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**KEEPING COMMUNITY WARM:** Coats for Dufferin is collecting donations of new and gently used coats, snow pants, hats, gloves and boots with the goal of helping every resident in Dufferin County stay warm this winter season. The Dufferin-based initiative will be collecting donations until Nov. 15 with 14 drop-off locations across Dufferin County. Pictured are Jessica Menard, Jacqueline Clement and Sarah DeBoer at Barth's Dry Cleaning in 2023, where they have the coats washed and dried before offering them in the community.

## Honeywood residents ask County for road safety measures

Written By **PAULA BROWN**  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Residents from Honeywood are advocating for the County of Dufferin to implement road safety measures on two major roadways in the community.

During their meeting on Oct. 10, Dufferin County Council received a delegation from Honeywood resident Nancy Matthews, requesting that the County of Dufferin look at ways to slow traffic down at the intersection of County Road 21 and 2nd Line.

"This year the traffic has been horrendously more and more aggressive and harassing to all the residents," said Matthews, who has been a lifelong resident of Honeywood. "I thought 'I need to move.' Then, I said 'no, this is my hometown and somebody needs to speak up.'"

Matthews presented councillors with a petition containing 76 names and signatures of Honeywood residents, who support the need for road safety measures to slow traffic

at the intersection. "I wanted to see how the community felt and what controls they would like to see so I came up with some ideas and they added some more to the petition," explained Matthews.

In the petition, the residents of Honeywood highlighted the different types of safety controls they would like to potentially have investigated to help address their safety concerns.

The suggested road measures included creating a four-way stop at the intersection of County Rd. 21 and 2nd Line, lowering the speed limit to 40 kilometres per hour on both roads, changing the painted passing lines to doubles lines, camera or speed radar, speed bumps, rumble strips, speed cushions, increased fines, crosswalks and sidewalks for pedestrians.

During her delegation, Matthews shared with councillors some of the experiences Honeywood residents have had with the lack of road safety on the two roads within

the community. Matthews noted that residents have expressed being subject to aggressive driving, verbal confrontations, nearly being hit by vehicles while walking, struggling to cross the intersection's crosswalk, and children being scared to ride their bikes or go to the park.

The intersection also serves as a pick-up and drop-off point for students who use the school bus, and parents have expressed feeling unsafe walking to and from the bus stop as traffic rolls through.

Recreational amenities in Honeywood include the arena, park and baseball field, all located along County Rd. 21.

"Many townships and county roads have dropped speeds deemed to be county safety zones [and] no truck zones. Those roads have scattered housing, yet, Honeywood is a village with community recreation facilities, but we have non safety control," said Matthews.

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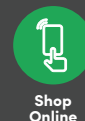
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# Food bank over halfway to raising funds needed for dedicated van

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Shelburne Food Bank, Shepherd's Cupboard, is getting closer to its fundraising goal of \$100,000 with the hopes of using the money to purchase a vehicle to help expand its efforts in tackling food insecurity in the community.

Ardith Dunlop, volunteer co-ordinator with the Shelburne Food Bank, told the Free Press on Tuesday (Oct. 22) that they have raised \$63,000 of their \$100,000 goal through their sponsorship campaign.

"We're so appreciative of those who have stepped up and pledged their support because it's recognition of the fact that food insecurity is happening and is increasing in our very own neighbourhood," said Dunlop. "A lot of small businesses and charities in town have stepped up to support us and we're just amazed. We're still looking for a few more business to consider pledging their support to reach our goal."

Shepherd's Cupboard Food Bank and the Rotary Club of Shelburne celebrated the official launch of their sponsorship campaign in July at Trillium Ford in Shelburne. The goal of the campaign is to help raise the funds to purchase a 2023 Ford E-Transit Cargo Van T-350 for the food bank.

The campaign sees local businesses choose from a selection of sponsorship tiers, each of which comes with different perks. The five tiers that businesses can pick from to sponsor the van include Community Partner (\$20,000), Team Partner (\$10,000), Friend

(\$5,000), Fan (\$2,500), and Pal (\$1,000).

The idea of purchasing a vehicle to help with pickups and deliveries has been an idea the local food bank had floated around for nearly five years. Two of the biggest catalysts for the purchase are the rise of food insecurity in the community and the stress the demand has put on volunteers using their personal vehicles.

According to Dunlop, the demand for the food bank has increased by 800 per cent since 2017 with more than 400 active files constituting over 1,000 people from Shelburne, Melancthon, Mulmur and Amaranth. Of the individuals accessing the food bank, 73 per cent are Shelburne residents.

The Food Bank also noted in 2023 they served between 225 to 250 families each month of which, 41 per cent were adults, 37 per cent were children and 17 per cent were seniors.

"The Shelburne Food Bank has only continued to grow and we're looking at the van as the main tool of helping us in addressing some of that growth," explained Dunlop.

In order to meet the demand, The Shelburne Food Bank uses a team of 10 volunteer drivers, who use their personal vehicles to pick up and transport purchased and donated food items.

According to the Shelburne Food Bank, in 2023 there were 936 trips taken by using vehicles owned by volunteers.

"Right now, we're sending a lot of cars out to do the food rescue and this will consolidate that by bringing 10 to 12 individual cars off the road. It will also allow us to do more



FILE PHOTO

**MAKING PROGRESS:** Shepherd's Cupboard Food Bank and the Rotary Club of Shelburne celebrated the launch of their new \$100,000 sponsorship campaign on July 8 at Trillium Ford in Shelburne. The campaign has now reached \$63,000 of its \$100,000 goal. The van will be used to pick up and drop off deliveries.

deliveries and increase those deliveries to reach a wider population in the rural areas we service," said Dunlop.

Not only will the van help tangibly with donations and distribution, but the hope is that it'll allow the local food bank to build visibility within the community.

"It will show people in town that we are in operation because I'm sure there are still people in town who do not know that there is a Shelburne Food Bank," said Dunlop. "It should increase our donations because we can be at many of the functions around town with the van to collect items. It's going to have a great impact overall on us being able

to address food insecurity."

The local food bank hopes to have the \$100,000 raised by the end of the year to have the van up and running for early 2025.

"The only way we're going to be able to address [food insecurity] is if we all work together. This is one way the community can come together and give us the tools to continue on" concluded Dunlop.

Local businesses interested in helping raise donations by becoming sponsors of the Shepherd Cupboard Food Bank's Food Rescue Van can contact the food bank by email at shelburnefoodbank@gmail.com or by phone at 519-925-2600 ext. 350.

## Headwaters conducts mock hostage-taking scenario with Dufferin police

Written By PAULA BROWN  
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Patients at Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) and residents living in the area may have noticed an increase in police presence at the hospital on Sunday morning, but have no reason to worry.

Headwaters Hospital and the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) were conducting a scheduled mock scenario at the local hospital on Sunday (Oct. 20) from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

"Mock emergency drills are very effective with emergency preparedness because it puts policy into practice," reads a statement from the Headwaters Health Care Centre Emergency Preparedness Committee and Dufferin OPP. "As a learning exercise, mock drills provide realistic stimuli, which sharpens our team's actual response according to hospital code policies. They also show us areas of improvement so that the hospital can continue to provide an environment of safety and high-quality care."

