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A BOUNTY OF FOOD: Cadets from the 164 Shelburne Air Cadets Squadron helped Share the Bounty collect food donations on Saturday (Nov. 16) outside of No Frills in Shelburne. Pictured left to right: Tristain Whyte, Jessica West, and Karson Clement along with Captain Diane Power. For the full story turn to Page 3.

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Family Transition Place continues efforts to prevent abuse

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

Family Transition Place (FTP) is raising awareness of the continued existence of gender-based violence within the community, as they recognize Woman's Abuse Prevention Month.

Woman's Abuse Prevention Month is a 30-day call to action held through November, which looks to raise awareness, education and a willingness to help end violence against women in Ontario and globally.

"Often, we fall into the trap of thinking that woman abuse as just a 'women's issue,' and it's really not," said Lynette Pole Langdon, executive director of Family Transition Place. "It impacts families, children, parents and even the man perpetuation the violence. The solution is one that needs to come from all of us."

To help raise awareness of violence against women, Family Transition Place is highlighting the different ways they can see the prevalence of gender-based violence continuing to grow within the community.

Family Transition Place has 12 independent units in their emergency shelter and can have upwards of 28 people, both women and children, staying in the shelter at any given time.

Pole-Langdon said they provided shelter space to 66 women and 34 children in 2023.

The number of women and children accessing Family Transition Place's emergency shelter is not the only figure that indicates an issue of gender-based violence in the community. Pole-Langdon said that in 2023, FTP received almost 4,300 calls to their support helpline, which can be called by anyone seeking support including victims of abuse or those looking for support for an individual fleeing abuse.

"The number of calls for our support line, year over year, are in the thousands," said Pole-Langdon.

Another concerning figure in gender-based violence is the rise in cases of femicide, defined as the act of a man killing a woman or girl because of her gender.

According to the Ontario Association of Interval & Transition Houses (OAITH), who release monthly reports on femicide cases across the province, there have been 59 reported cases of femicide in Ontario as of October for 2024. Last year, at the time of OAITH's Annual Femicide List (November 2022 to November 2023), there were a total of 62 reported femicides.

"Tragically, we're on this same trajectory to reach the same number, if not higher, this year," said Pole-Langdon. "We know women and children are still being killed in our communities."

Staff members at FTP and Dufferin Coun-



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STRONG ADVOCATE: Lynette Pole-Langdon, executive director of Family Transition Place, discusses the growing concern of gender-based violence in Dufferin County, as the local women's shelter recognizes Woman's Abuse Prevention Month throughout November.

ty residents do know all too well that women and children are being killed, as one of the 59 recorded cases on the 2024 Femicide List, occurred in Mono this past September.

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Streams Community Hub to receive Smile Cookie Funds this year

Written By PAULA BROWN
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Streams Community Hub in Shelburne is hoping to spread some smiles and holiday cheer this season as a recipient of the Tim Hortons Holiday Smile Cookie fundraiser.

The fundraiser, which runs until Nov. 24, will see 100 per cent of the proceeds from each Holiday Smile Cookie sold in Shelburne go towards helping support Streams Community Hub and Tim Hortons Foundation Camps.

"Tim Hortons is a huge organization so to be recognized as an adequate recipient is a great opportunity and honour," said Andrew James, co-founder and president of Streams Community Hub.

The funds raised through the Tim Hortons Holiday Smile Cookie campaign have been slated for two Streams Community Hub initiatives – the purchase of a 15-seat van and program scholarships.

Streams has applied for a \$50,000 grant called the Commonwell L.e.a.f Grant, and if successful in receiving they will use the funds from the Tim Hortons Holiday Smile Cookie campaign to help with the complete

purchase of a 15-seat van. The van will be used to shuttle youth from school to the Streams Community Hub building for after-school programs.

If the local youth arts charity does not receive the \$50,000 grant, the funds raised through the Tim Hortons Holiday Smile Cookie campaign will instead be directed to scholarship funding to help kids access and attend the arts programs at Streams.

"This funding is extremely significant for us because we can use these funds in an unrestricted way, whereas with most grants that we have access to and apply for are project grants we have to use in specific ways," explained Juli-Anne James, co-founder and executive director of Streams Community Hub. "The funding that we're able to raise from members of the public who support our cause really helps us to keep the doors open and the lights on."

Tim Hortons first began the Smile Cookie campaign in 1996 to help raise funds for the Hamilton Children's Hospital and has kept it going to help raise funds for community charities. Since its inception, the Smile Cookie program has raised over \$129 million nation-

wide for charities and community groups.

In 2023, Tim Hortons expanded the Smile Cookie campaign with a holiday twist. The Tim Hortons Holiday Smile Cookie is a white chocolate sugar cookie infused with red and green sprinkles and hand-decorated with a white icing smile face.

The inaugural Tim Hortons Holiday Smile Cookie campaign raised \$9.8 million from coast to coast with the funds donated to over 600 charities and community groups.

"This is a wonderful way to get something sweet and delicious in return for your contributions. Don't underestimate the value of your contribution in purchasing a smile cookie; every cookie that you purchase or share really helps us advance our charitable mission. It's not an insignificant contribution," said James.

As part of the Holiday Smile Cookie campaign, Streams Community Hub will be hosting a giveaway of a \$100 Tim Hortons gift card. Those interested in entering the draw can learn more on Stream's Facebook and Instagram accounts.

To learn more about the local youth-focused arts center and the programs they have available, visit www.streamshub.org.



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HOLIDAY SMILE: Brody Ireton, facility manager at Streams Community Hub, helped to decorate a few of the holiday smile cookies that will be sold at Tim Hortons to help raised funds for the youth-focused arts centre.

Nearly 3,000 pounds of non-perishables collected at local food drive

Written By PAULA BROWN
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Shelburne residents have helped collect a bounty of food supplies for those living in the community who are experiencing food insecurity.

Share the Bounty, a non-profit organization, hosted two food donation events in

Shelburne on Saturday (Nov. 16). Volunteers from the charity were joined by Cadets from the 164 Shelburne Air Squadron outside of No Frills and Foodland as they collected donated food items from shoppers.

"We have done this [collection] quite a few times this year and doing it has been quite a great experience. We're letting people know there's a lot of need here in Shel-

burne and for the Food Bank, so hopefully we can continue to help more people who are so much in need," said Benny Thannikkotu, president of Share the Bounty.

Share the Bounty is a non-profit charity serving Brampton, Caledon and Dufferin County that looks to help feed those facing food insecurity.

The organization partners with local businesses such as grocery stores, farms, and restaurants to collect excess food supplies to create healthy meals and collect donations from community members to support food banks.

Through the one-day collection, Share the Bounty was able to raise nearly \$700 and collect close to 3,000 pounds of food, which will go back to the community through Shepherd's Cupboard Food Bank.

