20 tenants losing their place of business, and all of their inventory, overnight. The fire started at 22 Mill St., abutting the Old Mill Hub, where nine people renting apartments lost all their belongings in the blaze, but fortunately, no one was hurt.

The reconstructed Old Mill Hub has a smaller footprint as the Town of Orangeville's building codes prevent some units from being located along its north side.

In an effort to commemorate the fire and share the Old Mill Hub building's rich history with Orangeville residents, its property manager Marshal Bobechko is working on launching an art gallery in that section of the north hall where businesses can't operate.

Called the Phoenix Gallery, the Old Mill Hub is rising from the ashes, with a fresh space featuring local artists, free of charge. There will also be a display at the front of the Old Mill Hub, where the former Elspeth Art Gallery was located, sharing its history and future.

"We're hoping to relaunch the arts community and become a tourist destination for the downtown core. It will build more foot traffic for local businesses, but also help our local arts scene – all completely free," said Bobechko. "People can walk in and look at [the art], and that helps get exposure for the artists, they get more eyeballs on their work."

The Old Mill Hub used to feature local art that customers would browse while walking in between stores, before the fire. Bobechko said bringing this back has been a main priority as the hub has reopened.

"People miss it," he said. "I remember the month before the fire. We had lots of little kids that would literally bring their parents to the art and look at all the new art every week... so we want to bring that sense of awe back into those families' lives."

The women-only, female empowerment arts group – the North End Arts Girls – is



FILE PHOTO

READY TO RETURN: Formerly known as the Mill Street Mall, the new Old Mill Hub is open for business and ready to share its rich history.

taking over the Phoenix Gallery for its first display.

"Basically, we're just offering them a free section to display their art in the downtown core," said Bobechko.

While the Old Mill Hub is seeing a return of

local businesses filling its halls, there are still several vacancies. To inquire about renting a unit, email marshalofthemill@gmail.com.

"It's a little bit empty right now, but there's so much in the works that is exciting, so keep your eyes open," Bobechko said.

World Autism Awareness Day commemorated at Orangeville Town Hall

Written By Sam Odrowski

Dignitaries and members or supporters of the local autism community gathered at Orangeville Town Hall on Tuesday (April 2) to mark World Autism Awareness Day.

Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post read out a proclamation declaring the day, which was followed by the raising of the new Autism Ontario flag.

This year's Autism Speaks Canada Walk Ambassador for Dufferin County, Solomon Vahey, shared a speech at the gathering.

He said, "I am 11 years old. I am autistic. I am proud to be the Autism Speaks Canada (ASC) Walk Ambassador for 2024. I love my Town of Orangeville. I hope to be an example to my community."

Solomon's father, David Vahey, also shared a speech about being an autistic father to an autistic son. He commented on the lack of publicly funded support available for himself since he's able to function at a high level and that he's fortunate to be able to have a family.

Vivian Petho, Solomon's mother and Vahey's wife, said the flag raising "symbol-

izes that there are people out there that are different, but not less."

"This allows people to see them, and hopefully, it's not just about awareness today, but it's awareness for the whole month, the whole year," said Petho.

She said even more important than awareness is education, and ultimately acceptance for people with autism.

Yasmine Wilson-Daponte, 20, was the local ASC Walk Ambassador in 2022 and attended the autism flag-raising with her mother Karrie Daponte.

Karrie noted that all of April is World Autism Month, which is aimed at starting conversations and promoting greater understanding.

"This month is supposed to be a learning experience for everyone," she said.

Autism presents itself in many different ways, as it's a spectrum, so it's important for the public to be understanding of people who may look or behave differently.

"Have an open mind and don't be judgmental when you see somebody who's different," Karrie said.



SAM ODROWSKI PHOTO

AWARENESS, ACCEPTANCE, INCLUSION: Families who are impacted by autism or have a connection to autism gathered at the Orangeville Town Hall with dignitaries on April 2 for World Autism Awareness Day. A flag raising took place to commemorate the day.

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Description of land(s): Lots 18-31, Plan 332; Township of Melancthon [PIN 34158-0055 (LT), PIN 34158-0056 (LT), PIN 34158-0057 (LT), PIN 34158-0058 (LT), PIN 34158-0059 (LT), PIN 34158-0060 (LT), PIN 34158-0061 (LT), PIN 34158-0062 (LT), PIN 34158-0064 (LT), PIN 34158-0065 (LT), PIN 34158-0066 (LT), PIN 34158-0067 (LT), PIN 34158-0068 (LT), PIN 34158-0069 (LT)]

Minimum tender amount: \$54,131.76

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 per cent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/ money order payable to the municipality (or board).

