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PRIDE MONTH: The Town of Shelburne celebrated the start of Pride Month with the raising of the pride flag at Jack Downing Park on Monday (June 3). Mayor Wade Mills was joined by representatives from Celebrate Your Awesome, Dufferin OPP and town staff to mark the start of Pride Month in the community.

Shelburne Council rezones residential home for supportive senior housing

Written By Paula Brown

Shelburne Town Council has approved an application to rezone a residential home to provide supportive housing for seniors.

During their meeting on Monday (June 3), Shelburne Council received a planning report from Town Planner Steve Wever. The report requested approval to rezone a residential home, located at 393 Colonel Phillips Drive, to a Group Home Type 1 to allow for the operation of a supportive housing unit for seniors.

"It's of the small-scale variety. It is fairly common for municipalities to allow this type of group home with some restrictions," Wever told Council.

The application outlines a plan for the applicant, Natacia Leslie-McKenzie, to reside in an additional unit in the basement while the senior residents will live in the main unit, which contains four bedrooms. Leslie-McKenzie will operate the supportive housing facility for seniors and provide services that include transportation, medication administration, laundry, meal preparation, housekeeping and emergency assistance.

The home will be retrofitted to accommodate the needs of the seniors including a stair

lift, handrails in the bathrooms and raised toilets.

"I've seen the need since I came to Shelburne, just being out in the community we see the challenges these individuals face on a day-to-day basis. I want to give back to the community by offering our home to help," said Leslie-McKenzie. "I know we have homes here, but we don't have the space - there's waiting lists and there's not enough workers."

Addressing concerns about parking, Wever noted that the residency has four available parking spots, and the senior residents of the home won't have their own vehicles.

"We don't anticipate this would really generate high parking demands. The only additional parking that we would see is if there's in-person medical appointments or if there's family visiting, but that could be the case whether it's a group home or not," said Wever.

Following the conclusion of the report, Shelburne Town Councillors had the opportunity to ask their questions or raise concerns about the proposed supportive seniors housing application.

Coun. Walter Benotto recommended the applicants look at retrofitting a sprinkler system as part of their emergency plan due to pos-

sible mobility issues from the residents.

"It's really great when they're mobile, but when they've got canes and other things it gets really difficult."

In addition to the discussion on safety, Coun. Len Guchardi questioned what the applicant will be doing in terms of "wandering elderly."

Leslie-McKenzie said the doors will have alarms, which will go off if any doors leading outside are opened.

Concerns were also raised about the rezoning of the home and whether, if it's sold in the future, the new owners would be able to operate facilities such as a drug rehab.

"I have no problems with this at all, I think it's wonderful. We are struggling in Shelburne for senior care and transitional housing, my only concern is the actual rezoning," said Coun. Lindsay Wegener.

Wever explained that in cases of rehab facilities and homes with parolees, the property would have to undergo another rezoning known as Group Home Type 2.

"I have full faith that these owners are not looking to create any problems for the area," said Wever.

Shelburne Town Council unanimously voted in approval of the application.

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Streams Community Hub launches Sing Club's debut album

Written By Paula Brown

Shelburne residents now have the opportunity to listen to original music created by local youth.

Streams Community Hub celebrated the launch of their Sing Club program's debut album *Sing Club: Vol. 1* during a special event held at Grace Tipling Hall in Shelburne on May 25. The album features seven original tracks written and performed by the 15 members of the Sing Club program, who range in age from 6 to 13.

"It's a great accomplishment and it's super exciting to be able to work with these students to conceptualize an idea and then go through the process of executing it," said Noni Thomas, lead of Stream's Music Program.

The Sing Club program at Streams Community Hub was started in 2022 by Thomas, a local music educator, and looks to teach youth about music fundamentals and healthy vocal techniques while singing alongside their peers.

As part of the first six-to-eight-week program, Thomas worked with a group of students to collaborate on writing an original song. Following an enthusiastic response, Thomas continued to bring the collaborative project back at each Sing Club program session.

In September of 2023, Stream Community Hub expanded the Sing Club program to be a full-year session. It was during the expansion that Thomas began looking for a project to do with the kids that would align with Stream's takeover of Shelburne Town Hall, and decided to create an album with songs written by the kids in the Sing Club program.

"I had this idea that we already write songs, and it'd be really cool if we could do an album and release it," said Thomas. "It's been amazing to work with the kids and now we have this tangible thing that is out in the world and will be there forever."

The youth in the program began writing the songs for the album at the beginning of the year and then spent roughly five sessions in March recording *Sing Club: Vol. 1*.

"The music is pop sounding, it's catchy and very light-hearted," said Thomas. "It's genuinely good music that is authentic and from the kids' perspective."

The *Sing Club: Vol. 1* album features the voices of Emma A., Ethan A., Olivia B., Kamoy D., Ruth F., Zoey H., Jenna H., Akeylah J., Alexandra J., Amaya J., Mariah K., Shyla-Kae M., Nia N., Emma S., Gabriella S.

"It feels awesome to be apart of the project. I feel so proud of myself for doing this. Getting to be with other people so talented and getting to do this project feels amazing. I'm so glad everyone will get the opportunity to hear what we created," said Kamoy D.

"The harmonies and creativity that bring everyone together are what I love about Sing Club. It feels exhilarating to be able to share it with others," said Mariah K.

"It was one of the best extracurricular experiences I have had. I was able to meet new people that became my friends and to



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DEBUT: Streams Community Hub's Sing Club celebrated the launch of their debut album, *Sing Club: Vol. 1*, during a special event hosted at Grace Tipling Hall on May 25. The album features seven original tracks written and performed by the Sing Club's 15 members, who range in age from 6 to 13.

collaborate with them in making musical history in Shelburne," said Shyla-Kae M.

