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WALK AND TALK: Premier Doug Ford (centre) stands alongside Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, while speaking with KTH Shelburne Mfg. staff during a tour of the manufacturing plant on Monday, July 29. Both Jones and Ford were provided with a walk through the facility. KTH Shelburne Mfg., is located at 300 2nd Line, Shelburne and is the largest employer in Dufferin County. The company has been producing automotive frame components for Honda of Canada Mfg., based in Alliston, Ont., since July 1998. Turn to page 3 for the full story.

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Mosaic art workshop coming to Museum of Dufferin

Written By Paula Brown

Local residents who are interested in learning how to create their own piece of mosaic art, now have the opportunity to with the latest Museum of Dufferin Masterclass.

Caledon-based artist Mary Lou Hurley will be hosting a mosaic workshop at the Museum of Dufferin (MoD) from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Aug. 10, where participants will be introduced to the world of mixed media mosaic art.

"I enjoy sharing my passion for mosaics and I'm excited for this opportunity to host a workshop at the MoD," she said. "I have some new mixed media projects that I believe will inspire some new mosaic artists."

During the workshop, participants will learn how to use a variety of tools to break tile, dishes and glass and then will be guided by Hurley in the design and grouting of their own mosaic piece.

While not formally trained in the arts, Hurley has more than 20 years of experience and describes herself as always having been "a maker of things." Her passion for creating mosaic art started from an interest in collecting old items such as tiles and dishes that she would eventually use to create mosaics on furniture.

Hurley practices the traditional technique of 'andamento,' which requires carefully placing rows of tesserae to establish visual flows in a piece. As a contemporary artist, she also looks to break the "classical rules"

and has experimented with covering other items including lamps, guitars and mannequins with mosaic designs.

"Mosaic art is an ancient art form that has such history and I've embraced a unique approach to creating mosaics," said Hurley. "I have found so much creative freedom working three dimensional. The sheer joy of discovering new texture, colours, and possibilities of mixed media keep the passion alive."

Hurley is currently one of 16 artists whose work is on display at the museum as part of a "Unity in Diversity" exhibit, held in partnership with the Dufferin County Multicultural Foundation. The exhibit is located in the Silo Gallery at the museum and will be on display until Aug. 31.

Hurley's piece of art, a mannequin called "Gerald Dean is Geraldine", is an exploration of masculinity and femininity; giving a playful look at a male's discovery of his feminine side and a female's discovery of her male side.

"When I learned of the 'Unity in Diversity' Exhibit at the MoD, I knew that my mannequin "Gerald Dean is Geraldine" would be a perfect fit," explained Hurley. "I believe it is vital to human co-existence that we respect our diverse human natures."

Those interested in taking the mosaic workshop with Mary Lou Hurley, can register on the Museum of Dufferin website. The price to take the workshop is \$85 plus HST per person.



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MAKING MOSAIC ART: Caledon-based artist Mary Lou Hurley has a passion for creating mosaic art and will be teaching others how to create items out of broken tiles, dishes and glass at the Museum of Dufferin for a workshop on Aug. 10, running from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Premier Doug Ford tours KTH Shelburne with MPP Sylvia Jones

Written By Paula Brown

KTH Shelburne Mfg. were the hosts of a quick and quiet visit from provincial leaders.

Ontario Premier Doug Ford and Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones stopped by the KTH Shelburne Mfg. factory on Monday (July 29) afternoon, where they were given a walk through of the manufacturing facility.

“A very positive message was delivered focusing on increased employment in manufacturing jobs,” said Shane Hall, KTH president and plant manager, in a press release to the Free Press. “Premier Ford utilized the opportunity to talk at length with associates throughout the facility to express his appreciation for all of their hard work and efforts.”

KTH Shelburne Mfg., located at 300 2nd Line, is the largest employer in Dufferin County and has been producing automotive frame components for Honda of Canada Mfg., based in Alliston, Ont., since July 1998.

The local manufacturer is in the process of completing a 154,000-square-foot expansion of their facility, which will increase the total size of KTH Shelburne to 580,000 square feet.

Ford’s visit to the facility in Shelburne comes three months after the Japanese automaker, whom KTH supplies parts for, announced they would be making a \$15 billion electric vehicle investment to build four new manufacturing plants in the province.

The deal includes the construction of Honda’s first electric vehicles assembly



TOURING THE FACILITY: Premier Doug Ford and Dufferin–Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones enjoyed a tour of KTH Shelburne Mfg. on Monday, July 29. The pair met with KTH staff and learned about the innerworkings of the manufacturing plant.



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plant and a new stand-alone EV battery plant at Honda’s facility in Alliston as well as two critical battery parts facilities spread through the province.

When the assembly plant is fully operational in 2028, it is expected to produce up to 240,000 vehicles per year and create more than 1,000 “well-paying manufacturing jobs”

according to Honda and the federal government.

The project will be subsidized by the federal and provincial governments to the tune of \$5 billion.

Honda has set a goal of having electric vehicles represent 100 per cent of vehicle sales by 2040.

Dufferin County Paramedic Service announces new Deputy Chief

Written By Paula Brown

A new Deputy Chief has been appointed to the Dufferin County Paramedic Service (DCPS).

Dufferin County and Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) announced in a press release on July 24 that Darin Tjeerdsma had been named the newest Deputy Chief of the local paramedic service.

“Darin brings a wealth of experience and a strong background in paramedic services. In this role, Darin will play a crucial part in advancing the mission to provide exceptional emergency medical services to the residents of Dufferin County,” reads the joint press release.