"We got a humongous haul from the food

donations and we're so grateful for the people of Shelburne and surrounding areas, who are so eager to give. It goes such a long way for our food bank," said Pam Kelly, volunteer coordinator at Shepherd's Cupboard. "Share the Bounty is all about raising awareness and getting the food to the people who need it. Every time we've done an event here, it's been an amazing response and that's indicative of the people."

Share the Bounty will be hosting two more fundraising events in Shelburne before the end of the year. The next events will be a toy drive called "Giving Tuesdays" on Dec. 3 outside of Giant Tiger, followed by a free Christmas Dinner for the community on Dec. 25 organized by the charity.

Those interested in learning more about Share the Bounty and their future events can visit www.sharethebounty.info.



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

FOOD FOR FRIENDS: Share the Bounty's Pam Kelly, volunteer coordinator, and Benny Thannikkotu, president, stood outside of Foodland in Shelburne on Saturday (Nov. 16) as they collected food items from community members to help those facing food insecurity.



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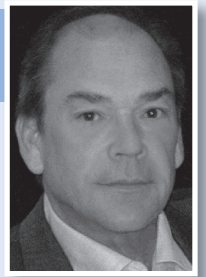
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OPINION

Once they've seen Paris

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



"How ya Gonna Keep 'em Down on the Farm, After They've Seen Paree?"

That's an old song from the First World War.

It suggests that someone who has the opportunity to travel and see what the world has to offer may no longer be content with their current surroundings and may decide to explore further.

There's a lot of truth in that.

I recall my first trip to downtown Toronto as a teenager. Seeing the hustle and bustle, the skyscrapers, and all the activity really impressed me. I did actually move there only a few years later.

The song was a reference to all the young men who were shipped overseas during World War One and had an opportunity to travel from a one-horse town where they grew up, to an entirely different world and culture. The song reasons that many of those farm boys may not want to return to the farm after seeing what the rest of the world has to offer.

North Korea, has, for some reason, signed a pact with Russia, to help in its war of aggression against Ukraine.

Why North Korea would consider Ukraine

a threat, makes no sense at all. Countries with similar ideologies tend to stick together.

As a result of this pact, up to 10,000 North Korean soldiers have been deployed to the Kursk region where, no doubt, they will learn what it's like to see your friend blown to bits by an artillery shell.

This number of soldiers may sound like a lot, but it's not.

These 10,000 soldiers are nothing more than cannon fodder for Putin. He's running so low on his own soldiers that he has to recruit criminals from prisons and give them a rifle.

These 10,000 North Korean soldiers were defeated before they even arrived.

No doubt that most, if not all, of these soldiers were drafted and forced into the army.

Conscripted armies, as history shows, never do well. A conscripted army is not motivated, has low morale, and is usually not trained as well as they should be.

A conscripted army will always lose to a volunteer professional military force that is well-trained and well-equipped.

A lot of these North Korean soldiers are going to die or receive life-altering wounds while fighting on foreign soil, for a cause

they don't believe in, and an enemy they have no quarrel with. These soldiers are being sent to fight an enemy they have no knowledge of, in a region they probably haven't even heard of.

So what does this have to do with soldiers seeing Paris in World War I?

These North Korean soldiers are going to see things they have never seen before. They are going to experience things that are not in North Korea, and go against everything the regime of man/child goofball dictator Kim Jong Un, has ever told them.

They will experience things they have not been taught in school. They will learn that things are not quite the way they were told when sitting behind a desk and ordered to pay allegiance to the 'dear leader.'

The problem is, once their mission is over, either through the war ending or a landmine blowing off one of their feet, these North Korean soldiers won't be receiving a hero's parade through their hometown. They won't receive veteran's benefits. Most likely they will never be in touch with their families ever again.

The last thing North Korea wants is soldiers returning home and telling everyone

what the world is really like on the other side of the barbed wire that keeps them inside the borders of their country.

They don't want soldiers telling townfolk that in other countries, people chose their leaders. They don't want soldiers telling their friends that they saw private individuals actually driving their own cars and that the movie theatres show films from around the world.

They don't want soldiers explaining to their families that the World Wide Web has information from around the entire world, not just what the government wants them to see.

It has already been suggested that once these soldiers are done fighting, their future is bleak.

Most likely they will be shipped off to a gulag somewhere for re-education, or some similar fate.

It will be a sad ending for 10,000 soldiers who have no idea why they have been sent to fight in a foreign country against an enemy that they don't even know.

Eight simple steps to make your will and power of attorney rock solid

Written By **BRANDON JONES**

Creating a comprehensive will and power of attorney (POA) is essential. It's the only way you can ensure your intentions are honoured and your loved ones are cared for after you pass away or if you become incapacitated.

Here's how:

1. Create or update your will

The first step in securing your legacy is to create or update your will. A will outlines how your assets will be distributed after your death. Ensure that it reflects your current preferences and circumstances. This can be done through a lawyer or an online service that complies with Ontario laws. Regular reviews of your will are just as important. Major life changes—such as marriage, divorce, or the death of a loved one—can affect your estate plan. Keeping your will current minimizes potential disputes among family members.

2. Appoint a trusted executor

Choosing the right executor is crucial.

Your executor is responsible for administering your estate according to the terms of your will, including paying debts and distributing assets. Select someone you trust, such as a family member or friend, or hire a professional. CAUTION: Ensure they are willing to take on this responsibility.

It can also be helpful to name an alternate executor in case your first choice cannot fulfill the role.

3. Create two Powers of Attorney (POAs)

A POA allows you to appoint someone to make decisions on your behalf if you become incapacitated. Most lawyers in Ontario will advise you to arrange two POAs. There should be one for property, which manages your financial matters, and one for personal care, which records your health and care preferences.

Ensure the appointed individual understands your directives and is capable of making these important decisions. Clear communication can help alleviate stress during difficult times.

4. Specify in advance your healthcare choices

Advance directives outline your healthcare preferences, including end-of-life care and specific treatments. These directives are crucial for your POA for personal care, as they guide decision-making when you cannot express your preferences.

Be explicit about your healthcare choices and discuss them with your physician and your appointed POA. Including such advance directives in your POA documents ensures that your instructions are legally recognized and respected.

5. Store your documents safely

Once your will, POA documents, and advance directives are ready, store them in a secure but accessible location, such as a safety deposit box or a fireproof home safe. Your executor and appointed POA should know where to find these documents when needed.

Consider providing copies to trusted individuals and digitizing the documents for added security and accessibility.

6. Review and update regularly

Life is dynamic, so it's advisable to review and update your will and POA every few years or after significant life events. Changes in relationships, financial status, or health can all impact your estate plan.