Thomas spoke about the significance of giving youth the opportunity to write and produce their own original songs.

"Sometimes we see the music industry as this big machine, that might seem a little inaccessible. What's great about this process is we're showing the kids that it's something

that's very possible. Not easy to do, but can be done," said Thomas. "Being able to write a song and put it out there, it's like you're able to put your voice out in the world. It's empowering and encouraging, knowing that your point of view is valid."

Streams Community Hub's album, *Sing Club: Vol. 1*, is now available to listen to on Apple Music, Spotify and YouTube.

Shelburne's first virtual reality arcade to open later this month

Written By Paula Brown

Immerse yourself in new realities and experiences from exploring the world, practicing rhythm and music or even learning to fly.

Legaci VR Verse, Shelburne's first-ever virtual reality arcade, is gearing up to open its doors to customers later this month. The virtual reality arcade is located at 155 Main Street in Shelburne.

"It's an exciting time because of the fact that there's nothing like this in Dufferin County," said co-founder, Ann Marie Simpson-Pennant.

"It's something that's fresh and new and that is gaining traction on the market. It's been generating a lot of excitement, which we're really happy to see," said Eveanna Pennant, head of marketing and design.

The virtual reality arcade is owned and operated by five members of the Pennant family – Everton Sr., Everton Jr. (Carlos), Eveanna, Jordan and Ann Marie. The Pennant family, who have been residents in Shelburne for nearly a decade, first began exploring the idea of opening a virtual real-

ity arcade for the local community in 2022.

The family was inspired to open the virtual reality arcade based on their own enthusiasm for video games, board games and card games.

"They do a lot of differently types of gaming and we decided this would be something that other people could benefit from," said Ann Marie.

The arcade has six individual stations for players to play on their own on the virtual reality headsets as well as a free-roam room, where larger groups can play multiplayer games together.

The virtual reality arcade currently has six headsets to participate in the games, but expects to upgrade to 10 in the near future. Some of the games available to play include rhythm, cooking, Google Earth, fighting and shooting games, and a flight simulator.

"Video games help bring people together, help them express their emotions and they also help relieve some stress of day-to-day life," said Carlos Pennant, head of technology. "That's what we want to give people here; a sense of community and unbridled fun."

The arcade is also looking to bring a mobile aspect to the arcade, which will allow for them to rent out to private events within the community. Legaci VR Verse will be testing its mobile option at the Canada Day celebration in Shelburne.

"Come out and try it. It's a lot of fun and

a great way to come together with friends," said Eveanna.

In addition to the virtual reality arcade, Legaci VR Verse is also looking to open a space for board games and card games.

To learn more about Shelburne's first virtual reality arcade, visit www.legacivr.ca.



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VIRTUAL REALITY: The Pennant family is gearing up to open Shelburne's first ever virtual reality arcade, Legaci VR Verse, later this month. The arcade will include six virtual reality headsets for users to use with a variety of single player and multiplayer games as well as a space for those interested in playing board games and card games.

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If you remember that slogan, you're probably a certain age.
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Although I'm pretty sure you could tell the difference between a live saxophone and one being played back after a recording, it was a good advertising strategy that let the public know that recordings on tape were using new and better technology.
Technology has moved forward at an ever-increasing rate over the past couple of decades.
However, the predictions from old movies and science fiction TV shows were off the mark on a lot of things.
By the 1990's, they predicted flying cars, robot butlers, and a jet pack in the garage for personal transportation.
I wouldn't mind a robot butler, but a lot of people can't drive a car on a regular street in a respectable manner. I don't think taking to the air with your neighbours would be safe.

For some reason, domed cities of the future were popular. It looked kind of cool, but no one ever explained why you would want a glass dome over your city.
They did get some things right. Everyone now has a small 'Beam me up Scottie' handheld device, which actually does more than the Star Trek version.
The one thing that old sci-fi buffs predicted that came true is artificial intelligence. However, they predicted it would be in the form of a humanoid who would speak to you, not the current AI that is shaping up.
I received a recommended video on my YouTube feed about car crashes. You've probably seen dash-cam videos of car accidents on a street or highway.
The first crash appeared to be videotaped from an overpass, showing a car crossing the centre line and hitting another vehicle head-on, before careening into a third car. I thought for sure, there would be fatalities.
The second video was equally horrendous.
It was the third video, where I finally caught on. It was a Dodge Hellcat involved in a police chase.
The Hellcat made a sudden super tight turn and took off at a speed not even a Hell-

cat could achieve.
I went back over the videos again and realized none of them were real. They were all computer-generated. But they were that good, to fool me the first time.
This technology has made its way into film with some pretty spectacular results.
If I was a movie actor, I would be worried about getting work in the future.
I saw some portraits, in the photographic sense, of people in different parts of the world. Except the people didn't exist. They were created by AI based on suggestions only.
It won't be long until filmmakers start to use AI to create actors for their movies.
An AI-created actor would produce the exact person the producer wants for a role without having to do auditions. It will produce the exact emotions the director wants from the actor, and they will do it in one take.
Why pay an A-list actor \$20 million to be in a movie when you can create something that will do an even better job?
It's a strange thought to think that in the future, that beautiful actress you saw in a movie, may not even be real.
I recently released my second novel on Amazon.

BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW



During the actual publishing phase, you have to answer a question asking if your book content or cover has been created by AI.
I'm not sure what happens if you answer 'yes' to that question. I guess you don't get full credit for authoring a book.
There are now programs that use AI to write for you. You only have to enter information about the topic, and the program writes it for you.
Apparently, students love it. But if you're caught using AI to write an essay, do you fail because you didn't complete the assignment all on your own?
AI software companies are now booming as the industry moves into the next phase of having computers think for you.
There's a lot of good that can happen with this technology.
However, how would you feel, if you found out that the 20-minute conversation you just had with a person on a helpline at your bank, was nothing more than a computer-generated voice offering you advice?