Emergency codes and mock drills are part of Headwaters' regular emergency preparedness and planning.

"These hospital emergency codes are common among all Ontario hospitals and are used to quickly mobilize relevant teams to respond to the event and provide high-quality patient care and safety in an

emergency situation."

The emergency drills at Headwaters were focused on two of the hospital's standard emergency codes; code silver, which is a person with a weapon; and code purple, implemented in cases of hostage-taking.

"Code silver and code purple are unique in that they involve the emergency inter-agency response of local police and potentially other agencies. This year, the mock code silver was highly recommended by Accreditation Canada to Ontario hospitals, to ensure patients, staff, physicians and volunteers can be safe under the circumstances," said the Headwaters Health Care Centre Emergency Preparedness Committee.

The mock code exercise included members of the Dufferin OPP and more than 50 hospital staff, volunteers, patient and family advisors and Dufferin County Paramedics who volunteered to participate or observe.

Representatives from three peer hospitals were also there to observe the mock scenario and apply the information gathered through the exercise to their own organizations.

Headwaters Hospital remained open during the mock exercise with all patient services and facilities fully operational and regular visiting hours in effect. There was no impact on patients during the mock exercise.

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# OPINION

## Intensification

I'm starting to understand why so many Ontarians have decided to sell their home and move to Nova Scotia or New Brunswick.

Every once in a while, someone on Facebook will post a photo of some Italian fishing village built on a rocky cliff or overlooking a beach.

Someone will always reply with a comment "oh, I could so live there."

For a North American, living in a village like that would get old, real quick.

There are no real roads, you're living on top of your neighbour in a really old house. There are no amenities. There's no place to park your car.

Fishing village life would quickly become a case of cabin fever.

Another post I've seen is a photo of Barcelona, Spain, from the air. It is indeed, an interesting photo of a city that was definitely planned. The streets are laid out well, with a massive cathedral in the city centre.

When you look closer, the entire city is a series of hundreds, maybe thousands of apartment buildings built in squares. Some streets will never see sunlight.

That's 1.6 million souls jammed into 39

square miles. If you're a muscle car enthusiast or enjoy outdoor sports or activities, this is not the place for you.

New York City is also one jam-packed concrete canyon of fun where you have the privilege of paying thousands of dollars per month for an apartment so small you have a bathtub in the kitchen.

People choose to live there. Although I suspect if you took many native New Yorkers for a drive outside of the city, they may have a spiritual awakening of sorts.

For some reason, the provincial government has decided that new development in Ontario should be based on 'intensification.' You jam as many people possible into the smallest area, and tell them they are happy.

Well, it's not working.

A couple of weeks ago I was invited to a dinner being held in Niagara Falls. That should be about a two-hour drive from where I live.

Normally, I give myself plenty of time because I know the QEW can get pretty slow at times. I've had some frustrating times on the QEW – but there really isn't an alternative since Lake Ontario gets in the way.

This time, however, it was just an exercise in futility.

Traffic started to slow as soon as I entered the QEW from Highway 27. From there, it became a nightmare of stop-and-go driving.

Four hours after leaving home, I was still in Burlington. A line of around 30 transport trucks blocked the right-hand lane. I was trapped.

I noticed that at least half of the cars in the car-pool lane were occupied by single drivers. People were so frustrated, they didn't care, and there was no place for police to position themselves to monitor that lane anyway.

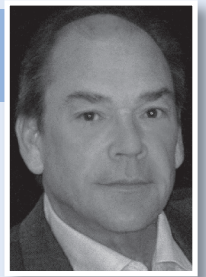
The minutes ticked by. It was now 6 p.m. - dinner time. I figured at the current rate of travel, it would be another 1.5 hours just to get through Hamilton, then at least another 45 minutes to get to my destination if traffic started moving at a normal rate.

Yup, I was going to miss the party.

I finally managed to pull off of the highway, and as I crossed the bridge to find the on-ramp to head the opposite way, I could see the traffic stopped for miles heading west and south.

What a waste of a day.

**BRIAN LOCKHART**  
FROM THE SECOND ROW



When I started back on the highway, in the opposite direction, I noticed the impact of 'intensification' going through Oakville.

There were massive condominium buildings on the north side of town – a town which used to be a small enclave of nice houses and parks.

Now there are thousands of people living on top of each other and everyone leaving the same place to go to work in the morning. And this is just one of many areas in the GTA where there massive buildings that dominate the skyline.

Whether we like it or not, our society relies on automobiles to get around. There is no appropriate mass transit to conveniently get people to their destination, and many people wouldn't use mass transit even if it were available.

Intensification is only going to make the situation and driving, worse in the future. Especially since the federal government is allowing one million people per year, to land in Ontario.

Newfoundland is starting to look pretty good.

## Mission to Europa

Elon Musk's 'Starship' project did something spectacular last week. The 160-tonne booster landed safely in the arms (or rather, the 'chopsticks') of a rocket-catching device that will soon allow the rapid turn-around and reuse of heavy-lift vehicles.

When fully operational, probably within two years, Starship will cut the cost of putting things into orbit as much as fiftyfold. Maybe it will eventually go to Mars. But in the end it's just a better tool – a giant spacefaring truck.

The scientific event of the year was the launch on Monday of the Europa Clipper mission from Cape Canaveral. It's carrying the biggest unmanned vehicle ever sent beyond Earth orbit. It will take more than five years to reach Europa, but when it finally gets there (almost three billion km. later) it may be able to tell us what we really want to know.

"If we discover life so far away from the Sun, it would imply a separate origin of life

to the Earth," explained Mark Fox-Powell, a planetary microbiologist at Britain's Open University. "That is hugely significant, because if that happens twice in our solar system, it could mean life is really common."

It doesn't need to be very complex life, which is probably unlikely to evolve at the bottom of Europa's sunless sea. We already know that in more favourable circumstances life will evolve into a multitude of forms, so all we need to learn from Europa is that some form of life, even simple microbes, has already come into existence there.

The real question is whether we are alone in the universe. People don't wander around asking themselves that question, of course, but it is the ultimate context-setter. Are we unique, the only bearers of life in an otherwise barren universe, or are we just one more species having a brief fling on one more planet in one more galaxy?

Europa, one of Jupiter's four big 'Galilean' moons, could hold the answer. It's big – about the size of Earth's own Moon – and it appears to have a giant saltwater ocean up to 150 km. deep.

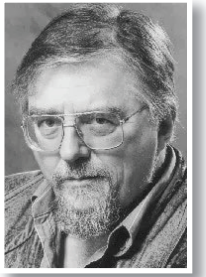
That ocean probably froze over very early in Europa's history, perhaps as early as 4.5 billion years ago, because Europa is five times farther from the Sun than we are. Indeed, the sheath of ice around Europa is estimated to be fifteen to twenty-five km. thick.

However, beneath that ice there is at least as much liquid water as there is on Earth. Europa revolves around Jupiter, whose immense gravitational pull stretches and squeezes the moon's rock and ice. That creates enormous tidal forces even in solid rock and causes enough friction and heat to keep an entire ocean molten.

