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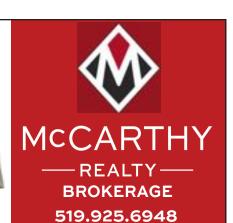
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BEWARE OF THE SCARE: Several spooky characters provided visitors of the 2024 Haunt in the Park display at Fiddle Park in Shelburne with a memorable experience on Saturday, Oct. 26, when the event was in full effect. The scares started on Friday, Oct. 25, and a "Mini-Boo" was held during the daytime on Oct. 26 for younger attendees to enjoy. There's still time to catch a "Full Scare" from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. tonight (Oct. 31) before the event comes to a close. While the event is volunteer-run and free to attend, Haunt in the Park's organizers ask that attendees bring a non-perishable food item or monetary donations for the Shelburne Food Bank. See more photos on Page 9.

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Legion temporarily closes after president resigns

Ceremonies still taking place locally to commemorate Remembrance Day

Written By PAULA BROWN LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Shelburne Legion, Branch 220, will

remain closed throughout the majority of November following the resignation of their stead of permanently closing, Arrand was current president. Chuck Arrand, Zone Commander for E-3 of the Royal Canadian Legion, told the Free

Press that he received the resignation of Shelburne Legion President Judy McCarrol on Oct. 22, before their 7 p.m. monthly general meeting. Unable to elect a viable candidate, the Zone Commander was forced to enact a temporary closure of Branch 220. "In the bylaws and regulations of the Roy-

al Canadian Legion, a branch cannot open it's doors without a president," explained Arrand. "Closing [the legion] was an absolute last resort; all other avenues were exhausted before we arrived at this decision."

Traditionally, when a local legion is unable to or fails to elect a president to oversee the branch it is closed permanently. The around for a very long time." permanent closure means that the building, along with all of its assets, are sold and the sult in September after then-President Phil-

within the community it resides.

Arrand said the permanent closure of a leing out and failure to find younger members.

In the case of the Shelburne Legion, inable to receive permission from Ontario Legion comes as veterans, legion members Command to have a temporary closure for 30 days and allow for an election of a new

president at their next meeting on Nov. 26. "If there is no successful election on Nov. 26 it will go from a temporary to permanent

closure, unfortunately," said Arrand. Despite the temporary closure of the local branch, Arrand remains optimistic about

the longevity of the Shelburne Legion. "I believe that there is a very viable solution for Nov. 26 and that the membership will rally to come up with someone they can support, who will stick with the job," said Arrand. "I believe, in my heart, that they will elect a president. They will overcome this obstacle, and the Shelburne branch will be

The local legion sidestepped a similar rerevenue from the sale is donated to charities lip Norris stepped down from the role and Shelburne," reassured Arrand.

was succeeded by McCarrol.

"I'd had assurances that they would stay gion is typically due to the membership ag- in place until Nov. 15, but that was not the case. The situation became untenable for

them and they resigned," said Arrand. The temporary closure of the Shelburne and local residents prepare to commemorate Remembrance Day on Nov. 11.

"I'm a veteran myself and I'm married to a veteran, so when I stood up there and closed the branch temporarily, it was absolutely heartbreaking. It was heartbreaking to see a branch come to that point in time and not be able to change the outcome any more than I did," said Arrand. "There's no worse month for a legion to be closed than November.'

The Dufferin Veterans Association will be hosting an event at the Museum of Dufferin on Nov. 2 in honour of Veterans Week, and the Town of Shelburne, in partnership with the Dufferin Veterans Association, will be taking on the task of hosting the community's Remembrance Day service on Nov. 11.

"Remembrance Day will not be lost in





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Dufferin teenager to compete in cattle, equestrian, poultry shows at Royal Winter Fair for first time in event's history

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

A 16-year-old Dufferin County resident her main focus. will compete at an unprecedented level during the 102nd Royal Winter Fair in To-

While it takes a high level of talent and competition at the Royal, Ava Campbell of uitation Class." Mono will be vying for ribbons in several.

shows, a cattle show, and a poultry show, with her chickens and ducks.

ment, and in our recent memory of the fair, father Mark. "The Royal is like the playoffs, this is the first time that we have seen some- if you will, for horse riding." thing like this," said the Royal Winter Fair's competitions Campbell's competing in. "It's quite a feat."

The Royal Winter Fair takes place from Nov. 1 to 10 at Exhibition Place, where the you qualify through points. You have to be best competitors across Canada compete at a national level.

"Every year, the Royal is circled on various competitors' calendars, whether you're training on horseback, and taking online an Olympic rider or a young, aspiring rider," Cooper noted.

Campbell's ability to train and present animals well is what's led her to qualify for so horse riding throughout the year will yield many different competitions at this year's Royal.

livestock and is working hard to prepare in hopes of taking home some ribbons.

At past Royal Winter Fairs, she has done well in horse riding competitions, as this is

"A couple of years ago I won a lot of classes in the smalls [horse category], and then I was overall grand champion in the ponies," Campbell recalled. "Last year I was third dedication to show livestock in just one overall in the Jump Canada Medal Finals Eq-

She has again qualified to compete in the She will be a contender in two horse Junior Hunters Division Horse Show as well as the Jump Canada Finals.

"She's been showing horses [at the Royal] "We're very proud of this accomplish- for years and competing," said Campbell's

To qualify, Campbell regularly competed CEO Cyrus Cooper about the number of in horse shows at the Caledon Equestrian Park and Angelstone Tournaments in Rock-

> "You show the horses all year and then top eight in Ontario to go [to the Royal] for the horses," Campbell explained.

> Throughout the winter, she's in Florida school so she can remain committed to her passion for riding.

> Campbell is hoping her dedication to positive results at the Royal.

"It's rewarding when you continue to get She is eager to show different kinds of better throughout the year, and then seeing ing with the horse and the training as well," the hard work pay off... going to these big venues and doing well," she enthused.



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SHOW SEASON: Ava Campbell showed a heifer at the Markham Fair earlier this year with good results. From a young age, she's had an interest in cattle shows and participating in them. This year, Campbell finally had that opportunity and will be competing at the Royal Winter Fair.

Campbell's mother Elizabeth also has a love for horses and riding. She competed in perament for showing animals. the Royal Winter Fair when she was a teenager as well and is always excited to see her trust, they don't flinch, they're not scared of daughter do the same.

Mark noted. "The horses have always been a from her." big part of my wife's life."

trip to the University of South Carolina and best at any given moment, standing tall and hopes to earn a scholarship to compete with remaining calm. the school's equestrian team.

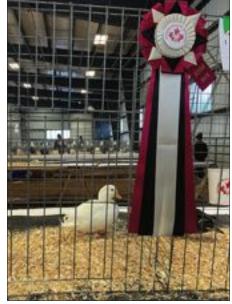
be competing in it for her very first time.

shows at fairs in the region through the sum- ers Show. mer to prepare.

Campbell will be showing a full-blood category as well. Simmental heifer, owned by cattle breeder Charles Burns of Kingsfield Farms.

interest in showing cattle about seven years ago when they met at the Royal and has been persistent in pursuing the opportunity Royal offers the opportunity to compete at ever since.

"She kept asking me until I said, 'sure,' and let her show at the Markham Fair for a per said. "That's what's unique about the couple years, and I told her she can show at Royal every year, and that's what makes it the Royal this year," Burns recalled.



JUNIOR CHAMPION: Ava Campbell took home a Junior Champion Waterfowl ribbon for the ducks she showed at the Ontario Poultry Breeders Show earlier in the month.