Canada's living standards continue to erode

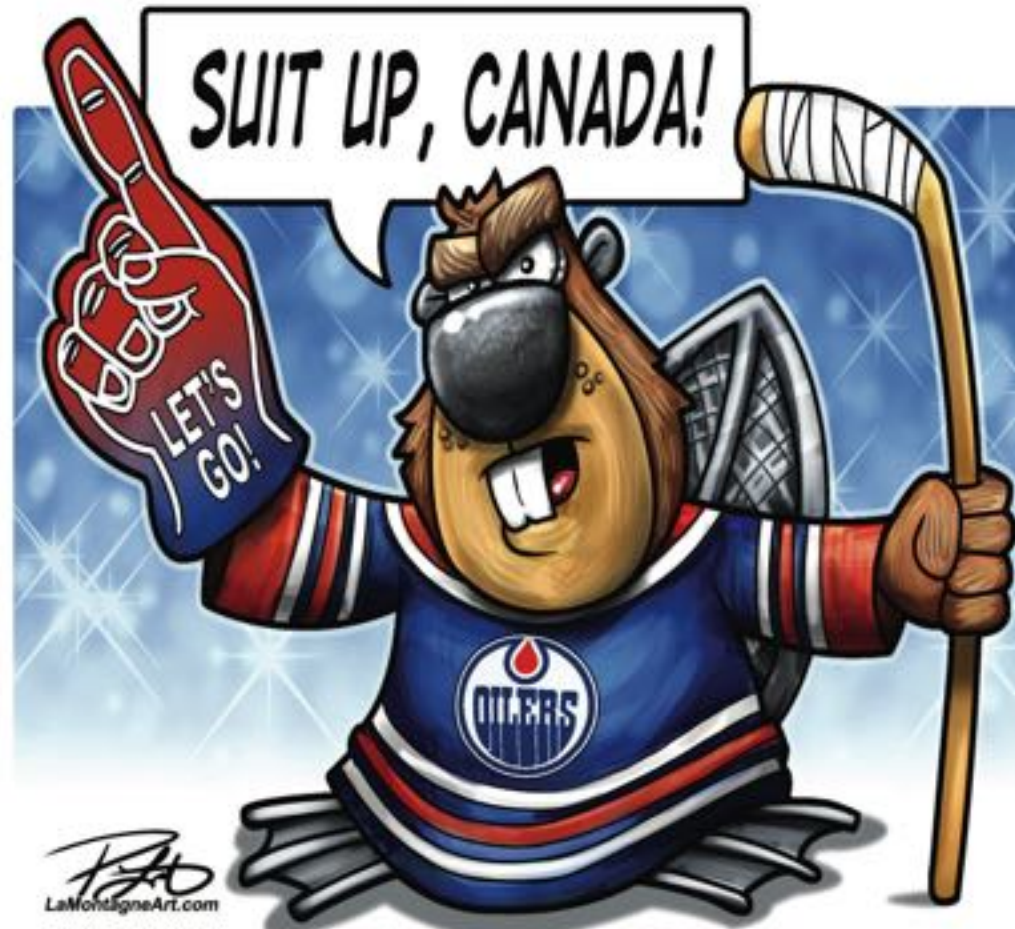
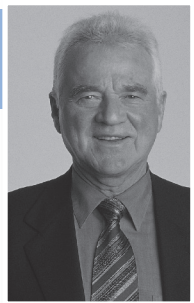
You don't need an economic study to tell you that prices have skyrocketed the past few years.
Any Canadian who buys groceries, fills up the gas tank, or pays rent knows that inflation has taken a big bite out of their take-home pay.
The same goes with our crumbling standard of living.
Canadians can sense that it's deteriorating in a number of ways: stagnant wages, fewer job opportunities, higher taxes, mounting debt and less money to pay the bills.
Even still, a new study released several weeks ago by the Fraser Institute confirmed what most Canadians already knew in their bones: our living standards are dropping.
The Fraser study revealed that Canadians' GDP per person – a measuring stick for gauging the income of a country's citizens – has been tumbling for the past four years. According to the think tank, we're stuck in one of the steepest and longest declines in living standards over the last four decades – and it could get even worse in the years ahead.
Numbeo, the world's largest cost-of-living database, recently released their latest Quality of Life Index by Country that looks at measures such as purchasing power, health care, safety, pollution and traffic commuting. According to the 2024 Index, Canada now sits 33rd in the world, well behind countries such as Lithuania, Slovenia and Portugal.

Just over a decade ago, Canada ranked #5 in the world.
But rarely does anyone ever ask the question: exactly why are our living standards and quality of life dropping? And what's more, what can we do to stop it?
One reason they're dropping is that we've abandoned the real economy – the economy where you make things – in favour of the paper-shuffling financial economy, where wealth is traded and managed.
Another reason is that we've forgotten that in today's global economy, we're engaged in economic warfare with countries who are hungrier and shrewder. These countries have well developed economic strategies to make their major businesses or national champions the dominant players in key industries like pharmaceuticals, airlines and automotive. These more aggressive competitors are taking jobs from Canadians and crushing our industries one by one.
The best example of a country with this sort of strategic approach is China, the world's newest industrial giant.
I've always been a big believer that a company should locate a portion of its manufacturing operations in the various markets where its products are sold. But many Western companies are only manufacturing in China so they can ship products back into their home markets in order to make higher profits, and in the process, they're eroding the economy