There is no light beneath the ice so photosynthesis, which provides the energy for complex life, is not possible. However, living creatures using different biochemical pathways (chemosynthesis) thrive in complete darkness around 'hydrothermal' volcanic vents in the deepest parts of Earth's oceans. That may even be where life on Earth got its start.

If similar living creatures exist on Europa, they would transform our understanding of the universe, for there is no way that they could be related to earthly life. Even more than the distance, the

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thick carapace of ice that isolates Europa's ocean from the rest of the universe means that any life there will have had a completely separate origin.

The rest follows almost automatically. If two unrelated instances of life have arisen in this single planetary system, then it's a safe bet that life in the universe is as common as dirt. Indeed, there are at least four ice-covered ocean moons in the outer Solar system, and maybe as many as eight, so there could even be many different lineages of life circling our own Sun.

But let's not get ahead of ourselves. We don't yet know if there is life in Europa's ocean, and finding out will be very hard. The Europa Clipper mission will only be able to do a low fly-by of Europa for a couple of hours every three weeks, because longer immersion in Jupiter's huge radiation zone would fry its electronics.

Europa Clipper carries nine instruments to explore and measure the moon's surface, its magnetic field and (remotely) its ocean, but the jackpot would be a sample of the seawater, ideally with living things in it. If they get lucky, NASA's scientists could even get that, because some of them think occasional plumes of that seawater erupt from the surface.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: The fervor over Fiddle Park

Many times in the past weeks I have heard people say two things: "There are plans to renovate Fiddle Park next year?" and "Well, what can you do?"

To address the first comment, there are indeed significant changes afoot for Fiddle Park in Shelburne in 2025. Plans include a 600-seat concrete amphitheatre, the planting of trees and creation of walking trails, a state of the art playground, splash pad and skating pathway, just to name a few.

It will also include the removal of the very well-used trailer sanitation dump station and the cessation of events in the park for 2025.

The disruption to otherwise well-attended events in Fiddle Park is of course due to the construction which will take the better part of the year. Some events, such as Pickin' in the Park, have been investing in the park over the course of their decade-long event, most recently donating \$40,000 towards the new cement floor installed this year.

Unfortunately, this event will need to leave Fiddle Park indefinitely as trailer camping will not be possible once the walking path systems and trees are in place.

Other popular events, like our Haunt In The

Park, will look a little different next year but we are assured that we can return to the Fiddle Park pavilion in 2026. We sincerely hope that's the case as there is no other place Haunt In The Park should be!

The choices of what will be included in the new Fiddle Park are based on a survey conducted in 2021 which garnered 481 responses from Shelburne's then population of 8,994, which equates to approximately 5.35 per cent of the town.

This was a time when people were still reeling from the COVID-19 pandemic, struggling to keep their jobs, figuring out how to manage finances, living through stressful times in relationships and suffering from mental health issues after the upheaval of lockdowns and quarantines.

It is understandable that such a small percentage answered the survey about what the future of Fiddle Park should include.

It seemed distant and insubstantial.

Then there was a secondary survey in 2022 for people to choose between three concept plans that were proposed, based on the aforementioned survey results. In this survey, 113 participants provided feedback. And based on

this, Concept 1 was chosen as 42 per cent of the 113 participants voted for it over the other 2 options provided. All this information can be found on the Town of Shelburne website, under Town Hall, Plans Studies and Reports, Parks Master Plan, and then Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Now we come to the "Well, what can you do?" commentary.

So many people I spoke to had strong opinions on the course of events at Fiddle Park but were marked with a level of sustained apathy and discouragement. Thinking that there is nothing you can do is simply not true.

The staff at the Shelburne Town Hall are there for you, the community. As are the councillors and mayor. They are doing their best with the information that is provided them. In the end, a very small percentage of the town is effectively deciding what will happen in the parks such as Fiddle Park.

And yes, the master plan has been accepted, but there is still a very small window in which you can be heard as the final draft of the Fiddle Park plan, Phase 1 development, has not yet been written in stone.

The cost for the skating path is higher than

anticipated so the plan will need to be revised, and the window in which to have your voice heard is closing. So reach out to your council members and let them know how you feel about the plan, and its price tag of over \$9 million. Let town staff have the opportunity to help you have your voice heard by calling and having yourself added to the council agenda and speaking to council directly.

Change for Fiddle Park is inevitable and should be welcomed. However, it should also be reflective of the majority of the citizens and what would serve them best. Whether that should be walking trails, better lighting, seating and shade trees, a trailer dump station that perhaps generates revenue, a playground, flexible event space, an open area for a sports field, a parking lot with enough open overflow parking to accommodate larger events, and/or signage to help out of town guests find the park better... there are many ideas and concepts that could work for a town as diverse and community-driven as Shelburne.

Let's make sure the investment in our largest park reflects that.

Carola Little  
Shelburne

**Winter Warmth  
Clothing Swap Party**

Saturday, November 9, 2024  
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November 8th (10am - 6pm)  
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# Classic car recently stolen from driveway of Mono residence

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers are investigating a vehicle theft which took place between Oct. 1 and 10.

A 1959 Black Austin Healey was stolen from an address on 25 Sideroad, Mono.

Anyone with information or video surveillance footage in relation to the theft of the Black Austin Healey is asked to call the Dufferin OPP Detachment at (519) 942-1711 or 1-888-310-1122.

Information can also be provided anonymously by contacting Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Information can also be submitted online at ontariocrimestoppers.ca.

Dufferin OPP recently shared auto theft crime prevention tips in a press release.

"Today's auto thieves are increasingly turning to technology that bypasses security systems allowing vehicles to be stolen. Electronic auto theft is on the rise as more vehicles are equipped with technology such as keyless entry fobs," reads the press release. "In fact, the insurance industry has

seen the growing trend that thieves are able to copy fob information and steal cars right from your driveway. The term 'relay thefts' involves the use of equipment designed to boost and exploit the signals sent out by a vehicle's legitimate key fob. This allows for a thief to unlock and start an engine of a vehicle remotely."

Dufferin OPP says local residents can protect their vehicles by taking any of the following crime-prevention measures:

- Ensure your vehicle keys are kept well away from doors and windows
- Use a signal-blocking pouch/box - they can block your key fob from transmitting its code to the vehicle as the pouch is lined with layers or metallic material
- Turn off the keyless fob wireless signal at night (refer to your car manual for instructions)
- Use a steering wheel lock or car alarm - this could add a significant delay or be a deterrent for thieves
- Consider a secondary audible car alarm

- which works by using sensors placed at different points of your vehicle

- Park in a garage if possible
- Insert a car tracker - unusual activity is monitored, and the car can be tracked using GPS if stolen

The Dufferin OPP and its insurance industry partners also want to raise public awareness about the opportunities for criminals who intend to steal personal identification from unsecured vehicles.

"Licenses, insurance, vehicle ownerships, passports, as well as mobile devices or laptops, offer criminals the opportunity to further victimize individuals who do not lock their vehicles, or who leave their valuables in plain view," said Dufferin OPP's press release.

Vehicle owners/passengers can do simple things to decrease the risk of being victimized, such as:

- Never leave a running vehicle unattended
- Lock your doors



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

**CLASSIC CAR THEFT:** Dufferin OPP are investigating the theft of a 1959 Austin Healey, which was stole from the driveway of a Mono home between Oct. 1 and Oct. 10.