He added that Campbell has the right tem-

"There's some people that animals just them. They seem to trust the person right "Her mother plays a big role in the help- away, and she has whatever that skill is," Burns noted. "The animals don't run away

For the competition, Campbell's focus Campbell's been invited on a recruiting will be on ensuring her heifer looks at its

When it comes to the ducks and chickens For the Royal's cattle show, Campbell will Campbell is entering in the Royal, she was recently named Junior Championship for She's competed in sanctioned cattle her waterfowl at the Ontario Poultry Breed-

She said she's eager to compete in this

The Royal Winter Fair features a variety of competitions that allow qualifying Cana-Burns said Campbell first developed an dians to demonstrate their skills and move on to international championships.

> "We're very proud of the fact that the a high level for various individuals from all walks of life, age, and gender as well," Coo-

EQUESTRIAN EXCELLENCE: Ava Campbell competed at a horse show in Traverse City, Michigan, over the summer. She's a talented horseback rider with a promising future, having placed third overall in the Jump Canada Medal Finals Equitation Class at last year's Royal Winter Fair. She's eager to compete at this year's Royal in the Junior Hunters Division and Jump Canada Finals.



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What then must we do?

"What then must we do?"

It is a line said, then put to paper, by journalist Billy Kwan in the 1982 movie, The Year of Living Dangerously. It was based on a question posed in the Book of Luke in the Bible.

It was a time of turmoil in Indonesia, and Billy Kwan was trying to get word out of what was really going on.

Billy's question was never answered, because he was tossed out of a hotel window by security personnel for daring to display a banner critical of the president.

Some questions may never be answered. The Coroner's Office in British Columbia just released a report about drug-related deaths in the province. Illicit drug deaths in B.C. were down slightly compared to the same time last year, however, the deaths of women and girls in the same period have increased dramatically.

The report says that so far this year mid-October - there have been 1,749 deaths due to illicit drug overdose. There were 187 overdose deaths in August, and 183 in September. That's six people dying from a drug overdose every day.

The potent opioid fentanyl, remains the primary cause and was detected in 85 per cent of drug deaths.

That is an incredible number of preventable deaths in a province with a population of just over 5 million people.

Compare that to deaths as the result of car accidents in the province at 284 on average per year over the last five years.

If there were the same number of people dying in car crashes that were overdosing, there would be a huge uproar and response to get it under control.

In Ontario, it is reported by Ontario Public Health that in a four-and-a-half-year period leading up to 2023, there were 10,024 accidental substance toxicity deaths in Ontario.

That's an incredible number. If the nation were involved in some kind of war, and that number of people were killed, there would be a demand to cease fighting and bring them home.

Yet, every day, someone in Ontario dies from a drug overdose.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, drug and alcohol-related deaths nearly doubled

Illicit drugs can cripple a society. In the late 1770s, the British introduced opium to China. Before long there was a serious drug problem that invaded all levels of society in China.

The British got what they wanted, by

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making sure half of China was too stoned in the conventional to care, and they walked in and took over. But what must we do to stop all this car-

Apparently education does not work. When I was in school, we received numerous lectures about the dangers of drug abuse - and my class was not the first to receive this shocking information.

Schools have been preaching against illegal drug use since at least the 30s.

Luckily, no one I know ever became a drug addict.

If you are told all the time that something can ruin your life, why do people still pursue that option?

While education about the danger of drug use has increased, so has the number of addicts and deaths to go along with

The U.S. had a 'war on drugs' a few years ago. That didn't work either.

When I was in college, my film crew had the misfortune of being hired to shoot some footage with a group of 'actresses' from Hollywood. Special note here - if your daughter runs off to Hollywood with the intention of becoming a famous actress, and she calls you later telling you she got work as a model - she's not modelling sense. Far from it.

During this shoot, one of the 'actresses' said that cocaine didn't seem to be very

popular here. She then asked me if I could 'score them' some cocaine.

I replied that I had no idea where the local drug dealer lived, and I also told them I don't do drugs.

This did not go over well, and the entire film crew was labelled as 'squares' because we didn't routinely wake up in a strange place with powder on our noses and no idea of what happened the previous night.

So what must we do, to stop this carnage that is taking so many lives?

Education doesn't seem to work, prison time doesn't seem to work.

The really sad thing is many of the people who have died from overdoses, are not regular users, but just some ordinary person who went to a party, and was given a substance laced with a deadly drug.

The experts in drug use, haven't been able to come up with an answer.

Maybe it's just one of those questions that will never be answered.

Chagos Islands: No happy ending

If you believe the British government (which you should never do), a new agreement will bring justice for the people of the Chagos Islands, who have lived in exile for more than half a century after the main island, Diego Garcia, was turned into a giant American airbase in the middle of the Indian Ocean.

Britain is officially handing the Chagos Islands over to Mauritius, which is supposed to be a good thing. A joint statement by the UK and Mauritian governments says the new agreement will "address the wrongs of the past and demonstrate the commitment of both parties to support the welfare of the Chagossians."

US President Joe Biden agreed, saying the agreement demonstrates that "countries can overcome longstanding historical challenges to reach peaceful and mutually beneficial outcomes." When they talk like

that, you know they re up to no good.

at Human Rights Watch, demurred: "The agreement...does not guarantee that the Chagossians will return to their homeland, appears to explicitly ban them from the largest island, Diego Garcia, for another century, and does not mention the reparations they are all owed to rebuild their future.'

The Chagossians were deported and dumped into exile in 1973 in a post-co-Ionial deal between the United Kingdom and the United States, which wanted a big bomber base in the Indian Ocean with no troublesome locals nearby. The same parties are now modifiying that deal, but only to deflect criticism. Nothing really changes.

Mauritius and the Chagos Islands 2,000 km to the northeast were both uninhabited until the European empires imported African slaves, and later indentured Indian labourers, to grow various cash crops. Mauritius got its independence from Brit-Clive Baldwin, the senior legal adviser ain in 1968 – but only after agreeing to

let the United Kingdom keep the Chagos

Islands.

Britain had no particular use for these low-lying islands or the people living on them - they are only "a few Tarzans and Man Fridays", a Foreign Office official noted. However, it did want a discount on the expensive Polaris missiles it was buying from the United States for its submarine-borne nuclear deterrent. (The actual nuclear warheads were British-made.)

The United States was looking for a bomber base within reach of everywhere in Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent and the Middle East, preferably with no inconvenient civilian population. So it was a match made in heaven: the B-52s moved in, and the local llois (as the residents of the Chagos Islands called themselves) were moved out.

That last bit was awkward, because the liois didn't want to go. However, there were only 2,000 of them and they had no weapons. They were bundled aboard ships, their pets were shot or gassed, and they were dumped in various shanty-towns in Mauritius and the Seychelles. Now they number around 10,000, about a third of them in England.

Many of them still want to go home, and the beauty of the new agreement is that they can't. They are still not allowed to return to Diego Garcia, the big island where most of their parents and grandparents lived, and they will have no voice in negotiating the treaty between the UK and Mauritius that sets all this in concrete.

Why go through all this legal nonsense if nothing really changes? Because an international law from 1960 (UN General Assembly resolution 1514) bans the

break-up of colonies before they get independence.. That means that the UK broke the law by forcing Mauritius to hand

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over the Chagos Islands in return for its independence.

The new treaty will tidy all that up. Mauritius regains legal sovereignty over the Chagos Islands, which is very satisfying for Mauritian national pride. However, Mauritius agrees to continue the existing deal on Diego Garcia (including the ban on return by the Chagossians) for the indefi-

The weirdest thing about all this cruelty and cynicism is that there is no 'good' (i.e. pragmatically useful) reason for it. Britain was and still is only looking for leverage with the United States on other issues: the only British uniforms to be seen on Diego Garcia are in the control tower and the caf-

The American obsession with expelling the entire civilian population of the archipelago, including people who lived on small islets 160 km. away from the runway, makes even less sense.