Tjeerdsma’s career in paramedicine spans over 16 years, during which she has held various positions within the County of Simcoe Paramedic Services, including platoon supervisor and business application implementation consultant. She has also been a key leader in projects such as the Narcotics Tracking Application and enhancing infection control programs within the paramedic service.

“Taking on the role of Deputy Chief of Dufferin County Paramedic Service is both

a privilege and a profound responsibility. It represents not just a career milestone, but a commitment to serving the community with excellence and compassion. I am honoured to lead alongside dedicated professionals,” said Tjeerdsma in the press release.

In her previous roles, Tjeerdsma oversaw daily ambulance operations and managed large teams while also focusing on innovation and efficiency with involvement in digital initiatives and stakeholder engagement.

“This role is about empowering our team, embracing innovation, and advancing the standard of emergency medical services for everyone we serve,” Tjeerdsma added.

In addition to her paramedic credentials, Tjeerdsma also holds a Bachelor of Science in Physiology from the University of Western Ontario, a Bachelor of Business Commerce from Lakehead University, and is pursuing a Master of Business Administration. She holds professional certifications in Project Management, Change Management, and Infection Prevention and Control.

In June, the County of Dufferin and Headwaters Health Care Centre announced that veteran paramedic Gary Staples was named the newest Chief of the Dufferin County Paramedic Service.

“We are thrilled to welcome Darin Tjeerdsma to this pivotal role within our organization,” said Chief Staples. “Darin’s extensive experience, combined with her dedication to enhancing operational effectiveness and patient care, will undoubtedly strengthen our leadership team and further elevate the quality of service we provide.”

Tjeerdsma will take on the role of deputy chief for the Dufferin County Paramedic Service effective Aug. 26.

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NEW CHIEF: Darin Tjeerdsma was named Deputy Chief of the Dufferin County Paramedic Service (DCPS) on July 24. She brings a wealth of experience and a strong background in paramedic services to the local department. Tjeerdsma will take on the role of deputy chief for the Dufferin County Paramedic Service effective Aug. 26.



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Rumours of war

"Napalm son - nothing else in the world smells like that. I love the smell of napalm in the morning. It smells like... victory. Some day this war's going to end."

If you're a movie buff, you probably recognize that quote spoken by Robert Duvall, aka, Lt. Col. Bill Kilgore, in the 1979 war epic, Apocalypse Now.

Clearly, Lt. Col. Kilgore enjoys his job doing search and destroy missions in the jungles of Vietnam. Some people enjoy war.

The new head of the army in the U.K. has come out with a statement that the U.K. must be prepared to fight a war in three years.

He is calling for the country to double its fighting power by 2027, and triple it by the end of the decade.

This man is just the latest in a list of European leaders who have warned the continent is on the road to yet another war.

Europe - the continent where apparently no one can get along with each other.

You would think the Napoleonic Wars, actually have been a lesson. Some historians actually refer to that era as the real First World War.

The 'Great War' of 1914-18, was called 'The War to end All Wars.'

But it didn't end all wars. In fact, the

resentment from that was what spurred the Second World War - which of course left most of Europe in ruins.

You would think having your entire city reduced to a pile of rubble, would make you think about actually going to war again. You would think that having millions of your citizens killed, would make you think about going to war again.

One of the saddest photos I have ever seen was taken in a potato field in Poland in 1939.

A group of women were harvesting potatoes when a Luftwaffe aircraft approached and strafed the field.

The photograph, taken a minute later, shows a ten-year-old girl crying over the body of her older sister, who was killed in the attack. She was killed because they were starving and had to get food.

Another haunting photo from that era is the photograph of a 14-year-old Polish Jewish girl. She is in a concentration camp and wearing the assigned uniform to designate a prisoner.

Her head is crudely shaved. She is a slight girl, with fear in her eyes. Her lower lip is split because one of the female guards had punched her in the face - for no other

reason than she wanted to.

Not long after the photo was taken, the young girl was murdered - at 14 years old.

This is the true face of war.

If we believe European leaders, the war in Europe is again inevitable in the next few years.

Has anyone asked the average guy on the street what he thinks about a new war in Europe?

I'll bet the typical person does not want their home destroyed by bombs, their family killed, and their children forced to join an army to die face down in the mud somewhere.

Another war in Europe means Canada will once again be involved in a foreign conflict due to NATO obligations.

Canada hasn't had to defend its own border since 1814, but we have had to defend someone else's border in at least three wars since then.

Forget the 'King and Country' nonsense of the past. Canada has no real moral obligation to be involved in a foreign war.

A new war in Europe won't be a fight for 'freedom.'

It is hard to believe that in this day and age, countries still have armed forces at all.

BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW



This is the 21st century. We should have evolved past having armies whose only purpose is to kill people and destroy property.

The only people who will benefit from another war, are the arms dealers and the people whose companies supply the bombs, bullets, ships, and aircraft designed to destroy.

All the people predicting a war in Europe, are the 'leaders.' They are political leaders and military leaders - all warning the continent is heading for war.

It's like they have to follow a self-fulfilling prophecy of making sure the continent is destroyed every few decades.

Maybe getting rid of the current leaders, all of them, and replacing them with people who have common sense, will resolve the situation.

As always, those who start the war will be safe and far away from any conflict.

One way to stop a new war would be to hand these leaders a rifle and deliver them to the front lines.