- Roll up your windows
- Keep valuables out of sight
- Keep your registration and proof of insurance in your wallet or purse, not in the glove box
- Pocket your keys
- At night or during extended parking periods, always park in a well-lit area.

# Single vehicle collision results in death of 68-year-old East Garafraxa man

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers along with Dufferin County Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and Fire Services responded to a single-vehicle collision in East Garafraxa over the weekend that resulted in a fatality.

Dufferin OPP officers attended the 10th Line,

between County Road 3 and the Erin-East Garafraxa Townline in East Garafraxa on Sunday, Oct. 20, just after 4:30 p.m., for the report of a serious single motor vehicle collision.

Sadly, as a result of the collision, a 68-year-old man from East Garafraxa was pronounced deceased at the scene.

East Garafraxa's 10th Line was closed for several hours while the OPP's Traffic Collision

Investigation (TCI) team investigated.

The investigation into the fatal collision is ongoing.

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP at

1-888-310-1122.

And those who witnessed the collision and wish to speak to victim services can contact Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services at 905-951-3838.

# Man arrested in Shelburne for impaired driving, faces several other charges

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers charged a man with impaired operation-related offences in Shelburne.

On Oct. 20, at approximately 9:10 p.m., Dufferin OPP officers were dispatched to the area of Red Elm Drive in Shelburne for a traffic complaint.

When following up with the traffic complaint, officers had an interaction with a male driver and were quickly led into an im-

paired driving investigation.

Due to the investigation, Ian Kamau, a 29-year-old from Niagara Falls, has been charged with operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs, novice driver - B.A.C. above zero, novice driver fail to surrender licence, drive a vehicle or boat with cannabis readily available, and class G1 licence holder - unaccompanied by qualified driver.

The accused individual is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville. Their driver's licence was suspended for 90 days, and their vehicles were impounded for 7 days.

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

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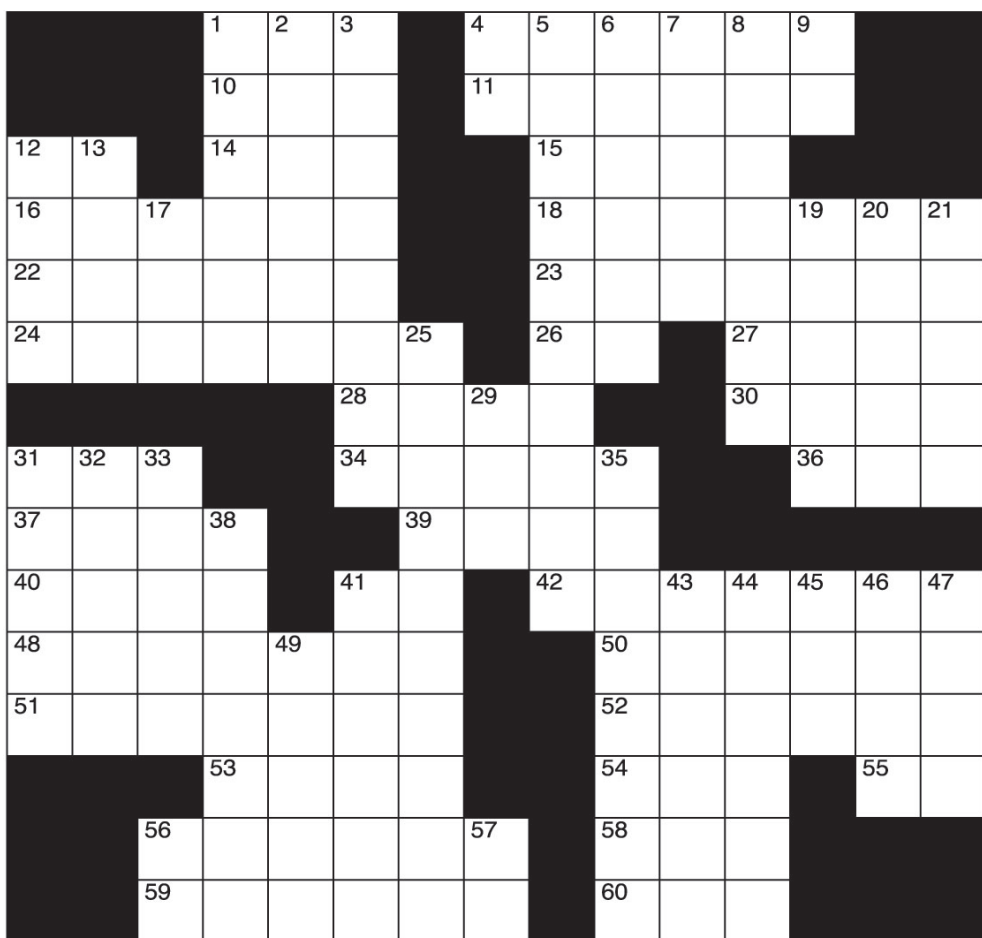
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- Straightforward
- Canadian province
- At any rate (abbr.)
- Genealogy
- Make changes
- Utter repeatedly
- In a way, turned up
- Type of ship
- Agents of one's downfall
- Not out
- Something to scratch
- Round water pot
- Refreshing green fruit (slang)
- Promotions
- Primordial matters
- One-time world power (abbr.)
- Source of illumination
- The content of cognition
- An Arab ruler
- South Dakota
- Gnawed at with teeth
- Hawaiian island
- Smaller
- Of a single person
- Rigid bracelet
- Barbary sheep (Fr.)
- Not even
- Specific gravity
- Engage in petty bargaining
- Boxing's "GOAT"
- Split between

### CLUES DOWN

- A place to lounge
- Skewed views
- Peacefully
- Commercial
- Auxiliary forces
- Large mollusk
- Take out again
- Sharp and forthright
- Knight (chess)
- Source of fiber
- Flesh covering some birds' beaks
- Energy
- Night monkeys
- genus
- Small, sharp nails
- Pleasant-smelling liquid
- Affirms one's hold
- parties
- Notable offensive
- Texans can't forget it
- "Oppenheimer" actor Matt
- Expression
- Vessel
- Lacking poetic beauty
- Tall, swift and slender dog
- Sports personality Michelle
- Robber
- Liquefied natural gas
- Snakelike fishes
- The most worthless part of something
- City in Crimea
- Bad grades
- Reichsmark

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# Keeping the community warm: Coats for Dufferin runs to mid-November

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

With colder weather on the way, it's once again the time of year to sort through the closet and decide which winter clothes to keep for the season and which to donate.

For items on the way out the door, an annual Dufferin-based initiative is willing and ready to take them off your hands and give them to local residents in need.

Coats for Dufferin, a Dufferin-based initiative run by local realtor Jacqueline Clement is collecting donations of new and gently used coats, snow pants, hats, gloves and boots for their 2024 campaign.

"It's a basic human right, just like having a meal and a roof over your head, that you should be able to walk down the street or for children to go out for recess and not be frozen," said Clement. "What struck me was the lack of awareness of how many people in our community need help. It's a huge expense every year, especially with young children because they grow out of them."