Overseas US air bases elsewhere do not require thousands of square kilometres of depopulated space around them. The Ilois are not nationalists (too few and too mixed), or Muslims (they're mostly Christians), or any other sort of group that might have grievances against Americans. Indeed, they would have been happy to have some jobs on the base.

It never made sense. It doesn't make sense now. And it looks like it will continue not to make sense for a long time to come.



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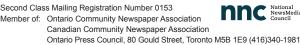
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Hockey fans throughout Dufferin County meet Mats Sundin at book signing

Written By PAULA BROWN LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A sea of blue and white jerseys descended on one of Orangeville's local arenas as Toronto Maple Leaf fans and hockey fans alike gathered for a moment to meet NHL legend – Mats Sundin.

Local book store, Booklore, hosted a special book signing event with Sundin on Oct. 23 at the Alder Arena as part of a tour celebrating the launch of his newly released autobiography, Home and Away.

"I had known for some time that we were getting Mats Sundin, but had to keep it secret until the publisher, Simon and Schuster, announced his tour. We put in a proposal for him and were overjoyed that we were chosen - it was only a week tour and we were the only independent bookstore," said Nancy Frater, owner of Booklore.

Booklore sold 300 copies of Sundin's book ahead of the book signing, with a portion of the profits going to the Orangeville

"I think the best aspect for us was that BookLore could contribute something to our community by bringing an NHL star of percentage of the book's profits to the Orangeville Wolves," said Frater. "I wanted to collaborate with a hockey team and the team, was the perfect choice because ev- brings their level up that much more. These eryone deserves a chance to play on a team. are memories that they will talk about for-The parents, coaches and others connected ever," said Kim Thompson, co-manager of with the Wolves put so much into their support of this team."



HOCKEY HERO: NHL superstar Mats Sundin met with players from the Orangeville Wolves on Oct. 23 ahead of a book signing event at Adler Arena hosted by Booklore celebrating opportunity.' the launch of his autobiography, Home and Away.

to meet with Sundin one-on-one for photos, autographs and a charismatic fist-bump.

"They struggle day-to-day, and when they the Orangeville Wolves.

his caliber and even more so by donating a from the Orangeville Wolves had a moment memorabilia from Sundin's 13 seasons with childhood growing up in the outskirts of the Toronto Maple Leafs, 11 of which he Stockholm Sweden, Home and Away exwas captain.

Orangeville Wolves, a special needs hockey get singled out like this on a positive level, it time to begin reading their copies of Home diques, his trade to the Toronto Maple Leafs and Away while they waited for their moment to meet with the hockey superstar.

> "I cried in the first chapter. I'm very nostalgic and sentimental for Mats Sundin," joked As they stood in a winding line, fans held Mantle while speaking with the Free Press. was published on Oct. 22.

"I watched him play for the Nordigues when I was eight or nine years old, and ever since then it was all about Mats Sundin for me. I had the framed posters in my room and the Leafs bedding on my bed. I really respected him growing up and as an adult, it hasn't really wavered. My love for the Leafs is consistent, but you always have your favorites, and he was always mine."

Many of the adults at the book signing, who reminisced about growing up watching Sundin as captain of the Toronto Maple Leafs, shared in the excitement of meeting their hockey hero with the next generation of fans; their own children.

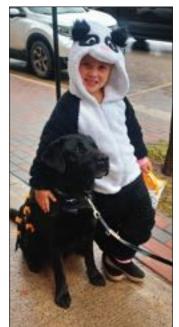
Orangeville resident, Kris Ponte was accompanied to the book signing by his sons, 10-year-old Nicky and 7-year-old A.J.

"They're getting to meet my hero," Ponte told the Free Press. "I think these guys are a lot more excited than I am, but it's pretty cool to see someone that you grew up admiring and following and cheering for. It's not every day you get to do that, it's a real

Home and Away, is an unfiltered look at Sundin's time playing hockey in Sweden Before the doors opened for fans, players onto photos, posters, jerseys and other and across North America. Starting with his plores Sundin's experiences being drafted Some fans, like Kayla Mantle, took the in 1989 at 18 years old to the Quebec Norin exchange for the highly popular Leaf captain, Wendel Clark, and the 13 season he spent with the team.

Sundin's autobiography, Home and Away









HALLOWEEN SPIRIT: The Shel-

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burne BIA's Treats in the Streets event saw children and youth dress up in their Halloween costumes and trick-or-treat at local businesses in the downtown core on Saturday, Oct. 26. The event kicked off at Jack Downing Park, and attendees enjoyed finding photo booths and pumpkins for the Great Pumpkin Hunt. The event was free to attend, but donations to the Shelburne Food Bank were graciously accepted. Treats in the Streets also ran in conjunction with Haunt in the Park's Mini Boo at Fiddle Park, where the spooky characters had their masks off, and kids were encouraged to drop by. The first-ever Treats in the Streets event was held in 2017.



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Traffic complaint to police results in impaired driving charges

Highlands man with impaired operation gation. related offences after receiving a traffic complaint.

complaint in the area of Highway 89 in and operation while impaired - blood alco-Mulmur on Oct. 25, just after 9:30 p.m.

After getting to the area, Dufferin OPP

As a result, Michael Bachelder, 49, from Grey Highlands, has been charged with op-Officers were dispatched to a traffic eration while impaired - alcohol and drugs have been proven in court. hol concentration (80 plus).

Bachelder is scheduled to appear be- alcohol or drugs.

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police officers located the vehicle in question and fore the Ontario Court of Justice in Oran-(OPP) officers recently charged a Grey were led into an impaired driving investi- geville. His driver's licence was suspended share, public transit or stay overnight. Any 90 days, and their vehicle impounded for amount of alcohol or drugs can impact

motorists to plan ahead when consuming Dufferin OPP's statement.

"Use a designated driver, cab, rideyour ability to make sound judgements. In None of the charges against Bachelder a split second you could ruin your future, injure or kill others, and tear a hole in the The Dufferin OPP would like to remind heart of everyone who loves you," said

Dufferin OPP lay impaired driving charges after man puts car into ditch

A motorist from York Region who was Highway 89 in Mulmur on Sunday, Oct. 27, driving while impaired by drugs in Mulmur shortly after 9:15 p.m. crashed into a ditch, according to a statevincial Police (OPP) on Oct. 29.

The statement, titled "When Driving High Takes a Nosedive Straight Into the Ditch," gation, a 52-year-old man from York Region pound for seven days. said that Dufferin OPP officers were dis- has been charged with operation while impatched to a motor vehicle in a ditch off of paired - alcohol and drugs.

When the officers arrived on scene, they ment released by the Dufferin Ontario Pro- were quickly led into an impaired driving investigation.

As a result of the Dufferin OPP's investi-

The accused individual is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville.

As a result of the incident, the York Region man's driver's licence was suspended for 90 days and his vehicle went to the im-

The operation while impaired charge has not been proven in court.



Two people charged with impaired driving, one described by Dufferin OPP as white ghost

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers have charged a person dressed up who exited the vehicle and started to push as a ghost with impaired operation related it down the road after the collision. While offences as the result of a motor vehicle col- this was happening, the passenger jumped drugs

On Oct. 27, 2024, just after 12:30 a.m., Duf-scene," said Dufferin OPP. ferin OPP officers were dispatched to a single motor vehicle collision in the area of Glengarry Road in Orangeville.

The vehicle had struck a fire hydrant along been charged with: with a street sign

into the driver's seat in an attempt to flee the

Both parties were arrested for impaired operation related offences.