of the country where they're headquartered. It's a formula for national economic suicide.
The global economy is spinning faster and faster with each passing year, which is why Canada needs to find new and better ways to remain globally competitive. Jobs are the most precious commodity in the world, and in an effort to raise the living standards of their people, countries everywhere are fighting tooth and nail to lure investments – and the jobs that go with them – to their shores.
It's baffling to me that we don't have a national economic strategy that seeks to build on our strengths in various key industries and turn our immense natural resources into value-added products that can be sold to consumers around the world.
Another major factor for our economic decline – the one most often overlooked – is that our government has become bloated and top-heavy, and it's draining the country's wealth to meet the payrolls of massive bureaucracies in Ottawa, the provinces and many of our cities.
Our governments are too big, too intrusive, and too expensive. Businesses and taxpayers are paying for that overhead through steep taxes, and that in turn makes us increasingly

uncompetitive on a global scale.
There are many other reasons for why our living standards are falling, including chronic underinvestment in product R&D by our biggest companies, a troubling lack of technically skilled trades training and education, and a repressive tax-and-regulatory environment that is stifling entrepreneurship and keeping many Canadian start-ups from growing and expanding.
But many of these problems can be fixed by adopting an Economic Charter of Rights. The Charter would put more money in the pockets of Canadians through profit sharing, straighten out our tax system, put the brakes on out-of-control government spending, and cut the red tape that has hamstrung our businesses.
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Fifth Annual ALS Walk returning to Shelburne

Written By Paula Brown

For a fifth year in a row, the family members of Cathi Snider, a local woman who passed away from ALS, will be sporting the colour purple and walking through Shelburne in her honour as they raise awareness for the disease.

"There isn't a day that goes by that I don't think about my sister. She was a special person to all of us and there was nothing more important to her than her family," said Debra Bettio, one of Cathi's three sisters. "[The walk] is a sign of respect for my sister, to acknowledge what she had to go through. I hope by doing this walk and bringing awareness that maybe it will help other people navigate and hopefully avoid other families having this kind of loss."

A resident of Shelburne, Cathi Snider, was diagnosed with ALS in August of 2019 after experiencing a fall, undergoing physiotherapy and several tests in the hospital. After battling the disease for six months, Cathi passed away in February 2020.

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a terminal, progressive nervous system disease that affects the nerves in the brain and spinal cord, causing a loss of muscle control.

The ALS Society of Canada said an estimated 3,000 Canadians live with ALS. Approximately 1,000 Canadians will learn they have ALS each year, while another 1,000 will die from the disease. Nine out of 10 people diagnosed with ALS do not have a family history of the disease.

This year will mark the fifth year that Cathi's family members have taken up the challenge to walk in her memory while also raising awareness and funds to fight the disease.



"It's actually shocking that she's been gone this long already," said Marci Fegan, daughter of Cathi. "For us, we're going to be doing something to raise funds for ALS for our whole lives."

The Walk to End ALS is a Canada-wide volunteer-led fundraiser, the largest for ALS Societies in the country, which supports the 3,000 families living with ALS while honouring those who have passed away from the disease.

As part of the Walk to End ALS, funds are being raised to go towards research on ALS and community-based support. Team Cathi has a fundraising goal of \$1,500 and at the time of print has surpassed their goal - \$1,552.

Since they started the local Walk the End ALS, Cathi's family has raised roughly \$14,000

for the ALS initiative.

While family members will be walking in honour of Cathi, the local Walk to End ALS is also open for the community to participate and for others who wish to walk in memory of their own loved ones.

"It was hard for me to go public with it because it's so emotional, but I felt like we need to because there's other people grieving too," said Fegan. "Whether you know a family member or community member that has ALS or even if you don't, it's important to recog-

nize that this disease is in Canada and it really is harmful for the people who have it."

The 5th Annual Walk to End ALS in memory of Cathi Snider will take place on June 9. The walk will consist of a 5-kilometre route with various points, where participants can cut off for a short walk. The walk will begin at Dufferin Oaks in Shelburne at 9:30 a.m.

Those interested in making a donation to the ALS Society of Canada can do so by visiting: <https://alscanadawalktoendals.als.ca/ontario/team-cathi>.



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Shelburne man charged in connection to recent drug seizure

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

On May 31, 2024, members of the Dufferin Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU), along with Dufferin uniform members were led into a drug investigation on Dawson Road in Orangeville. The investigation resulted in the officers obtaining and ex-

cuting a search warrant at a home on Shirley Street in Orangeville. Two individuals are facing multiple charges. In addition, the officers seized a quantity of various drugs.

James BOISSE-WHITE, 42-year-old from Shelburne has been charged with:

- Traffick in Schedule I substance - Cocaine
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for the purpose of trafficking - Cocaine

- Possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime - over \$5000

Leonard WOOD, 62-year-old from Caledon

- Possession of a Schedule I substance - other drugs

The following property was seized:

- Cocaine - 7.5 ounces
- 130 pills - suspected to be Fentanyl

- \$2,370 - Canadian currency
- Scale
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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/>.

Dufferin OPP spreading education for ATV Safety Awareness Week

Written By Sam Odrowski

ATV Safety Week runs from May 31 to June 9 and the Dufferin OPP is sharing safety tips to keep offroad vehicle riders safe this season.

When riding on-road or off-road, drivers and passengers must wear an approved motorcycle helmet, securely fastened under the chin with a chin strap.

For on-road riding, a driver must be at least 16 years old, hold at least a valid G2 or M2 licence, wear a seat belt if available, and travel at speeds less than the posted speed limit.

For off-road riding, the driver must be at least 12 years old, unless directly supervised by an adult or while driving on land occupied by the owner of the Off Road Vehicle (ORV). An off-road driver also must carry the ORV's registration permit or a true copy.

For on-road riding, a passenger on an ORV must be at least 8 years old and wear a seat



belt or use foot rests, when applicable.