Coats for Dufferin is an amalgamation of two previous initiatives; Stay Warm Shelburne, which was started in 2022 by Shelburne-based realtors Claire Knight and Dave Crowe; and Coats for Kids, started by Clement in 2021. In 2023, the two initiatives joined together to address the need for winter outdoor wear for adults and children.

Since starting the coat collection, Coats for Dufferin has been able to provide nearly every elementary school in Dufferin County with a closet full of winter gear and coats for students to access. The initiative is looking

to collect adult sizing to provide the same resource for the high schools.

"Each local school has their own closet of a wide range of sized for them to be able to supply children that come into the school, whether they just forgot a coat that day or they need to keep it," said Clement.

A significant aspect of Coats for Dufferin is that every coat or winter outerwear item that is donated to the initiative stays directly in the community to benefit residents in need.

"This is a great way to up cycle, keep a bunch of clothing waster out of our landfills and to ensure that it stay in our community," she said.

Donations of new and gently used coats can be dropped off at 14 different locations throughout Dufferin County.

**Shelburne:**

- Streams Community Hub
- Turn it Out Dance Studio
- Shelburne Public Library
- Shelburne Auto & Cycle

**Orangeville:**

- Tan-tations
- Bamboo Babies Kids Boutique
- Art of 8 Martial Arts Academy
- The Hair Lab
- Bin There Dump That
- Century 21 Millennium

**Grand Valley:**

- Grand Valley Dental
- The Perked Pierogi



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

**STOCKED CLOSET:** Coats and winter outerwear that have been donated to the Coats for Dufferin initiative have been able to provide nearly every elementary school in Dufferin County with a closet of items for students in need to choose from.

**Mono:**

- Orangeville Storm Soccer Club
- Hockley Hounds

"We do try to make it super easy and convenient. You don't need to wash it or do anything other than put it in a bag and drop it off. If dropping off isn't an option, then please reach out to us and we would be happy to try and coordinate a pickup as well."

For those who don't have a winter clothing item they can donate but are still interested in helping with the initiative, Coats for Dufferin will also accept gift cards for Walmart and Giant Tiger.

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"It is a really great way for us to be able to fill holes in the donations. Sometimes the schools will give us odd requests, like needing socks or mittens instead of outerwear, so this allows us to go out and do our best to fill those gaps," said Clement.

Coats for Dufferin will be accepting donations until Nov. 15.

"No donation is too big or too small," said Clement.

## Shelburne Legion closed until further notice

The doors to the Shelburne Legion, Branch 220, will be closed for the immediate future.

The Shelburne Legion announced its closure in a social media post on Facebook on Wednesday, Oct. 23.

"It pains me to write this, but your Shelburne Legion is closed until further notice. We hope to see you again soon," reads the statement from the Shelburne Legion.

A reason for the closure wasn't disclosed as of press time, and a timeline for how long the legion will remain closed has not been released.

As a result of the closure, legion activities, including the Remembrance Day Ceremony on Nov. 11, have been put on pause.

The Shelburne Free Press will continue to follow developments on this story.

## This week's news from the Shelburne Public Library

**Silent Auction:** It's that time of year again. While the Shelburne Public Library has plenty of exciting events this month, its most cherished event of the year is just around the corner — its Annual Silent Auction & Book Sale.

This year's event will take place on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with bidding ending at 3:30 p.m.

If you have something you'd like to donate or have questions about the process, get in touch with Rose Doten, Shelburne Public Library CEO by email at rdotten@shelburnelibrary.ca.

**Upcoming Events:** Thursday, Oct. 24 at 6 p.m. – Our favourite archivist, Laura, will be at your library with some spooky tales from Dufferin County. Registration is preferred.

Don't forget we have Seniors Tech Tutoring appointments available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. It's the perfect opportunity to ask your tech questions in a non-judgmental environment. Call 519-925-2168 to book an appointment.

**Recommended read of the week: The Shepherd**

**of Princes by local author Mike Bonikowsky** - In a ruined future where the only currency is strength, a small community struggles to maintain a place for weakness.

But when a mysterious electric light appears in the southern sky, a young caregiver must leave the only home he has ever known in an effort to save that home. What he finds will call into question the nature of survival itself. The Shepherd of Princes is a novel about what it means, and what it costs, to care for another person. It is a meditation on the hidden gifts that make us human and a warning of the price to be paid when those gifts are refused.

**Why Jade Recommends it:** I don't naturally gravitate to science or religious fiction, but the setting and characters of The Shepherd of Princes made the themes of this book accessible and enjoyable for me. Micah, our protagonist, is faced with a hero's journey set in a reimagined, post-apocalyptic Dufferin County. Along the way, he meets a cast of characters that will steal your heart and compel you to see their journey to the end. Place your holds on the library's copy or we also have a few copies for purchase available at the library for \$25.

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# SPORTS



**BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**  
**SHUTOUT:** The Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS) Royals senior boys' soccer team played against the Norwell District Secondary School at the CDDHS pitch on Wednesday, Oct. 16. The Royals won this game 3-0 and are in second place in the District 4 standings with a 4-2-1 record.

## Shelburne Stars Cricket Club compete in Shel-Bram Cup

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

The Shelburne Cricket Club's premier team, the Shelburne Stars, travelled to Brampton on Friday, Oct. 11 to take on the Brampton Strikers at Teramoto Park for the Shel-Bram Cup.

The Stars are last year's winner of the Cup. The match was played in the evening under the park's lights.

Winning the toss, the Strikers elected to field first to start the match.

It was the right move for the Strikers when their bowling put the Stars back to 41 in five, in just the seventh over.

Despite the shaky start, Sarfaraz Bhulla led a crucial fight with 42 runs.

Hisaan Siddiqui played on the mat under the lights for the first time and had great poise and skill. His 23-run contribution was vital in steadying the Star's innings, demon-

strating confidence and cricketing ability beyond his years.

The total was further boosted by Samir's 12 runs and Ahsen's 10 runs, moving the Stars to a competitive score of 123.

Harsimran Virk was the bowling hero for the Strikers, taking five wickets to stifle the Stars' batting effort.

The Stars' bowlers took to the field but struggled to make early in-roads as the Strikers' openers, Mihir with 49 runs and Fraz with 20 runs, laid a strong foundation for the chase.

The Stars managed to grab eight wickets, but it wasn't enough to prevent the Strikers from chasing down the target with two wickets in hand.

Tabish Taufiq led the bowling efforts for the Stars, claiming three wickets, while Sarfaraz Bhulla chipped in with two.

Harsimran Virk's five-wicket haul earned

him the Man of the Match accolade.

The Brampton Strikers took home the Shel-Bram Cup.

The night match offered a good learning experience for the Shelburne Cricket Club, especially for emerging youth players.



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**NEW LEVEL:** The Shelburne Stars travelled to Brampton on Friday, Oct. 11 to take on the Brampton Strikers for the Shel-Bram Cup. The Stars lost the match but enjoyed playing on a professional-level cricket pitch.

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## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

### TAHLIA HENRY

Playing her second year of basketball at CDDHS, Tahlia Henry says she enjoys playing the game.