They won't think it's such a great idea when they are the target.

Gaza deaths: Who cares?

The Palestinian death toll in the Gaza Strip since last October's Hamas attacks on Israeli settlements will reach 40,000 people in the next week or so. (It's back up around 50-100 civilians dead per day).

Around 1,200 Israelis were killed in the October attacks, so nobody can say that Israel's response was unprovoked. However, it has been hugely disproportionate, and in many Western cities, there are weekly protest marches against the carnage in the Gaza Strip. However, there have been virtually none in Israel or in the Gaza Strip itself.

To be fair, most Palestinians in the Gaza Strip are too busy running for their lives to protest much. Most families have had to flee multiple times as the focus of the Israeli forces shifts back and forth. Besides, Hamas still has enough control over the population to punish anybody who openly demands a cease-fire.

There are many demonstrations in Israel calling on Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to sign a cease-fire and bring the Jewish hostages home, but none about the fate of the Palestinians. Many even share Netanyahu's fantasy that they can have a short cease-fire, get the hostages back, and then resume killing Palestinians.

Sorry, let me rephrase that. I should have said: 'Resume killing Hamas fighters, knowing full well that five or ten or twenty Pales-

tinian civilians, about a third of them children, will die as collateral damage for every Hamas fighter who is eliminated.' Because that is what is actually happening.

But surely at least Hamas must want the slaughter of Palestinian civilians to stop. No, it does not. It's just as much in favour of the slaughter of the innocents as the Israelis are. Maybe even more so, because Israel only has anger whereas Hamas has a genuine strategy.

From the first day of the planning for Hamas's attacks on Israel, its real objective was to get Israel to kill as many Palestinians as possible. Why would Hamas want that? Because it was the only way to derail Netanyahu's strategy of sidelining the Palestinians and making peace with all the other Arabs.

Hamas and the other 'rejectionist' Palestinian groups have been losing ground for many years. The rest of the Arab world was sick and tired of the confrontation and saw a 'two-state' solution (separate Israeli and Palestinian states living side by side) as a lost cause.

To restore its credibility, Hamas needed not only to show some life by attacking Israel. It had to fight the Israelis to a standstill. Since it had no regular army and air force to wage an open battle, it could only do that on home ground, where it could use

guerilla tactics.

That's what last October's attacks were for: to enrage the Israelis so much that they would invade Gaza in force. In Gaza there are endless tightly packed buildings to hide in, and endless tunnels beneath them, and every 'martyred' Palestinian civilian will create more allies and supporters for the Palestinian cause in the Arab world and even further abroad.

Israel's generals probably understood what Hamas wanted, but popular anger meant they could not prevent it. They were like the more intelligent American generals in 2001, who realized that the 9/11 attacks were intended to sucker the United States into futile invasions of Arab countries but were still compelled by public opinion to wade into that swamp.

Netanyahu may or may not understand Hamas's strategy, but he needs a big, long war himself for two reasons. One is to postpone a public inquiry into his negligence in failing to forestall the October attacks; the other is to hold his ramshackle coalition together. (If he loses office his trial on corruption charges resumes, with jail a possi-

ble outcome.)

So none of the local players cares a fig about dead Palestinians. Indeed, in the case of Hamas, the more dead Palestinian civilians the better. The only player with the power to force an early cease-fire on the combatants is the United States - but that means Joe Biden, and he probably won't.

In mid-June, I predicted "a permanent cease-fire (in Gaza) and a hostage release within a month, six weeks tops", on the grounds that "US strategic interests and Biden's own political future both require that this war stops and that Netanyahu relinquishes power. If Biden does not come to the right decision himself, those around him will impose it on him."

Well, they didn't, and they clearly lack the will or the skill to do so now. Although Biden has now stepped down as a presidential candidate, he will still be in office for six months. That may be how long the war in Gaza goes on, too - unless an Israeli war with Hezbollah in the north triggers a larger crisis region-wide.

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Spaces open for Shelburne Pumpkinfest's vendor market

Written By Paula Brown

A call is out for local businesses to take part in a vendor's market at this year's Pumpkinfest.

The Rotary Club of Shelburne and Team Apex Real Estate is bringing back its fall-themed event – Pumpkinfest – on Oct. 12 at Natasha Paterson Memorial Park. The event is growing this year to include a vendor's market.

"The vendor's market is something new that we're adding this year and we're really excited to add it," said Michelle Chidwick, event coordinator for Pumpkinfest. "This is a great opportunity to highlight your business. We are anticipating even more people to come this year, especially being the Thanksgiving weekend."

First held in 2023, Pumpkinfest is a fall-themed event hosted by the Rotary Club of Shelburne and Team Apex Real Estate, that looks to raise funds for community initiatives while bringing friends and families together for fall festivities.

The event features a number of activities for residents including a pie-eating contest, pumpkin painting, inflatable games, a Velcro wall, magic show, balloon making, a trackless train ride and a performance by Turn It Out Dance Studio.

Every family that attends the event is also

gifted a free large pumpkin.

Last year, the inaugural Pumpkinfest saw over 500 visitors and raised more than \$2,000 for the Shelburne Food Bank – Shepherd's Cupboard.

"We're hoping to see even more people this year and raise even more money," said Chidwick.

Speaking with the Free Press, Chidwick said the organizers were interested in bringing a vendor's market to the fall-themed event as a way to expand the demographic of visitors as well as highlight local small businesses.