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The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$87,000.00.

Tender packages and further information about this matter is available online at www.melancthontownship.ca/municipal-services/public-notices/ or you may contact:

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Don't wait for the water: County encourages residents to take flood prevention measures

Floods can wreak havoc on homes, causing extensive damage to infrastructure and personal belongings and posing significant risks to safety. With the arrival of spring, Dufferin County is reminding residents about the flood prevention measures they can take to protect their homes and families.

"Flooding is the most common natural disaster in Canada and floods can happen anywhere, at any time of year, to anyone," said Steven Murphy, manager of 911 and preparedness for Dufferin County.

"A changing climate brings more frequent and intense rainfall events, elevating the risk of flooding in our region," adds Sara MacRae, manager of climate and energy for Dufferin County. "By knowing the risks and taking steps to prepare, residents can minimize damage, protect their belongings and ensure the safety of their families."

Prevent a flood

The average basement flood costs \$43,000 to repair. But home protection is easier than you think and you can take basic flood prevention measures for any budget:

- \$0 – Maintain what you have at least twice per year. Remove debris inside and outside your home, test your sump pump, ensure you have a battery back-up and maintain your backwater valve.
- Under \$250 – By tackling some do-it-yourself projects, you can complete simple updates to your home to keep it safe. Install window well covers, disconnect and extend downspouts, install a flood alarm and install a rain barrel.
- Over \$250 – A contractor can help you with some larger or more complex projects that will help you lower your flood risk. Install window wells, correct grading, install a backwater valve, install backup sump pump power source

and consider replacing traditional grass lawn with a rain garden.

Prepare for a flood

Even with flood prevention measures in place, you should be ready and able to respond quickly during a flood event. There are easy steps you can take to ensure you are ready for potential flooding:

- Ask your insurance provider about water damage coverage. In many cases, flood damage is not covered by insurance. Speak with your broker and review your insurance policy carefully.
- Store your valuables and hazardous materials in watertight containers. Heating fuel like bulk propane or oil should be secured. Gas cans should be stored low, on the ground and in an outbuilding.
- Make and practice a family emergency plan so that everyone knows what to do and where to go in case of a flooding emergency.
- Prepare an emergency kit so that you and your family are self-sufficient for at least 72 hours.

Dufferin County will speak with residents at the Orangeville Lions Home and Garden Show April 5 to 7 about the increasing risks associated with floods, the importance of flood safety and how you can best prepare for possible flooding.

"We encourage Dufferin residents to come out and visit us to learn more about the easy steps they can take to keep themselves, their families, and their homes safe this spring and all year round from flooding," says Steven.

For more information and to access valuable flood protection resources, visit www.dufferincounty.ca/floodprotection.



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WINNERS ANNOUNCED: Family Transition Place's (FTP) Executive Director Norah Kennedy (left) and FTP's Manager of Fund Development & Communication Strategies Kelly Lee, drew three winning names from its raffle on March 20. The Grand Prize for the raffle is a quilt by Sandra Small Proudfoot, "From Tradition to Non-Tradition," which went to Karon H. The second-place prize, \$200 in gift cards for use at Winners, HomeSense and Marshalls, went to Rachael H. The third-place prize, a \$100 Bluebird Café and Grill gift certificate, went to Susie A. FTP says they would like to thank everyone who purchased a ticket in support of this initiative. With their purchase, \$3,060 was raised to support the personal-care needs of the women and children accessing FTP's shelter, counselling and outreach services.

SMH supports BeADonor Month in support of Trillium Gift of Life Network

Written By **Brian Lockhart**

Stevenson Memorial Hospital (SMH) raised the BeADonor Month flag on April 1, in support of the Trillium Gift of Life Network's (TGLN) campaign.

April is BeADonor Month and the campaign raises awareness regarding the need for tissue and organ donation and the importance of registering as a donor.

SMH became an official partner with the TGLN last year and as a community hospital, can facilitate tissue donation to eligible recipients from those who have registered as a donor.

"This is an initiative that is improving the quality of life of individuals in our community and we are pleased to be a partner with the Trillium Gift of Life Network," said Julia Mullen, Vice President of Clinical Services and Chief Nursing Executive at SMH. "We look forward to continuing this important program at SMH and enhancing the lives of others."

In Ontario, 1,400 people, on average, are waiting for a life-saving organ, while thousands more are in need of a transformative tissue donation. One organ donation can save eight lives, and one tissue donation can help up to 75 people in need.

Carol Madsen, a local community member and Patient & Family Advisory Council member at SMH shared her family's story. Her husband received a double lung transplant in Toronto.

