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RAISING THE FLAG: A Pan African flag raising was held at Jack Downing Park in Shelburne on the morning of Monday, Feb. 3 with dignitaries in attendance. Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills, on behalf of council, proclaimed February as Black History Month in the Town of Shelburne and encouraged residents to celebrate their diverse heritage and culture.

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Dufferin County Council approves 4.21 per cent budget

Written By SAM ODROWSKI
 Dufferin County Council has passed the 2025 budget with a 4.21 per cent increase on the tax levy.
 During a special meeting on Jan. 30, Dufferin County Council went through a revised version of the 2025 budget and was able to make additional cuts.
 Council was first presented with the 2025 draft budget on Jan. 9, where a tax levy increase of 5.6 percent was introduced. After the meeting, approximately \$210,000 worth of changes were proposed reducing the overall tax levy increase to 5.16 per cent after growth assessment.
 The changes to the draft budget included:
 • Adding \$40,000 to the household hazardous waste events for a total of \$280,000 which was offset by the waste reserve
 • Adding additional courthouse rent revenue, \$15,000
 • Removing bike lanes from Dufferin Rd. 25, decreasing the tax levy by \$100,000
 • Applying reserves to Housing Strategy Project Lead, decreasing the levy by \$134,810
 The new changes brought up at the Jan. 30 meeting included:

- Removing the rain barrel program, decreasing the budget by \$25,000
- Funding the Housing Strategy through 2024 surplus decreasing the budget by \$500,000

Council also passed a motion following the year-end reporting that the remaining surplus from 2024 be allocated towards a reserve fund for future strategic housing initiatives. An early edition of the motion initially recommended 50 per cent of each year's surplus would be utilized for the Housing Strategy for the next five years. The surplus for 2024 is estimated at \$2.5 million.
 "As the top item that this Council has identified is implementation of affordable housing, I think it's important that we put forward our interest in trying to find a way to fund it. It's great that we're doing a strategy, but if we're not going to put the money aside to implement it, the strategy isn't worth the paper it's printed on," said Coun. Lisa Post, Mayor of Orangeville. "This is a way, in principle, to ensure that we've got a funding source identified on how we can move the strategy forward in an effective way."
 One final addition to the budget was add-

ed, which was an increase in the investment attraction program from \$80,000 to \$100,000.
 Despite passing the 2025 budget, some County councillors did express their disappointment with the final tax levy increase of 4.21 percent.
 "I'm going to vote no on this budget mainly because I don't think we took any tough decisions; we simply kicked the can down the road," said Coun. Philip Rentsch, Deputy Mayor of Grand Valley. "We basically said we're going to do everything, and we're going to figure it out."
 Coun. James McLean, Deputy Mayor of Melancthon, shared similar sentiments.
 "My priority coming in tonight was to try to keep things as affordable as possible for our taxpayers. I don't feel like we got there," said McLean. "I'm really disappointed we didn't make the tough decisions. The toughest decision we made was around rain barrels. I think we could have done both and I think this could have been a housing budget that also came in with a lower tax levy."
 Dufferin County Council approved the 2025 budget with a 4.21 tax levy, which is equivalent to \$50,170,530.

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COVID-19 outbreak reported on E-Wing of Headwaters Health Care Centre

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

A COVID-19 respiratory outbreak was recently reported at Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC)

HHCC and Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health (WDGPH) declared the outbreak on Jan. 30 due to positive COVID-19 cases among patients in the hospital's E-Wing.

In a press release issued by HHCC on Jan. 31, the hospital reported that there were no COVID-19-positive cases among staff or physicians associated with the outbreak.

The earliest Headwaters can be declared out of outbreak status is tomorrow (Feb. 7), provided there are no additional cases related to this outbreak. At that time, an "outbreak declared over" notice will be provided.

Headwaters Emergency Department, Ambulatory Care Services, other inpatient

units, and scheduled surgeries are not impacted by the outbreak.

Precautionary infection prevention and control precautions are in place at HHCC in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. These include mandatory masking for E-Wing visitors and only one person being allowed to visit a patient at a time.

"Visitors must wear masks when entering the unit. Visitors are asked to refrain from eating/drinking while on the unit, always remaining masked. Hospital-issued masks will be available outside of the unit," said HHCC in a press release.

FILE PHOTO

ONGOING OUTBREAK: Headwaters Health Care Centre reported a COVID-19 outbreak in its E-Wing on Jan. 30. The earliest Headwaters can be declared out of outbreak status is tomorrow (Feb. 7), provided there are no additional cases related to this outbreak.



Dufferin-Caledon NDP candidate to attend Ontario Medical Coalition Rally this weekend

Written By CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

"It's almost unthinkable," said George Nakitsas, the recently named Dufferin-Caledon candidate for the provincial NDP party, "to call an election, with such a majority and two years from [when it's] needed."

He told the Citizen the saddest part is how people are trying to find a doctor and "the sad thing is when our grandkids have to wait seven hours in the emergency ward."

Nakitsas has been a member of the NDP for decades. Indeed, he worked for Ed Broadbent for seven years and was called to join Jack Layton in the famous race in Quebec in 2011, when the NDP won 50 seats.

He told us he has known NDP Leader, Marit Stiles for 25 years. She is clear that she wants to be the Premier of Ontario.

"She made the case at this time, when you need a Premier and this one quit, she is ready," observed Nakitsas. "So, what I've been picking up is a shift, where the current MPP [Sylvia Jones] has been absent quite a bit."

"Our family is here," he told us, saying that their two adult children moved to Orangeville at different times over the last several years and he and his wife moved here as well, a few years ago.

Understanding how important it is, as a candidate, to be a familiar face, Nakitsas is making a point to be around on Saturdays

during but not imposing on the weekly Orangeville Farmers' Market, handing out flyers and introducing himself to people. He was told that people gather outside the Conservative Party's office on Broadway and he reckons he will be there to meet them too.

With such short notice of the election day, Nakitsas and his team are canvassing but not door to door. A series of "meet and greets" are being planned, to go all around and meet as many people as they can.

Also, for the Ontario Medical Coalition, as he said, "I can't speak for the coalition but we will be there, focusing on health care."

He pointed the finger at Ford directly by asking, "Why call a snap election? To deflect what the records on the new data show?"

The number of Ontarians without a family doctor has reached 2.5 million, up from 1.8 million in 2020. More than 160,000 people were added to the list of those without a family doctor in a six-month period alone, according to The Ontario College of Family Physicians.

"During the pandemic, wages of medical staff were frozen," Nakitsas reminded us.

As for buildings, developers are picking up housing real estate as quickly as they can.

Along with the NDP, Nakitsas is concerned for the Greenbelt and was part of the protest and pressure that came against Ford when he declared his plans to bury it

under housing.