"The goal is to get everyone in the community involved in really highlighting our local businesses," said Chidwick. "Shelburne is a smaller town and I think when we support local, we not only help that business but we help the morale of the community; we only get better as a community."

The organizers are hoping to have a minimum of 25 vendors featured at the event, selling a variety of products such as jewelry, beauty, candles, home goods, and hand-made items.

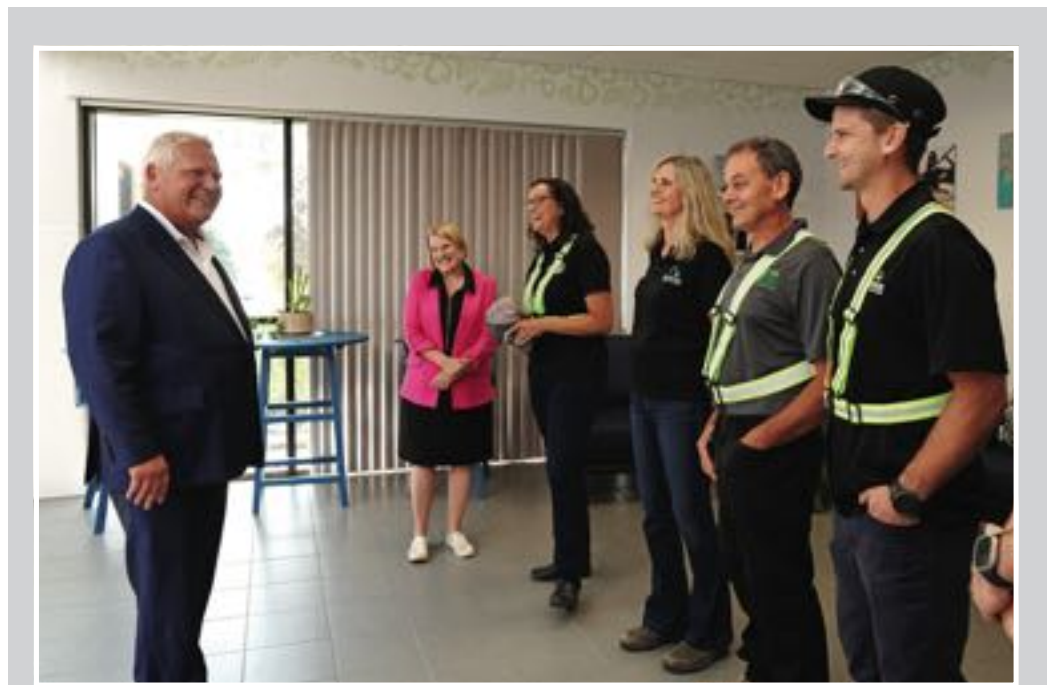
The cost for businesses to be a part of the vendor's market is \$25.

Those who are interested in being a vendor at the 2024 Pumpkinfest market held on Oct. 12 are asked to contact Michelle Chidwick by email at michelle@teamapex.ca.



FILE PHOTO BY PETER RICHARDSON

SPACES AVAILABLE: Pumpkinfest is returning to Natasha Paterson Memorial Park Shelburne on Oct. 12 and there's currently spaces available for its vendor market.



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PREMIER'S VISIT: Premier Doug Ford visits with staff from Ice River Springs in Shelburne, alongside Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones. Jones and Ford enjoyed a tour of the facility, located at 485387 30 Side Rd. Ice River Springs is a family-owned business that sells 100 per cent Canadian bottled water.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

County of Dufferin Building Permit Fees

The Corporation of the County of Dufferin is proposing Building Permit Fee adjustments. As per Section 7(1)(c) in the Building Code Act, a public meeting will be held to discuss the proposed fee adjustments and provide rationale for the changes.

Details about the proposed amendments to the building permits fees can be viewed electronically at:
<http://www.dufferincounty.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/CDT-2024-06-27-Fees-and-Charges-By-Law-Amendment.pdf>

A hard copy of the report and fee schedule can be obtained at the reception desk at 30 Centre Street, Orangeville or by calling 519-941-2816 ext. 2500.

PUBLIC MEETING
The public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 22, 2024 at 3 pm at the W. & M. Edelbrock Centre, 30 Centre Street, Orangeville.

A virtual option to participate is also available. To join the meeting virtually on Zoom, please use the following link:
<https://dufferincounty-ca.zoom.us/j/88205871835>
Password: 971914007

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

The meeting will be livestreamed and will be available on the County's YouTube channel
<http://www.youtube.com/DufferinOne>

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Dufferin OPP remove impaired drivers from local roadways

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) work extremely hard to keep the roads safe in Dufferin County. Officers have removed and charged a driver with impaired operation related offences as the result of a traffic complaint.

High rate of speed investigation

The Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have arrested and charged a male driver after conducting a traffic stop.

On July 24, just after midnight, officers from the Dufferin County OPP were on patrol in the area of Highway 10 and First Street, in the Town of Mono. A motor vehicle was observed travelling at a high rate of speed and was subsequently stopped.

During a brief interaction police were led to an impaired driving investigation which resulted in the arrest of a 35-year-old male.

As a result, James KEMMETT a 35-year-old of Thornbury has been charged with:

- Adult Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Adult Speeding 1-49 Km/h over posted limit

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

Impaired driving investigation

On July 27, 2024, just before 7:00 p.m., Dufferin OPP officers responded to a traffic complaint in the area of County Road 124 in the Township of Melancthon. Officers located the vehicle and were quickly led to an impaired driving investigation.