- A 48-year-old male from Orangeville has
- Operation while impaired blood alcohol

"The driver was described as a white ghost concentration (80 plus)

- Driving while under suspension Operation while impaired - alcohol and roads," said Dufferin OPP's press release.

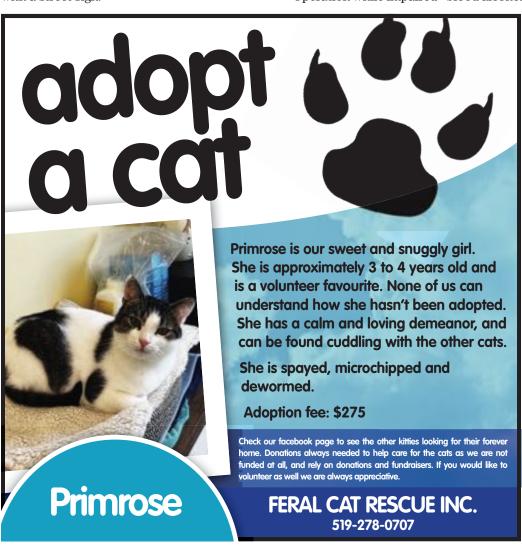
been charged with: • Operation while impaired - blood alcohol

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

"This Halloween, plan your ride wisely: Don't let ghosts be the only ones haunting the

The two accused individuals are scheduled A 44-year-old female from Orangeville has to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville. Both their driver's licence were suspended 90 days, and their vehicle was impounded for seven days.

> None of the listed charges have been proven in court.



Orangeville man charged with impaired driving Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) quickly led into an impaired driving investi-

officers recently charged a Orangeville res- gation. ident with impaired operation related of-

a single motor vehicle collision in the area of (80 plus) and operation while impaired - alco-County Road 11, Amaranth on Oct. 26, just hol and drugs. before 6:00 p.m.

As a result of the OPP's investigation,

fences as the result of a motor vehicle col- Samuel Jennings, a 27-year-old man from Orangeville, has been charged with operation Dufferin OPP officers were dispatched to while impaired - blood alcohol concentration The accused individual is scheduled to ap-

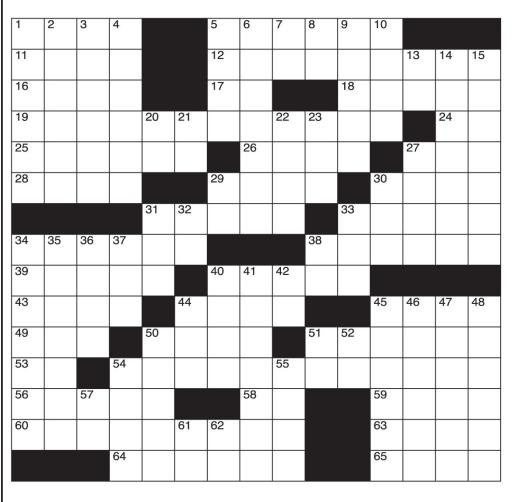
The officers arrived on scene and were pear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville. Their driver's licence was suspended 90 days, and their vehicle impounded for 7 days.

None of the charges against Jennings have





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CLUES ACROSS

1. __ Spumante

(Italian wine) 5. Highly impressed

11. Pronoun to identify something specific

12. Uttered in an

impassioned way

16. Outfits 17. "Westworld" actor

18. Stewed game

Harris

casserole

19. Indignities inflicted

on others

24. Blood type

25. Says beneath one's

breath 26. Taxis

27. Transmits genetic

information from DNA

to the cytoplasm 28. NFL great Randy

29. Where college students live

30. Brief Yankees sensation Kevin

31. Condiment

34. Polish city

38. Astronomy unit of distance

39. Romanian village 40. Bears first overall

pick Williams 43. Irritated

44. Clothing for sale has them

45. One-time world

power 49. When you

anticipate arriving

50. Farm building 51. Organize thoughtfully

53. Detective

54. One who reduces 56. Nursemaids

58. Partner to "Pa"

59. World's longest

river 60. Commemorates

63. Compound

64. The Lannisters and

Starks fought for one 65. Email function

CLUES DOWN

1. Open-roofed

entrance

2. Japanese religion

3. Dancer's garments 4. Distributes

5. Yemeni port

6. Spanish doctors 7. It cools your house

8. Engine variant

9. Makes more manageable

10. Days (Spanish) 13. Milliliter

14. Spread out from

15. With two replaceable hydrogen

20. Respectful title for a man

21. Equally

atoms

22. Scarlett's home

23. Big Blue

27. Subway dwellers 29. One-tenth of a liter

30. Central European

river 31. Distress signal

32. Expression of sympathy

33. Bar bill

34. Football equipment

35. Dance music

36. Russian river

37. Mary ___, cosmetics 38. Gym class

40. Autos 41. Fourth and

ancient Rome

honorable name in

42. Defeats (abbr.)

44. A way to color

45. Planet 46. Form of humor

47. Taken without

permission 48. Go over again

50. Auto parts

manufacturer 51. Detective's source

52. Home of the Flyers

54. Short official note 55. Emit coherent

radiation 57. In the year of Our

Lord 61. Atomic #18

62. Not from, but...

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

33. -frutti

Pine River Institute is finalist in 2024 Defender Services Awards

Written By PAULA BROWN LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Pine River Institute is another step closer to its goal of winning the 2024 Defender Services

The local organization provided an update to the Free Press on Friday (Oct. 25), noting of the six winners. that they are now one of two remaining finalists in the Outdoor Accessibility and Education Awards category. The winner of the category will take the grand prize - a 130 Defender vehicle and \$25,000 USD.

"We're so pleasantly surprised; we didn't expect to get this far," said Heather Kelly, communications director at Pine River Institute.

The Defender Service Awards are an annual initiative that looks to recognize charitable organizations. The awards include five categories lescents struggling with addictive behaviours hard on our vehicles – they are also one of our win for us," said Kelly. that reflect the Defender brand's commitment as well as mental health challenges, and regain most expensive costs so a new vehicle would to bringing a positive impact to the community through acts of service and humanitarian efforts around the world.

customized Defender 130 vehicles to six charship Experience in Algonquin. itable organizations in the U.S., Puerto Rico and Canada. The organizations that are selected support the communities they reside in with charitable work every day. The category sponsors will also be awarding \$25,000 USD to each

In September, Pine River Institute was announced as a finalist in the Outdoor Accessibility and Education Awards category, which focuses on supporting people who can benefit from the outdoors.

ly a big part of what we do with the students," said Kelly.

This year, the initiative will be awarding six with a six to eight-week-long Outdoor Leader pabilities that we need, with offroad, and trail-

list, which they typically stay on for anywhere from six months to one year.

River Institute utilizes a fleet of eight vehicles. ment of being a finalist in the 2024 Defender The organization has two vehicles up north at Services Awards. The contest is based on a their Outdoor Leadership Experience, one in voting system, and local residents cast their Orilla at their transition house and five on the ballots in support of Pine River Institute until main campus in Mulmur.

Dan Ardis, Pine River's, senior director of op-"Our category is about the value of getting erations and campus life, spoke with the Free because we wouldn't be where we are, if peovehicle would have for the organization.

The Pine River Institute looks to help ado- 365 days a year, through all seasons so we're youth mental health and addition. It's already a control of their lives through their program- really help us a lot," he said. "It's important to Defender Services Awards will be announced ming. The Pine River Institute has a four-phase note that there are not many vehicles on the at Destination Defender in California on Nov. program for youth and their families that starts market that have passenger capacity and ca-

ering as well. We need a vehicle that can pull According to Pine River Institute, there are a heavy trailer of snowmobiles and gear, with more than 100 teens and families on their wait- 4WD, enough room for passengers, and stand up to a great deal of wear and tear.'