From Stiles, Mr. Nakitsas reported that Ford dumps urban congestions on the Green Belt, wanting to inflict the 413 when the 407 is empty. She has promised, that immediately after she is elected, she will have the 407 open to trucks and begin to negotiate to purchase the 407 rather than spend billions of dollars on the very destructive 413.

Marit Stiles has noted recently that developers are trying to expropriate 770 acres of land around Kitchener-Waterloo for a mega industrial site and destroy large areas of prime farmland. She met with farmers to discuss what could be done to stop it.

Nakitsas made the point further as to why we are having this election: pressure from developers and big box stores.

Looking back on his own work life after his life in politics, Nakitsas worked for the steel industry.

He related, "When I retired and left Parliament Hill, I established a Steel Trade and Employment Congress. After the mid-80s steelworkers union, after free trade, thousands lost their jobs. In the 90s there were not many apprentices. So, we got together with colleges and then there was something that made sense. We went to the colleges to retrain workers through the Canadian Steel Trade and Employment Congress (of which he was the executive director.) We went into the workplace and talked, determined

that politics should not be a dirty word and the magic happened."

It was from 1982 that Nakitsas worked for Ed Broadbent for seven years. An uphill battle is a difficult one. But he had one of the best campaigns with Jack Layton who said, "If you keep never giving up, you can do impossible things."

They took the classic approach to how you make things work when you work together.

He met Marit Stiles at a meeting with AC-TRA, where she was involved in looking at the digital industry.

"I was always impressed with her and when this election came I said yes," he said.

Nakitsas is happy to serve the community and riding, to help younger people. He is big on community, having coached girls' sports teams, saying that helping young kids is critical.

The healthcare issues are what annoys Nakitsas most. On March 18, 2024, the NDP introduced the motion noting that healthcare workers have to spend too much time on administration and that staff should be hired to expand support among each three patients, to free up the medical workers. The motion was turned down.

The Ontario Medical Coalition Rally is this Saturday, Feb. 8, outside Sylvia Jones' Constituency Office (180 Broadway, 3rd Floor), starting at noon.



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'Happy Days' exhibit at Museum of Dufferin explores nostalgia of childhood

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Museum of Dufferin (MoD) is taking visitors on a nostalgic trip back to their childhood with a new exhibit.

The Museum of Dufferin will be launching its new exhibit titled, "Happy Days," on Feb. 17 (Family Day) in the main gallery space of the museum. The exhibit explores the nostalgia of childhood through a curated collection of toys, games, and photographs.

"We've been planning this exhibit for over a year now and we thought about how we could make an exhibit that talks to a lot of different generations. Everyone, of course, has been a kid at some point so we explore the different stages of childhood, but also the nostalgia and joy that you get from being a kid," said Jasmine Proteau, manager of the Museum of Dufferin.

Visitors to the "Happy Days" exhibit have the opportunity to walk through and see a variety of different toys through the decades, many of which they may recognize from their own childhoods.

"One of the things that we look at when we're trying to create an exhibit is what can we show from our collection to tell a story," explained Proteau. "We have a lot of these really cute toys that I think people either remember playing with as a kid or that have endured until now."

The collection of toys spans from the 1950s to the current day but also includes a few pieces dating as far back as the 1800s. Some of the pieces that may look familiar to visitors include: Lite Bright, Trolls, Cabbage Patch Kids, Hot Rod Cars, Pac-Man, Tamagotchi, and friendship bracelets.

"There are toys that people might not remember, but will spark deep memories they forgot they had as a kid," said Proteau.

The exhibit also highlights the history of toy making within the community by sharing photos and interviews from residents who worked at or had family members working at the Fisher-Price factory. The toy manufacturer opened its factory doors in Orangeville in 1964 but closed the doors for good just four years later in 1968.



MUSEUM OF DUFFERIN PHOTO

CLASSIC TOYS: First introduced in the 1950s, Buzzy Bee was the first Fisher-Price toy to incorporate plastic in its design. In 1956, the company gave the bee a crown and it was reintroduced as Queen Buzzy Bee. When pulled, the antennae bounce, the wings twirl, and the bee makes a "buzz-buzz" sound. These toys are featured in the Museum of Dufferin's "Happy Days" exhibit.

"Not a lot of people know that there's a history with the toy manufacturing business in Dufferin County," said Proteau.

While the exhibit reminisces on the nostalgia of childhood, it also explores larger themes within it such as workers' rights and women's rights.

In one particular instance, the exhibit shares the story of how workers of the Fisher-Price factory in Orangeville, who

were primarily women, chose to go on strike to protest their low wages. Instead of negotiating with them or changing their wages, Fisher Price ultimately decided to close the factory and remove themselves from the area.

"There's fun elements to the exhibition, but there's also another underlying story that's deeper," said Proteau.

With the launch of the new exhibit falling

on Family Day, the Museum of Dufferin is incorporating hands-on activities for children including friendship bracelet making and a scavenger hunt. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and has free admission.

To learn more about the "Happy Days" exhibit or to register for the Family Day activities at the Museum of Dufferin, visit www.dufferinmuseum.com.

Become a 'Hydrant Hero' and help keep the community safe: Town of Shelburne

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

To assist with emergency response in the event of a fire, the Town of Shelburne is asking the public to be a "Hydrant Hero."

"Help keep our community safe this winter by clearing snow from fire hydrants and catch basins," said the Town of Shelburne in a social media post.

"In an emergency, every second counts. By keeping fire hydrants visible and accessible, you ensure that emergency services can respond quickly."

In addition to assisting with emergency response, clearing snow from catch basins helps prevent street flooding and icy

road conditions. This makes the town's roads safer for everyone.

The Shelburne and District Fire Department and utilities staff at the Town of Shelburne would like to thank residents who have taken the time to clear snow from hydrants.

"Your efforts make a significant difference in keeping our community safe," said the Town.

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Marco Polo is considered one of the first, maybe the original, true explorer.

The Venetian-born merchant travelled the Silk Road into the heart of China between the years 1271 and 1295.

At the time, most of the Eastern world was unknown to Europeans.

Polo travelled to what was then known as 'Cathay', in northern China.

He made a good impression and was welcomed to the royal court of Kublai Khan.

Polo made a lot of good, to him, discoveries during his travels.

Later in his life, a book titled, "The Travels of Marco Polo," detailed his experiences in the Far East giving Europeans their first comprehensive look into China, Persia, India, Japan and other Asian societies.

During his travels, Polo returned to Europe with a lot of new ideas as well as new products he had found. It gave Europeans new ideas and opened the concept of trade with a faraway place.

Trade between neighbours, businesses, towns, regions and nations has always been part of society.

You have something your neighbour needs, and he has something you require. You trade back and forth to produce a supply for a demand.

It's a very simple economic way of doing things.

"I'll take some of those coconuts you have because we can't grow them here, and I'll send you some wheat you need to make bread and keep your people fed."

Tariffs are not new. Many nations impose tariffs from time to time.

The usual reason is to reduce the importation of goods and services by increasing their prices and for the protection of domestic producers.

There can be a lot of good in that – if you're the producer and foreign products are flooding the market and out-selling your market.

Tariffs are also used to raise revenue and exert political leverage over another country.

U.S. President Donald Trump has now imposed tariffs against Canada, China, and Mexico – its biggest trading partners.

What will it do for the U.S.? Probably nothing except raise the cost of goods they need.

Trump seems to have some kind of bone to pick with Canada. I'm not sure why.

We have always been good neighbours and for the most part, have supported them in international efforts.

Of course, Canada will respond with tariffs of its own. That will of course hurt U.S.

manufacturers who sell plenty of products here.

"You see these empty, old, beautiful steel mills and factories that are empty and falling down," Trump said in October 2024, when on the campaign trail. "We're going to bring the companies back. We're going to lower taxes for companies that are going to make their products in the USA. And we're going to protect those companies with strong tariffs."

Trump is dreaming on this one. The manufacturing base in the U.S. dried up years ago, and new companies emerged in different industries.

Investors aren't going to start pouring billions and billions of dollars to once again start building widget factories.

Whether they like it, most manufactured products and electronics in the U.S. now come from China.

Consumers are going to get angry very quickly when they need to purchase a new refrigerator only to find the cost of an already expensive item just went up 25 per cent because of imposed tariffs.

There used to be a gas station in western New York that advertised on radio all the time.

"We don't sell gas from the Middle East," the ad always said. "We get our gas from Canada, our friends to the north."

That meant something to the average American.

I was in a local liquor store this afternoon when a discussion broke out at the cash register. One man buying a product was reading the label to make sure it was Canadian-manufactured.

Another customer was carefully reading the label because she said she would not purchase a product if it had any ingredients that weren't grown in Canada.

If Trump wants to play his ridiculous game, it's going to backfire and he's going to shoot himself in the foot. A protectionist attitude never works when it comes to the economy.

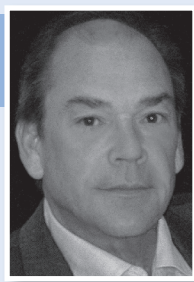
That attitude only closes foreign markets and stops a company from expanding into a larger market.

I'm not sure what the average American thinks of all this, but from the man-on-the-street interviews I've seen, they seem to have no idea what tariffs on their three largest trading partners will accomplish.

In the meantime, buy Canadian and support our businesses.

Sooner or later, someone in the States will fiercely lobby the federal government demanding reasonable access to Canadian lumber exports.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Strategic Shmategic

The Strait of Malacca is strategically important. It's the shortest shipping route between the Far East and the Indian Ocean, the Middle East, Europe and Africa. It handles a quarter of all internationally traded goods, and if anybody tried to block it there would be a war.

The Fulda Gap used to be strategically important during the Cold War, because it was a flat lowland route from Soviet-occupied East Germany into the heart of West Germany. If the thousands of Russian tanks had ever rolled west, that's where they would have had to break through.

Greenland is NOT strategically important. Not even a little bit. It is on the shortest route between Europe and North America, as you have doubtless heard, but this doesn't make it important because that route is only used by airliners, and they are flying across Greenland at 35,000 ft.

No road goes across Greenland, the trans-Atlantic flights don't land there, and no commercial vessels or warships sail past it (although a few tourist boats call in from time to time). There is no military presence except a United States Space Force base in the far north of the island that operates a space tracking station and a large phased-array warning radar.

So why does Donald Trump want to take over Greenland? If the United States wants scarce minerals from Greenland, the cheap way is just to pay for them, like it does with Chile or Canada. There are no military threats to Greenland, and if there were they would be dealt with by NATO. (Denmark, which manages Greenland's foreign affairs, is a NATO member.)

Yet Trump persists in his bizarre quest: "I do believe we'll get Greenland because it really has to do with the freedom of the

world. It has nothing to do with the United States, other than we're the one that can provide the freedom. They can't." But this is an ignorant man speaking in hackneyed clichés. Why should we pay attention?

When Trump began rambling on about seizing Greenland on January 7, most non-Americans saw it as a typical Trump stratagem to unsettle potential adversaries. He threatened to re-invade Panama and annex Canada at the same chaotic press conference, and the grown-ups elsewhere assumed that none of it needed to be taken seriously.

A little while later he said that he would use military force to take Greenland if necessary (but not Canada, which would only suffer economic pressure). Even then most people treated it as a passing fantasy – until Trump had a 45-minute telephone conversation with Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen of Denmark on Saturday, January 25.

She was shaken by his manner. One senior European official said the call had been "horrendous" and another said: "Before, it was hard to take seriously, but I do think it is serious and potentially very dangerous."

So there we are. There is a genuine possibility that the US armed forces (assuming they obey a clearly illegal order) will invade and seize the territory of another NATO member on Trump's command (unless his people can talk him out of it).

I still find this highly implausible, but the man keeps going on about it so we should consider the likely consequences. If he is determined to invade, there are three

possible outcomes.

One is that there is a palace coup in the White House which stops the invasion of Greenland – but possibly at the cost of an American civil war.

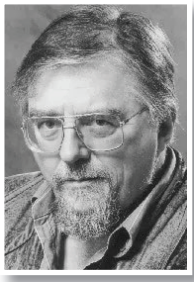
Another is that NATO, realizing that its biggest member is a shameless aggressor, expels the United States and reconfigures itself as a defensive alliance that opposes both Russian and American aggression. Canada would remain in that new alliance if it dared, and Mexico would join if it were allowed. Slovakia and Hungary would probably be excluded.

The third and likeliest possibility is that all the other NATO countries privately deplore America's actions but publicly pretend that it has all been an unfortunate misunderstanding. In that case, the alliance's demise would be gradual, but still inevitable.

I will not consider a scenario in which Russia, the main beneficiary of NATO's decline or demise, somehow had a hand in the proceedings. I especially avoid any suggestion that Mr. Putin has (God forbid!) some hold over Mr. Trump that compels his obedience. That sort of stuff is pure conspiracy theory.

Let us reject these grim scenarios. I prefer to believe that Trump is a 78-year-old man who has always used lies and empty threats to get his way and now shows some signs of cognitive decline, but who still retains a healthy sense of self-preservation that pulls him back from the brink of terminal folly. I hope.

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Lots of events, programs, books to enjoy at the Shelburne Public Library

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

If you want to keep busy and informed, the Shelburne Public Library has a full schedule of events and programs for everyone – from toddlers to seniors.

On Feb. 9, author Alice Porter will be at the library for the launch of her book. Ms. Porter's autobiography titled, "A Remarkable Life" follows her life from growing up on a farm just outside of Shelburne to studying to become a nurse, then serving for 36 years as a missionary nurse in India.

After the book launch, there will be an elegant afternoon tea to celebrate the event.

Money from book sales will be donated to the Shepherds Cupboard Food Bank in Shelburne.

The book launch will get underway at 2 p.m.

March Break at the library will provide a special time for kids when they are out of school and looking for something to do.

"We have three performers for March Break," explained Shelburne Public Library CEO Rose Dotten. "We have The Birds of Prey, and they will be coming to the library. They'll talk about the habits of the birds. The next day, we have Fireside Munsch which is three individuals doing a take on Robert Munsch's four different stories. We will have comic juggler Craig on the following day."

The Birds of Prey will be at the library on Tuesday, March 11, at 2 p.m.

The Fireside Munsch will take place at Grace Tipling Hall at the Shelburne Town Hall on Wednesday, March 12, at 2 p.m.

Comic Juggler Craig will also be at Grace Tipling Hall on Thursday, March 13.

Tickets for these events are \$4 each, or you can attend all three events for \$10.

If you're a senior who is finding technology is moving faster than you can stay current with, there are tech tutors at the library every week.

The tutors themselves are seniors, however they happen to have a very good grasp of current technology that seniors may want to use.

"We have three instructors," Ms. Dotten explained. "Our tech tutors are very well accomplished in understanding how seniors learn. They can also explain technical problems you may have, and they will try to identify those."

iPads will be available in case a visiting senior doesn't own one.

Tech tutors are at the library on Tuesdays from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

For those that like to be creative while meeting new friends as well as those who also enjoy crafting, the Tuesday afternoon Crafting Club meets from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

You can bring your crocheting, knitting, sketching, or any other project you are working on.

If you like growing things in your backyard, you will enjoy Seedy Saturday.

"Seedy Saturday is a great day and very popular," said Jade Wyse, technical services librarian. "We're going to launch our seed library for 2025. In our seed library, we have a collection of seeds from flowers, herbs, and vegetables that are largely donated by the community. Community members can borrow seeds from that collection for the 2025 growing season."

You can be a part of the entire process by bringing seeds from what you grow back to the library for others to use next year.

"There's no obligation to return seeds, but we do welcome the return of seeds at harvest time, you can donate them back," Ms. Wyse said. "We do have a few community partners coming in."

Seedy Saturday will take place on Saturday, March 22, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If your kids enjoy Legos, the Wednesday afternoon Lego Club is a very popular event that is fun and creative.

The Lego Club takes place from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If you can't make it to the library, you can still check out a book by visiting the Shelburne Foodland. The Shelburne Public Library has placed an automatic book dispenser kiosk in the store.

If you have a library card, you can visit the kiosk and check out a book which will automatically be linked to your library card.

The Shelburne Public Library is a busy place that provides the opportunity to learn, engage, and have some fun.



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BROWSE & BORROW: The Shelburne Public Library has an automatic book dispenser kiosk at the Shelburne Foodland (824 Ojibway Road). Anyone with a library card can visit the kiosk to check out a book. Books signed out at the kiosk will be linked to your library card.

Raise some dough and help animals in need with Cupcake Day for the Ontario SPCA

February just got a little sweeter thanks to Cupcake Day for the Ontario SPCA, which brings frosting-covered fun to the month as animal lovers bake, share, and raise vital funds to support animals in need.

Cupcake Day officially takes place Monday, Feb. 24 and it's more than just a chance to enjoy delicious treats. By hosting a cupcake party or bake sale, participants raise much-needed funds for the Ontario SPCA Orangeville & District Animal Centre, a registered charity that relies on the generosity of donors to provide urgent care, shelter, and second chances to animals.

"Pre-heat your oven, put on your apron and get ready to raise some dough to help animals in need," says Shannon Bury, community outreach coordinator at Ontario SPCA Orangeville & District Animal Centre. "Cupcake Day is a fun and impactful way

for people to come together and make a real difference for animals in their community."

Participants can register at cupcakeday.ca to set up a personal fundraising page, gather baking inspiration, and start planning their celebration. Whether you're hosting a neighbourhood bake sale, a fun gathering with friends, or sharing treats at work, Cupcake Day is as flexible as it is fun.

For more information, or to register, visit cupcakeday.ca and bake a difference for animals, one cupcake at a time.

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SWEET CAUSE: The Ontario SPCA Orangeville & District Animal Centre is encouraging the public to participate in Cupcake Day on Feb. 24. The annual fundraiser generates funds for the SPCA and helps animals in need.



Outdoor ice rinks available for public use at KTH Park, Greenwood Park in Shelburne

The Canadian pastime of outdoor ice skating is currently available at two locations in Shelburne.

Lace up your skates and stop by KTH Park to enjoy its recently opened outdoor ice rink. The rink is available for use daily and designated time slots for hockey run from 8 to 9:30 a.m., noon to 1 p.m., and 4 to 6 p.m. each day.

The Greenwood Park Outdoor Ice Rink also opened recently and is available for daily use. The rink has the same time slots for hockey as the KTH Park rink.

Unexpected warm weather can always close the outdoor rinks, so the Town of Shelburne asks that the public be mindful of the conditions before attempting to use one.



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Public input sought for Economic Development Action Plan

The Town of Shelburne is seeking input from the public on an action plan that will guide the community's economic development and prosperity over the next five years.

Input is being sought by anyone who lives or works in Shelburne in its Economic Development Action Plan Community Survey.

The survey can be viewed online at ow.ly/ziKI50UIEV6

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Police investigating daytime robbery at Home Depot

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers are asking for the public's help as they investigate a robbery at the Home Depot in Orangeville.

Dufferin OPP is appealing to the public for any witnesses or information related to the incident, which took place on Feb. 1.

Officers responded to a report of a robbery at the Home Depot, located on Fourth Avenue in Orangeville, at 5:55 p.m.

Officers arrived shortly after the incident and spoke with key witnesses to gather information.

According to reports, a lone male suspect entered the power tool department

and filled a shopping cart with various power tools. The suspect then attempted to flee the store without paying, walking directly past the cashier and heading towards a white SUV that was waiting for the suspect.

The suspect placed the stolen tools into the SUV and fled the scene, heading towards Fourth Avenue.

- Suspect 1: South Asian male, approximately in his 40s, with short hair, wearing a thick black jacket with a sweater underneath.
- Suspect 2: South Asian male, approximately in his 40s, wearing a black hoodie,

Blundstone boots, and black track pants.

- Suspect Vehicle: White Lexus RX350, approximately 2010 model, with a mask covering the license plate, further obstructing the number. The vehicle also appeared to have a dark-tinted license plate cover.

Anyone who may have witnessed this incident or has information about the suspects or vehicle is urged to contact the Dufferin OPP Detachment at (519) 942-1711 or 1-888-310-1122.

Tips can also be provided anonymously through Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submitting a tip online at www.ontariocrimestoppers.ca.



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WANTED BY POLICE: Two suspects are wanted by Dufferin OPP in relation to a robbery that occurred at the Orangeville Home Depot on Feb. 1.

Blanket of snow used as cover during two vehicle thefts in Dufferin County

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers are investigating two separate motor vehicle thefts that occurred late last month.

Between the evening of Jan. 28 and the early hours of Jan. 29, one motor vehicle was stolen in Mono and another was taken in Orangeville.

The vehicles are described as:

- 2024 white Toyota Tundra bearing Ontario marker AN91818
- 2024 white Toyota Tundra bearing Ontario marker BR67152

Officers secured video surveillance where a dark colour sedan was observed pulling

up to one of the residences. After a couple of minutes, a passenger of that vehicle exited and entered one of the stolen pick-up trucks. The investigation is ongoing.

If you have any information or video surveillance footage in relation to any of these thefts, please call the Dufferin OPP Detachment at (519) 942-1711 or 1-888-310-1122.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation is asked to contact Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

You can also submit your information online at ontariocrimestoppers.ca.

Dufferin OPP investigating theft of Ford-150 from residence in Orangeville, share theft tips

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers are actively investigating the theft of a Ford F-150 truck from a residence in Orangeville.

On Jan. 30, at approximately 12:10 a.m., the Dufferin OPP received a report regarding a stolen vehicle from a property located on Jordan Drive. The stolen vehicle is described as a black 2023 Ford F-150 truck, bearing the license plate BW20173.

The investigation into this theft is ongoing, and the OPP appreciates any assistance the public can provide to help resolve this case.

To help reduce the risk of vehicle theft,

the OPP encourages vehicle owners to take the following precautions:

1. Lock your vehicle: Always lock your vehicle when leaving it unattended, even for short periods.
2. Use anti-theft devices: Consider installing an alarm, steering wheel lock (such as The Club), or a GPS tracking system to deter thieves.
3. Use a Faraday case: To protect against electronic theft, store your key fob in a Faraday case to block signals from being intercepted by thieves using relay devices.
4. Park in well-lit areas: When possible, park your vehicle in well-lit, busy areas or

in a garage.

5 Do not leave valuables in your vehicle: Remove any valuables or electronics from plain sight to reduce the temptation for theft.

6. Secure your keys: Never leave keys in the vehicle or near the vehicle and avoid leaving spare keys hidden outside.

Anyone who may have information or video surveillance footage related to this theft is urged to contact the Dufferin OPP Detachment at (519) 942-1711 or 1-888-310-1122.

Alternatively, information can be provided anonymously through Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submitting a tip online at www.ontariocrimestoppers.ca.



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WANTED BY POLICE: Dufferin OPP is searching for video surveillance footage related to the theft of a Ford-150 in Orangeville.

Emergency services respond to fire in industrial area of Orangeville impacting tractor trailers

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a fire in an industrial area in Orangeville.

On February 1, 2025, at approximately 8:20 p.m., Dufferin OPP, along with the Or-

angeville Fire Department, responded to a fire involving tractor trailers that were damaged at an industrial yard on Commerce Road in the Town of Orangeville.

The Dufferin OPP is continuing to investigate this incident.

If you witnessed the fire and wish to speak to victim services, Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services can be reached at 905-951-3838.

Anyone who may have witnessed this incident or has information about the suspects or vehicle is urged to contact the Dufferin OPP Detachment at (519) 942-1711 or 1-888-310-1122. Tips can also be provided anonymously through Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submitting a tip online at www.ontariocrimestoppers.ca.

Man crashes vehicle into ditch in Melancton, faces assault, drug and weapon charges: OPP

Officers from the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a Southampton resident with multiple weapons and drug-related offences following a traffic complaint.

On Feb. 1, at approximately 3:40 a.m., the Dufferin OPP received a report of a vehicle in a ditch near County Road 17 in Melancton.

Upon arriving at the scene, officers spoke with the driver, and during their investigation, determined the driver was operating

the vehicle with a suspended license.

Further investigation revealed a silver revolver handgun (replica-BB gun) on the driver's seat, a long gun (replica-BB gun), flick-style knives and a substance believed to be methamphetamine.

A 37-year-old Southampton man has been charged with:

- Assault (two counts)
- Possession of Weapon for Dangerous Purpose
- Possession of a Schedule I Substance

- Cocaine

- Possession of a Schedule I Substance - Methamphetamine

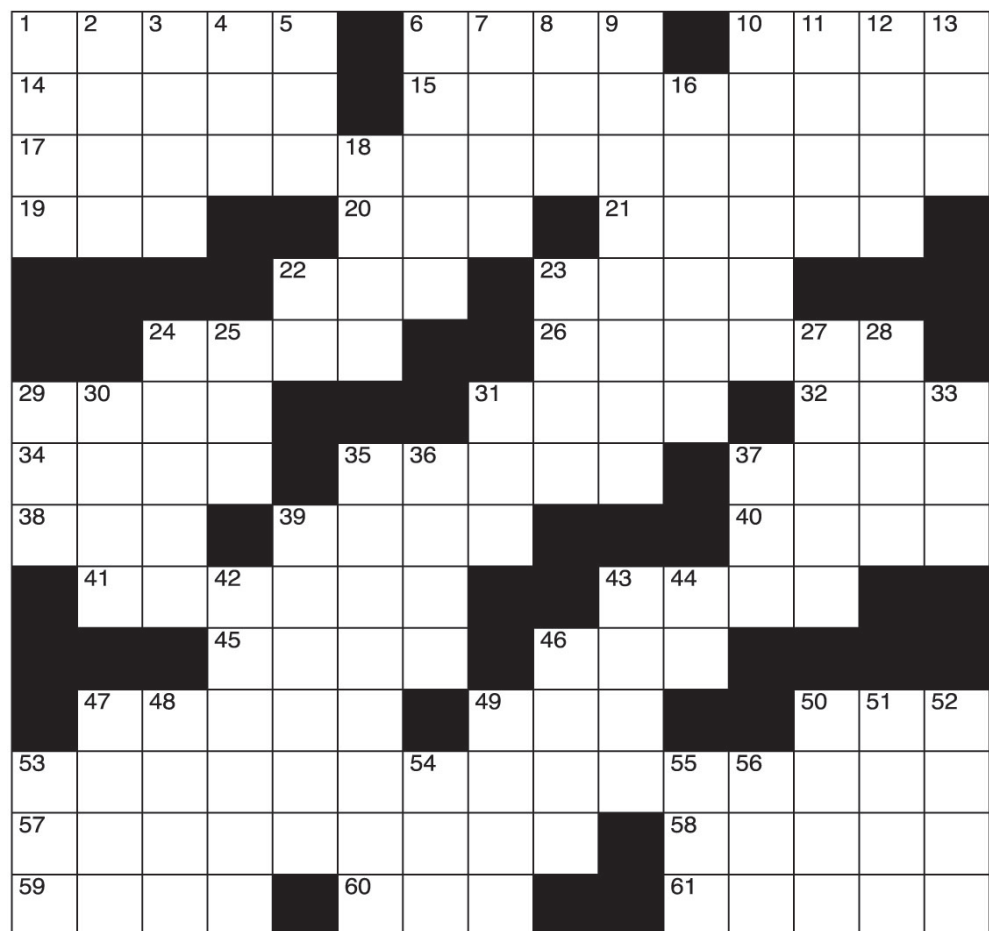
None of the listed charges have been proven in court.



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WANTED BY POLICE: Dufferin OPP officers arrested a Southampton man on Feb. 1 and seized a silver revolver handgun (replica-BB gun), long gun (replica-BB gun) and flick style knives.

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1. "The Las Vegas of the East"
6. Cook
10. Manning and Wallach are two
14. Chameleon
15. A way to fill up
17. What MLBers hope to play in
19. Unhappy
20. Indefinite period of time
21. Excites
22. Males
23. Mongol leader
24. Turfs
26. Soda comes in them
29. Not nice
31. Professional organization
32. Part of a play
34. Sea eagle
35. Emily Blunt's character in "Sicario"
37. Beige
38. Mental sharpness
39. Valley
40. Alcyone's husband
41. A place to gamble
43. Flightless Australian birds
45. Call out somebody's name over a P.A. system
46. US spy group
47. Pancakes from buckwheat flour
49. Swiss river
50. Disfigure
53. Have surgery
57. Formal withdrawal
58. Early English council
59. Square measures
60. 2,000 lbs.
61. Siskel and ___, critics

CLUES DOWN

1. Mouths
2. Buffalo
3. You plug it in
4. Each
5. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
6. King of Thebes
7. English name meaning "mythical hunter"
8. Indicates near
9. More herbaceous
10. Gas-powered cars need one
11. Dishonest individual
12. Systems, doctrines, theories
13. The woman
16. The whole of one's holdings
18. Witnesses
22. Doctor
23. Paul ___, Swiss painter
24. Kids look for him on December 24
25. Single
27. Competitions
28. Predict the future
29. Cage for trained hawks
30. Musician Clapton
31. Frozen water
33. Semiformal men's evening attire
35. Most worn
36. Common soap ingredient
37. Former EU monetary unit
39. Provisions
42. Book parts
43. Republic of Ireland
44. Partner to "Pa"
46. Sammy ___, songwriter
47. Dutch colonist
48. Clare Booth ___, American writer
49. Solar disk in Egyptian mythology
50. Minute arachnid
51. From a distance
52. Monthly apartment cost
53. Young women's association
54. Tourist destination
55. "Woman" in Ojibwe language
56. Pointed end of a pen

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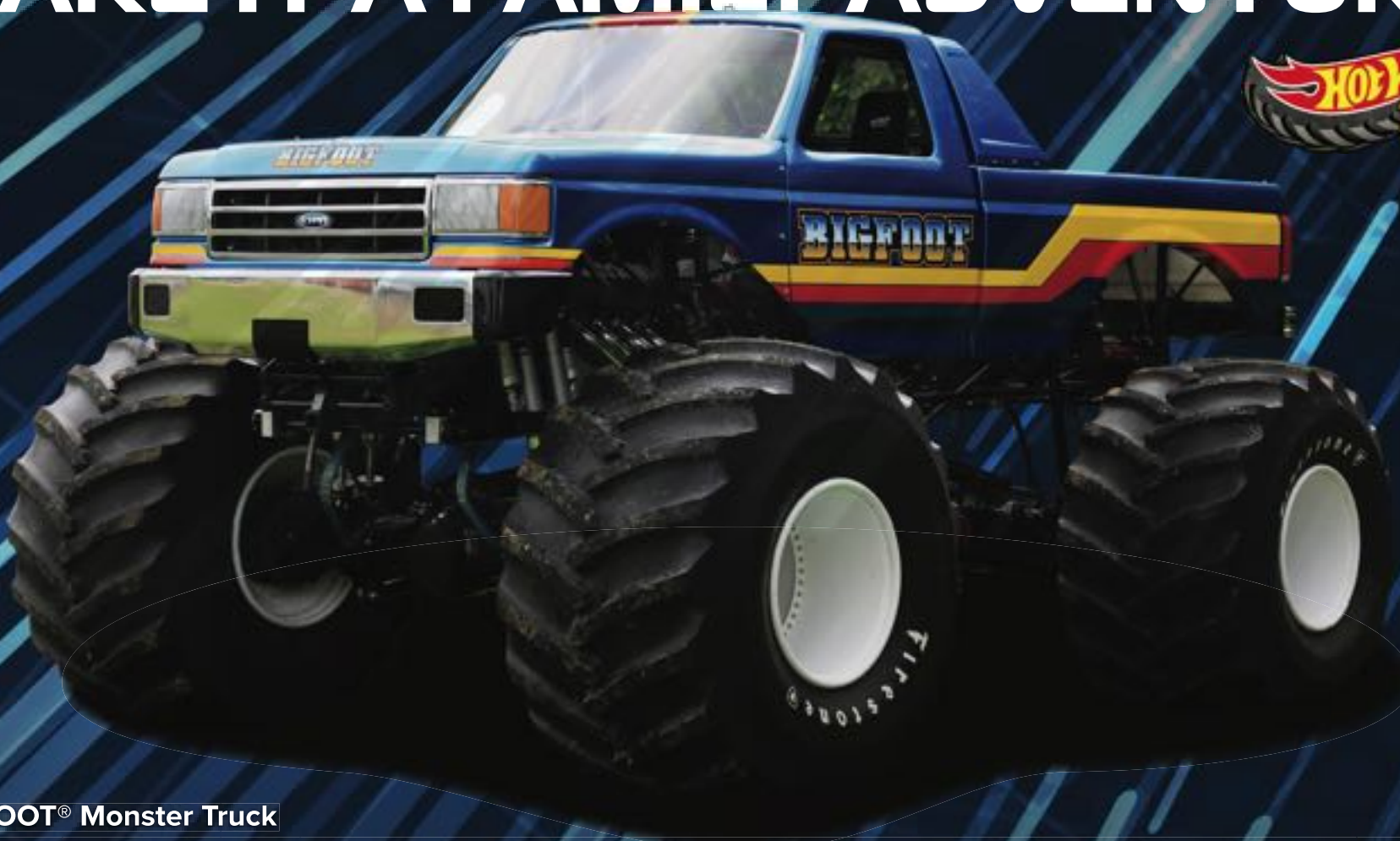
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Snowy Paw Canicross Race offers winter fun for dogs and owners

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

There was a lot of energy at the Snowy Paw Canicross Race held at the Island Lake Conservation Area on Sunday, Feb. 2.

Dog owners were ready to run, and the dogs were both excited to see all the other dogs that turned out as well as get out on the trails and sprint through the snow.

Canicross is the sport of cross-country running with dogs. Runners use hands-free running equipment with a belt and harness to allow the dog to run in front and pull their owner along behind them.

There are special verbal commands that owners use to guide the dogs.

Most dogs understand the new commands pretty quickly and pick up on what the sport is all about.

The races were started in heats, with two racers and their dogs leaving the start at timed intervals.

"We have a series of three races," explained event organizer, Shawn Sobon, founder of Canadian Canicross Sports. "The Snow Paw is our winter race. We have the Muddy Paw in the spring, and the Trails and Hills Classic is our fall race. Everybody has come out with their dogs and they're running either a 5-km or a 10-km run. There's also a 'fun run' category for people who don't have the proper equipment or aren't familiar with Canicross. They can still get out there and walk, hike, or run with their dog with just a leash and collar to make the event more accessible for everybody."

The race is supporting the Orangeville SPCA. At the start of the race, close to \$1,000 had been raised. That number is expected to be higher once the proceeds from a raffle and cupcake sale are figured in.

"Canicross is a sport similar to mushing," Sobon explained. "It's like cross-country running with your dog on trails. Your dog is wearing a mushing harness that allows them to run very freely. Attached to the harness is a bungee line which is attached to the runner who is wearing a Canicross belt. This allows



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

PAWFECT RACE: Competitors leave the start line with their dogs leading the way during the Snowy Paw Canicross Race held at the Island Lake Conservation Area on Sunday, Feb. 2. Canicross is a sport where dogs wear a special harness that allows them to pull their owners through trails hands-free. The race features 5-km and 10-km courses through the trails at Island Lake in Orangeville.

the runner to run hands-free. The dog is pulling you and you are running with the dog.

Sobon added, "Getting into the sport is very easy. Dogs love to run and they love to pull. They're very intuitive – if you hook them up, they will pull you. The main focus that I tell people, is to make sure your dog is having fun. There's all different types of dogs here. We've got everything from Dachshunds

to Huskies, Pointers, German Shepherds – all kinds of dogs can do this sport."

For most dogs, once they are in the special harness, they seem to get the idea about what is going on.

Some dogs see what others are doing and realize this event is different than going for a regular walk.

Once they are at the start line, the dogs

seem to understand what is going on and are very excited to be getting ready to hit the trails.

It's also an opportunity for the dogs to do a little socializing with the other dogs at the race, and they all seemed to get a long just fine.

The race had a morning start with the first 10-km race getting underway at 10:10 a.m.

Centre Dufferin District High School teams compete for Dufferin Cup

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

It was an opportunity for Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS) Royals boys' basketball teams to compete outside of their regular District 4 loop when they went to Orangeville to compete for the Dufferin Cup against the Scarlett Bears teams from Orangeville District Secondary School (ODSS) on Friday, Jan. 31.

The event was held in the gym at the Athlete Institute in front of a good-sized crowd of fans from both towns.

The junior teams took the floor for the first game.

At the final buzzer, the team from ODSS came out on top with a 46-40 win.

It was a well-played game by both teams in a match that was close for most of the game.

The second game of the evening had the senior teams taking the floor.

The squad from ODSS jumped out to an aggressive early lead to go ahead 22-9 at the end of the first quarter.

By the half, the Royals had rallied and

closed the score to one point and were trailing 26-25.

The Bears started pulling away in the third quarter and were leading 59-34.

At the final buzzer, the ODSS left the court with a 76-50 win.

The Royals team enjoyed the experience of having some competition outside of their regular District 4 schedule.

"I think tonight was more about going through with what we practiced," said Royals senior point guard Keymar Lewis, after the game. "We had a game plan going into this game. We should have executed it, but we didn't. But I do think if we play another team in their district it will be better because this game was about learning."

Playing against a team they hadn't met before was a good experience for the Royals in an exhibition game setting.

"The intensity was definitely different," Lewis said. "They came out more composed and because we haven't played a team like this before, we were new to this and their intensity. We can't take this as a loss, the

season is still going and there's many more games to come and more challenges. I really enjoyed this experience and I enjoyed watching these players. I'm a senior so I won't be here next year to play in this game again. It was just good to see the potential

we have at Centre Dufferin with both juniors and seniors."

The Dufferin Cup is an annual friendly rivalry between two neighbouring towns with a chance to have some fun and show their skills on the basketball court.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

EXHIBITION MATCH: The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals senior boys' basketball team played the Orangeville District Secondary School Scarlett Bears during the Dufferin Cup competition at the Athlete Institute in Orangeville on Friday, Jan. 31. The exhibition match was a good opportunity for the two squads to play teams outside of their District and enjoy some friendly neighbouring town competition. Both junior and senior teams played a game during the evening. The ODSS team won this game 76-50.

Alliston tied with Essex for points in PJHL

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

With seven games left on the regular season schedule for the Alliston Hornets, the local team is tied with the Essex 73s of the West Stobbs Division for top points in the 63 team Provincial Junior Hockey League.

Both teams have tallied 67 for the season so far.

However, with 38 games behind them, the 73s have been on the ice four more times than the Hornets who have played 34 this year.

The 73s have been a powerhouse team over the past 20 years having won the provincial Schmalz Cup four times since 2002 and been finalists in five more championships.

Alliston has won the Schmalz Cup twice and has gone to the provincial final three times.

The Hornets are in first place in the North Carruthers Division and have dominated the ice this season.

They have averaged just over 7 goals per

game while allowing an average of only 1.7 against.

Essex has a similar record averaging just over 6 goals per game while averaging 1.8 against.

In second place in the North Carruthers Division, the Orillia Terriers are having a good season with a 28-5 record, however, they have yet to beat the Hornets this year.

The Stayner Siskins have been in third place for most of the season and currently have 54 points with a 27-10 record.

They are followed by the Penetang Kings, Innisfil Spartans, and the Huntsville Otters who are all separated by three points.

Down in the number seven spot, the Midland Flyers have a dismal 7-30 record. In the basement, the Muskoka Bears have won only 4 games after 35 times on the ice this season.

The final games of the North Carruthers Division regular season will take place on Feb. 17.

The playoffs will get underway soon after the regular season concludes.

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JASON DWOMOH

Playing basketball since elementary school, CDDHS Royals forward, Jason Dwomoh brings a lot of skill and experience to the senior high school team.

"I like the sport and really like shooting," Jason said of why he likes playing the sport. "When it comes to practice we take it very seriously so we can execute on the court as a team."

When he's not on the basketball court, Jason uses his skills on the rugby pitch with the high school team.

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Headwaters Health Care invites public to apply to Board of Directors

Are you passionate about health care and looking to make an impact locally? Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) is inviting members of the public to apply for its volunteer Board of Directors.

HHCC is looking for dedicated and dynamic individuals residing in the region to contribute to transformative health care through the volunteer board.

“As a growing medium-sized hospital, accredited with Exemplary Standing, HHCC is actively recruiting Director candidates to provide governance oversight and monitor our performance goals. Directors play a crucial

role in offering feedback and guidance to the CEO, while serving as a vital link between the hospital and the communities it serves,” said HHCC in a press release on Feb. 3.

Kim Delahunt, President and CEO of Headwaters, encourages anyone with a passion for making a lasting difference in health care to consider this opportunity as their platform for giving back.

The Board actively seeks diverse representation in experience and background, aiming for inclusivity that mirrors the perspectives of the Dufferin-Caledon communities.

Ideal candidates possess:

- Strong communication skills, with the ability to listen and ask constructive questions.
 - Expertise in the legal, financial, clinical or health care system.
 - Personal and professional integrity in navigating diverse perspectives and ideas.
 - The time, commitment, and dedication required to contribute to their community hospital in a meaningful way.
- Board members are expected to:**
- Participate in monthly board meetings (approximately three hours per month, excluding summer months).

- Belong to at least one committee.
 - Attend two-hour monthly/bi-monthly committee meetings (excluding summer months), with preparation in advance.
 - Support the Headwaters Health Care Foundation.
 - Take advantage of education and development opportunities in health care governance through the Ontario Hospital Association and other organizations.
- The deadline to apply to join HHCC's volunteer Board of Directors is March 28. Express your interest in confidence to info@headwatershealth.ca by March 28, 2025.

Michael Dehn nominated as Ontario Liberal Candidate for Dufferin-Caledon

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

With a provincial election looming later this month, the Ontario Liberal Party (OLP) has selected its candidate for Dufferin-Caledon.

It was announced by the OLP on Feb. 3 that Erin Mayor Michael Dehn was nominated as the provincial candidate for Dufferin-Caledon.

OLP's press release on the announcement stated that Dufferin-Caledon faces an unprecedented road safety crisis, with fatal collisions in Caledon increasing by 114 per cent in 2023, while Ontario recorded its deadliest year in 15 years with 411 highway fatalities.

This safety crisis requires urgent infrastructure improvements in Dufferin-Caledon, according to the OLP.

“These aren't just statistics – they're prob-

lems we can solve,” said Dehn, who has a 30-year career as a geologist and business executive. “Our communities need immediate action on road safety, healthcare access, as well as investments in infrastructure. As your MPP, I will ensure that I will advocate for the residents of Dufferin-Caledon and investment in our local communities.”

Dehn is also committed to tackling infrastructure and food supply chain challenges. “He will push for health and safety prioritized through immediate action on road safety, emergency healthcare, and essential infrastructure projects,” reads the OLP's press release.

Dehn has made several commitments to Dufferin Caledon.

Concerning infrastructure safety, he has identified a few problems and solutions.

The significant impacts of truck traffic

on our community including safety, congestion, noise, and detrimental effects on air quality can be solved by advocating for the fast-tracking of construction for the Shelburne bypass. Another component of the solution is to commit to securing financial support for increased Ministry of Transportation and Ontario Provincial Police roadside inspections of commercial vehicles to ensure that they are safe to drive.

Another problem Dehn has identified is “the tragic and preventable accidents now plague formerly safe routes, especially on Highways 9, 10, and 50 through Caledon and Dufferin.” As a solution, he suggests prioritizing the safety and well-being of all motorists by investing in much-needed highway infrastructure improvements.

In terms of healthcare access, Dehn has noted that emergency departments face

severe overcrowding. His solution to overcrowding is advocating for the creation of mobile health units, increasing the number of community nursing clinics and expanding the availability of Ontario Health at Home to all Ontarian's who do not have a family doctor.

When looking at Dehn's leadership record, as Erin's mayor he's oversaw more than \$250 million in developer funded infrastructure projects over three years. He also led Erin council in successfully obtaining nearly \$30 million for community infrastructure from the province.

“Dufferin-Caledon deserves a representative who confronts challenges head on,” Dehn said. “My commitment is simple: study the problem, create solutions, get it done.”

The Ontario election will be held on Feb. 27.

Coyotes spotted in Shelburne: Here's what to know and how to stay safe

The Shelburne area is a natural habitat for coyotes. Their high-pitched barks and yips can be heard year-round.

January marks the start of coyote mating season, with mating typically beginning in February and pups being born from late March through April. During this time, you may encounter or hear coyotes as they search for mates and establish their territories through howling and yipping.

Coyotes play an essential role in the urban ecosystem by controlling rodent and other wildlife populations. When their pups are born, their need for food increases, and you may see them foraging during the day.

Coyotes are opportunistic feeders and will

eat what is readily available, including mice, rats, squirrels, raccoons, berries, and nuts. They are attracted to communities due to the abundance of food and shelter.

According to the Humane Society and the Ministry of Natural Resources, coyotes are mainly nocturnal hunters, primarily preying on small mammals like rodents. Attacks on people are rare, but it is recommended to keep young children (infants and toddlers) attended when outside, especially after dark. Attacks on pets are more common but still rare.

Recommendations From the Ministry of Natural Resources

If you see a coyote, wolf, or fox:

- Keep your distance. The animal will likely



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BE AWARE: With mating season in full swing, residents are encouraged to be aware of coyotes.

- avoid you.
- If you encounter an aggressive animal:**
- Never approach or touch a wild animal.
 - Do not turn your back or run from a wild animal.
 - Back away calmly and remain calm.
 - Stand tall, wave your hands, and make lots of noise.
 - Carry a flashlight at night.
 - If a wild animal poses an immediate threat

- or danger to public safety, call 911.
- To make your property uninviting:
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 - Erect a two-meter-high fence that extends at least 20 centimeters underground.
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- To prevent conflicts with dogs:**
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Why Jade recommends it: It's rare that an entire series can maintain such a high level of adrenaline and thrill without major suspension of disbelief. This is book 5 in the series, and if you're like me, by now we love some characters and we strongly dislike some others. The battle of what is easy versus what is right is center-stage, and the consequences for picking a side are dire.

It's the perfect opportunity to ask your tech questions in a non-judgmental environment. Call 519-925-2168 to book an appointment.

I usually recommend reading a series in order, but this is one you must read in order to understand the evolution of the interpersonal relationships of the characters. If you're looking to try an audiobook series, all of these are available on hoopla and the narration is excellent.

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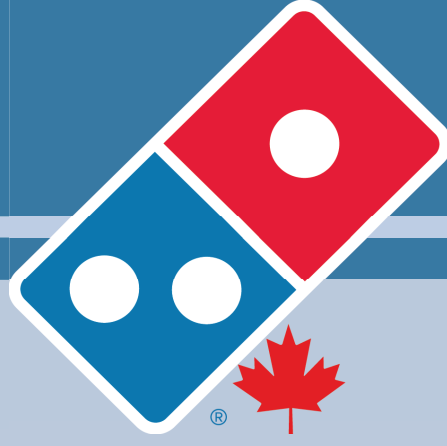
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