As a result, Manpreet CHADHA, 47-year-old male, from North York has been charged with:

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

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville to answer to the charges. Their driver's licence was suspended, and the vehicle was impounded.

Dufferin OPP continues to conduct traffic enforcement daily as drivers who are impaired by alcohol or drugs and who drive at excessive speeds continue to pose a threat to Ontario roads. We are committed to the safety of our community.

The Dufferin OPP reminds motorists to plan

ahead when consuming alcohol or drugs. Use a designated driver, cab, rideshare, public transit or stay overnight. Any amount of alcohol or drugs can impact your ability to make sound judgements. In a split second you could ruin your future, injure, or kill others, and tear a hole in the heart of everyone who loves you.

Members of the Dufferin OPP are committed to public safety, delivering proactive and innovative policing in partnership with our communities. Officers value your contribution to building safe communities. If you have information about suspected unlawful activity, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-822-8477 (TIPS) or www.crimestoppers.com.

Two Bacchus Motorcycle Club members, one associate facing criminal charges

An Orangeville man and an Amaranth man are facing charges in connection to crimes they allegedly committed with the Bacchus Motorcycle Club.

Two full patch Bacchus Motorcycle Club (MC) members and one associate were arrested and charged with a total of nine Criminal Code offences in connection with an auto theft investigation.

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)-led Biker Enforcement Unit (BEU) received information in June of last year that members of the Bacchus MC were in possession of stolen vehicles with fraudulent vehicle identification numbers (VIN).

These vehicles are known as "re-vinned"

vehicles, according to the OPP.

On Nov. 16, 2023, BEU members executed search warrants in Burlington, Orangeville, Etobicoke, Hamilton, Mississauga, and Paradise in Newfoundland and Labrador. A search warrant was also executed at the Bacchus MC Clubhouse in Oakville.

Assistance was provided by the Caledon OPP Community Street Crime Unit, OPP-led Provincial Auto Theft and Towing Team, Hamilton Police Service, Halton Regional Police Service Tactical Rescue Unit and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador.

The OPP-led Provincial Asset Forfeiture Unit and the Équité Association assisted

throughout the investigation, playing a significant role in disrupting the alleged criminal activity.

Police recovered six stolen and re-vinned vehicles, ownerships, insurance, key fobs and fraudulent VIN plates.

As a result of the investigation, three people were arrested and charged on July 2.

Chad BURTT, 48, of Oakville, has been charged with:

- Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000
- Fraudulent concealment
- Fraud over \$5,000

Robert JANES, 39, of Orangeville, has been charged with:

- Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000 - three counts
- Fraudulent concealment - two counts

Alan MILES, 37, of Amaranth, has been charged with:

- Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000

The accused were scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on July 30.

Anyone with information regarding illegal activity associated with Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs (OMG) is asked to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or ontariocrimestoppers.ca.

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Two stolen Jeeps recovered by Dufferin OPP

As a result of an ongoing police investigation, officers from the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) located and recovered two stolen motor vehicles.

On July 25 in Shelburne, members of the Dufferin Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU), with the assistance of the Dufferin County OPP and the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), conducted a traffic stop, which resulted in the recovery of two stolen Jeeps from the Greater Toronto Area.

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/>.

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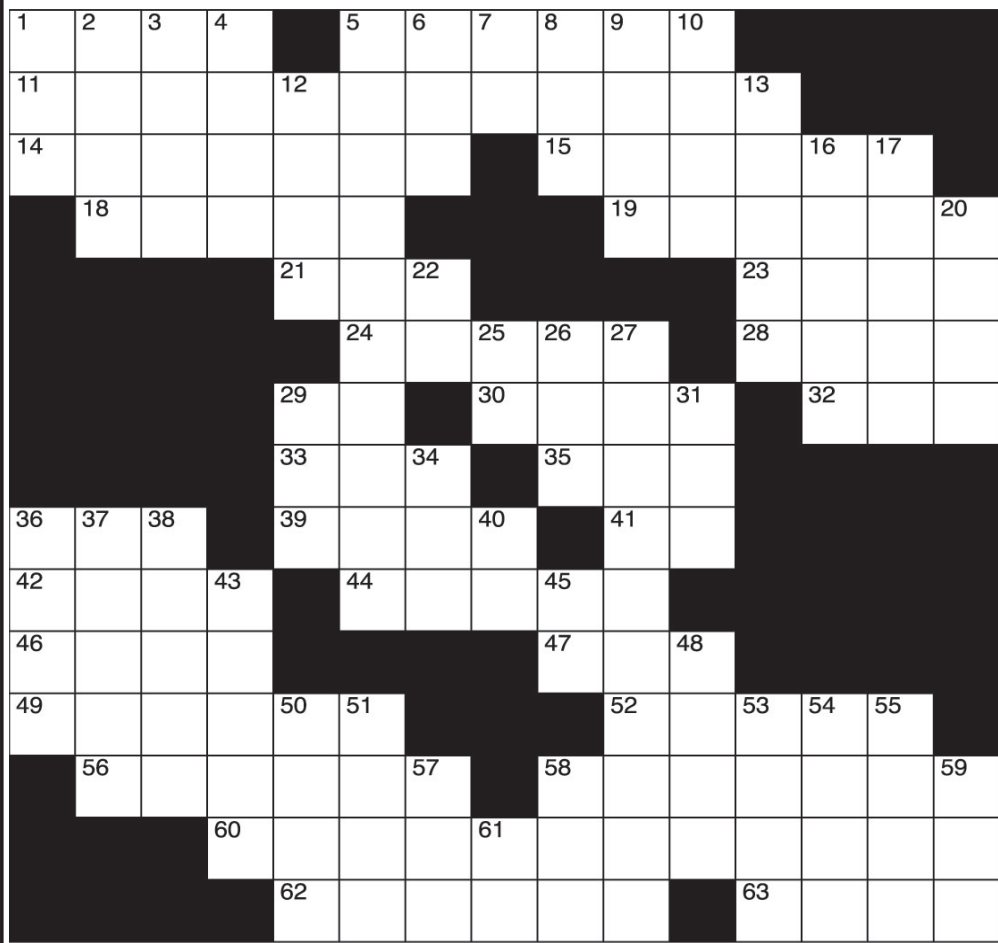
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5. Hairs on the back of a dog
11. Ones who build anew
14. Consume too much food
15. Praised
18. Provides weapons
19. Become less lively
21. Engine additive
23. Thought or suggestion
24. South Korean city
28. Midday rests
29. Expression of acidity or alkalinity
30. Group of rockers
32. Very fast airplane
33. One who is paid to do something
35. Buzzing insect