Dufferin County residents have been a sig-In order to help operate their program, Pine nificant factor in Pine River Institute's achievethe Oct. 17 deadline.

"It really speaks to the power of community outside and for us at Pine River, that is certain- Press in October about the impact winning the ple didn't vote. We're really pleased that it has created a space for people to rally around what "Our students and staff are in the wilderness Pine River does and more broadly, the needs of

The winners of each category of the 2024

Local Big Brothers Big Sisters to hold online holiday auction, seeks donations

Written By PAULA BROWN LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dufferin and Disto help provide donated items for an upcoming fundraiser.

The local chapter will be hosting an online holiday auction starting on Nov. 12 at 9 a.m. and running until Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. Local residents will have the opportunity to bid on a variety of donated items while helping to raise much needed funds for local Big Brother Big Sister programming.

grams and give people an opportunity to have future and the lives of the children we serve," access to some pretty cool prizes," said Na- said de Ruiter. talie de Ruiter, fundraising and group program coordinator.

With less than two weeks until the auction's launch, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dufferin fundraiser to highlight their need for more voland District is looking for more items to include in the online auction.

would get people excited and want to buy to give as gifts or for themselves," said de Ruiter. through their school mentoring program and "We're not specifically looking for any certain items. We're just happy if people are generous to contribute. So far, we have a lot of experiences in this auction and a lot of gift certifi- ing, not just for the child, but also for the cates. Services are a really great way for businesses to contribute to our auction, but also advertise their own company."

trict has a goal of raising \$3,000 through the online auction.

The money raised from the holiday-themed trict is putting the call out to local businesses fundraiser will support Big Brothers Big Sisters' core mentor program, where they match an adult volunteer with a youth in the community to provide guidance and support. The funds also go towards supporting the organization's school programs, group programs and their Big Bunch program, which is for children on the waitlist awaiting their big brother or big sister match.

"By contributing and donating to Big Broth-"It's a fun way to raise money for the pro- ers Big Sisters, you are directly investing in the

> While raising donations to support their programming, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dufferin and District is also hoping to use the

Last year, the local chapter of Big Broth-"We're hoping to have items on there that ers Big Sisters served over 200 children. At the time of print, they served roughly 55 kids around 24 through one-on-one matches; while 14 kids remain on a waiting lists for a match.

> "The experience overall is deeply rewardmentor. A lot of out mentors enjoy the time they get to spend with a child and feel like a kid again themselves; they create these really

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dufferin and Disbeautiful bonds," said de Ruiter.

have enough Big Brother volunteers to match the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dufferin and with Little Brothers in the community. In Shel- District website. burne, in particular, there hasn't been a Big Brother volunteer in the program since 2020.

right now, so we really need volunteers to contact Natalie de Ruiter by email at natilie. keep coming out with us," said de Ruiter.

Inquires and applications to become a Big De Ruiter added that they've struggled to Brother or Big Sister can be done by visiting

Locally businesses looking for more information about Holiday Online Auction or "We don't have the volunteers for those kids who are interested in making a donation can deruiter@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca.

Ontario government proposes \$200 rebate to offset federal carbon tax, high interest rates

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

In response to the federal carbon tax and high interest rates, the Government of Ontario is proposing a \$200 rebate for all eligible taxpayers in the province.

The rebate proposal is part of the 2024 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review, and a statement from the province says families with children will receive an additional \$200 for each eligible child.

"We're doing everything we can to keep costs down for Ontario families, but the federal carbon tax and high interest rates are pected revenues as a result of the impact of still hurting taxpayers across the province," said Premier Doug Ford. "This \$200 taxpayer the impact of recent changes to the federal rebate will give Ontario taxpayers, especially

families with children, some much-deserved help so they can make ends meet."

If the proposal moves forward, the province will begin mailing cheques to recipients of the taxpayer rebate in early 2025.

"A family of five with two adults and three children would receive \$1,000, if eligible. In total, this rebate is expected to provide \$3 billion in support for approximately 12.5 million adults and 2.5 million children," reads a statement on the proposal from the province.

"The government is able to provide taxpayers with this relief because of higher-than-exinflation on provincial sales tax revenues and government's capital gains tax."



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Local resident plans marathon walk around Fiddle Park

McNeil trading skates for running shoes to support Royal Canadian Legions

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

When Steve McNeil plans one of his charform of a marathon skate.

However, McNeil will be trading his skates for a good pair of walking shoes as he will be trekking along the trails at Fiddle Park in Shelburne for an 11-hour walk on Nov. 11, raising money for the Royal Canadian Legion.

A mail carrier with Canada Post for over 20 years and a hockey referee for 41 years, McNeil said his careers have prepared him to be outdoors in any type of weather, so if the day isn't picture perfect, he will go ahead with the walk as scheduled.

35 marathon events across Canada, 19 hours and 26 minutes each time, to raise funds and awareness for families battling with Alzheimer's and Dementia. He started the mara- walking at Fiddle Park to keep exercising. thons in memory of his mother, Eunice Mc-Neil, who was born in 1926 and who battled Alzheimer's disease for 20 years.

After his wife Tina passed away following of the park on the gravel road. a 39-day battle with brain cancer, McNeil

said he thought it was time to raise funds for walk in the park," McNeil explained. more charities.

ity fundraising events, it usually takes the across the country, as many of them are having difficulty staying open.

"I'm a volunteer at the Shelburne Legion and we do fantastic things there, and we have for quite a while," McNeil explained. "Most of the volunteers there give everything they've got, whether it's wing night or the Sunday morning breakfasts. My wife and myself have been hosting the Friday night suppers. In doing that, I started thinking how lucky we are in Shelburne because in my estimation, one of the top legions in the country, when it comes to volunteering and having our numbers in the black rather than For the past 12 years, McNeil has skated in the red. There have been so many legions across the country that are hurting and have closed due to financial reasons."

After injuring his shoulder, McNeil started

During his walks, he came up with the idea of supporting legions through a walk. McNeil plans on hiking the outer perimeter

"At 12:01 a.m., I'll take my first step and I'll at his website at: www.1926skate.com.

McNeil approached the Town of Shel-McNeil decided to raise funds for legions burne to get the backing of council for the walk, as technically the park is closed after dark. Council backed him up and members say they think it's a great idea.

"I'll walk from midnight to about 10:30 in the morning, then I'll leave the park and walk along Main Street to the cenotaph and watch the ceremony at 11 o'clock," McNeil

He's asking people to donate \$11.11 to their local legion to support ones across the country.

McNeil is relying on social media to

spread the word about the walk. He has a theory about fundraising.

"It relies on three things," McNeil explained. "You have to get people's attention, vou have to get them interested, and once

you do that there's a good chance you will

get them involved." If anyone wants to come out and join Mc-Neil during the walk, even to walk just a single lap, they are welcome.

You can learn more about Steve's efforts



FIDDLE PARK FUNDRAISER: Local resident Steve McNeil plans to walk the trails at Fiddle Park in Shelburne to raise money for Royal Canadian Legion across Canada, McNeil plans to walk through the night for 11 hours before wrapping it up at the Shelburne cenotaph for Remembrance Day ceremonies.

Centre Dufferin Royals junior girls' basketball team enter playoffs

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The District 4 junior girls' basketball regular season has wrapped up and teams will now get ready to go into the playoffs.

It was a short season as the juniors played only six games on the regular schedule.