During reviews, ensure your executor and POA are still suitable choices and assess whether your current preferences are reflected. Regular updates ensure your es-

tate planning stays aligned with your life situation.

7. Seek legal advice

While many online resources can help create a will and POA, consulting a lawyer is invaluable, especially for complex situations.

A legal professional can provide tailored advice, ensuring your documents comply with the law and reflect your intentions.

Investing in legal advice helps prevent misunderstandings and disputes among heirs and ensures your documents are valid and enforceable in Ontario.

8. Communicate your intentions

Effective communication is vital in estate planning. Discuss your plans with your family and appointed representatives, explaining your choices and reasoning. This transparency can help reduce potential conflicts after your passing.

Encourage questions and ensure that your loved ones feel comfortable discussing these matters.

Open dialogue helps your family navigate the emotional challenges that follow your passing.

By following these eight steps, you can create a rock-solid will and POA that truly reflects your wishes and safeguards your legacy. Thoughtful planning can make all the difference for your loved ones during difficult times.



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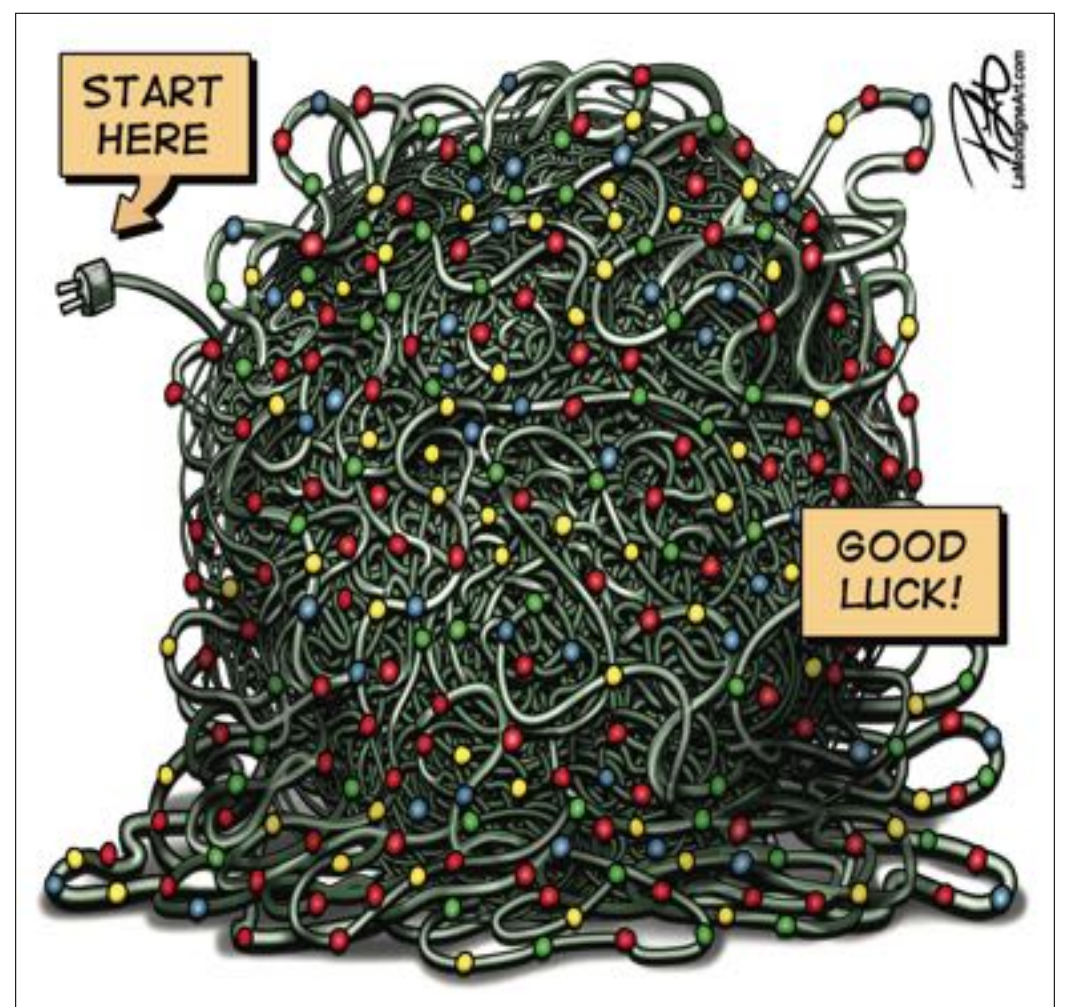
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: Growing concerns around Fiddle Park redevelopment plans

Dear Editor,

I am writing today to express my growing concerns regarding the Town of Shelburne's proposed redevelopment plans for Fiddle Park. The recent decisions made by the Town Council threaten not only the future of beloved community events but also risk undermining existing local businesses that have long been staples in our region.

It is my hope that the Council will reconsider these plans, which appear to be moving forward without sufficient consideration for the broader impacts on our community.

The recent letters from the organizers of "Haunt in the Park" and "Pickin' in the Park" reveal a glaring disconnect between the Council's vision and the needs of our residents.

These two events have not only brought joy and entertainment to thousands of attendees but have also fostered a sense of unity and tradition that is integral to our town's identity.

The suggestion that these events could simply be relocated to less suitable venues, such as a cattle shelter or temporary tents, is neither practical nor respectful of the effort that these dedicated organizers have invested over the years. Forcing these cherished

events to adapt to inferior conditions or potentially cancel them altogether is an unacceptable outcome.

It is particularly troubling that these redevelopment plans are being pushed through without addressing the immediate needs of these community gatherings.

Shelburne's own surveys showed a lack of overwhelming support for certain elements of the redevelopment, yet those elements — like the proposed amphitheatre — are being prioritized at great expense.

The construction timeline, which will disrupt access to Fiddle Park in 2025, fails to consider its detrimental effects on events that have become a part of our town's cultural fabric.

The Council's lack of flexibility on this matter is disheartening, especially given that reasonable accommodations have been suggested by event organizers, such as containing construction to specific areas of the park to allow events to continue safely.

Moreover, the inclusion of a mini golf course in the redevelopment plans raises significant concerns.

There is already a well-established, family-owned mini golf business — 10 and 10 Mini

Putt — less than 20 kilometres away.

The creation of a competing facility at Fiddle Park would not only divert potential customers from this local business but also undermine the spirit of supporting our existing community entrepreneurs.

It is difficult to understand why the Town would prioritize investing in a new facility that directly competes with a business that has served our community for years. Instead, resources would be better spent enhancing the unique features that make Fiddle Park a special venue for events and gatherings.

The funds being allocated toward these developments could be redirected to improve the facilities that directly support the events we already have, ensuring they can continue for years to come.