"I love the adrenaline, the running, and everything to do with it," Tahlia said of why she likes the sport. "It's a team inclusive sport and this team is like family."

She is an important contributor to the Centre Dufferin team.

A well rounded athlete, Tahlia plays several sports including softball, track and field, badminton, and also competed in wrestling at OFSAA.

**TEAM:**  
CENTRE DUFFERIN  
DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL  
ROYALS SENIOR GIRLS'  
BASKETBALL



**BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**

**RUNNING SUCCESS:** Centre Dufferin District High School junior runner Adrian Gomes puts out a good effort during the District 4/10 cross country championships held at the Island Lake Conservation Area in Orangeville on Wednesday, Oct. 16. Adrian had a good result, finishing 15th with a time of 20:51 over the 5-kilometre course.

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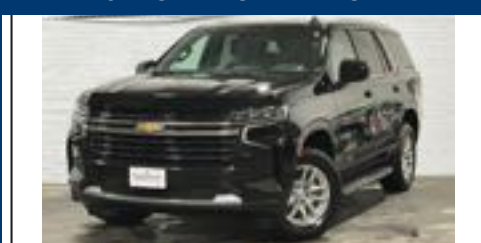
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**\$166** WEEKLY + HST  
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**\$119** WEEKLY + HST  
72 MONTHS WEEKLY LICENSING EXTRA  
**\$35,812** +HST/LIC  
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C.O.B \$7,340

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**\$125** WEEKLY + HST  
72 MONTHS WEEKLY LICENSING EXTRA  
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**\$104** WEEKLY + HST  
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**\$159** WEEKLY + HST  
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**\$47,912** +HST/LIC  
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C.O.B \$9, 820

**2018 GMC TERRAIN DENALI AWD**



STK# 24924A • 80,542 KM • 2.0L TURBO 4-CYLINDER, 9-SPEED AUTOMATIC, NAVIGATION, PANORAMIC SUNROOF, HEATED/COOLED LEATHER, HEATED WHEEL, HEATED 2ND ROW, DUAL ZONE CLIMATE, POWER LIFTGATE, 19 INCH ALLOYS, REMOTE START, PARK ASSIST, SURROUND VIEW CAMERA, GOOD KMS!

**\$121** WEEKLY + HST  
72 MONTHS WEEKLY LICENSING EXTRA  
**\$28,812** +HST/LIC  
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**@ 9.49%** O.A.C.  
C.O.B \$9,003

**2017 BUICK VERANO LEATHER**



STK# 24891A • 28,198 • 2.4L 4-CYLINDER, 6-SPEED AUTOMATIC, NAVIGATION, SUNROOF, REMOTE START, HEATED LEATHER BUCKETS, DUAL ZONE CLIMATE, REAR CAMERA, 18 INCH ALLOYS, CHROME GRILLE, GOOD KMS, 1-OWNER, MACMASTER ORIGINAL!

**\$106** WEEKLY + HST  
60 MONTHS WEEKLY LICENSING EXTRA  
**\$21,912** +HST/LIC  
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C.O.B \$5,628

**2023 GMC TERRAIN DENALI AWD**



STK# B12153 • 27,914 KM • 1.5L TURBO 4-CYLINDER, 9-SPEED AUTOMATIC, AWD, NAVIGATION, PANORAMIC SUNROOF, HEATED/COOLED LEATHER BUCKETS, HEATED WHEEL, DUAL ZONE CLIMATE, 19 INCH ALLOYS, REMOTE START, POWER LIFTGATE, INTELLILINK, REAR CAMERA, REAR PARK ASSIST, GMC PRO SAFETY PLUS, ADAPTIVE CRUISE!

**\$133** WEEKLY + HST  
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**2021 GMC SIERRA 1500 SLT 4X4**



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**\$158** WEEKLY + HST  
84 MONTHS WEEKLY LICENSING EXTRA  
**\$47,712** +HST/LIC  
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C.O.B \$9,779

**2022 GMC SAVANA 2500 CARGO**



STK# B12148 • 31,601 KM • 135 WB, 6.6L VORTEC V8, 6-SPEED AUTO, A/C, MP3 CAPABLE AUDIO, CLOTH BUCKET SEATS, POWER LOCKS/WINDOWS, REAR DOOR GLASS, REAR CAMERA, SIDE BARN DOORS, CHROME BUMPERS, EX-DAILY RENTAL! COME CHECK OUT THIS PRE-OWNED 2022 GMC SAVANA 2500 CARGO WITH PLENTY OF SPACE!

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# Local family physicians recognized for providing outstanding care

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Ontario College of Family Physicians (OCFP) is recognizing the outstanding care provided by family physicians across the province.

The Ontario College of Family Physicians announced in a press release on Oct. 17 that nine family doctors in the Dufferin-Caledon area had been recognized by their patients for the outstanding care they've provided.

"What we heard from patients in all corners of the province, including in Dufferin-Caledon, is that family physicians are there for patients, providing care when they need it most," said Dr. Jobin Varughese, President of the Ontario College of Family Physicians. "We are thankful for the dedication and care that family physicians show to patients in their communities."

The recognition is part of a campaign run by the Ontario College of Family Physicians (OCFP) to highlight the essential role of family doctors. During the campaign, Ontarians were asked to tell the OCFP about how their family doctor has gone above and beyond for their care.

According to the Ontario College of Family Physicians, the campaign received responses with more than 750 family doctors being recognized across the province.

Dr. Jamie Van der Ham of Dufferin Area Family Health Team was among the local physicians in Dufferin County who were recognized in the campaign. He received nominations from four different patients and was among the most of any family doctor in the province.

Dr. Van der Ham was recognized for the outstanding care he provides particularly to an elderly patient who has a challenging cardiovascular condition.

"My husband has an ICD (implantable cardioverter defibrillator) and Dr. Van der Ham is on top of all of his appointments and procedures, and at our age that gives us a real feeling of confidence and security," said the patient.

Another patient added, "He is concerned about my health, and I feel so well looked after."

One more noted, "My family doctor always follows up with me after any visit. He truly cares about my well-being."

Dr. Carol Mills, from the Dufferin Area Family Health Team, was also recognized for the care provided to her patients.

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— DR. JOBIN VARUGHESE, PRESIDENT OF THE ONTARIO COLLEGE OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS

"Our family doctor serves my husband and myself, and our two children and grandchildren – a true family doctor. She is supportive of all of us in our various age brackets, including diagnosing special issues and finding specialists," said the patient.

In addition to bringing recognition to the essential role that family doctors have in their patients' lives, the OCFP campaign also brought to light the need for more family doctors.

The Ontario College of Family Physicians said they heard from many Ontarians who do not have a family doctor but are in need

of one. According to the Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team, the estimated number of local community members needing access to primary and team-based care was over 15,000 as of March 2022.

With the population of the area projected to increase 37 per cent by 2031, Dufferin County and Caledon would require 43 additional family physicians – 14 for Dufferin County and 29 for Caledon – in the next seven years to keep up with population growth.

"Family physicians are the foundation of our health care system, and every Ontarian should have access to one," said Deepy Sur, CEO of the Ontario College of Family Physicians. "We can get there by ensuring family physicians have the right supports in the right place to allow them to continue to provide patient care."