The CDDHS junior girls had a difficult year on the court going winless in the regular season, but they still qualified for the playoff

In first place, the Westside Secondary High School. School team from Orangeville will enter the playoffs as the top seed after going undefeated after six games.

Emmanuel Christian High School finished second in the regular season with a 3-3 record. ship game.

Erin District High School finished in third place with a 3-3 record.

The District playoffs got underway on Tuesday, Oct. 29, with results not available at press

The Centre Dufferin girls will have to bring their best game to the semi-final round as they will be up against the first-place Westside team in the first round.

In the other semi-final round, Erin District High School will meet Emmanuel Christian

The winners of the semi-final games will go on to play for the District 4 championship on Monday, Nov. 4.

The top-seed team will host the champion-



IN THE ZONE: The Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS) Royals junior girls' basketball team played against the Westside Secondary School Thunder in the gym at CDDHS on Monday, Oct. 21. Royals player, Charlotte Lee brings the ball into the Westside zone. The Royals took a loss in this game and will now get ready for the District 4 playoffs.





TEAM: **CENTRE DUFFERIN** DISTRICT HIGH **SCHOOL ROYALS CROSS COUNTRY**



EMMERY HAIGH

the District 4/10 cross country championships and finished with a good time.

Emmery placed sixth in the junior girl's 5 km division. Recently started competing again after taking some time

"I've been running since elementary school, but I had an ankle injury and had to stop for a while," Emmery explained, but she is happy to be back running and competing.

"To train, I run around town once or twice week," Emmery

A well rounded athlete, Emmery also plays volleyball and is on the school track and field team specializing in the 400m and 1500m runs.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

ONE WIN, ONE LOSS: The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals senior boys' soccer teams host the Westside Secondary School Thunder on the pitch at CDDHS on Monday, Oct. 21. Both teams played a good game. When the final whistle sounded, the Royals had to settle for a 3-2 loss. The Royals played their second game of the week on Wednesday, Oct. 23, against Erin District High School. In that game, they left the field with a 4-0 win. The Royals finished the regular season in second place with a 5-3-2 record and will now go on to compete in the District 4 playoffs

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Winter Warmth Clothing Swap Party coming to Grand Valley Library

Help reduce clothing waste in the community while freshening up your winter wardrobe next weekend

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Library are teaming up to host a Winter or left unused. Warmth Clothing Swap Party next week-

Public Library (4 Amaranth St. E) from 10 or recycled," said the County of Dufferin's a.m. to 1 p.m. on Nov. 9.

"Bring your unwanted jackets, hats, mittens, scarves, sweaters and other winter al textile production produces 1.2 billion clothing and accessories and swap them for tons of CO2e emissions annually, which is something else," said a press release from the County of Dufferin.

"Clothing swap parties are a sustainable way to get rid of unwanted accessories, Swap Party can bring up to 10 items and clothing and/or shoes while swapping them for items you need for free."

The event will feature light refreshments able condition, without stains or tears. and there will be a chance for attendees to win prizes.

While the average Canadian buys 70 new

'Textiles contribute to 10 million tonnes The event will be held at the Grand Valley which 95 per cent could have been reused press release. "Fast fashion is also a significant contributor to the climate crisis. Globmore than both maritime shipping and international flights."

> Attendees of the Winter Warmth Clothing can take home as many items as they bring.

All clothing must be clean and in wear-

Undergarments, socks and bathing suits are not permitted at the event.

It's important to note that only winter the event by notifying staff. pieces of clothes per year, data shows only clothing is to be brought to the swap party, Dufferin Waste and Grand Valley Public half is used while the rest is thrown away such as winter jackets, snow pants, toques, ed, the County of Dufferin stressed this is mittens, gloves, scarves and sweaters.

The event is on a first come first served of waste in landfill in North America, of basis, meaning no items will be placed on many items as they bring in for the clothing hold or reserved for attendees to come swap," said the county's press release. back and take.

> Clothing Swap Party, bring items to the Ameritex Diversion Donation Bin at 202373 Grand Valley Public Library from 6 to 8 p.m. Dufferin Rd 109 or call 416-543-1448. on Nov. 6 or 7 or from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Nov. 9. Items can also be dropped off on the wear, backpacks, belts, scarves and houseday of the event, Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. to 10

> After dropping off an item, the library will provide a ticket based on the number the donation bin include toys, furniture, of items provided, which must be brought to the event.

> Anyone who brings items that go unclaimed can have them back at the end of Count, Salvation Army and Mission Thrift.

Although unclaimed items will be donatnot a donation-based event.

"Participants are expected to take as

Anyone who is looking for places to do-To participate in the Winter Warmth nate clothing in Grand Valley can visit the

Accepted items include clothing, foothold textiles, which includes things like bedding, stuffed toys and towels.

Items that should not be dropped off at carpets, mattresses, soiled or dirty clothing and dirty textiles.

Donations to this bin supports Seconds



PETER RICHARDSON PHOTOS

SCARES & TERRORS: A variety of displays and volunteers dressed up in various Halloween costumes provided a frightful exprience to those who dared to attend Haunt in the Park's "Full Scare" on Saturday, Oct. 26 at Fiddle Park in Shelburne. The event has been taking place for over 30 years, organized by the Little family, and each year it offers something different to the community.













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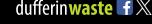




Remove any non-compostable items from your pumpkin (i.e. candles, decorations, etc.)

Place your pumpkin **BESIDE your green bin** or with your **yard waste**. Yard waste collection continues throughout November. Check your Waste Services Guide, our website, or the **DufferinWaste** app for dates.





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New Liberal candidate nominated for Dufferin-Caledon

Written By ZACHARY ROMAN LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

There's a new Provincial Liberal candi-

date for Dufferin and Caledon. On Oct. 20, Tess Prendergast was officially nominated as the Provincial Liberal candidate for Dufferin-Caledon at a Dufferin-Caledon Provincial Liberal Association meeting in Caledon Village.

Prendergast currently serves as a Councillor for the Town of Orangeville and is a French teacher and librarian.

She said she was inspired to be the Provincial Liberal candidate for Dufferin-Caledon because she sees firsthand how Provincial policies impact everyday Ontarians. Her experience as a Councillor for the Town of Orangeville has informed her approach to fiscal responsibility and moderation.

"While social progress is paramount, it must be matched with what is feasible within our current government systems and what is responsible to the taxpayer," said Prendergast. "I think people are looking for stability and sensibility in decision-making tems. right now."

Prendergast said tackling Ontario's hous- already have infrastructure in place is very ing and affordability crises is key, as is im- important, so that the cost of developing proving the healthcare and education sys- greenfield areas does not fall on taxpayers.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

IN THE RUNNING: Orangeville Town Councillor Tess Prendergast will be runnig as the Liberal Party of Ontario's candidate in the next provincial election.

She said building housing in areas that

ments in infrastructure.

"I really care for the residents of Duffer- making that benefits a wealthy few." in-Caledon, I'll be a true advocate," said on doors and talking about the Ontario Liberal Party."

She said now is not the time for flashy investments in large infrastructure projects Park. like highways when there's so many people in Ontario who are using the food bank and struggling to make ends meet.

"The Conservatives seem to be prioritizing profit for developers," said Prendergast. perience in education, social justice and "The Ontario Liberals will prioritize smart municipal governance has prepared her for budgeting that helps working families, focusing on affordable housing, public healthcare and education."

Prendergast said people in Dufferin and healthcare, and accessible public transit. Caledon deserve better than what they've MPP Sylvia Jones in the past six years.

stable, predictable, and sensible support. able," wrote Loefffler. "As a French teacher We need a government that's on our side," she said. "Leadership isn't just about pass- improving education, public healthcare, and ing laws. It's about listening, collaborating, the environment, and aims to bring these and solving problems. I believe in a sensible values into the provincial legislature."