Passengers are not permitted on off-road motorcycles, which are typically dirt bikes, There are no restrictions for passengers when off-road.

Before a trip, Dufferin OPP recommend that riders:

- Get proper training by taking an ORV safety course
- Know how to use your ORV and read its operator's manual
- Do a pre-ride inspection and check of oil, gas, other fluid levels, lights, brakes, and tire pressure



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SAFETY WEEK: The Dufferin Detachment of the OPP is encouraging safe driving for off-road drivers during ATV Safety Awareness Week, which runs until June 9.

- Let someone know where you're going and when you expect to return
- Check with your local municipality to see if they have a bylaw permitting you to ride on roads

- When you are riding:
- Always ride according to the trail, road and weather conditions
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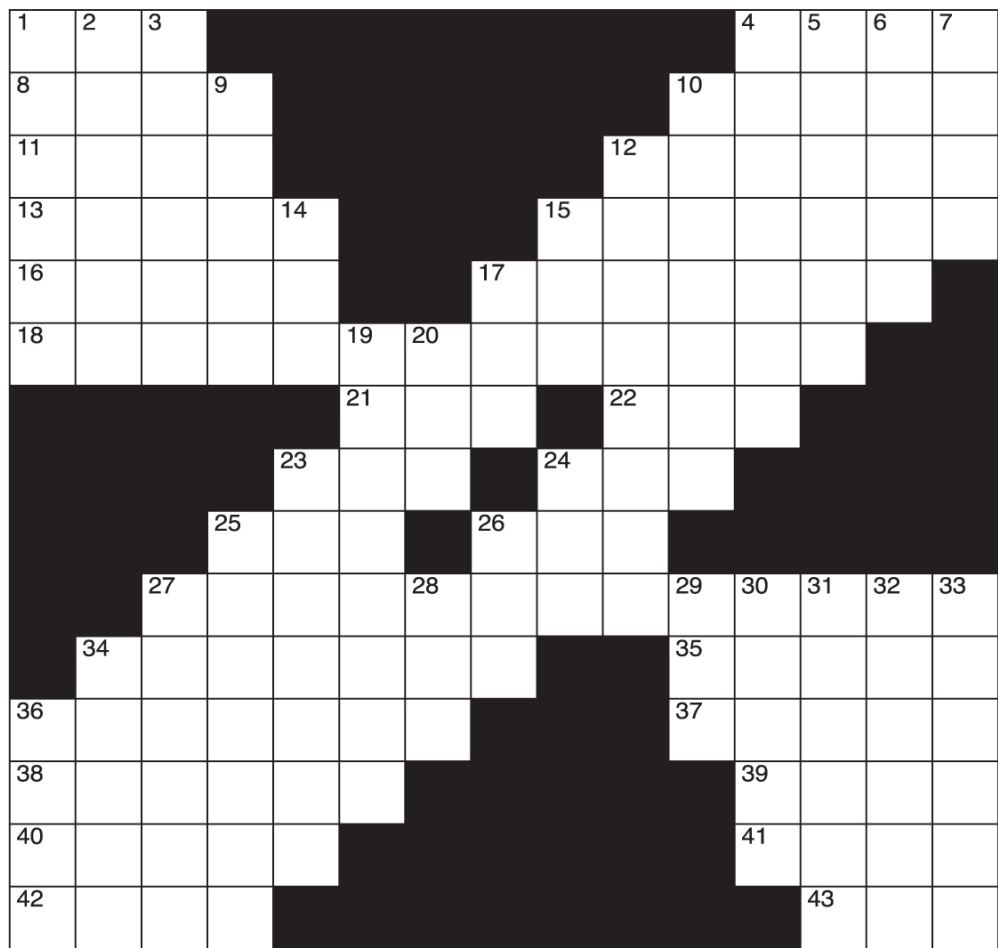
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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Warriors and Gladiators win in weekend house league cricket

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Shelburne Warriors faced off against the Shelburne Knights in the first game of Shelburne Cricket Club weekend action on Saturday, June 1, at KTH Park.

Warriors v.s. Knights
The Warriors won the toss and elected to bat first.

The Knights showcased a formidable bowling attack, with skipper Sagar delivering a series of bouncers and fast-paced balls that challenged the Warriors' openers.

Despite the tough bowling, the Warriors managed to post a competitive score of 124 runs, thanks to significant contributions from Onkar Sharan, who added 32 runs, and captain Samir Patel, who scored 22 runs.

Tabis Taufiq of the Knights delivered an exceptional performance, nearly achieving a hat-trick twice in two overs and taking four crucial wickets.

In response, the Knights batted confidently but struggled against the Warriors' bowling attack, losing early wickets.

Captain Sagar made a strong effort to shift the momentum with 24 runs but lacked support from his team.

The Knights were eventually all out for 79

runs, with Sony from the Warriors taking an impressive five-wicket haul.

The Warriors came out on top by 47 runs. Sony Polouse was named Man of the Match for his bowling performance.

Gladiators v.s. Samurais
The second match of the weekend took place on Sunday, June 2.

It featured the Gladiators up against the Samurais on a damp, cloudy, rainy day.

The Samurais won the toss and chose to field first.

Abhay Pratap from the Gladiators played a crucial role, anchoring the innings while lower-order batsmen Parminder and Nadeem supported him. Together, they managed to post a total of 130 runs despite the challenging start.

Ravi Gill was the leading wicket-taker for the Samurais, claiming four wickets.

The Samurais began their innings with a good start, with openers Mohammad Raza (28 runs) and Shivdhan (13 runs) putting up 38 runs in just four overs. The rest of the team failed to maintain the momentum, and the Samurais were bowled out for 108 runs.