At the time of print, there are roughly 2.5 million Ontarians without access to a family doctor.

# Museum invites residents to participate in poppy art installation

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Dufferin County residents have the opportunity to become a part of a future art installation at the Museum of Dufferin (MoD) that looks to honour veterans past and present.

The Museum of Dufferin will be hosting a crochet poppy workshop, called the MoD Poppy Project, on Nov. 2 and Nov. 9, which will be run by staff members Jasmine Proteau and Sarah Robinson. During the workshop, participants will learn to do basic crochet stitches and will be provided with all the materials and instructions to create their own handcrafted poppies.

The finished poppies will be left with the Museum of Dufferin and become part of a Remembrance Day installation in 2025.

"The intent is for them to make the poppies at our site and then leave them with us so that we can use them in the display and make them, perhaps in remembrance of somebody that they know who is a veteran," explained Proteau.

The MoD Poppy Project is inspired by a larger poppy initiative that has popped up across Canada and the United Kingdom. Museum staff initially began exploring creating the poppy installation at the Museum

of Dufferin in early 2023.

Proteau spoke about how the community-involved project aids in the continued efforts of remembrance.

"With people being able to kind of be hands on, I think that adds a little bit more weight to the practice of remembrance and getting people to connect on a more personal level," said Proteau. "I'm sure most people can identify at least on family member or friend who could be called a veteran. It helps you think about how it relates to your own life and connect more deeply."

Over the next year of crocheting and knitting poppies, the Museum of Dufferin is hoping to receive as many handcrafted poppies as possible, which will help them create a large installation.

The museum will be accepting submitted crochet or knitted poppies made at home until August 2025.

Those interested in taking the workshop



**IN REMEMBRANCE:** Dufferin County residents can join Museum of Dufferin on No. 2 or 9 to create crochet poppies in honour of veterans past and present.

and being part of the Museum of Dufferin's 2025 Remembrance Day installation, can register for a time slot on Nov. 2 or 9 by visiting [www.dufferinmuseum.com](http://www.dufferinmuseum.com).

## NOTICE

### Hunting in the Dufferin County Forest

All users of the Dufferin County Forest are hereby advised that November 4 to 8 and December 2 to 6 are the shotgun/muzzle-loading gun/archery seasons for deer in 2024. During this time there will be a number of hunters using the Dufferin County Forest properties. Please use caution in the forest and wear bright-coloured clothing. There is no hunting allowed at any time in the following tracts: north portion of Amaranth, Hockley, Leening, Levitt, Little, Main, Mono, Thomson, and River Road. Suspected violations of the Fish & Wildlife Conservation Act should be reported to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry at 877-847-7667 (877-TIPS-MNR). Other inquiries should be directed to the County Forest Division at 877-941-7787.



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# Caravaggio IDA celebrates 10 years in the community

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The name Caravaggio IDA has a long history in Shelburne and is a well-known place in town with its easily visible sign and entranceway on Main Street.

The pharmacy recently celebrated 10 years of new management and a successful decade of serving the community.

Pharmacy owner Margerit Bebawy along with other family members took over the pharmacy 10 years ago and decided to keep the Caravaggio name as it was already well established in the community.

"We're a family-owned business," Margerit explained. "It's me, my sister, and my brother who own the store, and I'm the pharmacy manager. My parents are pharmacists, the whole family are pharmacists."

While the pharmacy offers all the services you would expect, Margerit has worked hard to bring extra and specialized services to the

community that weren't available before.

"When we started here, this was a small town pharmacy despite being a big store," Margerit explained. "There were a lot of things offered in the city that weren't being serviced here. I brought in compounding. We customize medication rather than just being prescribed something that's already in the market, that may not necessarily be the right choice for you. For example, children that were being discharged from SickKids, they all need medication in liquid form which is rarely available in the market, because they are children or infants who can't swallow pills or have feeding tubes or something like that. People would have to drive to other centres where they have compounding."

They also provide many options like a topical medicine, which can be just as effective, but avoid the typical side-effects from taking a drug orally.

It is this innovative and forward thinking

that has turned Caravaggio IDA into a modern, well respected pharmacy serving Shelburne and the surrounding region. The staff are always upgrading their skills through different courses to stay current with home health care.

Seven of the pharmacy staff are celebrating 10 years at the store, which means Caravaggio IDA is treating their staff well, and they enjoy their job and meeting with customers.

The pharmacy is engaged with the community supporting local sports teams, Shel-

burne's Food Bank and hosting an annual ladies night with the proceeds going to a local charity.

The pharmacy recently held an anniversary party with more than 200 local residents attending.

"I want to say thank you to the community," Margerit said. "Everyone was so welcoming from day one. We appreciate their support. For our staff here, their job is more than just being a pharmacy assistant, this is them serving their family and friends and community."



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

**ANNIVERSARY:** Caravaggio IDA in Shelburne is celebrating 10 years of serving the community under new management. Pharmacist Margerit Bebawy enjoys meeting with customers and coming up with innovative ideas to help local residents with their pharmaceutical needs.



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Council will entertain questions and provide the opportunity for public input during the meeting.

To ensure your questions will be addressed during the meeting, it is recommended that you submit questions in advance utilizing the following methods:

1. Email to [clerk@shelburne.ca](mailto:clerk@shelburne.ca);
2. Fax 519-925-6134;
3. Regular mail – 203 Main Street East Shelburne ON L9V 3K7;
4. Or at the Town Hall by 10 am Friday November 1, 2024.

Residents will have an opportunity to view a live stream of the meeting on the Town of Shelburne's YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsar-MwF8CXrgPbe2EVxh-w>.

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**NEW POSITION:** Tess Prendergast (centre) is the new Provincial Liberal candidate for Dufferin-Caledon. MPP Andrea Hazell (left) of Scarborough-Guildwood and Ontario Liberal Party president Kathryn McGarry (right) joined her and supporters for her nomination on Oct. 20 in Caledon.

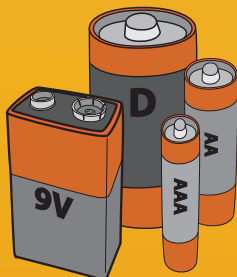
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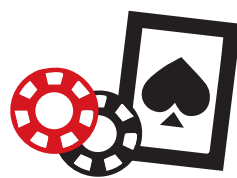
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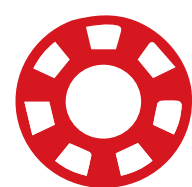
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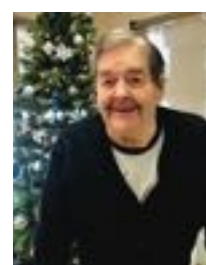
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As per Bruce's wishes, cremation has taken place, and a celebration of life will be planned in Shelburne Ontario next summer.