36. Monotheistic religion founder
 39. Strong dark beer
 41. Blood type
 42. Square measures
 44. Honorific titles in NW Semitic languages
 46. Present
 47. Afflict in mind or body
 49. Duty
 52. Municipality in Stockholm
 56. In a normal way
 58. Rode a bicycle
 60. Charitable
 62. Verandas
 63. Uncredited
- CLUES DOWN
1. No seats available
 2. Russian river
 3. A European river
 4. Phrase

5. Idol
6. Keyboard key
7. Prefix indicating mutual
8. Kilometers per hour
9. Set an example
10. It's among the "Great" ones
12. VVV
13. Murdered
16. Icelandic poems
17. Seas
20. Famed cartoonist
22. Partner to "Ma"
25. Equal to one quintillion bytes
26. Speak incessantly
27. Disquiet
29. Parts per billion (abbr.)
31. Upper-class young woman (abbr.)
34. S. American plant
36. Monetary unit of Thailand
37. Regions
38. Baseball legend
40. Ancient Egyptian notion of spiritual part of humans
43. Fishing net
45. Tinseltown
48. MacBeth's wife was one
50. Took a spill
51. Adversary to pets
53. Town in Galilee
54. Secret racist society (slang)
55. About aviation
57. Longing or yearning
58. Hawaiian dish
59. Field force unit
61. Partner to "Pa"

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



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

SWEET ANNIVERSARY: Rose De Marco, owner of De Marco's Caffe in Shelburne, celebrated the anniversary of her coffee shop opening in the community on Saturday (July 27). De Marco welcomed families, friends, and residents into her cafe to enjoy the variety of drinks, both hot and cold, and desserts on the menu.

De Marco's Caffe celebrates one year of serving Shelburne

Written By Paula Brown

When Rose De Marco opens the doors of her café each morning, there's one emotion that she hopes every customer feels when they walk in – love.

Families, friends, and customers passed through De Marco's Caffe, located at 115 Owen Sound Street in Shelburne, on Saturday (July 27) to celebrate the anniversary of the local café's opening.

"I have this abundance of love for people and I know that I came here for a reason and a purpose," De Marco told the Free Press. "I'm so passionate about what I'm doing and it's been a pleasure to serve each and every person in the community who has come in."

The establishment of DeMarco's Caffe began in 2009 with the idea of creating a cozy, small space to serve unique blends of coffee and desserts. Over the next decade, De Marco would come up with different ideas of what her café would include, but it wasn't until December of 2018 that she would sit down to begin researching and writing down all her plans.

De Marco first launched her business online in 2019 and introduced her own specialty blend known as DeMarco's Jamaican/Italian Peppermint Espresso. During that time, she worked on plans for the brick-

and-mortar location in Shelburne, which would open almost three years later.

De Marco's Caffe officially opened in Shelburne on July 28, 2022.

Jocelyn De Leon, a new resident of Shelburne, has become a regular customer at De Marco's Caffe and stopped in for the anniversary celebration along with her family.

"I will take any excuse to come here. I love supporting her business," said De Leon. "The food alone is worth it for me, but Rose really makes it special and has that connection with people that makes you feel welcomed."

De Marco's Caffe sells a number of drink and dessert items, with an ever-developing and growing list. The drink menu includes hot drinks such as coffee, tea and hot chocolate as well as cold beverages like smoothies and iced refreshers.

What the café is most known for is its selection of desserts, ranging from a variety of cheesecakes, cakes, cannoli, cookies, and more.

"When the desserts are being made, I tell them to make them with love because I am going to be selling them with love," said De Marco.

De Marco's Caffe is located at 115 Owen Sound Street in Shelburne and is open daily, from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

News from Shelburne Library

Seniors Connecting Seniors Tech Tutoring - Our volunteers are seniors themselves, and know the frustration that comes with technology. Learn some tips and tricks in a patient and understanding environment. We have appointments available on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Call YOUR Library today to set up a 30-minute appointment. This program has been made possible through funding from the Government of Canada.