For instance, the \$250,000 earmarked for a mini turf field could be better utilized to upgrade the infrastructure that supports "Haunt in the Park" and "Pickin' in the Park." These events bring significant economic, social, and cultural benefits to Shelburne, drawing visitors from near and far who contribute to our local businesses. It is short-sighted to risk losing this positive impact by proceeding with con-

struction plans that could render these events unfeasible.

At the very least, the Council should consider postponing the redevelopment or phasing it in a way that minimizes disruption. This would allow the events scheduled for 2025 to proceed without interruption, while still allowing for thoughtful improvements to Fiddle Park in the future.

A balanced approach could ensure that both the park's redevelopment and the continuation of these beloved events can coexist, ultimately benefiting the entire community.

I urge the Town Council to listen to the concerns of its residents, event organizers, and local business owners. The community deserves a redevelopment plan that enhances, rather than disrupts, the vibrancy of our town.

By prioritizing what truly matters — supporting our events and local businesses — Shelburne can continue to thrive as a place where tradition and progress go hand in hand.

Sincerely,
Kris Anthony
Shelburne

Headwaters receives funding to improve diagnostic imaging and emergency departments

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) has received an investment from the provincial government for the renovation and expansion of two departments.

The local hospital announced in a press release on Nov. 14 that the investment from the Ontario government would see infrastructure upgrades made to the Emergency and Diagnostic Imaging Departments at the hospital.

"This will transform patient care and experience at Headwaters and support the teams that work in these departments," said Kim Delahunt, President and CEO of Headwaters Health Care Centre. "It will enable us to continue to provide excellent care, close to home, for the rapidly growing population and patient volumes that we see in Dufferin-Caledon."

With the investment, the existing emergency and diagnostic imaging departments at Headwaters will be remodelled to increase patient capacity. The overall goal of the renovation is to improve patient flow, decrease wait times, optimize the hospital's

existing physical space and enhance patient and family experience.

"The expansion of Headwaters Health Care Centre will allow people and families in the Orangeville community to continue to access the high-quality care they need, where they need it, for years to come," said Sylvia Jones, MPP for Dufferin-Caledon and Minister of Health.

According to a 2023 report from Headwaters Health Care Foundation, the local hospital was originally built to accommodate 23,000 annual visits, but the emergency department is now seeing over 36,000 annual visits.

"Headwaters' Emergency Department now sees daily and annual volumes that put extreme pressure on our team given the outdated design, flow and space allotment within the current footprint. Our team routinely looks at creative options to support the high volumes and efficiency in a tight space. This announcement is music to our ears," said Dr. Stephanie Milone, Co-Chief of Headwaters Emergency Department.

The renovation of the departments will see the hospital's laboratory relocated from the main floor to the lower level, to create



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additional space for the expansion.

Headwaters and the Ministry of Health will be working together to complete early planning and design for the renovation project. Once future planning is complete, a con-

struction schedule will be confirmed.

At the time of print, Headwaters Health Care Centre and the Ministry of Health have yet to announce the numeric value of the investment.

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Wed. Dec 4th to 5pm to 7pm
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RIDE spot check results in impaired driving charges in Shelburne

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

A Shelburne man is facing impaired driving-related charges.

Officers from the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) ran a RIDE spot check on Victoria Street in Shelburne on Monday, Nov. 18, at approximately 11:15 p.m. A vehicle entered the

spot check and was met by the officers, who were led into an impaired driving investigation after a brief conversation with the driver.

As a result of the investigation, Cameron Young, 41, from Shelburne, was charged with failure or refusal to comply with demand, fail to surrender insurance card, fail to surrender permit for motor vehicle and

possess unmarked cigarettes.

Young is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven in court.

As a result of the charges, Young's driver's licence was suspended for 90 days, and his vehicle was impounded for 7 days.



Tips from OPP on how to keep 'porch pirates' at bay this holiday season

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Ordering a package online can be risky if left at the recipient's front door unattended.

Individuals who steal these packages, commonly referred to as "porch pirates," prey upon people who order items online, which arrive at their house while they're not home.

There's always an uptick in incidents of porch pirates stealing packages around the holidays, as people order more items as gifts online.

To help combat this issue, the Central Region of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) recently shared some tips to keep porch pirates at bay this festive season.

"With the busy shopping season here, parcels will be arriving fast and furious to front porches everywhere. Criminals know this as well," said Central Regio OPP in a press release. "Thieves steal packages when no one is at home to accept the parcel."

To avoid or reduce the odds of a theft occurring, the OPP recommend requesting a signature on delivery or shipping packages

to a trusted neighbour or relative who will be home.

Having packages delivered to a workplace, if allowed by the employer, also helps to reduce the odds of theft.

"Track your deliveries online so you know when they're slated to arrive and plan to be home upon delivery," said Central Region OPP.

Installing video cameras and posting signage to indicate surveillance is in effect can be helpful as well.

Requesting that a package be left out of

sight at a rear or side door is another way to reduce risk.

Avoiding the shipping of packages altogether and opting for in-store or curbside pickup wherever possible can ensure theft won't occur.

Central Region OPP says if packages are stolen from your home, report the incident to your local police and the shipping company.

Anyone who sees suspicious activity in their neighbourhood should contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Ontario proposes amendments to Christopher's Law, aimed at giving police more tools

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

The Ontario government is soon introducing amendments to Christopher's Law.

If passed, these amendments will strengthen Ontario's Sex Offender Registry by giving police more tools to better monitor and supervise registered sex offenders.

The government is also proposing changes that would prevent sex offenders from legally

changing their names in Ontario. This is aimed at eliminating the possibility of sex offenders attempting to hide their identities.

"Decades ago, Ontario led the way with Canada's first sex offender registry, and today we're making it stronger," said the Province's Solicitor General Michael Kerzner.

"By introducing changes to make Christopher's Law more effective, we're giving police new tools to prevent, investigate, and solve

egregious sex crimes to protect those most vulnerable, especially our children."

The proposed changes would help to maintain Ontario's high reporting compliance rate for registered sex offenders and high-risk child sex offenders in several ways.

The changes would require sex offenders to report to a police service within a prescribed period after being ordered to serve a conditional sentence

They would also mandate that sex offenders must report to a police service within a prescribed period after receiving a passport or driver's licence

The proposed amendments also require offenders to report when they are starting to use or make changes to email addresses, social media usernames and other digital identifiers.

Another key change is adding new strict travel notification requirements. These include requiring registered sex offenders to provide 14 days advance notice if they intend

on traveling for seven days or more and requiring that registered child sex offenders provide advance notice if they will be out of Canada for any length of time.

The provincial government is also proposing to amend the Change of Name Act which would prohibit sex offenders from changing their names while they have reporting obligations to the Ontario Sex Offender Registry. While there are safeguards currently in place, this proposed change would make it easier for police to monitor sex offenders and prevent them from using a new identity to commit new crimes, says the Province.