The Gladiators secured a 22-run win, with Mohammad Abdul Razzaq taking three wickets and earning the Man of the Match for his contributions.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

WINNERS: The Shelburne Warriors face off against the Shelburne Knights in the first Shelburne Cricket game of the weekend on Saturday, June 1. The Warriors came out on top in this game.

Local Special Olympic athletes compete at School Championship

Written By Brian Lockhart

Local students will be participating in the Special Olympics School Championships Games 2024 in Chatham-Kent from June 10 to 12, and taking part in several sports.

This is the first time since 1997 that any Special Olympic Games have been held in Chatham-Kent.

Athletes will compete in track and field, bocce, basketball, floorball, and soccer.

Basketball and bocce competitions will be held at the University of Guelph's Ridgetown Campus, with soccer and floorball taking place at Chatham Thames Campus.

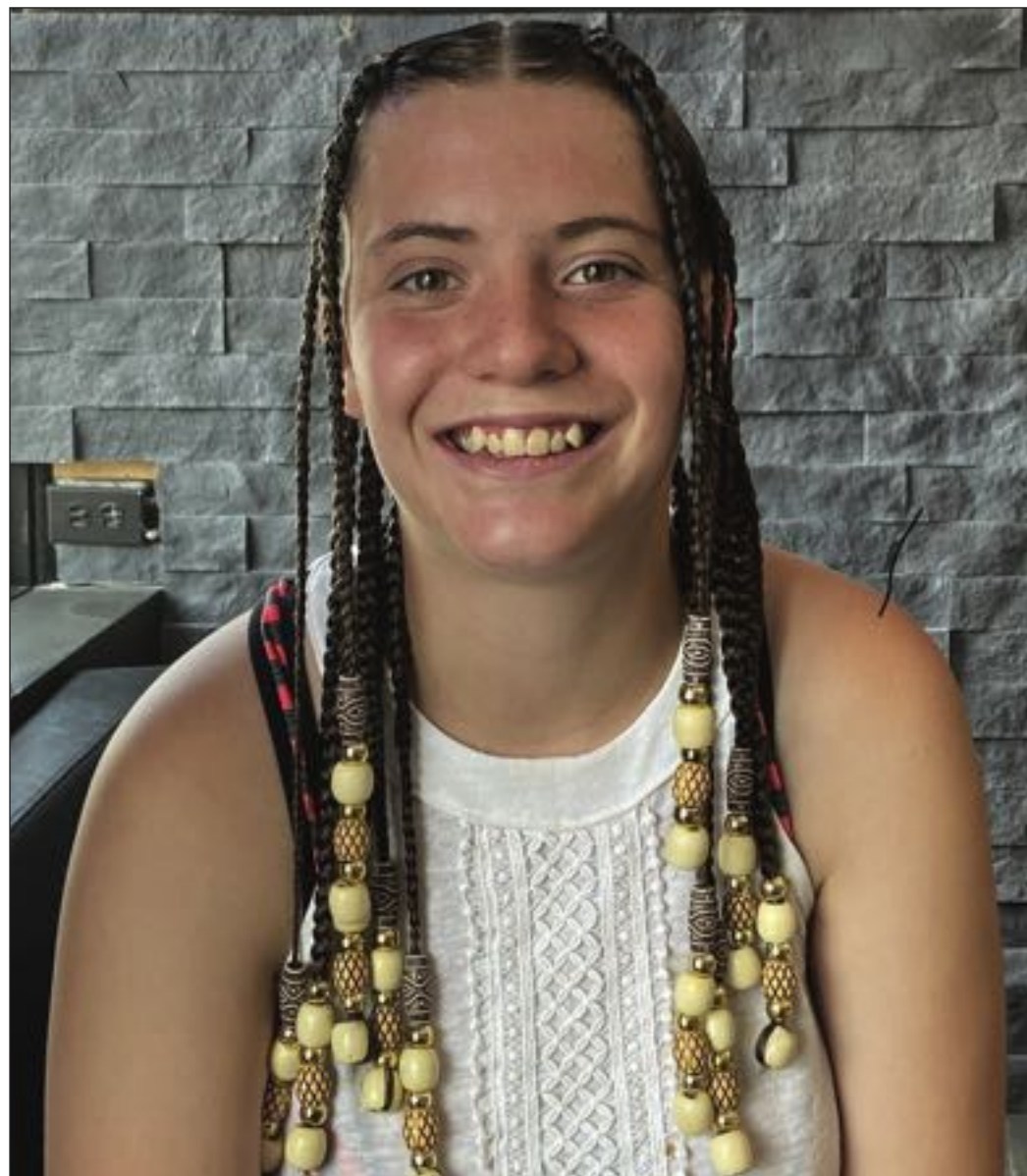
Track and field events will take place at Chatham-Kent Secondary School.

Yasmine Wilson-Daponte, 20, a Shelburne resident and student at Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School, is the only student-athlete representing her school at the games.

Yasmine has been an athlete with the Special Olympics for more than 10 years and has competed in basketball, Bocce, curling, soccer, and swimming.

Yasmine said she appreciates the donors and supporters of Special Olympics "which has allowed her to grow and thrive as an athlete."

Along with Yasmine, five Centre Dufferin



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REPRESENTING SHELBURNE: Shelburne athlete Yasmine Wilson-Daponte, 20, is representing Robert F. Hall Catholic School at the Special Olympics School Championships Games 2024 in Chatham-Kent from June 10 to 12.

District High School (CDDHS) students are going to the event.

"As a coach, I'm really happy to support and inspire them to co-operate, be team players, and show positive sportsmanship as they represent our school and the Town of Shelburne," said Devin Hentsch, LRC-10 teacher and coach at CDDHS. "They are all super excited to be playing basketball and participating in ceremonies and social events for the three days we will be there."