Authors in the Hills of Mulmur - Hilarious, Heartwarming, Historical Stories in Unexpected Places - Join us in a barn, on a farm, in the beautiful hills of Mulmur on Sunday, Aug. 25, 2024. Rod Carley, Nita Prose, and Natalie Jenner will be at "The Barn" in August with stories that are hilarious, heartwarming, and historical respectively. Tickets are \$40 and are available at YOUR Library, Booklore, and the Township of Mulmur. If you are purchasing tickets at the Library, we can accept cash or e-transfers for payments. Buy your ticket soon to avoid disappointment.

Staff Pick of the Week: : The Light Eaters by Zoë Schlanger - It takes tremendous biological creativity to be a plant. To survive and thrive while rooted in a single spot. Plants have adapted ingenious methods of survival. What is intelligent life if not a vine that grows leaves to blend into the shrub on which it climbs, a flower that shapes its bloom to fit exactly the beak of its pollinator, a pea seedling that can hear water flowing and make its way toward it? Zoë Schlanger takes us across the globe, digging into her own memories and into the soil with the scientists who have spent their waking days studying these amazing entities up close.

Why Molly Recommends it - I'm pretty obsessed with plants. While one does not have to be obsessed, a relationship with plants is important to one's health. But why exactly is that? What is it about plants which enamors us (besides our bodies requiring them to stay alive)? In the Light Eaters, Zoe Schlanger explores the nuances of plants, their possible intelligence, and how much they really 'know' about us. She revisits past studies with new information, and has an endearing turn of phrase for each aspect of plants and their interconnectedness to everything else. I love a good scientific inquiry presented on a modern platform, and this one does not disappoint.

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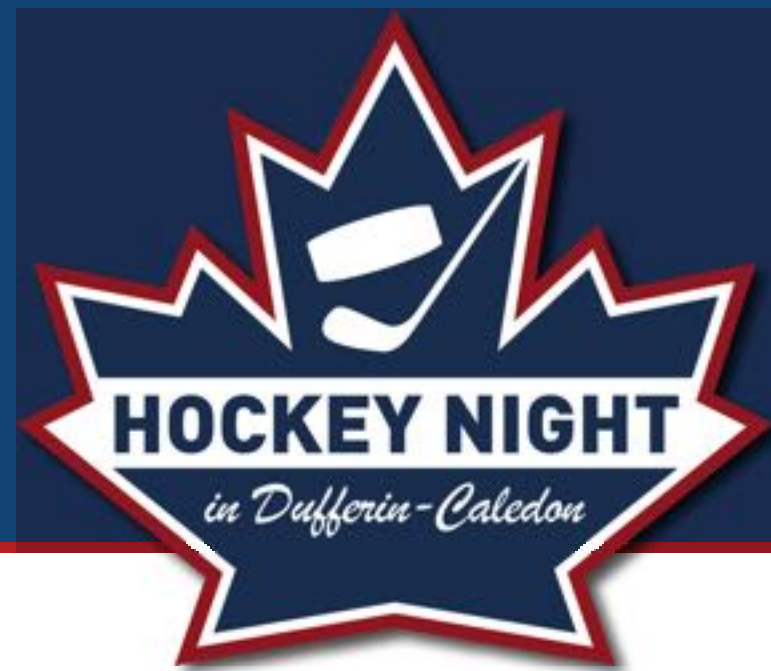
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SHELBURNE SPORTS

NDBL Junior Division ready for championship final series

Written By **Brian Lockhart**

The Junior Division will finish the North Dufferin Baseball League season with a championship series that will get underway on Tuesday, Aug. 13.

The Creemore Padres have advanced to the final, with their competition not yet decided.

The Padres ended the regular season as the number-one team with a 14-3-1 record.

As the top team, Creemore had a bye in the first round of playoffs. In the second round, they knocked out the Orangeville Bengals in two games. Orangeville finished well back in the standings with a sixth-place finish but managed to eliminate the Barrie Baycats in the first round to earn the right to advance.

The Creemore versus Orangeville series ended with scores 8-3 and 9-3 for Creemore.

As the second-place team, the Orillia Royals also had a bye in the first round of the playoffs.

In the second round, they were up against the Innisfil Cardinals.

The Cardinals eliminated the Mansfield Cubs in first-round competition in a series that went three games and ended on July 22 with a 9-7 Innisfil win.

The Orillia versus Innisfil series got underway on Thursday, July 25.

The game ended in a 4-4 tie, giving each team one point to start the series.

Game two of the series was played in Innisfil on Monday, July 29.

Innisfil won game two 6-5 to take a two-point lead in the series.

Game three of the series was scheduled for Tuesday, July 30, with results not available at

press time.

If necessary, game four of the series will get underway in Innisfil on Wednesday, July 31.

The winner of that series will go on to play Creemore in the NDBL Junior Division Championship Series.

The final will be a best-of-five championship.

Senior Division

The Senior division of the NDBL has now played the final game of the season with the last match held on July 30.

At the end of the regular season, three teams have been eliminated and won't make the playoffs this year.

The Clarksburg Blues, Midland Mariners, and Mansfield Cubs are finished for the season.

When the playoffs get underway, there will be eight Senior teams battling for a chance to go to the Senior championship.

In the first round of competition, the first-place Bolton Brewers will be up against the eighth-place Orillia Majors.

The Brewers clinched first place this season with a 19-5 record and 38 points.

The second-place Owen Sound Baysox will meet the Barrie Angels for their first-round series.

Finishing in third place, the defending champion New Lowell Knights will be up against the Lisle Astros.

The fourth-place Ivy Rangers will meet the fifth-place Creemore Padres for their first-round series.

The Senior division playoff schedule has not yet been announced.