"Banning convicted sex offenders from legally changing their name in Ontario will improve public safety," said Todd McCarthy, Ontario's Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement. "By strengthening the Change of Name Act, we are closing a legal loophole that allowed these offenders to live in anonymity."

As of September 2024, there are over 14,000 registered sex offenders on the Ontario Sex Offender Registry with active reporting obligations.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Defunct airline
4. Beverage container
7. A team's best pitcher
10. Unit of liquid capacity
11. It comes before two
12. Male child
13. Type of wheat
15. One's mother
16. Upper side of an organism
19. United is one
21. Extraction process
23. A being with lesser divine status
24. People living together in a community
25. Luxury automaker
26. This (Spanish)
27. Semitic language
30. Period for a defined purpose
34. Wander aimlessly in search of pleasure
35. Up in the air (abbr.)

36. American marsupial
41. Decadent dessert
45. Aquatic plant
46. About aviation
47. Summer footwear
50. Rugged mountain ranges
54. With tin
55. Cut on the surface of a hard object
56. Wrapped in cloth
57. Defensive nuclear weapon
59. "American Idol" contestant Clay
60. Midway between east and southeast
61. Court decision "___ v. Wade"
62. Born of
63. Soviet Socialist Republic
64. Actress ___-Margaret
65. Not even

CLUES DOWN

1. Heat unit
2. ___ Faulkner, American writer
3. Guatemalan town
4. Of funny things
5. Actress ___ de Armas
6. Agents of one's downfall
7. Takes forcibly
8. Body lice
9. Large nest of a bird of prey
13. Unhappy
14. Popular holiday dessert
17. Habitual drunkard
18. Used of a number or amount not specified
20. Complications
22. Fail to win
27. Before the present
28. Musical genre
29. Flurry
31. 007's creator
32. Indiana Pacer
33. Midway between north and northeast
37. Feeling
38. Damage another's reputation
39. Mottled citrus fruit
40. Beauty product
41. They man first, second and third
42. Harness
43. Herb
44. Expressed concern
47. Mississippi scientific area (abbr.)
48. Consumed
49. Nostrils
51. Gathered fallen leaves
52. Express good wishes
53. Monetary unit of Brunei
58. Japanese Buddhist festival

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Winter parking enforcement will commence at 12:01am December 2 and will be in effect until April 15, 2025. In addition, Council has granted parking relief for Christmas Eve (Dec. 24), Christmas Day (Dec 25), Boxing Day (Dec 26) and New Years Eve (Dec 31).

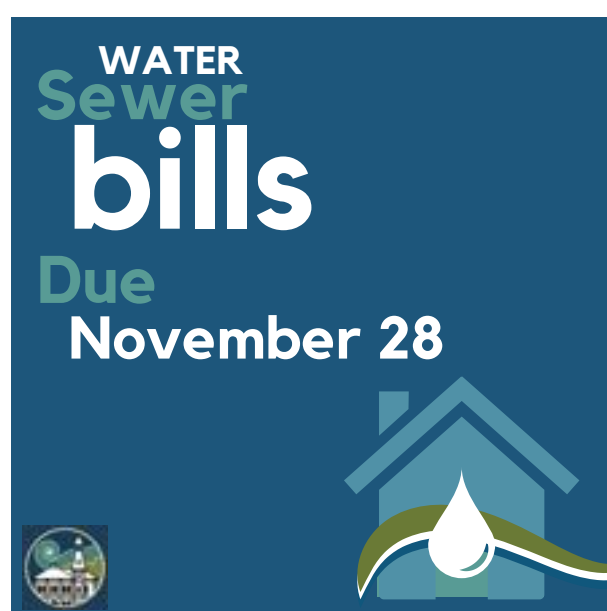
As reminder, parking on boulevards and blocking sidewalks is not permitted. Vehicles will be ticketed.



Resident Reminder: Boulevard Obstructions

As residents prepare their properties for the winter months, please remove any items on the boulevard or around boulevard trees. These items encroach on Town Property. Encroachments can create operational conflicts or hazards during the winter season when snow covers the ground. Damage to any items on the boulevard are not the responsibility of the Town. Items such as, but not limited to, landscaping materials, fencing, brick work, driveway curbing, irrigation systems, stakes, large boulders, replacing sod with river run stones, shall not be placed on the municipal right of way.

If an encroachment is identified, the Town may require the encroachment to be removed and the lands returned to its original state to the satisfaction of the Town. All costs related to the removal of the encroachment shall be at the encroaching party's expense.



SPORTS

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Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

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This year's competition was held at Gault Collegiate in Cambridge.

The Royals had a good season with consistent play, however, they lost their semi-final game by a single point to Erin District High School and were eliminated

from the District 4 competition.

As the top-ranking AA team in the district, they earned the right to advance to the regional competition at CWOSSA.

During the CWOSSA competition, there were eight high school senior teams battling it out for the championship.

The Royals gave up a 54-13 loss in their first game to McKinnon Park.

Kaylah Bulmetti and Tea Bosiljevac were the top scorers for the CDDHS team.

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the Royals took a 51-12 loss to Bishop Macdonnell from Guelph.

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They picked up another two points over the weekend with a win over the Penetang Kings.

The Stayner Siskins are in second place in the division with 30 points and a 15-3 record.

They are followed by the Orillia Terriers with 29 points and the Penetang Kings who have recorded 18 points so far this season.

Rounding out the standings are the Innisfil Spartans, Huntsville Otters, Midland Flyers, and the Muskoka Bears.

Across the province, things are shaping up as teams approach the midway mark in

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In the South Doherty Division, the New Hamburg Firebirds are in the lead with a 14-4 record and 29 points. New Hamburg are the defending division champions.

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Down in the central west part of the province, the Exeter Hawks are leading the West Yeck Division. Exeter finished well down in the standings last year and have a 14-7 record this year.

In the South Bloomfield Division, the Niagara RiverHawks are in first place with a 13-3 record, including one overtime loss. This is a good year for the RiverHawks who have struggled over the past 10 years with a mediocre performance.

In the same division, the Grimsby Peach Kings, who have been a powerhouse team over the past several years, have dropped to

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Family Transition Place participates in Wrapped in Courage campaign

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Dufferin OPP officers were called to a residence on Highway 10, at roughly 9 p.m. on Sept. 19 to investigate a suspicious death. As a result of the investigation, Dufferin OPP officers arrested and charged 49-year-old Daniel Domjanic in connection to the death of 76-year-old, Jelena Domjanic. The case is currently before the Ontario Court of Justice.

"It's hard to find the words. We want to be here to support women when they need the support and to know she lost her life, is heart-breaking," said Pole-Langdon.