Prendergast said there needs to be more approach, one that balances progressive investment in the people that work in Ontarpolicies with fiscal responsibility... we need io's healthcare system in addition to invest- to build up our communities, not tear them down through cuts, neglect and decision

Josh Loeffler, President of the Duffer-Prendergast. "I can't wait to start knocking in-Caledon Provincial Liberal Association, said in a news release that Prendergast is ready to bring fresh perspectives and a strong voice for the community to Queen's

> He said she's a dedicated community leader and passionate advocate for public services and environmental sustainability.

> Loeffler said Prendergast's extensive exthe provincial stage. He said she's long been engaged in local politics and community development, focusing on affordable housing,

"Her priorities reflect the Liberal values of been getting from Premier Doug Ford and strong public services, promoting economic opportunities, and ensuring that govern-"When you vote Liberal, you're voting for ment decisions are transparent and accountand librarian, she is deeply committed to

Museum of Dufferin to hold several events through early November

out of Mulmur, is holding several events past and present. next month.

MoD, a place that collects and preserves com/event/poppy. the stories of the people, places and culture of Dufferin County, has six events coming up in November.

Honouring Our Veterans at Nov. 2, 10:30 a.m.

Join us at the Museum of Dufferin for the Veterans' Week Ceremony.

and Orangeville Legion Branch 223.

The ceremony is followed by a presentation by local historian and Governor Gener-seum.com/event/fightingfish. al's Award Winner, Neil Orford.

Find out more online at dufferinmuseum. com/event/veterans.

The Poppy Project at Nov. 2, 11 am to 3:30 p.m.

The Museum of Dufferin (MoD), based poppies for a display to honour veterans. The cost is \$7 plus HST per child. Register

Learn more online at dufferinmuseum. com/event/mod-tots.

MoD Masterclass for Kids & Teens: Fighting Fish Line Art at Nov. 9, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Join local artist Stephanie Casino Esguerra! Students will first learn a variety of line art techniques for drawing still-life objects, and then use those techniques to create tives of the Shelburne Legion Branch 220 The cost to attend is \$15 plus HST per participant.

To register for the event, visit dufferinmu-

MoD-Tots: Buildings and Structures Nov. 13, two sessions: 9 to 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. to noon

Get your toolbelt ready for a fun morning of assembly, engineering and demolition Learn to crochet a poppy in this free with your toddler through tot-friendly conworkshop dedicated to creating beautiful struction themed crafts and sensory play!

for the event online at dufferinmuseum.

Ask the Archivist: Genealogy Brick Wall at Nov. 13, 9 a.m. to noon

Have you hit a "brick wall" in your genealogy research?

Book a personal one-hour appointment with the Archivist at MoD and they will work to turn that brick wall into a pit stop!

The cost is \$20 plus HST per appointment. The ceremony will be led by representation their own fighting fish (betta fish) line art! Register online at dufferinmuseum.com/ event/ask-the-archivist-6.

Holiday Treasures Craft Market | Nov. 27, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Join us for the 20th Annual Holiday Treasures Arts & Crafts Sale at the Museum of Dufferin in picturesque Mulmur.

Shop the works of over 68 vendors, makers and craft-persons in the Main Gallery.

Admission to the event is by donation and more information is available at dufferinmuseum.com/event/ht.



LOTS TO DO AND SEE: The Museum of Dufferin is holding a variety of events through the month of November. A special ceremony honouring veterans will take place at the Museum of Dufferin on Nov. 2 and residents of the county and learn to crochet poppies free of charge at an upcoming Poppy Project workshop held on the same day. Other events are geared towards kids and the upcoming Holiday Treasures Craft Market on Nov. 27 will feature nearly 70 vendors, offering a variety of products. The perfect Christmas present could be awaiting. All this and more is taking place at the Museum of Dufferin.



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Visit dufferincounty.ca/waste for updates and a full listing of acceptable materials & limitations. This is the final event of 2024.

See website for updates on events in 2025.

For Residents of Dufferin County, including Amaranth, East Garafraxa, Grand Valley, Melancthon, Mono, Mulmur, Orangeville and Shelburne.

Dufferin



Theatre Orangeville's 'Twas the Night Gala to return Nov. 16

Written By CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

Theatre Orangeville's annual 'Twas the Night Gala will be staged at the luxurious establishment – Hockley Valley Resort (783522 3rd Line EHS, Mono) on Nov. 16, where this party promises to be all it has been and

all be held in the hotel's Montclair Ballroom, a community within two degrees of separawhich seats 300 people very comfortably. To have the silent auction there means patrons can still see the entertainment and have access to all the chances to spend.

Orangeville's artistic director David Nairn will stand for the 25th year as auctioneer, as only he can – cajoling and teasing bidders to increase offers between competing bidders.

Theatre Orangeville fundraising committee chair Laura Sheehan Austin and commitizen about the excitement growing for this

Austin noted this year's 'Twas Gala will be the last one David Nairn is hosting and that needs to be celebrated. As a major support in the theatre's fundraising efforts, she praised a great canvassing committee, with amazing volunteers, collecting silent auction contributions from an unbelievable community. Every year new people join the effort, including the incomparable Joy Bell, who has been with them all this time.

Traditionally: Father Christmas is attending. In the Montclair Ballroom, a pianist on eatery, plus tickets to Theatre Orangeville. the stage will provide seasonal music and

the Theatre Orangeville Youth Singers will he described his last 'Twas as "bitter-sweet.' sing carols on the stairs.

For this most important fundraising event House and head cheerleader," although he of the year, Austin is organizing the Silent admits that he and his wonderful lady, Lei-Auction items, "a huge amount of work," she said, comparing it to "84,000 emails." She is willing though, for "the actual night is so much fun, being in a room with a commu-The banquet, silent and live auctions, will nity who are raising funds, joyously living in is generally acknowledged as the beginning tion."

> Ticket sales are doing well; tables are being reserved.

This year, people were looking for a During the course of the evening, Theatre change in the menu from prime roast beef. The new menu features a vegetarian meal of green salad and stuffed pepper. For meat lovers there is carved beef tenderloin and and performers at 'Twas, he reminds them chicken supreme, with green salad. Dessert

Once again, Anne Marie Warburton, tee member Hazel Mason spoke to the Cit-founder and owner of Gallery Gemma at the from local artisans and businesses. Alton Mill Arts Centre, is donating a fabulous piece of jewellery.

> There are several new Live Auction items, from wine tastings to tickets to the Shaw festival and tickets for the Women's Hockey League; likewise, another professional hockey game of choice. All of which have a one-night accommodation.

Both the Hockley Valley Resort and Adamo Winery have donated combination packages. The Taste of Orangeville offers dinner at Bluebird Restaurant and an overnight stay at the Nest Suites, located above the popular

Later, in conversation with David Nairn,

For 25 years, he has been "Master of the sa Way are looking forward to attending the The name change to Twas kept things fresh," he explained but, withal, the event

Everyone he has attended has left him **ELEGANT EVENING**: The Montclair Ballroom at Hockley Valley Resort offers a stunning venue for Theatre Orangeville's annual fundraiser 'Twas the Night Gala on Nov. 16.

it is because of the support of people that some "superstars," super-exciting and a few helps these young people blossom, making surprises, we were promised.

Why attend? Because it's a beautiful night out to get dressed up and support our the-"This is a fundraiser," he was clear. "The atre, something we want to continue.

David Nairn said, "The success of annufunds and also a darn good night mingling al fundraiser is essential or we wouldn't be able to offer the programs that we do.'