"We were so thankful that my husband Soren was able to receive this life-saving donation," said Ms. Madsen. "Our family, all 26 of us, are extremely grateful for the donation and he couldn't be more happy that he is with us, happy and healthy. We will never forget about the impact the organ donation has made. We encourage others to register to become organ and tissue donors and help save a life."

For more information and to register to become a donor, visit www.beadonor.ca.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

HEADLINE HERE: Members of the Stevenson Memorial Hospital's Staff and Leadership Team, the Madsen family, and Trillium Gift of Life Network (TGLN) representative Cathy Ritter, gather to recognize BeADonor Month at the hospital. Julia Mullen and Kim Charman from Stevenson join Carole and Soren Madsen to hold up the BeADonor Month flag at a flag-raising ceremony at the hospital on Monday, April 1.

Shelburne Public Library shares what's new

Upcoming Events

Seed Library Update: Thanks to generous community donations and Hawthorn Seeds, our Seed Library had over 1,100 packages of seeds! We're refreshing the cabinet as needed, so drop by and collect your seeds for this growing season!

Archivist on the Road: Museum Secrets: Telling a Story through Objects, Thursday, April 11th, 6pm: Museums have many secrets and one of those is how they can tell you a story, through a single object. How does the object tell us about its past, how it came to be, the places it's been? Join Museum of Dufferin Archivist, Laura Camilleri, as she shows you how archives and museum staff learn an objects story, so we can share it with you.

Staff Pick of the Week: One Summer in Savannah by Terah Shelton Harris

Returning to the Georgia home she fled after she was raped eight years earlier, 26-year-old Sara, while caring for her ailing father and running his bookstore, hides her daughter from the Wylers. They are the powerful family of the man who assaulted her. The surprise ending occurs when her world collides with her attacker's identical twin brother.

Why Rose recommends it: One of the elements I find most important to my reading experience is the author's use of language; if I can tell as a reader that the author has taken care to choose the right word to evoke an exact emotion in a reader, chances are I'm going to enjoy the reading experience.

If that sounds like the experience you're looking for, then One Summer in Savannah might be the right book for you. Though part of the book relates to surviving sexual violence, which is a harsh and difficult experience, the author's lyrical language made me want to stick with Sara and her story. Additionally, Sara's ailing father's point of view and dialogue is told through poems, which is a very different style. The poetry adds even more beauty to the book, and ultimately adds warmth and depth.

One Summer in Savannah would be a good choice for those who enjoyed Small World by Laura Zigman or Now That You Mention It by Kristan Higgins.



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SHELBURNE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING UNDER SECTION 53 OF THE PLANNING ACT

Take notice that the Committee of Adjustment of the Corporation of the Town of Shelburne will hold a public meeting on:

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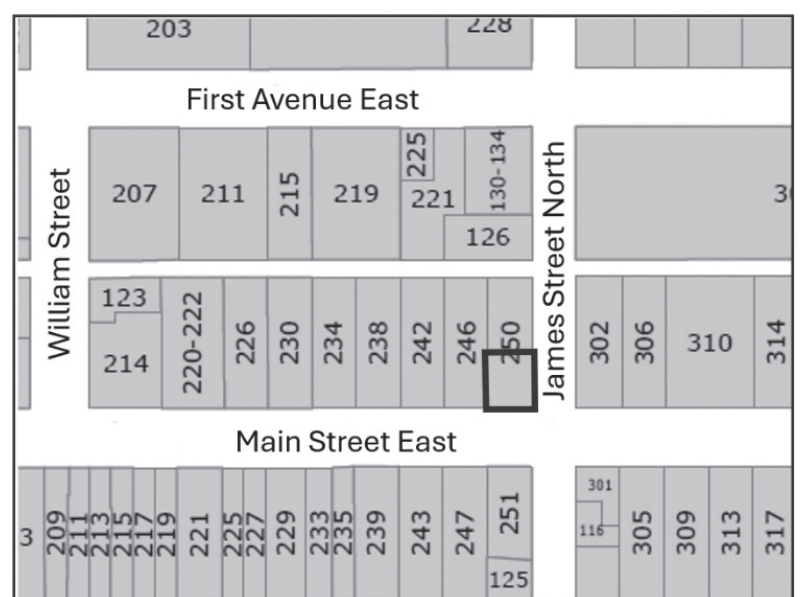
The public meeting is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m., or as shortly thereafter as possible, and will be held in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Offices, 203 Main Street East, Shelburne. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the following planning applications:

1) Application for Consent B24/01 – RDA Designs, on behalf of the owner have submitted an application for consent for a property located at 616 Owen Sound Street. The subject property is legally described as All of Lot 12, Plan 78. The property has an existing total area of approximately 711 square metres with approximately 21 metres of frontage on Owen Sound Street. The purpose and effect of the application is to sever a portion of the property to have a land area of approximately 355 square metres to create a new residential lot for a semi-detached dwelling on the subject land. The retained land will have an area of approximately 356 square metres and is to be used for a semi-detached dwelling. The existing single detached dwelling is proposed to be demolished as part of this application.