She noted that Jelena's case serves as a reminder for the continuation of advocating against gender-based violence.

"It can be hard to not be discouraged but instead we need to channel the feelings of grief

and anger into determination, to keep pushing for change and support for survivors," she said. "Gender-based violence is an issue that impacts all communities, it's not a big city issue. It can happen and is happening locally and that's where the importance of this month and of having conversations is so important."

As Family Transition Place aims to draw residents' attention to the reality of gender-based violence and femicide cases within the local community, they are also looking to share a message of hope through various initiatives throughout Woman Abuse Prevention Month.

Family Transition Place is participating in the Wrapped in Courage campaign, developed by the Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses (OIATH). The Wrapped in Courage consists of the sale of purple scarves

that act as a symbol of support and solidarity to generate awareness for gender-based violence.

This year, the theme of the Wrapped in Courage campaign is "Threads of Action to End Gender-Based Violence".

"The idea is that we're all part of the threads that weave together to really try and reach our vision of hopefully, a future free of gender-based violence and oppression," explained Pole-Langdon.

Family Transition Place is also working with Orangeville-based café, Mochaberry, who are selling 8-ounce bags of Hope Women's Coffee. A portion of the proceeds raised through the sale of the coffee bags will go back to FTP to support their programming.

The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (Nov. 25) will be

recognized by Family Transition Place with the raising of the 'Wrapped in Courage' flag at Shelburne Town Hall on Nov. 25 at 10 a.m., Orangeville Town Hall on Nov. 24 at 12 p.m., and Caledon Town Hall at 2 p.m.

To learn more about gender-based violence or about the support provided by Family Transition Place, visit www.familytransitionplace.ca or contact the shelter through their support line at 519-941-4357.

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Canada Post strike continues as workers demand higher wages

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

The Canada Post strike has reached Orangeville, with nearly 30 employees from CUPW Local 577 picketing in front of the Broadway office on Tuesday, Nov. 19.

Protests organized by CUPW Local 577, which represents over 100 workers in Dufferin County, are also taking place in front of Canada Post offices in Shelburne.

Union members are striking for higher wages, better benefits, improved working conditions, pension protection, the option to offer weekend service, and improved job security, among other demands.

CUPW 577 is striking alongside 55,000 unionized Canada Post workers across Canada, who all began the strike on Friday, Nov. 15.

"We're fighting for fair wages, no roll backs on our pensions," said CUPW Local 577 President Greg Boulter.

"We worked through a pandemic, and we signed a two-year extension in our contract with no pay raise, with the promise that we'd have discussions in the future."

Canada Post workers are seeking a 24 per

cent raise over four years, meanwhile, Canada Post has offered an 11.5 per cent pay increase over that same time frame.

Boulter said what the union is seeking and what Canada Post is offering is still very far apart. He's hoping negotiations will move in a positive direction for Canada Post's workers so they can get back to work.

"But we're willing to stand out here as long as it takes, until the deal is done," he told the Citizen. "Or until we get legislated back to work, I suppose. But obviously that's not good for any side of the table. Everybody loses and nobody ever gets what they want in that situation."

Boulter added, "We just need Canada Post to be there, work with us, make a fair deal



SAM ODROWSKI PHOTO

WORK ACTION: Approximately 30 employees from CUPW Local 577, which represents over 100 workers from Orangeville and Shelburne, picketed outside of the Canada Post office along Broadway in downtown Orangeville.

Let's close that gap."

A statement from Canada Post on Nov. 15 says customers should expect delays due to the strike if items are already in the postal network and no new items will be accepted until the strike is over.

Dufferin OPP tracks down Santa Claus for community event

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police Officers have located Santa Claus and are bringing him in.

Fear not – Kris Kringle isn't being put on local police officers' naughty list – he's making two appearances at the Dufferin Detachment of the OPP (390 C Line, Orangeville) to meet with children for photos.

His first visit is on Dec. 5 and his second visit is for Dec. 10, both running from 4 to 7 p.m.

All residents are invited to the community events and Dufferin OPP is asking that those

who come out bring either a non-perishable food item or a new unwrapped children's toy. These items will be donated to the Orangeville Food Bank and Dufferin Victim Services to spread some cheer this holiday season.

Attendees of the visit with Santa Claus are welcome to park in the front parking lot at the Dufferin Detachment and enter through the front lobby where they will be greeted by OPP officers and staff.

"Please join us in creating a memorable keepsake for your families this holiday season," said Dufferin OPP in a press release.

There won't be a photographer at the

event, so attendees will have to bring their own camera or use their cellphone to take photos.

Dufferin OPP asks that those interested in attending the visit with Santa Claus to register ahead of time by visiting <https://t.ly/Y63y2>

NOTICE

Hunting in the Dufferin County Forest

All users of the Dufferin County Forest are hereby advised that December 2 to 6 is the continuation of the shotgun/muzzle-loading gun/archery season 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.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SHELBURNE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING UNDER SECTION 45 OF THE PLANNING ACT

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024

The public meeting is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m., or as shortly thereafter as possible, and will be held in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Office (2nd Floor), 203 Main Street East, Shelburne. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the following planning application:

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

1) Application for Minor Variance A24/03 – Glen Schnarr & Associates Inc., on behalf 5021931 Ontario Inc., the owner of the property known municipally as 716 and 722 Main Street East in the Town of Shelburne, has submitted an application for a Minor Variance to request relief from Zoning By-law 38-2007 to: permit a minimum of 42 parking spaces whereas Section 3.15.9 requires 46 parking spaces; to permit a reduction to the minimum parking aisle width of 7.0 metres in Section 3.15.3.i.a) to allow for a parking aisle width of 6.0 metres; to permit a planting strip of 2.3 metres rather than the requirement of 3.0 metres per Section 3.16.1.ii); and to permit a reduction to the minimum landscaped open space requirement of Section 4.8.2 to permit 9% landscaped open space rather than the required 15%.

The application is in relation to Site Plan application SPA 23/06 which was submitted previously for two commercial buildings, including two (2) drive-through facilities.

A map showing the location of the subject property is provided below.

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

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Ontario Trillium Fund grant enhances recreation in Grand Valley

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

The provincial government recently doled out funding for a new multi-purpose outdoor recreation facility in Grand Valley that has been constructed.

Dufferin-Caledon MPP met with representatives from the Town of Grand Valley to learn about how a \$80,000 capital grant from the provincial government's Ontario Trillium Fund (OTF) was used for the facility on Fri-

day, Nov. 15.

The new multi-purpose outdoor recreation facility is intended to create a new space for people of all ages to enjoy outdoor recreational activities, such as basketball, pickleball, and ball hockey. All of these sports can be played on a court established at the facility

The building also act as a community gathering hub.