The Centre Dufferin team has five athletes who are the basketball team representing

their school and the Town.

The students, Robby Stone, Justin Rate, Brevin Wheeler-Koesen, Jay Samuel-Steivernart, and Jesiah Grant are practicing their skills to get ready for the event.

The CDDHS basketball team will be up against other teams from across Ontario during the championships.

These athletes train hard to get ready for these championship games and deserve the support of fellow students and residents of Shelburne as they vie for a medal in the provincial competition.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

TAHLIA HENRY

A well rounded athlete, Tahlia Henry competed at the District 4 / 10 championships and finished with good results.

Tahlia finished third in women's senior long jump posting a 4.84 m jump, and she finished third in the 100m hurdles with a time of 18.74. She also competed in the women's senior 4x4 relay and the 4x100 relay.

This is Tahlia's second year competing in track and field.

"I like the feeling of anxiety and the rush of adrenaline right before you are going to run," Tahlia said of why she likes competing.

Tahlia has also competed in high school sports in wrestling, softball, and badminton.

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Local hockey player competes in Women's U18 Esso Cup

Written By **Brian Lockhart**

Local hockey player Catelyn Clark showed her skill and ability to play the sport at a very competitive level when she travelled to Vernon B.C. with the North York Storm to play in the 2024 Women's U18 Esso Cup in Vernon B.C. in April.

The tournament took place over seven days, from Sunday, April 21 to Saturday, April 27.

Catelyn, who is 14 years old, was asked to play with the U18 North York team based on her skill as a defensive player. She started playing hockey as a Novice with the Orangeville Tigers and moved on to playing at the rep level.

From there, she went to Barrie, then to North York as her minor hockey career progressed.

The Storm team recruited players from different areas to put together a strong team.

"My coach in Novice put me on defence and I've played that position ever since," Catelyn said of her start playing in the back. "I like controlling the play in front of the net."

Catelyn's skill on the ice was noticed by her coach and she was asked to 'play up' and fill in a position on the older age team.

"My coach this year asked me to play up

because they needed a few players to fill some roster spots," Catelyn explained. "I was very excited."

The older girls are generally faster and stronger on the ice than younger players, but Catelyn managed to hold her own with the older players.

Going to the Esso Cup was a big deal for the team as they were up against top girls' U18 teams from across the country.

"The games were longer than we normally play," Catelyn explained. "The periods were longer. We usually play 15-15-15 (periods), but in the tournament we played 20-20-20 with floods in between periods. We played one game each day."

The Storm managed to make it to the final.

"It was the fastest game," said Catelyn's mom, Kareen. "They were playing against girls that have Division One scholarships. They played against one girl that played on the U18 national team."

They lost the final game 2-1 to the Regina Rebels.

"I think we did well keeping up with their speed and making the right plays at the right time," Catelyn said.

Catelyn will continue playing with the U18 Storm.

"I like the challenge and competing at the highest level," Catelyn said.



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Shelburne Long Term Care celebrates residents' 99 and 101st birthdays

Written By **Paula Brown**

Two residents of Shelburne Long Term Care Home have marked milestone birthdays.

The local long-term care home celebrated the 101st birthday of Kay Davis and the 99th birthday of Edna Ford on Friday (May 31).

"It is such an honour for the home to be able to celebrate such great milestones for these two ladies. It is a rare occasion for some, so we wanted to make it memorable for both the resident and their families," said Sarah Brown, programs manager at Shelburne Long Term Care.

Kay Davis was born in Czechoslovakia in 1923 and lived there through the German occupation during the Second World War. After the war, she emigrated to England with her husband, who was British, and despite speaking very little English, she was able to speak five other languages.

She eventually moved to Canada in 1961 and settled in Etobicoke, where she raised her son and daughter.

When asked by the Free Press if she has

any advice for making it to 101 years old, Kay said "I don't have any advice, I just took life as it came."

Edna Ford was born in St. Thomas, Ont. in 1925 into a family of 56 first cousins. She married her husband John Ford in 1955 and has one daughter, Beverly Ford Arnold.

Edna and her husband spent 10 years, from 1975 to 1985, fighting against the construction of a bypass through St. Thomas because the road plans ran through the farm property that has been in her family's name since 1884.

Speaking with the Free Press, Edna said it's special to celebrate turning 99 years old but added, "I'd rather be 50."

The other residents and staff at Shelburne Long Term Care Home joined the two women and their families on Friday to celebrate their joint birthdays with cake, singing and presents.

"The staff and other residents are thrilled to be a part of their lives and able to listen to their stories from years past and are grateful for all the wisdom they share," said Brown.



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Shelburne Long Term Care Home celebrated milestone birthdays for two residents on May 31 - Kay Davis (right), who turned 101 years old, and Edna Ford (left), who turned 99 years old.

Outdoor cards needed for hunting, fishing

Written By **Brian Lockhart**

Now that the warmer weather is here, many people want to take part in outdoor activities like hunting and fishing.

To hunt or fish in Ontario, you will need a valid Outdoors Card and a valid hunting or fishing license.

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County of Dufferin considers awareness initiative for horse and buggies

Written By Paula Brown

The Township of Melancthon is looking to address road safety concerns for horse and buggy drivers by introducing new policies for road rehabilitation and awareness initiatives at the county level.

During the County's Infrastructure and Environmental Services Committee meeting on May 23, Melancthon Deputy Mayor James McLean spoke to committee members regarding road safety concerns for the Mennonite community.

Melancthon is one of the only municipalities in Dufferin County with a large Mennonite community, but McLean noted they frequently travel to other locations including Shelburne and Mulmur.

So far, this year there have been two major collisions involving horse and buggies that have occurred in Melancthon. The first incident was in January, resulting in the death of a 21-year-old buggy driver, and most recently there was an accident in April involving two adults and six children, who sustained non-life-threatening injuries.