2) Application for Consent B24/02 – Owen Bennington and Sarah Thompson have submitted an application for consent for a property located at 250 Main Street East. The subject property is legally described as Part 3, Lot 10, Block 10, Plan 6A. The applicants previously submitted an application for Consent in 2022 (B22/01) along with a Zoning By-law Amendment (Z22/01). Both applications were approved on May 30, 2022. The previous Consent application was to sever a portion of the property to have a land area of 303.25 square metres to create a new residential lot for the subject lands which now contains a Single Detached Dwelling with an Additional Dwelling Unit, and the retained land having an area of 379.26 square metres with an existing Single Detached Dwelling. The applicant is applying for an additional Consent for the property in order to obtain a certificate for the retained land. In making the previous application, the applicants did not request that certificates be provided for both the severed and retained land, so the Committee's decision was specifically for the severance of the new lot only.

Maps showing the locations of the subject properties are provided below.

For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, email planning@shelburne.ca or visit the Town's website at www.shelburne.ca.



Orangeville Lions TV Bingo approaching \$200,000 in total funds raised over two years

Written By Sam Odrowski

The Orangeville Lions will soon be wrapping up their second season of TV BINGO after achieving fantastic results in its first year.

From Oct. 2022 to May 2023, the group raised \$91,000 and in the more recent season – from Sept. 2023 to May 2024 – the group is anticipating they’ll tally up an even higher amount

Counting both seasons, it is likely the Lions will be close to or surpass \$200,000

in total fundraising dollars from TV BINGO since it launched in late 2022.

“It’s been so incredible to be able to raise that much money in that amount of time,” said Yasmine Slater, Orangeville Lions Club member.

Some of the organizations that received funds generated through TV BINGO are Dufferin Emergency Search and Rescue, Meals on Wheels’ Project Lifesaver, Lions Home for the Deaf, Dufferin Alzheimer’s Society and Hospice Dufferin. Other recipients include the Lions Foundation of Canada

Dog Guides, Lion’s Camp Dorset, Bethell Hospice Foundation, Food Cupboard at St. Mark’s Church and Celiac Canada.

At \$10 per BINGO card, the game is an affordable way to support local charities while providing yourself with a chance to win.

“Everybody loves the sound of calling BINGO!” Slater enthused. “It’s just a great way to support our community, and have a chance at winning a \$500 or \$1,500 cash prize.”

BINGO cards are available in Orangeville at Metro (150 First St.), Zehrs (50 4th Ave.), Sobey’s (500 Riddell Rd.), Broadway Shell (226 Broadway), Raceway Esso (87 First St.), 7-Eleven (268 Broadway), Daily Convenience (200 Elizabeth), Total Convenience & Video (1-41 Broadway), ConWINience

(235 Centennial Rd., Unit C) and Circle K (400 Townline, Unit 1).

In Shelburne, BINGO cards are available at the Giant Tiger (226 First Ave. E), Food Basics (824 Ojibway Dr.), and Ultramar (517 Main St. E).

In Caledon, cards can be purchased at Bolton Milk and Variety (17 Queen St. N.), Food Basics – Bolton (301 Queen St. S.), Foodland – Caledon East (15771 Airport Rd. #4A), and Tom’s Family Restaurant (16033 Airport Rd.)

The Orangeville Lions’ TV BINGO is broadcast every Tuesday on Channel 63 of Rogers TV, which can be watched online or on cable.

To learn more about the game or reach out to the BINGO committee, email bingo@orangevillions.org.



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ALL THE RIGHT NUMBERS: The Orangeville Lions are closing in on \$200,000 raised through TV Bingo, since its inception in October of 2022. TV BINGO is broadcast every Tuesday on Channel 63 of Rogers TV, which can be watched online or on cable.



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Description of land(s): Lot 32, Plan 332; Melancthon [PIN 34158-0070 (LT)], Lot 33, Plan 332; Melancthon [PIN 34158-0071 (LT)], Lot 34, Plan 332; S/T MF194699 Melancthon [PIN34158-0072 (LT)]

Minimum tender amount: \$22,733.14

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The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$75,000.00.

Tender packages and further information about this matter is available online at www.melancthontownship.ca/municipal-services/public-notices/ or you may contact:

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Shelburne Public Library will receive applications until April 9th, 2024, for its Summer Student Assistant position.

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We are looking for highly motivated, enthusiastic individuals who can work well in a team environment where quality service and good communication skills are a requirement.

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Shelburne Public Library is an Equal Opportunity Employer - only those applicants selected for interviews will be contacted.

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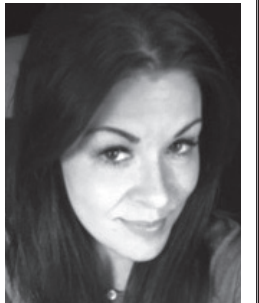
"Your presence we miss, your memories we treasure. Loving you always, forgetting you never."

It is with deep sorrow and much love that the family of Amy Lou Dresar (Coelho) announce her peaceful passing after a courageous battle with cancer on March 27, 2024 at the age of 42. Her final days were spent surrounded by family that loved her dearly.

Amy's life would seem too short, however her journey touched the lives of many, leaving behind a treasure of memories and a legacy of strength and resilience. Her unwavering spirit in the face of adversity was an inspiration and will forever be imprinted on the hearts and minds of those she touched. Her kindness, integrity and devotion to her family and her unwavering faith in her God Jehovah will be forever cherished.

Amy is survived by her loving family and friends that will forever hold dear her memory. Loving wife to Jonathan, beloved mother to Brooklyn and Ava. Daughter to Frank and Linda Coelho, sister to Cindy, Bonnie (Brent) Wilkinson, Sarah, Ashley (John) Dixon, sister-in-law to

Shannon (Dan) Dresar, devoted aunt to Natasha (John) Callum, Luke, Quinn, Scottie. Fur mom to Diesel, Kyo and Halen.



Visitation will be at the Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre, 21 First St., Orangeville on April 12th, 2024 from 6 - 9 p.m. Memorial Service will be held at 1:30 pm on Saturday April 13th, 2024 at the Shelburne Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 156245 Hwy #10 (north of Shelburne) with any overflow to be tied in to the service at The Town and Country Room at the Centre Dufferin Community Complex, 200 Fiddle Park Lane, Shelburne, Ontario. Refreshments will be served there following the service.

In lieu of flowers, Amy would appreciate donations be made to The Watchtower Bible and Tract Society.

Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com

WAYNE MCLEAN DAVIS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 1943 - SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

Wayne passed away peacefully at Headwaters Health Care Centre on Sunday, March 24, 2024 in his 81st year. He is survived by his partner Sandra Lawrence. Also left to mourn are Susan Stinson/Wallace (John), Robb Stinson (Paula) and Gwen Lawrence. Wayne was a proud grandpa to Victoria Wilson (Will), Cal and Owen Stinson, Annabella and Charlotte Wallace and great-grandpa to Michael and Theo Hebbert.

Wayne had a great sense of humour and could always put a smile on our faces - for this he will be missed.

Wayne is also survived by his siblings Joan McCosh (Ken), Dorla Price, Carl Davis (Ellie), Donna Barber (Bruce) and sister-in-law Ruth Davis Wayne is predeceased by his parents Russell and Bernice Davis, siblings Lois Besley, Merv Davis, Ray Davis and Linda Smith and brothers-in-law Don Moore and Avery Smith. He also leaves many nieces and nephews.

Wayne's working years were spent driving a truck for Oscar Berry, various Ready Mix companies and Brent and Collette Gray. He enjoyed the comradery of Shelburne Branch 220 and the Shelburne Lions Club. Wayne grew

up on his family's farm in Amaranth. He was an avid Toronto Blue Jay and Chicago Black Hawk fan. He enjoyed his OV and Lucky, old country music and played his guitar when he was able.



We would like to thank the nurses, doctors and supportive staff at Headwaters for their care. We would also like to thank the nurses, PSW's and community paramedics for their care when he was able to be home as part of the "Wait at Home Program."

Sandra and family invite you to gather to remember Wayne in the Museum Room at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 220, 203 William Street, Shelburne on Sunday, April 21, 2024 from 1-4 p.m. If desired, donations to the Shelburne Legion, Branch 220 or Headwaters Health Care Centre would be appreciated as expressions of sympathy.

Online condolences may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com

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Provincial Service Officer Sherry Culling will be at the Shelburne Legion Branch 220 during week of April 22nd, 2024 (day to be confirmed)

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