"With the Ontario Trillium Foundation,

our government is investing in stronger and healthier communities, across the province, including in Dufferin County," said Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones.

"This capital grant will provide Grand Valley families with a new place to gather in the community, ensuring residents have year-round access to this multi-purpose recreation facility."

There is potential for the facility to be utilized as an outdoor skating rink in the win-

tertime.

The facility is built on existing Community Centre grounds in Grand Valley, next to an existing skateboard park.

"The impact of this Ontario government grant cannot be overstated," said Grand Valley Mayor Steve Soloman.

"This grant has allowed the creation of a space for our community to play and come together to enjoy all forms of outdoor recreation."

Local speaker series happening in Mono to feature author and historian Tim Cook

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Dufferin County residents who are interested in military history and the allyship formed roughly 80 years ago between Canada and the United States, have the opportunity to delve deeper into the topic with one of Canada's most well-known war historians.

Small Town Big Ideas, a speaker series organized by local organization CanHist, will be welcoming Canadian Military historian and author Tim Cook to discuss his newest book, titled "The Good Allies" on Nov. 28 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Monora Park Pavillion (500 Monora Park Rd., Mono).

The book focuses on the turbulent relationship between Canada and the US during the Second World War. It explores, how the two nations entered the war amidst rivalry and mutual suspicion but learn to fight together to create an alliance that continues to influence their relationship today.

"I knew how the war was going to end, but I thought it would be useful to explore this

key relationship. I felt it was a neglected story, and I've always believed it's up to us to tell our story and history," said Cook. "There a number of key arguments in the book, but a critical one is that Canada was a good ally to the United States, and that's often forgotten today."

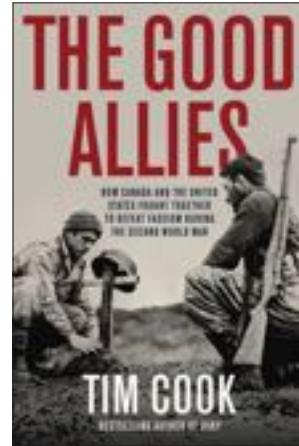
Cook began writing "The Good Allies" two years ago, knowing that it would be released in late 2024 and that a new US election would be underway.

"Elections are incendiary, especially down in the US, and I knew that there was the potential for Canada to be caught in the crossfire. I felt it was useful to get this story out there, because we were good allies during World War II and we have remained good allies to this day," explained Cook. "These are important stories to tell, especially now with a new administration coming in, where things always change. Now is a good time to talk about this important history and how it's the foundation for so much of our relationship [with the US] now in 2024 and going forward."

Speaking with the Free Press, Cook noted the importance of discussing the allyship between Canada and the United States during the Second World War, with smaller rural communities.

"This is our own history. It's our shared history. It need not be located in a particular geographical area for it to still resonate, both in the past in terms of understanding Canada's service and sacrifice during the war or today. I'm positive, that in your community there were many Canadians, men and women, who served in the Armed Forces and who were involved in war work."

He added, "In times of war, we often talk about national war efforts, but it's about individuals and about communities, and all of those individuals and communities contribute to a national war effort like the Second World War."



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

GOOD ALLIES: Canadian Military historian, Tim Cook will be discussing the release of his new book, "Good Allies" at the next Small Town Big Ideas event hosted by CanHist. The event will be held on Nov. 23 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Monora Park Pavilion.

Tickets for the event cost \$30 and can be purchased through the CanHist website - www.canhist.ca.

Ongoing nationwide postal strike to impact Headwaters Health Care Foundation

The ongoing nationwide postal strike is bringing chaos to end-of-year fundraising campaigns at charitable organizations across the country, and Headwaters Health Care Foundation (HHCF) is no different. In years prior, the HHCF holiday appeal would be landing in mailboxes around this time, with stories of outstanding health care, enabled by community donations, and a request for a generous donation. In light of the nationwide postal strike, Headwaters holiday appeal will not be reaching thousands of mailboxes as expected.

Nearly 100 per cent of hospital equipment is funded by generous donors, not the government.

So as the postal strike is sure to cause disruptions for Headwaters, the need for support has never been greater. Headwaters Health Care Centre relies on dona-



tions to fund the vital medical equipment that doctors and nurses need to be able to provide exceptional care, close to home for the community.

The postal strike is expected to disrupt the delivery of mail and packages, ultimately causing delays in receiving donations that are mailed in. This delay could have a significant impact on the Foundation's ability to fund essential medical equipment.

"Despite the challenges posed by the postal strike, the need for support for Headwaters Health Care Foundation has never been greater. Medical services are in

high demand, and every donation makes a difference in the lives of patients and their families. The public's support helps to ensure that vital medical equipment is funded, even in the face of unforeseen obstacles like a postal strike," said K.C. Caruthers, HHCF CEO.

With the uncertainty surrounding the postal service, many supporters may be left wondering how they can continue to show their support for Headwaters Health Care Foundation during these challenging times.

The Foundation urges supporters to please consider one of the below options to make a gift today:

Consider Making an Online Gift

In light of the postal strike, supporters are encouraged to consider making an online gift to Headwaters Health Care Foun-

ation (www.hhcfoundation.com).

By donating online, contributions reach the Foundation quickly and securely. Online donations are a convenient and efficient way to support the hospital. Charitable donation receipts are sent to donors immediately by e-mail.

Stop by in Person

Another option for showing support for Headwaters Health Care Foundation is to stop by in person and donate directly. The Foundation office is located inside the main lobby of Headwaters Health Care Centre (100 Rolling Hills Drive, Orangeville, ON L9W1K4).

Anyone who is unable to stop by during regular business hours can access Headwaters' secure locked mailbox outside its door where donation can be deposited to be processed the next business day.



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Friends and family will be received at the McMillan & Jack Funeral Home, 291 Main Street East, Dundalk on Friday, November 22, 2024 from 10-11 a.m. with the funeral service to follow in the funeral home chapel at 11:00 a.m. Interment at Dundalk Maple Grove Cemetery. If desired, donations to Team Cathi ALS <https://alscanadawalktoendals.als.ca/ontario/team-cathi> would be appreciated. Online condolences may be placed at www.mcmillanandjackfuneralhome.com



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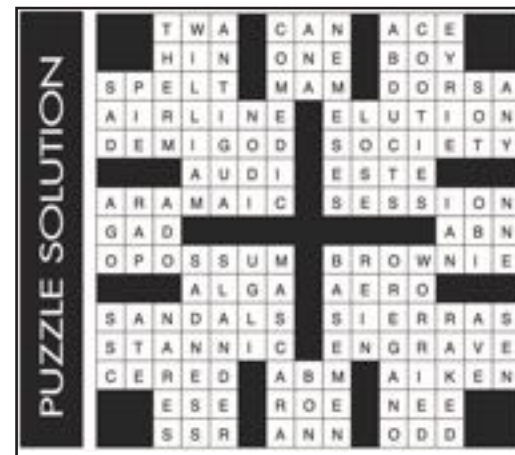
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Theatre Orangeville presents second Panto: *Sleeping Beauty – a Fairy’s Tale*

Written By CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

There is such joy in Theatre Orangeville’s upcoming *Sleeping Beauty – a Fairy’s Tale*, the second Panto co-written by artistic director David Nairn and actor/comedienne Debbie Collins. So well known by Theatre Orangeville audiences, Collins plays the role of the fearsome Maleficent.