For tickets, call the festive folk at the Thebe shown in the number of people who keep atre Orangeville Box Office – 519-942-3423 coming back. For entertainment, there are or go to www.theatreorangeville.ca.

Shelburne Public Library shares weekly news

It's that time of year again!

great event next year as guests.

been one he did not enjoy.

with friends."

and fellowship of the community.

of the festive season. He confirmed that in

as many of the Theatre Orangeville galas as

he has attended and hosted, there has never

with admiration for the support, comradely

the point that most of the donations came

money is important – all those sales are vital

The proof of how good a night it is can

When people see the talent of the singers

Our most cherished event of the year is just around the corner — our Annual Silent The Blue Maiden by Anna Noyes - In Auction & Book Sale. This year's event will 1825, sisters Beata and Ulrika, obsessed by take place on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 10 Berggrund Island's dark past and their aba.m. to 4 p.m., with bidding ending at 3:30 sent mother, find the arrival of a mysterious p.m.

nate or have questions about the process, get in touch with Rose Dotten, Shelburne the answers they've been searching for. Public Library CEO (rdotten@shelburnelibrarv.ca).

It's also the best time of year to peruse material for \$2 per bag!

to the library so staff can order your books

Upcoming Events

non-judgmental environment. Call 519-925- Gothic, just in time for Halloween.

2168 to book an appointment.

Recommended Read of the Week: outsider leading them to The Blue Maiden If you have something you'd like to do- island, the storied home of the Witches' Sabbath and Satan's realm, where they find

Why Molly Recommends it: Why are so many stories of suspense wrought around sisters? Here, on frosty well-delineated our book sale and score a trove of reading Berggrund Island, where everyone is afraid of witches, live wild, impulsive Beata, We are transitioning to a new Interlibrary who is tormented by unexplained visions Loan platform at the beginning of Novem- and wistful, romantic Ulrika, forced into ber; no patrons will be able to order their the role of housekeeper in her mother's own interlibrary loans once the switch absence. These sister protagonists are, of takes place. Please call, email, or come in course, daughters to a predictably stalwart priest with a long-buried secret. The titular Blue Maiden is a small island off the coast, swirling in mist and mystery: always calling Don't forget we have Seniors Tech Tutor- out to one sister or another. I love Noyes ing appointments available on Tuesdays, for her crisp prose and impeccable lan-Wednesdays, and Fridays. It's the perfect guage. This novel offers an intricate family opportunity to ask your tech questions in a tale which will appeal to lovers of classical

Dufferin County Canadian Black Association hosts business networking event in Shelburne

The Dufferin County Canadian Black Pixel Pilot Marketing Services and Attorney Association (DCCBA) partnered with the Town of Shelburne to host its inaugural business networking event at Grace Tipling Hall on Oct. 24.

The intimate gathering drew entrepreneurs from across the region, including Mississauga, to connect with local businesses. Open to all Dufferin County businesses, the event fostered meaningful relationships and opportunities.

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones attended, offering greetings and invited business owners to reach out to her office if they need support.

Expert moderator Moy Fung guided engaging discussions.

Distinguished panelists Pooja Sood of

Althea Mitchell of Adlai Law - both Dufferin County professionals – shared valuable expertise and insights on topics from the role of technology and innovation to how to differentiate oneself in the marketplace to grow their business.

Participants praised the event's success, eagerly anticipating future gatherings.

"DCCBA is deeply grateful for the Town of Shelburne's support, local businesses' participation and community members' enthusiasm," said DCCBA President Alethia O'Hara-Stephenson, who founded the notfor-profit organization.

This collaboration's goal is to promote economic growth, diversity and inclusion within Dufferin County.

Dufferin County invites community to Open House highlighting building code updates on Nov. 7

Dufferin County's Building Services Division invites residents to attend an Open House on Nov. 7 to learn about important updates in the 2024 Building Code.

This free event will be held at the Edel- don mitigation brock Centre Meeting Room, 30 Centre St., Orangeville, from 3 to 6 p.m.

learn about changes in building regulations, are encouraged to join the County to learn including guidelines for:

- Two-unit houses
- Farm buildings • HVAC and plumbing
- New measures for accessibility and ra- building-services.

During the Open House, residents can ments. Industry and community members signs that are already underway.

For additional information, please contact Code. Dufferin County at 519-941-2816 or visit the

Residents will be able to ask County staff on January 1, 2025, with a three-month grace ing the 2012 Building Code if the applicant questions to understand the new require- period until March 31, 2025 for certain de- demonstrates that their working drawings

Permit applications must be submitted be-

Between Jan. 1, 2025 and March 31, 2025, County's website at www.dufferincounty.ca/ permit applications may be submitted using the new 2024 Building Code.

The 2024 Building Code comes into effect Permit applications may be submitted uswere substantially complete by Dec. 31, 2024.

By April 1, 2025, Permit applications must how these updates may affect their projects. fore Dec. 31, 2024, using the 2012 Building be submitted using the 2024 Building Code.



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STEVE BESLEY APR 8, 1961 - OCT 10, 2024

Steve Besley, 63, passed away surrounded by his loving family following a two-year

battle with cancer. The third of four sons, Steve was raised on a family farm in Shelburne, Ontario, and learned the value of hard work early on. Driven to succeed, Steve was an honour roll

student and Ontario Scholar. He balanced academics with involvement in 4H Clubs and Junior Farmers, and won multiple dairy and field crop awards. Steve managed bee hives, trained heifers for shows, and was active in many community and philanthropic efforts. Steve attended the University of Waterloo and graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce.

Steve met his wife and lifelong partner, Chris Williams, working at Mutual Life in Waterloo. Together they ventured west in pursuit of a new adventure, settling in Sechelt on the Sunshine Coast of British Columbia to raise their family and start a business. Steve and Chris co-founded Benefit Innovations, a trusted employee benefits consultancy serving clients across BC. Steve's entrepreneurial spirit, disciplined approach and unwavering moral compass made him a fierce advocate for his clients. He cherished his relationships with clients, colleagues, and his family at Strategic Coach.

An ardent lover of the outdoors, Steve found great joy in kayaking around the Trail Islands, cycling around Stanley Park, and hiking through the forest. His adventurous spirit was also evident in his love for travel. He took many trips throughout his life and was always seeking new challenges. We find comfort in knowing that Steve is somewhere planning his next big adventure. We will all miss his tremendous wit.

Steve is survived by his loving wife, Chris; his children, Brandon and Brooke (Mike); his father, Eldred (Pat); his brothers, Dave (Lana) and Brian (Deb); and many beloved nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his mother, Lois, and his brother, Mark.

Although Steve requested no formal service, Chris and the kids welcome friends and family to visit for a cup of his favourite green tea and a walk along the beach in his memory.

In lieu of flowers, Steve would encourage everyone to doggedly support a family member, friend, or community member in need.

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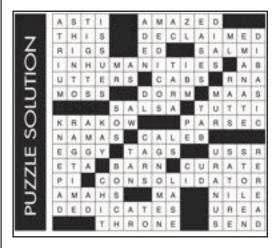
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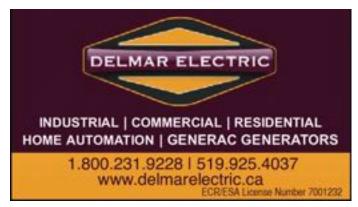
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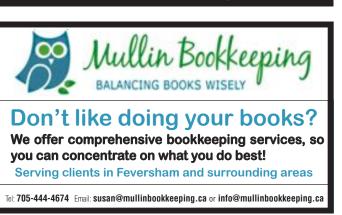














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