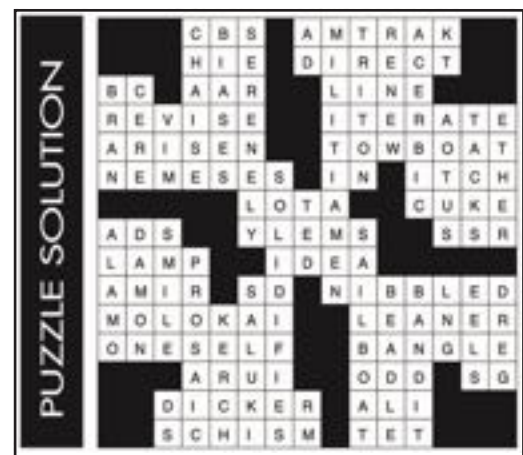
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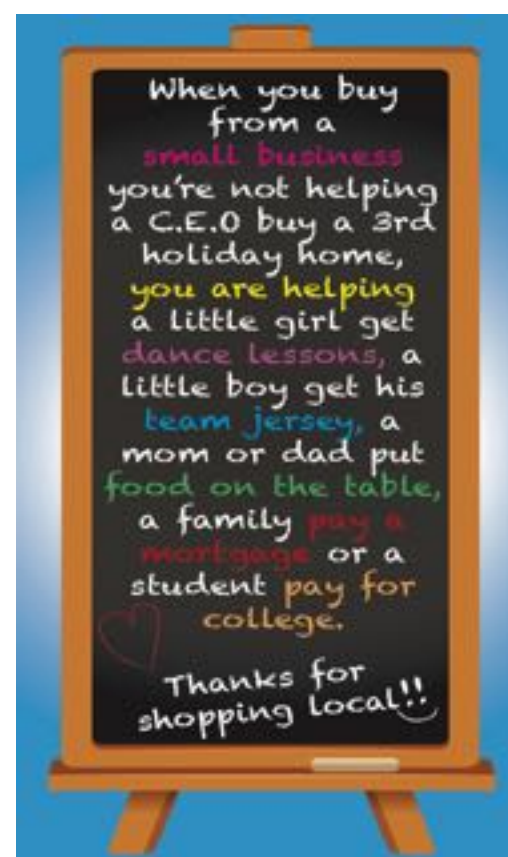
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# Theatre Orangeville's Tip of the Iceberg – Three men in a boat

Written By CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

Take two lifelong pals, and we're talking about 70 years – odd, living in an unnamed fishing village on the Newfoundland coast, spinning tales and memories, enough to make you laugh all the way – these two are on their way to find the fountain of youth.

It is at the sea surface level of an Iceberg. The third man is the story's one-man band, and he is fun too.

Tip of the Iceberg is Theatre Orangeville's first play of its 2024-25 season, which opened on Oct. 17 and is running until Nov. 3. A different sort of play, it features Sweeney MacArthur, marking his debut here at Theatre Orangeville as Archie, whose idea it is to make the voyage to an Iceberg. Our well-loved Stephen Sparks is his best friend forever, Gordon does not exactly volunteer to sail and row the distance, but he does not resist either.

They depart the shore, rattling off the memories and yarns they share, reminiscing like any old sods might and mixing in the folk poetry and music such an adventure ought to invite.

Chris Rait, as that one-man band, is as well, one of the three playwrights, with himself, Jeannine Duwyn and Mark Williams who, as one might say, strung this story together. Mr. Rait sits to the side of the boat with guitar and bodhrán, providing music and songs throughout the play. Some he sings solo; in others, he performs with the two mariners in unpretentious harmony. The audience is invited to join in when the shanties are familiar. They do too, laughing and clapping.

While the plot of the adventure is its own original tale, the stories Archie and Gordon remind and tell each other are, in large part, remembrances of Newfoundland families the playwrights themselves know. All the quick back and forth, the rapid relating of wit and sagacity passed between the two are quirky and very amusing.

What else to say about the dialogue is the

dialogue itself, which seems straight from the Atlantic coast. It seems Stephen Sparks has taken the required elocution lessons and has pretty well caught the tone and feel of Newfoundland speech.

Almost as a character in itself is the remarkable, beautiful lighting design by Chris Malkowski, telling the background story as a pure delight. The wonderful set by Beckie Morris is the Iceberg only, a geometric form, so cleverly put together as to almost hold forth while it changes and blends with the subtlety of the lighting.

During the exchanges, these two adventurers tell us a lot about their lives, the successes Gordon has achieved and the recent near ruin into which Archie is at risk of falling. He has a plan, though for his own rescue; sounds crazy to start with and it includes an offer to his pal.

They tell us about their families and the places and opportunities they have missed and yet long for. They are endearing. Con-

stantly on stage for the whole performance, Messrs MacArthur and Sparks keep us completely engaged and even wish we could visit the village that birthed them.

Directing this watery tale, David Nairn has pulled the story together to a natural flow keeping the audience happily listening to the dialogue which maintains the distinctive flavour of the Newfoundland accent without getting carried away, as is sometimes the case in real life.

Archie and Gordon are simply loveable and the musical element is charming: adding Stephen Sparks on harmonica, with the MacArthur spoons dancing.

Chris Rait, music director of the show, also here for the first time, has had success with two other productions with this play. As a singer/songwriter, he has shared the stage with such luminaries as Burton Cummings and Ron Sexsmith. The Big Book of Irish Songs came into his life as a teenager, and brought a passion for "catchy melodies and

the power of rhythmic lyrics."

Sweeney MacArthur has had a long career in Canadian theatre as well as performing in several famous theatres in the UK. In Germany, he toured with the Rocky Horror Show. Was it he who brought Stephen Sparks to the whimsy of Newfoundland speech?

In all, the real questions are what happened after a drift, really, to the Iceberg with all its mystery and risks? Could a person die there or learn the meaning of life?

Tip of the Iceberg, "a folk play," Mr. Rait calls it, is a terrific beginning to this new season. On now and running to Nov. 3.

For more information and tickets, go to [www.theatreorangeville.ca](http://www.theatreorangeville.ca) or call the Box Office at 519-942-3423.

You can drop into the Box Office at 87 Broadway, Orangeville for tickets as well.

While there, you might also like to make a tap with TipTap Pay technology to tap a donation of any size to the "I Love My Theatre Orangeville" fundraising campaign.



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**COMMUNITY COLLECTION:** The Rotary Club of Shelburne celebrated Pumpkinfest and the end of their joint food drive with Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS) on Oct. 12. Pumpkinfest is one of the local Rotary's fundraisers to support their charitable projects and saw over 700 individuals in attendance. The event featured games, inflatables, train rides, photo ops, music, a magician, dance presentations, face painting, food, and a vendors' market. The Rotary along with the local high school distributed bags to households in town earlier this month and on Oct. 12 collected the bags full of food and other necessities from front porches to donate to Shelburne's Shepperd's Cupboard Food Bank.

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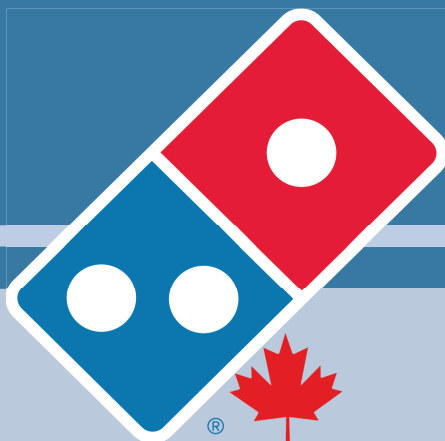
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