Opening on Nov. 28, *Sleeping Beauty – a Fairy’s Tale* runs to Dec. 21.

It was a real pleasure for the Citizen to sit down with the show’s cast of six to talk about how much fun they are having rehearsing it. In the first minute of the talk, they were laughing and in such high spirits, with David Nairn, director of the show, telling us, “I am happy as a lark,” and with comic irony, exclaiming “this is no fun – Debbie Collins got it wrong when she said there’d be 30 per cent more shenanigans...” and they all agreed – “There will be 45 percent more shenanigans!”

All the elements of Panto are in the show. A mix-up of very bad villains, at whom we must all boo as audience and heroes whom we can cheer and encourage. The beautiful heroine, Bella, played by Annika Tupper, brings much cheer and love as the princess; Bella is budding to become a veterinarian.

Without any real hints as to how the Collins/Nairn duo have bounced the story around, to brief the old tale, *Sleeping Beauty*, a princess is born to her royal parents, who host a grand celebration of their daughter’s christening. They invite the good fairies in the land to come to bless the baby. A bit unwisely perhaps, they neglect to invite the wicked fairy, the terrible Maleficent. She arrives anyway, in a fury at being excluded.

To vent her ire, she curses the child, saying on her 18th birthday, she will prick her finger on a spinning wheel spindle’s needle and die! Then she departs, triumphant in the hideous shadow she has foretold.

Yet, one of the fairies still has her gift to give and, while she cannot entirely undo the curse, she can ease the the pain. The baby will un-

avoidably prick her finger but she shall not die, only fall into a deep sleep of 100 years.

At the end of that time, the old story tells, a handsome prince will revive her and all her kin with a kiss or maybe not! When we asked how this long sleep would also interfere with Bella’s ambitions to become a vet, they would not reveal that secret.

“Come to see the show and find out,” was the unanimous return.

By the second week of rehearsal, everything about the show was coming along so well that they deemed themselves as close to ready.

Said David Nairn, “We’re bringing such heart and laughter with this show.”

As these actors have done a number of Pantos, rehearsals can come together when they are spending less time explaining how the genre works and “more time selling tickets.” Ticket sales are doing very well, with some matinee seats selling out already.

Collins is delighted to see tickets going so well. This ensemble are incredibly talented actors, bringing in all the “triple threats” of acting, singing and dancing.

Tupper commented that this is her first Panto but, as it appeals to her “ridiculous nature, this has proven to be such a wonderful experience.”

Through rehearsals, the cast has been able to contribute to the content of the show and Tupper has appreciated another outlet for her talent as a collaborator, as well.

Panto can look quite spontaneous on stage but the action is carefully choreographed (Candice Jennings, choreographer). None of the zaniness is off the cuff.

However, there is interaction with the audience, when the actors actually come off the stage into the audience and these are moments of improv, one might say, within the actors’ ability to read the audience’s reaction to the fun.

Welcome back to Ben Skipper who joined the Panto last year as Buttons and claimed he has been itching to be back.

“There is no more such a fun show to do,” he

declared. “We’re creating this on the basis of the script, with physical comedy, voice, interaction – you never know what you’re going to get.”

People “laugh their heads off” at the antics and in the tradition of Panto, teasing local celebrities, politicians and whoever comes under the prod of their jokes.

A marketing inspiration has seen the show promoted on the sleeves in local coffee house cups.

Since Skipper is staying in town, and getting to know the community a bit, he told us, “This community is unparalleled to experience the joy and kindness here.”

Christina Gordon is joining the company for her debut performance at Theatre Orangeville and, Coloratura that she is, promises some wonderful singing – very exciting.

“I have a wonderful time doing Panto,” she remarked. “Getting all my tricks on the table.”

“We are thrice blessed,” was Nairn’s praise, renaming “triple threat.”

Gordon loves this Panto rehearsals, as she put it, “I’m really enjoying everything here.”

She is particularly pleased to see the accommodations made for the disabled in the Town Hall building, as she has family members with disabilities.

The role of Sophie is played by Andrew McGillivray, also his debut on this stage and his sixth panto.

His comment was “I always play the Dame. The first time, once I figured it out, I loved it – it was for me, my zaniest self. I just feel at home.”

William Lincoln performed one of the Silly Sisters in last year’s *Cinderella* – if the Shoe Fits but a dress is not for him this year, when he will save the day – perhaps! as the Prince.

Of Panto, Lincoln said nothing puts him



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FULL OF SHENANIGANS: The cast of this year’s pantomime at Theatre Orangeville, *Sleeping Beauty... A Fairy’s Tale* features, back row from left, Ben Skipper, William Lincoln, Annika Tupper, Christina Gordon along with, front row from left, Andrew McGillivray and Debbie Collins.

more in the holiday spirit, “not just to watch but to watch. My favourite is to see how the children react.”

The fabulous costumes and amazing sets will embrace the action, the songs and the story, which Collins and Nairn have tossed and turned as pleased them and will highly entertain us. The creative team at Theatre Orangeville are sparing no effort to make this show memorable in all the best possible ways.

From Tupper, “Families sit together and laugh and enjoy live theatre.”

Gordon told us, “This is everybody’s journey. We’re a cast of six but sometimes, it feels like many more.”

Nairn offered, “This is joy, love and kindness. This is the antidote to the woes of the world.”

For more information and to hurry to buy tickets, go to www.theatreorangeville.ca or call the festive folk at the box office: 519-942-3423. You can visit them at 87 Broadway in the Opera House.

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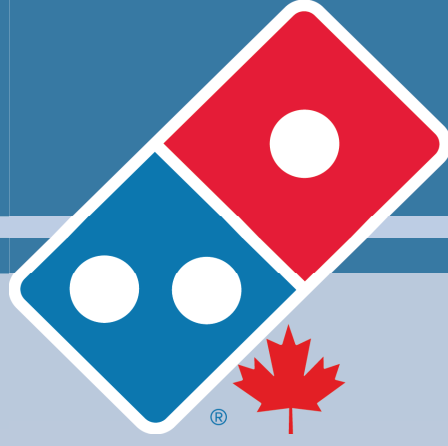
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