Members of the Mennonite community met with Melancthon Council at a recent council meeting to discuss road safety.

"They told us that they are concerned for their safety," said McLean.

During the meeting, McLean and Melancthon Mayor Darren White raised the question of why they opt to use busy highways where motorists are travelling at high rates of speed and collisions are common, rather than choose to drive on paralleling county roads.

They said the primary issue is the size of the shoulder on county roads is too narrow, while the highways have a shoulder that can fit their entire horse and buggy.

"They told us that they believe that the county and township roads are not built to facilitate their safe passage," said McLean. "They believe that our roads are not built to keep them safe, and as examples they pointed to narrow shoulders on the sides of

roads that mean at least on horse and part of their carriage must be on the road at all times."

The Mennonite community also noted there is insufficient signage warning of horse and buggies on Township and County roads including County Road 9, County Road 2 and County Road 124.

"This is not to point fingers. We have a lot of work to do at the township level, but it's telling that in the minds of the Mennonite community, the intense speed and irrational driving behavior that occurs on Highway 10 everyday was still safer for them because of the wider shoulder than county and township roads," said McLean.

McLean added that concerns about the width of the roads and insufficient signage are not specific to the Mennonite community alone.

"Many of the road width and signage concerns raised by Mennonite leaders are not unique to that community; they also apply to farmers who have to travel by tractor across our roads," he said. "This is a countywide issue that impacts more than just the Mennonite community."

While making adjustments to the road networks was indicated as a solution for road safety, McLean also pointed out the need to raise awareness and enforcement.

The Township of Melancthon is in the process of creating a guide to help inform motorists on how to safely approach and pass horse and buggies, similar to guides created in the Township of Southgate and Waterloo Region.

"Recognizing that this resource may be applicable to other Dufferin municipalities, our planner has shared this draft resource with County senior leadership for feedback and comment. We hope to have staff and Council support in the development and the promotion of that guide."

As part of addressing road safety, McLean suggests introducing new policies or doing a review of existing policies to add an additional lens for slow-moving vehicles when



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ROAD SAFETY: The Township of Melancthon is advocating for a revamping of policies surrounding road rehabilitation as well as awareness initiatives in order to address road safety concerns for horse and buggy drivers.

planning the rehabilitation of roadways.

"The fact that we rehabilitated County Road 9 a few years ago and narrow shoulders are being raised among the Mennonite community, indicated to me that perhaps we aren't applying that lens fully."

Following the conclusion of McLean's delegation, members from the Infrastructure and Environmental Services Committee reflected on their own observations of slow-moving vehicles on high-speed roads.

Farm equipment going across County Rd. 109 on a daily basis, it's very dangerous because of the slow-moving vehicles, but at the same time it's not equitable to ask them to use secondary roads; they're public roads. I think it's great [and] we need to absolutely look at that," said Coun. Chris Gerrits, Mayor of Amaranth.

Mulmur Mayor, Janet Horner, as spoke about an incident that had occurred in Mulmur, and added the need to bring the Dufferin OPP into the discussion process on

road safety.

"They're the ones that are out there trying to deal with the aftermath of what happened when there's an incident and so maybe we need some perspective from them on how to proceed," said Coun. Horner.

Scott Burns, Dufferin County engineer and director of public works said he is confident staff will be able to find solutions that will help address road safety concerns for horse and buggy drivers.

"There are lots of jurisdictions that have responses to buggies, so I think we can absolutely do some homework and see what other jurisdictions have done and then sort of filter that through our process and likely bring that back," said Burns.

The committee passed a motion to have County staff investigate solutions to road safety for horse and buggy drivers, which will be brought back for the Infrastructure and Environmental Services Committee meeting in August.

County Building Services Division to help home owners at upcoming event

The Dufferin County Building Services Division will be joined by the Orangeville Building Department at Orangeville Home Hardware on June 15 to answer residents' building questions!

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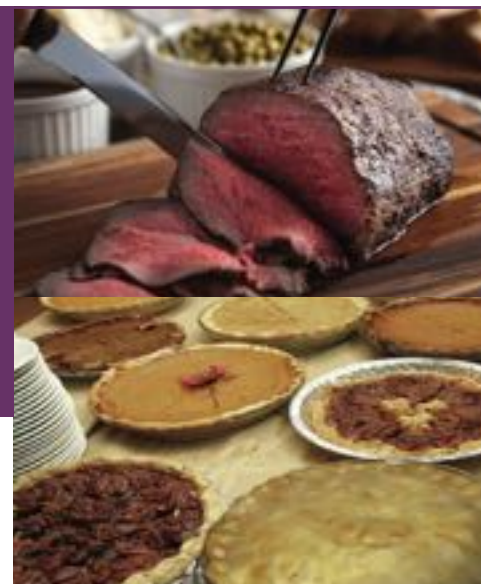
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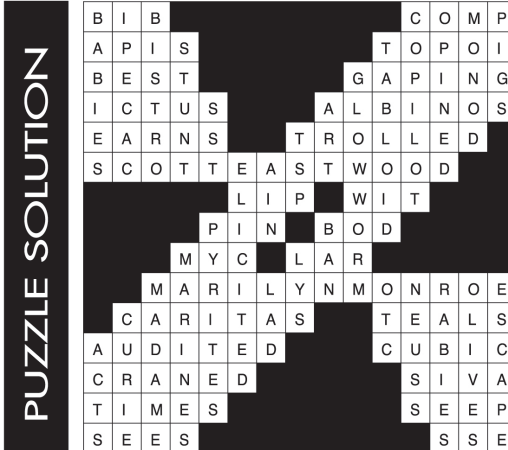
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