Shelburne Vets teams head to provincial competition

Written By **Brian Lockhart**

Teams from Shelburne Vets Minor Lacrosse will be ending the season with a trip to the Ontario Lacrosse Association 2024 Minor Box Provincials.

The tournament will get underway in Whitby, Ont. on Friday, Aug. 2, and continues through to Sunday, Aug. 11.

The Ontario Lacrosse Festival is now in its 19th season.

There will be 36 provincial championship trophies awarded with 407 teams from

across the province entering in competition. Around 8,000 players and coaches will be at the event.

It is the world's largest youth lacrosse event.

Competition will be tough as teams battle it out in an effort to come out on top and bring home a trophy.

The Vets have listed four teams that will be in competition. These include the Vets U9, U11, U13, and U15 teams.

The Vets will wrap up their successful season with a year-end celebration on Aug. 14.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

READY FOR THE THROW: The Mansfield Cubs 14U Rep team host the TNT Thunder from Alliston on the diamond in Mansfield on Thursday, July 25. Second baseman, Leif Little, waits for the throw as a TNT player slides into base. The Cubs went on to win this game 6-4.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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"I like the competitiveness and being around a good group of guys," said Mansfield Junior Cubs pitcher and third baseman, Aidan Pain of why he likes playing baseball.

Aidan has been involved in the sport since the T-ball level.

He said he likes pitching over any other position on the field.

Aidan plans to continue with the sport at the senior level.

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Local youth raises funds for hospitals through 100km Walk Club

Written By Brian Lockhart

Following in the footsteps of his father who is known for his charitable efforts, Rajvir Khanuja decided that he would start a campaign and raise funds for local hospitals.

Rajvir's dad, Dr. Raj Khanuja, is known in the community for his annual free dental day he offers at several clinics in the region, and Rajvir decided he could also help the community by raising donations for a good cause.

Rajvir started the 100kms Walk Club and challenged others to join him in a series of walks to raise funds.

The walks either started or ended at Headwaters Health Care Centre.

Rajvir got the idea of raising funds for hospitals after his grandfather became ill and had to be transported to one.

His grandfather has since recovered.

The walks took place on long weekends over the course of a year and ended up raising \$11,000.

"We did 10 walks in total, and they were all done during long weekends," Rajvir explained. "It started when my grandpa got sick, and I wanted to show appreciation."

Rajvir and his family couldn't visit his grandfather at the hospital due to COVID-19 restrictions at the time.

"From there, I was thinking about the



FREE DENTAL IN DUFFERIN: Dr. Raj Khanuja, received a certificate of recognition from Sylvia Jones, MPP Dufferin-Caledon, at the Headwaters Dental office in Orangeville on Friday, July 26. Dr. Raj holds free dental clinics for patients who otherwise could not afford dental care. He holds free dental days at several clinics he owns around the region. This year, his offices performed \$110,000 worth of free dental care to local residents.



SUPPORTING LOCAL HEALTH CARE: Rajvir Khanuja, receives a certificate of recognition from Sylvia Jones, MPP Dufferin-Caledon, at Headwaters Dental in Orangeville on Friday, July 16. Rajvir started the 100kms Walk Club and managed to raise around \$11,000 in support of local hospitals.

BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTOS

healthcare workers and how everyone had to deal with COVID," Rajvir said. "We created a website and promoted it on social media as the 100kms Walk Club. Even if you didn't join us, you could just do the walk on your own. Each walk was 10 kilometres. Sometimes it was a little more, but never

less than 10 kilometres. We raised around \$11,000, and donated to two hospitals."

The group, sometimes consisting of just three or four people, made the walk in all sorts of weather conditions.

"Once I started it, I was committed," Rajvir said, of walking in the bad weather, even

when he was sick. "I still did it, otherwise I'd be lying to myself."

Sylvia Jones, MPP for Dufferin-Caledon, presented Rajvir with a certificate of recognition for his efforts at the Headwaters Dental office in Orangeville on Friday, July 26.

Reimbursement available for health care devices in Ontario

Written By Brian Lockhart

If you are an Ontario resident and need a health care device or equipment, you may be eligible to receive financial assistance.

The provincial Assistive Devices Program

helps people with long-term physical disabilities pay for customized equipment like wheelchairs and hearing aids.

To qualify, you must be an Ontario resident, have a valid Ontario health card, and have a disability requiring the equipment or supplies

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Personal income is not considered.

You do not qualify if you already qualify for, or are receiving financial support for the same equipment or supplies from the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board, or are a Group 'A' veteran and already qualify for or a receiving financial support from Veterans Affairs Canada.

For most equipment and supplies, coverage is 75 per cent. The government is billed directly by the supplier and you pay 25 per cent when you purchase the item.

Eligible items include mobility aids, hearing aids, communication aids, visual aids, diabetic equipment and supplies, respiratory equipment and supplies, home oxygen therapy, artificial eyes and facial prosthetics, custom orthotic braces, compression garments and lymphedema pumps, prosthetic breasts or limbs,

enteral-feeding pumps and ostomy supplies.

If you are applying for a grant for ADP-funded supplies, you should complete the application form with the assistance of your health care provider.

There is a full list of items that are not covered under the program.

Once you have the equipment, you are responsible for repairs and replacements. Care and maintenance of the equipment is your responsibility.

If you can't afford to pay your share of the costs, you can contact a volunteer or charity organization about additional financial support.

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More information on his program is available on the Province of Ontario website.



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