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Holiday Smile Cookie Campaign raises over \$9,900 for Streams

Written By Danielle Williams

Tim Hortons ran its first-ever Holiday Smile Cookie Campaign nationwide from Nov. 13 to 19, raising \$9.8 million for not-for-profit organizations in communities across Canada.

Tim Hortons selected Streams Community Hub as the charitable recipient of funds raised through the campaign in the Shelburne area, and it received over \$6,000. Fifty per cent of the money raised went to Streams, while the other 50 per cent went to Tim Hortons Foundation Camps.

"Any donation, any contribution to our operation, is always received with a lot of gratitude not just by myself but all of our staff," said Juli-Anne James, the executive director of Streams Community Hub.

Extending the campaign's success, during the week, along with Tim Hortons, five corporate sponsors – Town Tees, Mono Centre Brewing, Rural Rescue, Team Apex, and Crewson Insurance Brokers – joined the holiday cheer.

Claiming one of the campaign days, the sponsors generously agreed to match 50 per cent (or, in one case, a 25-cent match) of cookie sales, totalling an additional donation of over \$3,700. Including the Tim Hortons donations, Streams Community Hub received more than \$9,900 from the campaign.



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HOLIDAY SMILE: The Smile Cookie Campaign in Shelburne raised \$6,195 for Streams Community Hub, a not-for-profit organization focused on providing artistic opportunities to local youth. Additional funds raised by businesses in the community brought the total donation for Streams Community Hub to nearly \$10,000. Juli-Anne James, executive director and co-founder of Streams (right) join with John Lewandowski, owner of both Shelburne Tim Hortons (centre), and Andrew James, Streams Community Hub's co-founder and board chair (left) for a cheque presentation on Dec. 7.

As a charitable organization dependent on donations and individual and corporation support, Streams is grateful to receive the funds from the campaign, which will be used to continue the organization's operations and to "sustain current efforts" within the programs.

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Dufferin Community Foundation announces Arts and Culture, Environmental Fund Grants

Written By **Paula Brown**
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Dufferin Community Foundation (DCF) has awarded its 2023 fall grants to five recipients.

The local community foundation announced in a press release last Thursday (Dec. 7) that four local charities and one township had been awarded their first-ever Arts and Culture Fund and Environment Fund grants.

"I feel privileged to be part of such a caring organization, and on a team that provides and grants funds to other caring community organizations," said Shirley Boxem, chair of Dufferin Community Foundation's Grants Committee. "Our team worked hard to facilitate this process in a fair and uncomplicated way. Reading the applications and learning about the amazing projects and efforts going on around us is always an inspiration."

The Arts and Culture Fund was awarded to four local charities – Active Lives Canada, Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County, Community Living Dufferin, and Trinity United Church Shelburne.

The Arts and Culture Fund provides grants to organizations that advance the public's appreciation and awareness of the arts, community heritage and cultural traditions taking place within Dufferin County.

This year, each charity received a grant of \$2,500 for projects that promote diversity,

equity and inclusion through the arts in Dufferin County.

Active Lives Canada will be using the funds to initiate 'Special Puppets', a project that looks to use the art of puppetry to empower adults with special needs. Head Puppeteer Yolanda Yott will guide a group of individuals in expressing themselves through puppetry, offering a therapeutic channel to share personal stories. The program will also provide an opportunity to educate children about special needs through performances at schools and community theatre.

"The program aims to break down barriers and celebrate the talents and abilities of individuals with special needs," read the press release.

Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County will apply the grant to 'Singing for Health', an inter-generational choir pilot project designed as a safe and friendly environment for anyone who loves to sing. Guided by a music therapist, the goal of the program is to reduce the social isolation of older adults and those with disabilities and provide a space where families can have positive experiences regardless of age or diagnosis. The choir will meet weekly to learn and practice songs from a variety of genres, and at the end of the pilot program, they will perform the songs at a venue in Orangeville.

The program is a collaboration between the Alzheimer Society of Dufferin and Julia's Place Music Therapy.

"This project is more than just a musical

endeavor, it's a celebration of inclusivity and expression designed to bring the joy of music to everyone. For our clients, it's a unique opportunity to engage with the community and express themselves through the beauty of song and music," said executive director Carmelina Cicuto.

Community Living Dufferin will be utilizing the support from the grant for their project, 'Creative Partners On Stage.' Through 'Creative Partners On Stage,' actors with intellectual disabilities work alongside professional writers, directors and choreographers to create original productions to be performed on stage twice a year at Theatre Orangeville.

The grant will go towards offsetting stage production costs for their next show, 'Murder at the Talent Show,' which will be a murder mystery dinner fundraiser in collaboration with three local restaurants. The show will run from May 17 to May 19.

"This is so exciting, and this group of actors are so deserving of the community's support for their hard work," said Karen Murphy-Fritz, executive assistant with Community Living Dufferin. "[The grant] provides tremendous support in offsetting some of the production costs associated with putting on such great theatre."

Trinity United Church Shelburne will put the grant funding to use to host their 'Spirit Touches Art Touches Spirit (stARTS)' event. 'Spirit Touches Art Touches Spirit' will be a day-long celebration of the arts and diversity,

including live performances and visual art galleries. The intent of the spring 2024 initiatives is to attract and gather the artistic diversity in the Shelburne area and promote inclusivity through the arts. The event will be free for all to attend.

Dufferin Community Foundation's first-ever Environmental Fund grant was given to the Township of Melancthon and North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Taskforce (NDACT).

The Environmental Fund grant is aimed at organizations taking innovative approaches to community-based environmental management, including technological advances, environmental education and stewardship of land and natural resources.

The Township of Melancthon and NDACT received \$3,000 through the grant, which will be directed toward peer review of data in collaboration with Strada Aggregate.

When Strada Aggregate Inc. planned to dig below the water table on their pit in Melancthon, NDACT and the aggregate operator developed a Community Engagement Agreement to act as a conduit between Strada, the peer reviewer, and the community. A key activity of that agreement is to reach property owners with private wells and have them register to a database for well monitoring in order to establish a baseline to determine any adverse effects should a quarry proceed.

The hope of the model between NDACT and Strada is to cultivate further

Over \$50,000 up for grabs in Ontario SPCA's Draws for Paws 50/50 Lottery

With just over a week to go until the grand prize draw, time is running out to get your tickets for the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society's Draws for Paws 50/50 Lottery, which currently sits at over \$50,000. The more tickets sold, the higher the jackpot will grow.

Presented by Fetch Pet Insurance, the grand prize draw for the Ontario SPCA Holiday Draws for Paws 50/50 Lottery takes place on Wednesday, Dec. 20. The deadline to purchase tickets is Dec. 19. Tickets are 10 for \$10, 40 tickets for \$20, or when you purchase 200 tickets for \$40, you will receive an additional 150 bonus tickets in celebration of the Ontario SPCA's 150th anniversary.

The Ontario SPCA is a registered char-

ity that does not receive annual government funding and depends on generous supporters to change the lives of vulnerable animals. By purchasing a ticket in the Holiday Draws for Paws 50/50 Lottery, you're giving the gift of shelter and care for an animal in need.

"The excitement is climbing as fast as the jackpot as we approach the date of our grand prize draw," says Stephanie Miller, Vice President, Development, Ontario SPCA and Humane Society. "One lucky winner is going to have an especially happy holiday season when they take home the grand prize, and everyone who plays can feel good knowing they have helped change the lives of animals in need."



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STANDING VIGIL: Family Transition Place executive director Norah Kennedy addressed a crowd on Dec. 6 for FTP's annual vigil honouring the women who were murdered at L'Ecole Polytechnique de Montreal in 1989. Attendees held up signs with the names of the 14 women who were killed in the 'Montreal Massacre,' to remember and honour them. The man who carried out the murders did so because of the victims' gender. Dec. 6 is the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women and coincides with the local event.

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For more than 25 years, Tim Horton's Smile Cookie Campaign has benefited local charities and community organizations. Between the original Smile Cookie campaign and the inaugural Holiday Smile Cookie campaign, over \$29.5 million has been raised across Canada this year alone.

With the addition of \$9.8 million from the Holiday Smile Cookie Campaign, Tim Hortons has raised over \$120 million for its regular Smile Cookie Campaign since its inception in 1996.

"Having the partnership with Tim Hortons,

such a large national organization, to put the spotlight on us in our community is really something that we value," said James. "There are many people who didn't know about Streams Community Hub that may have come across our name through this campaign, so we are grateful for that exposure."

Streams Community Hub hopes it will again be selected as the charitable recipient of the Holiday Smile Cookie campaign in Shelburne next year, and thanks Tim Hortons as well as those who participated in the campaign week for their matching contributions.

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Headwaters Health Care Centre unveils new CT machine

Written By Brian Lockhart

Headwaters Health Care Centre unveiled its new replacement computed tomography (CT) machine on Friday, Dec. 8.

The machine replaced an older unit that had completed its limited lifetime service and needed to be replaced.

Headwaters images 20 CT outpatients per day, on average. This new machine will enable the hospital to provide greater appointment availability and improved patient experience.

As the first hospital in Canada to implement the GE HealthCare Revolution Ascend CT, the arrival of this innovative equipment demonstrates Headwaters' strategic direction of providing better care for patients in the community.

Features of the CT machine include a streamlined process through artificial intelligence technology to assist with patient comfort, fast scan times, greater patient accommodation and comfort, and prioritized patient safety with low-dose capabilities while maintaining high-quality imaging.

In addition, diagnostic imaging teams will experience improved workflow efficiencies and leverage technologies that will assist in making confident diagnoses and provide optimal patient care.

The new technology costs around \$1

million to install and provides high-definition images that help doctors see inside a patient's body. The technology helps diagnose many different conditions.

The funds for the new unit came from the Headwaters Health Care Foundation.

"On behalf of the Headwaters Health Care Foundation, I would like to extend my most sincere appreciation to the donors who have helped to make this possible," said K.C. Carruthers, CEO of Headwaters Health Care Foundation. "It is because of our generous community and their steadfast support that we can purchase and install advanced medical equipment such as this CT machine."

Dr. Asad Naqvi, Chief of Diagnostic Imaging at Headwaters Health Care Centre, said the new system provides enhanced speed and efficiency of imaging services.

"I am thrilled to welcome the arrival of GE HealthCare Revolution Ascend CT system," Dr. Naqvi said. "We chose this system because its advanced technology not only enhances the speed and efficiency of our imaging services, but also significantly improves the level of detail we can capture. Our patients can expect more accurate and timely diagnoses, setting a new standard for diagnostic excellence and reinforcing Headwaters' commitment to delivering high-quality care today and in the future."



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

NEW EQUIPMENT: Headwaters Health Care Centre unveiled its new CT machine at the hospital on Friday, Dec. 8. The new machine replaces an older unit that had reached the end of its useful lifetime. The unit provides high-quality images that are used to diagnose a variety of conditions.



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WRAPPING THE COMMUNITY IN WARMTH: Coats for Dufferin, through the help of the community, is able to help over 150 families receive shoes and coats this year. Over 750 coats have been donated in total. More families will be helped this Saturday when 67 remaining coats are provided through the Shelburne Hamper Program. Pictured left to right: Jacqueline Clement, Dr. Richard Magder, Dave Crowe, and Claire Knight.

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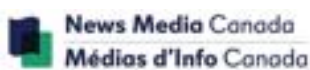
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'Divide and conquer.'

Those are a few well-known phrases demonstrating that working as a group or unit is better than working in disarray. Several of those phrases are several thousand years old.

Even then, they knew the benefits of working as a team.

We have been getting the diversity thing jammed down our throats over the past few years. We all know what it's supposed to mean, but the truth is, encouraging diversity just doesn't work.

Take a look at those same phrases with diversity as the core meaning, and you get:

'We stand apart – and we will fall.'
'All for none, and none for all.'
'Unite them, and we will be defeated.'

The whole diversity thing is supposed to encourage welcoming newcomers. Fair enough. But you shouldn't need to be told that.

If you have a new person in your company, social group, or neighbourhood, the decent thing to do is make them feel welcome.

That's just a part of having good social skills. However, saying 'diversity is our strength' is just nonsense. Diversity doesn't create strength, the opposite happens. There are several thousand examples of this in the history books.

The federal government likes to use the 'diversity is our strength' thing a lot.

They weren't saying that when the province of Quebec had its 1995 referendum to determine if it would proclaim itself a sovereign state.

At that time, Quebec's diversity was a big problem, which could have cut the country in half. In fact, the federal government was doing everything it could to stop the diverse province from breaking away.

Now, the diversity thing has become one of the politically correct things that everyone has to use in the company or organization propaganda. I've seen it on company and organization websites when the company or organization is about as diverse as a bag of oranges.

But they still have it on the website because they feel pressured to have it on there.

From my experience, most people who come here from other countries don't want to stand out as being diverse. Most of the people I know personally, who came here to live, want to blend into society and be part of the fabric of the country.

They may hang on to some of their cultural customs, but they don't want to be known as 'the guy from wherever.' They know their kids will be growing up here and want them to fit in, not stand out.

It's people from here who are pushing the diversity thing.

Several years ago, I did a photo shoot for a local organization. The photos were going to be used for marketing purposes and were of many of the people who worked there. Some of them were in uniforms, others held tools of the trade that identified their position in the organization.

The idea was to let the public know who worked there.

When the marketing team was choosing the final photos for the piece, one woman was not pleased.

'We need to show more diversity', she said.

For some reason, she directed her comment at me – as if I had anything to do with their hiring practices. I only took the photos.

I explained that I wouldn't go out and find someone who looked different and take their photo as a ringer to show diversity. That would be insulting to both the organization and the person who was asked to pose because they looked different.

Fortunately, the rest of the team agreed that we didn't need to bring in someone wearing a traditional dress from a foreign country to show the diversity that didn't actually exist.

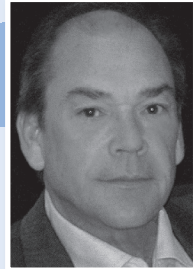
We should be promoting unity as a national message, not diversity.

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Playing as a team will always produce the best results.

BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW



Are Canadian living standards deteriorating?

Declining life expectancy for Canadians. Plunging math scores among Canada's high school students. Fewer doctors. And longer wait times for emergency care.

These were some of the headlines from the past week or so. They're warning signals – just a few in a long and growing list – about our country's declining living standards.

A Statistics Canada report that didn't receive much attention showed that life expectancy for Canadians has dropped for the third straight year. In countries with high living standards, life expectancy should be rising, not falling.

The second troubling headline related to the health and well-being of Canadians came from a report published in the Canadian Medical Association Journal. The report showed Canada was lagging behind a number of other OECD countries in various key health indicators. According to the report, Canada was one of the worst countries in the category of total number of physicians per resident and was at the very bottom when it came to receiving timely treatment in emergency care or access to a medical specialist.

But that's what happens when the economy no longer functions properly

– there's less and less money for social programs like health, and fewer dollars to look after the most vulnerable and fragile in our society.

And while health is one of the most important indicators regarding a country's quality of life and overall living standards, so too is education.

An OECD report published last week revealed that the math scores of Canadian high school students continue to fall year after year. In fact, according to the report, they've been dropping for almost 20 years now.

That can't be good in an economy that is increasingly reliant on technology and science, two fields where math skills are critical.

The other worrisome headline from last week was related to a Statistics Canada report showing that Canada's economy is shrinking, household spending is flat, and exports are declining.

When added together, all of these troubling symptoms about the state of our healthcare, education system and economy begin to paint a picture of slow and steady decline.

It's what happens when we import more and export less, when we stop manufacturing products here in Canada,

and when a growing percentage of the wealth we do create gets eaten up by our bureaucracy and interest payments on the national debt.

A country that no longer focuses on the creation of wealth will invariably see a decline in its living standards and the unraveling of its economic fabric.

So how do we go about restoring our living standards, which used to be among the highest in the world?

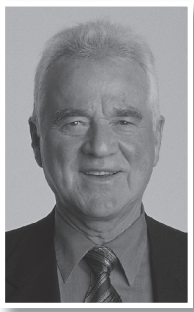
I believe the best way to do so is through the establishment of an Economic Charter of Rights and Responsibilities – a charter that would make our tax system simpler and fairer, boost the incomes of millions of Canadians through profit sharing, unshackle small business to create millions of new jobs, and put the brakes on out-of-control government spending while slashing red tape.

An economic charter would also improve the nutrition of Canadian children and give young Canadians the opportunity to learn technical trades and pursue good-paying careers.

Most of all, an economic charter of rights would help us restore the high living standards that made Canada one of the most desirable countries in the world.

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Dufferin OPP charge 27-year-old with theft of \$100,000

Dufferin OPP officers have charged a man connected to multiple criminal investigations.

On Dec. 5, members of the Dufferin Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU), arrested and charged a 27-year-old man in relation to several multi-jurisdictional motor vehicle thefts at an address on the 4th Line in Town-

ship of Melancthon.

Blaine Tyler James TAIT-HALL, of Melancthon has been charged with:

- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5,000
- Four counts of Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000

As a result of the investigation the following was recovered:

- Black 2017 GMC Sierra
 - Gooseneck Tri-axle flatbed trailer
- The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville, to answer to the charges Jan. 2024.

These charges have not been proven in court.

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

Dufferin OPP charge three individuals wanted for several break and enters

On Dec. 7, members of the Dufferin Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU), along with members from the OPP Repeat Offender Parole, Caledon CSCU, and members for the Offender Management and Apprehension Program located three suspects involved in

a lengthy investigation. The suspects were arrested in a stolen vehicle in the Town of Bolton. Officers had made several previous attempts to arrest these individuals however the suspects fled from police at high rates of speed and for public safety officers disengaged.

Kyle DUCK, 32-year-old with no fixed address has been charged with:

- Flight from police officer
- Theft Over \$5000 - (Twelve Counts)
- Theft Under \$5000

- Dangerous Operation
- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5000 - (Five Counts)
- Arson - Damage to Property
- Break, Enter Dwelling House - Commit Indictable Offence - (Two Counts)
- Disguise with Intent
- Mischief Under \$5000 - (Three Counts)
- Break and Enter a Place and Steal a Fire-arm
- Theft Over \$5000 of a Motor Vehicle
- Break, Enter a Dwelling House - With Intent to Commit an Indictable Offence
- Resist Peace Officer
- Assault a Peace Officer
- Possession of Break in Instruments
- Possessing Automobile Master Key
- Possession of Proceed of Property Obtained by Crime - Over \$5000 - (Five Counts)
- Possession of Schedule I Substance - Methamphetamine
- Common Nuisance - Endanger Life

Brooklyn GOODIN 22-year-old female with no fixed address has been charged with:

- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5000 - (Two Counts)
- Possession of Break in Instruments

- Possessing Automobile Master Key
- Possession of Proceeds of Property Obtained by Crime - Over \$5000
- Possession of Schedule I Substance - