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HONOURING OUR HERITAGE: The Town of Shelburne celebrated the start of Polish Heritage Month last Thursday (May 2) with a flag raising ceremony at Jack Downing Park. May 1 marked the official start of the first-ever Polish Heritage Month in Canada. There are over 1.2 million people of Polish descent living in Canada today.

Tipsy Fox Pub and Grill wins Best Burger in the 'Burne' contest

Written By Paula Brown Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The votes are in, and Shelburne residents have selected The Tipsy Fox as the restaurant with the best burger in town.

Ed Crewson and Len Guchardi, Chair and Town Council representative for the Shelburne Business Improvement Area (BIA), presented The Tipsy Fox with the 2024 Best Burger in the 'Burne' plaque on May 2.

"I was very excited to count the votes and find out that over 200 people had taken the time to come out to enjoy the gracious hospitality of our restaurant owners, and vote for their favourite hamburgers," said Crewson. "It was great to see the numbers increase from last year and hopefully next year we'll have even more participants."

The Best Burger in the 'Burne' contest was held throughout the months of March and April, with local residents submitting votes on which local restaurant had the best burger.

The 'Best Burger in the 'Burne' contest Shelburne BIA, the contest is hosted during March and April, with the intention of creating customer traffic for downtown restaurants at a time when they traditionally see slower business.



PERFECT PATTY: Ed Crewson and Len Guchardi from the Shelburne Business Improvement Area (BIA) presented The Tipsy Fox with a plaque on May 2, naming the local restaurant as the 2024 winner of the 'Best Burger in the 'Burne' contest.

The burger competition featured six local

"There isn't a bad burger in town," said Guchardi about each of the contestants.

As part of the contest, the Shelburne BIA was first held in 2023. Developed by the restaurants including Beyond the Gate, also held a draw for a \$100 gift certificate Shannon's Tap & Grill, Dufferin Public to any downtown business. Local resident, House, Main Street Café, Sunrise Diner, and Brigg Jones was drawn as the winner and chose a gift certificate to The Tipsy Fox, the restaurant he voted as having the best burger in town.



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Sam Young leaves behind legacy teaching junior golfers

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

There are many golfers who remember now - the Shelburne Golf & Country Club. Sam Young as the inspired teacher who the practice range and fairways at the Shel- they became members of the community. burne Golf and Country Club.

lifetime involved in the sport and leaving a golf course. Over the years he taught thoulegacy of having taught thousands of young sands of young players. golfers how to play the game. For young golfers, learning the game under the tutelage of a professional means they will develop life-long skills that make a big difference on the course and in their daily lives.

the mid-1960s as a caddy.

He joined the Canadian Tour in 1966 as a Hall of Fame. golfer.

however, when arthritis in his hands forced the Year. him to retire from the tour.

Range, known as the Throncliffe Park Golf and boards over the years. School at the time. He took over as the general manager at Huntington Golf Club and fessional and teacher but on top of all that, began a 50-year career teaching junior golf- he was a husband, a father, and a friend,

In 1975, Sam purchased, what was then, a nity.

9-hole golf course near Shelburne, which he expanded to 18 holes, and became what is

He brought his family, wife Mary, and chiltaught them the nuances of the sport on dren Brooks and Megan to Shelburne where

Sam continued his work with junior golf-Sam passed away on April 27, after a ers and created a successful program at the

Every year he would take a team of advanced junior golfers to North Carolina for spring training.

Sam was inducted into the Shelburne and District Sports Hall of Fame in 2012, and the Sam began working in the golf world in Ontario Golf Hall of Fame in 2011. In 2018, he was inducted into the PGA of Canada

Through his junior program, he was twice His career as a pro golfer was short-lived, named PGA of Ontario Junior Teacher of

An active member of the community, Sam Sam moved to the Pleasure Park Driving was involved with several local committees

> Sam is remembered as a terrific golf prowho will be greatly missed in the commu-



INSPIRATION FOR YOUNG GOLFERS: Local professional golfer Sam Young leaves a large legacy as owner of the Shelburne Golf & Country Club and a golf teacher who taught thousands of junior golfers. Sam passed away on April 27.

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Headwaters Health Care launches door-to-door fundraising campaign for new MRI machine

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

way in support of local health care.

Dufferin residents may find representatives from the Headwaters Health Care Monday through Saturday, excluding Foundation (HHCF) in their neighbour- major holidays, asking potential donors hood this spring asking for financial sup- to consider contributing to the hospital.

to-door from May 6 to June 30, seeking door. monthly donations and raising awareness about the ongoing Smart Headwaters ed by donations, your continued support campaign.

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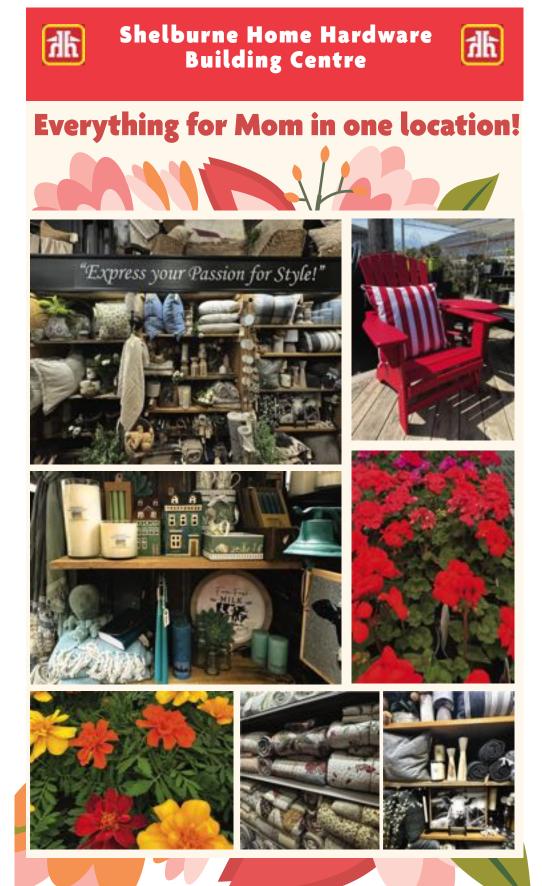
HHCF is partnering with Globalfaces Direct Inc. to execute the door-to-door a simple and convenient way for resifundraising campaign in the community. When knocking on doors, the Global-

yard with a photo I.D. badge that will be clearly visible. They will also be wearing A new fundraising campaign is under-teal vests with the Headwaters Health Care Foundation logo. Canvassers will be in neighbourhoods

Those looking to give are reminded that The HHCF team is canvassing door- canvassers will not accept cash at the

"Because hospital equipment is fundhelps the hospital ensure it is prepared The campaign seeks to purchase the for any circumstance," said K.C. Carfirst-ever MRI machine at Headwaters ruthers, CEO of the Headwaters Health Care Foundation.

"The monthly giving program provides dents of our community to support the exceptional care provided at Headwaters faces Direct canvassers will have a lan- Health Care Centre."



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When in Rome

When in Rome, do as the Roman do. That's an old saying with some common sense. It means when visiting another place, abide by the laws and customs of the land.

You shouldn't have to be told this. You should have already figured this out before you arrived.

There are some cities and towns in Europe that are now putting out information, and in some cases, putting up signs that say 'tourists not welcome.'

These towns, which may be historically important or have a certain charm or nice beaches, and are a destination for tourists, are also home to the people who actually live there.

Many tourist towns rely on the influx of visitors to fuel the local economy.

These towns, however, are fed up with tourists who flout local convention. This includes bad behaviour by drunks who act in an inappropriate way, cause trouble, throw garbage around, and just the disrupt the town.

For some reason, some people think that just because they are on vacation, it's acceptable to get in a bar fight and make noise at all hours of the night.

Some travellers have found them-

selves in trouble in Asian countries after drawing graffiti on local historic buildings, or behaving in a disrespectful manner in a holy shrine.

It's just common sense that carving your initials into the side of an historic building, or posing for selfies while inappropriately dressed in a place considered sacred or holy by locals, won't win you any friends and it won't garner you an invitation to come back and visit any time soon. In some cases, this behaviour has resulted in criminal charges.

It's bad enough that tourists can't control themselves while on vacation, but it's worse when foreigners arrive on Canadian soil and cause trouble - violent trouble.

Police in Edmonton have arrested three alleged 'hitmen' in relation to a murder in British Columbia. More arrests are expected.

All three are Indian nationals and non-residents, and have been here for three to five years. Some arrived on student visas, but never set foot in a school. None have permanent residency.

Yet, here there are, shooting up the streets – in our Country.

It is believed the shooting, and a few others, have ties to the Indian govern-

The victim, was a local prominent Sikh separatist, and apparently not liked by the Indian government.

Why was he on Canadian soil and promoting a foreign agenda here? If you want to start political turmoil, do it on your own turf.

This incident is tied in to other criminal behaviour both in the West and Ontario.

It doesn't take a genius, and these three men that were arrested obviously don't fit into that category, to know that you don't go to another country and cause trouble.

The truth is, no one here would care if Indian nationals are shooting each other - in India.

However, when you land on Canadian soil, you're expected to obey the laws and that includes not killing people and shooting up the streets.

These criminals have a tendency to murder other criminals, however that doesn't mean an innocent person walking down the street won't be a victim of a stray bullet once these idiots start pulling the trigger.

There are other concerns about criminal activity both out West and in Ontario, where Asian business people are

BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW

> being intimidated and threatened with violence in an effort to extort money.

The orders are given from a group in India, and carried out by thugs who live

How would you like to be home one evening, hear gun fire and have bullets flying through your home, because this group of criminals are trying to convince your neighbour to pay up?

The government needs to do a better job of vetting people who arrive on our

The three people arrested did not go to school, as claimed during their arrival, and apparently did not have any kind of legitimate job to support themselves. Why were they even here other than to take part in criminal activity? Canada is an open, welcoming, and tolerant society.

However, there needs to be a clear message sent – When you come to our house, you play by our rules.

Trade apprenticeships: pathways to prosperity and happiness

A new survey last week showed young Canadians were among the least happy group of people in the country based on age and also one of the most discontented in the developed world.

It's not hard to understand why young Canadians aren't jumping for joy these days.

For one, many of them have abandoned the hope of one day owning their own home.

According to a Statistics Canada report published in March, overheated housing prices are "casting a shadow over the homeownership dream for many households - and, in particular, for young families."

But the fading dream of home ownership is not the only reason young Canadians are gloomy nowadays: they're also having difficulty finding good-paying jobs. Many of them are college or university graduates who thought a degree was the ticket to a lucrative career.

Pursuing a trade apprenticeship, however, may have been the better option for some of these students. A number of trades pay higher-than-average salaries - especially for young people just start-

ing out in their career.

Consider the other advantages to learning a skilled trade.

The average debt incurred by students who pursue a college or university degree has been steadily climbing for the past two decades, according to a Statistics Canada report published in

But because tuition costs for trade school are significantly lower than college or university, students typically shoulder little or no student debt after graduating and find a job much more quickly, according to Finishing Trades Institute of Ontario.

So given all of the financial benefits - not to mention the fact that trade apprenticeship students can often "earn while you learn" - it's not surprising that enrollment in skilled trades programs is booming, according to Statistics Can-

A skilled trade was my road to success in life: it gave me the chance to open my own business and I was able to build that business into a successful multinational, Magna International Inc., with operations throughout the world and

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more than \$40 billion in annual sales.

When I was chairman of Magna, a lot of bankers, lawyers and automotive executives came through the doors of our head office in fancy suits, briefcases in hand. But the visitors who came in wearing blue overalls – Magna's factory managers and assistant managers often made far more in annual income than the "suits" who showed up for business meetings or worked in the head

Beyond providing good-paying and fulfilling careers for many young Canadians, we need technically skilled trades people in order for the economy to function. Trades people build our homes and roads and cars, grow and cook our food, and keep the lights and water running inside our schools, factories and offices.

It's why I believe we should require students in their final two years of

high school to be exposed to one or more technical trades at businesses

outside the schools. Under my proposal, students would gain hands-on training in four different trades over two years in a wide range of skilled trades such as bricklaving, hairstyling, carpentry, and the culinary arts.

Skilled trades training for young Canadians is one of the key principles in the economic charter of rights I've been championing for the past year. It will give Canada the skilled workforce it needs to grow our economy - and it will give young Canadians the means to earn a good income and enjoy a higher standard of living.

To learn more about how an economic charter could help revitalize our economy, contact info@economiccharter.ca.

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County releases 2024 Explore Dufferin Guide

Written By Paula Brown Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The County of Dufferin has officially Dufferin Guide.

charging stations, summer camps, parks and recreation centres, libraries and more.

day trip itineraries for five different tourist profiles – the Epicurean Explorer, Terra Trekker, Thrill Seeker, Cultural Curator and Family Funatic. The profiles were created Dufferin tourists, there is truly something based on local data and are unique to Duf- for everyone to enjoy. We look forward to ferin County.

with Central Counties Tourism through its new to enjoy in our own backyard with the Partnership Program.

"The Explore Dufferin Guide highlights Dufferin County Warden Darren White. everything that makes Dufferin County so

amazing, from our local events, to restau- ated the Guide to be even more rants, to outdoor recreational opportuni- interactive for users, with all links ties and services and amenities for all," said Janet Horner, chair of the Community announced the launch of its 2024 Explore Development and Tourism Committee. "We encourage residents and visitors to check The Explore Dufferin Guide features a out the Guide – it will be a great resource "Don't Miss List," a trailhead map, an event for vacation planning during the warmer listing and information on local ameni- months. We are excited to share all that the ties and services such as electric vehicle county offers with local and visiting tourists

The Explore Dufferin Guide was devel-The Explore Dufferin Guide also includes oped to encourage community engagement and participation as well as drive tourism to the community.

"With detailed itineraries for unique welcoming new visitors to the county and The Guide was developed in partnership encourage residents to discover something help of the Explore Dufferin Guide," said

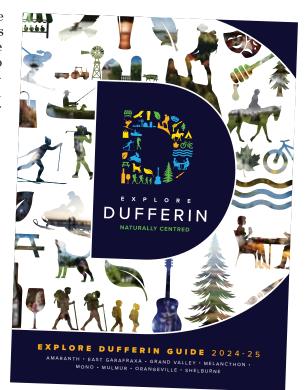
This year, the County of Dufferin has cre- the community.

clickable – including icons on the maps. The locations on the map also take users to the exact Google location of each spot, which will provide ease of directions for

Postcards with a QR code linked to the Explore Dufferin Guide will be mailed to households in the county at the beginning of May. The Explore Dufferin Guide will also be available at hotspots within the county and at visitor

The interactive Explore Dufferin Guide is available on the County of Dufferin website www.dufferincounty.ca.

The Guide will be updated annually to showcase what there is to see, do and experience in





PREPARE YOUR PET: The Ontario SPCA and Humane Society has partnered with the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs for Emergency Preparedness Week, which runs May 5-11. The two groups are reminding the public that pets should be included in any emergency preparedness plan and holding a draw for those who promise to prepare.



Ontario SPCA urges pet owners to include them in emergency plans

Written By Sam Odrowski

from May 5-11 and safety tips are being emergency plan and the necessary emershared by the Ontario SPCA and Humane gency supplies to shelter in place, you will Society as well as the Ontario Association be in a better position to help the ones you of Fire Chiefs (OAFC).

The two groups are asking pet owners to prepare for unexpected catastrophes by President, said, "The Ontario Association having an emergency preparedness plan in of Fire Chiefs (OAFC) is very pleased to place that includes their pets.

ing ontariospca.ca/ep will be entered in a awareness around Emergency Prepareddraw to win a pet first aid kit, and they will ness Week this May." receive a free digital Emergency Preparedness Workbook outlining everything they committed to fire and life safety and the need to include when assembling your pet's well-being of our community, we undersurvival kit.

free emergency decals this week for anyone ters, including those that may impact our who has pets at home to let first responders furry friends. By working together with the know there are pets inside.

it can help the chances of firefighters being egies that protect both human and animal able to rescue pets. Drop by the Ontario lives during emergencies. This partnership SPCA Orangeville & District Animal Centre is a testament to our shared dedication to this week to get yours.

"We're asking everyone who has a furry family member to promise to prepare," says approach to ensuring, and safeguarding,

Jennifer Bluhm, Vice President of Community Outreach Services for the Ontario Emergency Preparedness Week runs SPCA and Humane Society. "By having an love, including your pets."

Deputy Chief Rob Grimwood, OAFC join forces with the Ontario SPCA and Those who promise to prepare by visit- Humane Society in observing, and raising

He added, "As a non-profit organization stand the critical need for readiness in the The Ontario SPCA is also giving away face of potential emergencies and disas-Ontario SPCA, we aim to increase aware-In the event of an emergency like a fire, ness and advocate for preparedness stratsafeguarding lives, including those of our beloved pets, and highlights our proactive our community's well-being."

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1. Vipers

or wings

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2. Not on time

4. Tears down

5. Professional

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8. Speak poorly of

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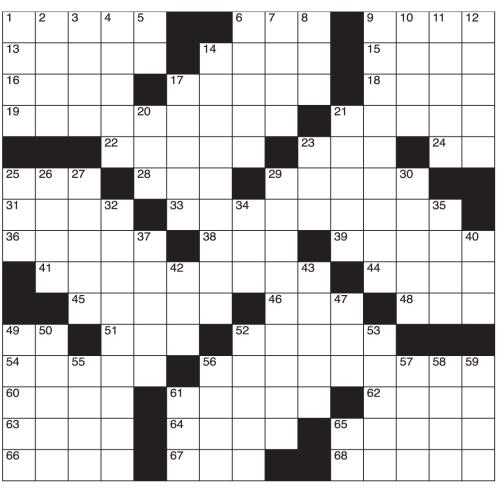
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13. Appetizer

14. African country 15. Dark brown or

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16. Parent-teacher groups

17. Saturates

18. ESPN personality

Kimes

19. Songs to a lover

21. Cavalry-sword

22. Begat

23. Patriotic women

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27. Type of rail

mountains

57. Ribosomal

56. Cliff (Hawaii)

ribonucleic acid

58. Monetary unit

29. One from the Big

32. Made more sugary

35. Mild yellow Dutch

34. Change in skin

37. Koran chapters

40. A place to relax

42. Young woman

ready for society life

43. Female horses

49. Icelandic poems

50. Indiana town

52. Golden peas

53. Closes tightly

55. It's mined in

47. Half of Milli Vanilli

Apple

pigment

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30. Asteroids

59. Primordial matter 61. TV station

65. Rise

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

DCF to donate more than \$75,000 in community grants, bursaries

Written By Paula Brown Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Dufferin Community Foundation (DCF) is dents and community charities.

to give out more than \$75,000 in community grants and student bursaries this year from its last year and a 125 per cent increase since M. Edelbrock Fund will be opening soon. 2022.

that as our charitable investments grow, so does the annual income," said board chair has dedicated two \$5,000 grants to Choices Debbi Goss in a press release. "We started six years ago at zero. With the support of local donors, we have grown to become one of the largest charitable funders in Dufferin County."

The majority of the grant money comes from a number of donor-advised funds and must serve the residents of Dufferin County.

"The Foundation was created in 2019 with nerable neighbours." a vision to build permanent charitable funds or 'forever funds' as we like to call them - to grant streams in the fall for its field of interest available, thanks to the W. & M. Edelbrock Foundation or to donate visit www.dufferinbuild our community across the generations. funds, including the Vision Fund, the Envi-

It's wonderful to see this vision start to bear fruit. Every dollar is so urgently needed," said Michele Fisher, executive director of DCF.

A new bursary program available through making leaps in funding available to local stu- the Dufferin Community Foundation this year is the W. & M. Edelbrock Fund. Through the The foundation announced it will be able fund, one student from each of the three high schools in Dufferin County will be awarded a \$3,125 bursary to make it financially possible funds. According to the Dufferin Community for them to attend college, university or trade Foundation, this is a 60 per cent increase over school. The application process for the W. &

A returning donor-advised fund, the Cedar "The beauty of a community foundation is Fund, which seeks to alleviate poverty and promote the health of women and children, Shelter & Support Services and Family Transition Place for the second year in a row.

"While we live in a beautiful, prosperous community, it is also a place in which many are facing challenges such as poverty, the rising cost of living, unsafe living situations, the families and individuals who create those mental health issues, and food insecurity," funds help select which charities will receive said the donor, who wishes to remain anonthe grants. All charities that receive funding ymous. "We are grateful that our fund is able to support those who work with our most vul-

Dufferin Community Foundation will open



SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY: Family Transition Place (FTP) received a \$5,000 grant from the Cedar Fund, a donor-advised fund held with Dufferin Community Foundation. Dufferin Community Foundation's executive director Michele Fisher (left) and grants chair Shirley Boxem (right) present the cheque to FTP director of development Brennan Solecky and executive director Norah Kennedy.

ronment Fund, and the Refugee Resettlement Fund. The Arts & Culture grants will also be funds available through Dufferin Community

For more information about grants and communityfoundation.ca.

Shelburne man wins over \$1 million in lottery

Written By Sam Odrowski

A Shelburne man has one million reasons to be happy after winning the lottery.

\$1,032,525.40.

industry, says he typically picks up LOT- didn't believe it was true. When we told our TARIO tickets weekly.

"This is my first big win. I was in my vehicle when I checked my ticket on the OLG app and for his retirement. "I'd love to celebrate with

was seeing," he shared while at the OLG Prize Centre in Toronto to collect his winnings.

"I called my wife to tell her I was coming Bogdan Karwowski hit the Ontario Jackpot to see her. I scanned the ticket and showed for the April 13 LOTTARIO Draw, winning her the win. She said, 'Congratulations, you won \$1,000!" Bogdan laughed. "I asked her Karwowski, who works in the automotive to look again and we were so shocked. I still children, they were so happy."

Bogdan plans to pay some bills and invest

had to scan it again. I couldn't believe what I a family vacation," he concluded.

His winning ticket was purchased at Town Milk & Variety on Main Street in Shelburne.

LOTTARIO launched in 1978 as Ontario's first terminal lotto game. Tickets are \$1 and the draws take place every Saturday. Tickets purchased before 10:30 p.m. on Fridays are eligible for the Early Bird draw.



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Shelburne Library shares weekly news

Stay tuned for details.

The Coffee, Conversation and Books sel! Join us alongside Grand Valley and brawls out there concerning the nature novels and his writing process!

Library on Sunday, May 26 at 2 p.m. This to its commodification, of late. In the age event requires registration and has a lim- of Peak Content, it can be easy to forget know you're coming.

museum curation, photography and esting history.

Something big is coming! Our BIG broadcasting, an award-winning writsurprise is inching closer to being ready, er explores how humans have attained, and we can't wait to share it with you! stored and disseminated knowledge and YOUR Library is coming to YOU (soon)! how continues to change our lives and our minds.

Why Trudy Recommends it: With event will feature local author, Hugh Rus- more than a few Ted Talks and digital Orangeville Public Libraries at Perked of intelligence, I am always grateful Pierogi in Grand Valley on Wednesday, for books detailing some of the possi-May 15 at 7 p.m. to hear about Hugh's ble missing pieces responsible for wide gaps in factual acceptance. In Win-Library Literary Event featuring Ian chester's estimation, how we have seen, Hamilton - We welcome author of the received and considered information Ava Lee series, Ian Hamilton, to YOUR over the ages has made us a little blind ited capacity, so don't delay in letting us that knowledge is invaluable. From the beginning of the written word to Wikipedia, and a lot of librarians in between, Staff Pick of the Week: Knowing Winchester uses his pages as an anec-What We Know by Simon Winchester: dotal fireside chat of sorts, rather than Examining such disciplines as educa- drawing any specific conclusions. Still tion, journalism, encyclopedia creation, an enjoyable read, with loads of inter-

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ROYAL WIN: Centre Dufferin District High School Royals' player, Jack Wallace, charges through the Centennial Collegiate defence during the Royals's third game of the regular season. The Royals won this game 25-4, and have three games left on the schedule.

CDDHS Royals varsity rugby team wins first of season

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals boy's varsity rugby team won their first game of the season when they hosted Centennial Collegiate V.I. on the rugby pitch at CDHS on Wednesday, May 1.

It was the Royals' third game of the season. They lost the first two matches by a narrow margin.

The Royals' first outing ended in a 20-14 "We worked hard at it, but I think we can improve on, but over all I think it went were up against Erin District High School.

Royals played a solid game against CCVI team and we've got some younger guys on a lot of new guys on the team and they just and left the field with a 24-5 hometown

"I think it was a really good game," said

loss to Centre Wellington. In their second still work on some things. I was expect- well. Our first two games were really close game, they lost by two points when they ing more of a tougher match. Our team is games and we played really well. We have working really good together. Our seniors to work as a team more – guys can't go off The third time was the charm when the last year, didn't do very good. This a varsity on their own. We have to practice. We have the team. I'm happy with the way the team need to get the experience." is working out."

The junior-level players at CDDHS are against John F. Ross, in Guelph. Royals player Jack Wallace, after the game. playing on the varsity team meaning they are up against senior players from other high schools.

thought the team played a good game.

"I think it was a good game," Zach said. "There is definitely some stuff we can start.

The Royals had a road game on May 8,

Results were not available at press time.

The Royals will have one more regular season game when they will meet Our Royals player, Zach Oldford said he Lady of Lourdes, on Wednesday, May 15, in Guelph.

That game is scheduled for a 4:00 p.m.

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"My friends and I decided that we're in high school and we should be part of at least one sport. I tried it and have been with it ever since," Emma said of how she got involved with rugby. "I think it's good that there is a sport women can play with contact."

Outside of school, Emma participates in skiing, and is a ski instructor, snowmobiling, and dirt biking.



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Orangeville Wolves special needs hockey team competes in Boston tournament

Written By Sam Odrowski

While it can be difficult to find a sports program that accommodates individuals with special needs, the Orangeville Wolves ensures they have that opportunity.

Since 1999, the Orangeville Wolves has provided hockey programming to people with disabilities, helping them to build confidence, develop skills out on the ice, and feel a sense of belonging.

The Orangeville Wolves are a part of Special Hockey International (SHI), a league with teams across North America. The SHI Annual Tournament was held from April 25 to 27 in Boston, Massachusetts, and the Orangeville squad travelled there by bus to take part.

While the team played well on the ice and had lots of fun, there was a hiccup when travelling.

On the way home from the tournament on April 28, there was a collision between the Orangeville Wolves bus and a pickup truck on the QEW in Lincoln, Ont.

The driver of the pickup truck was sent to the hospital with minor injuries.

"[There were] no serious injuries to anyone on the bus, however, it did delay us team with opportunities they might not by 4 hours," said Orangeville Wolves head otherwise have, Porteous noted. coach Martin Porteous.

day on home ice, welcoming all ages and them on the team have never been on a bus skill levels.

with special needs to have a team to call their own, and to be recognized in the com- to take these kids and adults to play other been leading the team since its inception.

Throughout the Orangeville Wolves' sea- memories forever." son, they play eight home games and six away games, in addition to several practice plays for the Orangeville Wolves, said the and these kids and adults, and everything teammates. sessions.

The teams they play against this year are his son. located in Kitchener, Brampton, Innisfil, Barrie, Grey Bruce, Grandravine and Wool- Solomon skate on his own to centre ice wich.

teams from all over Canada, the United momentous things for him like passing States, and even England.



ROAD TRIP: The Orangeville Wolves hockey team gather in front of the team bus that they travelled on to Boston, Massachusetts for the Annual Special Hockey International (SHI) Tournament that took place from April 25 to 27.

with the team bus for all its players.

The annual tournament provides the at the rink."

"It's a little bit overwhelming sometimes The Orangeville Wolves play every Sun- for some of the players, because some of before or stayed in a hotel room," said Por-"This program was developed for people teous. "This is just a phenomenal program - that we are lucky enough to have places

> David Vahey, whose son Solomon, 11, Boston trip had a really positive impact on about the program," said Porteous.

"It was amazing. The whole crowd saw for several face-offs. It felt great for Solo-The SHI Tournament in Boston had mon to receive a rink-full of applause for to another player. Where most wouldn't The Orangeville Wolves fundraised to blink an eye, he had an arena full of people cover the cost of a hotel room and travel happy to celebrate with him," Vahey said.

"His smile and glee was visible to everyone

The Orangeville Wolves started 25 years three years. ago with just seven players, one of whom still participates in the program today. started, he's excelled greatly out on the ice There are now over 20 players who make and has become very enthusiastic about up the team.

Porteous said he wasn't sure what he was getting into when he was asked to now and I can see that he's got a lot of coach the Orangeville Wolves. At that time, team spirit," said Vivian Petho, Solomon's he wasn't even aware that the program was mother. "He gets very excited when other munity as an athlete," said Porteous, who's teams. The tournament is just one of those for people with special needs. But after his people score." exceptional events that gives these kids first session out on the ice, he never looked

changes in those who play for the Oran- part of a team - and that means somegeville Wolves. In the past few, three kids thing," Petho said. who struggled to stand up on skates are all skating on their own now.

"Things don't happen overnight for any athlete, but they have progressed greatly, not fit the mould of regular sports teams. as have our senior players, and, more advanced players," said Porteous. "They if they want to, and having an organization get coached the same way. Pretty much like this gives the opportunity," said Petho. everybody does the same drills. I teach them all different aspects of the game, out there and play a sport that they want to very simple aspects - passing, shooting, play without having to worry about judgteamwork, and skating. It's just a great proment and the other parts of trying to play gram."

He added, "I've had kids who cried for two years straight, and I've taught them to now complete, its players will be back on love hockey."

Vahey's son Solomon has been playing for the Orangeville Wolves for the past

While he could barely skate when he

"He's actually interested in skating

She shared that the hockey program has been great for building Solomon's confi-"I just fell in love with the whole concept, dence and a sense of camaraderie with his

"It really creates a sense of belonging, Over the years, he's observed significant like you're part of your community, you're

> She also noted the importance of offering sports programs like the Orangeville Wolves to people with disabilities who may

> "Everybody should get a chance to play "It has given a lot of people a chance to go on a team."

While the Orangeville Wolves' season is the ice in the fall.



Community invited to attend Hug-a-Tree and Survive program

Dufferin County residents are invited to attend Hug-a-Tree and Survive this May, an AdventureSmart program that helps lost children survive in the woods.

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There is an upcoming Hug-a-Tree session this May:

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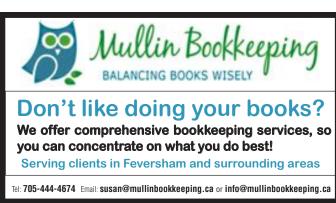
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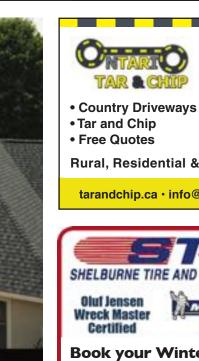














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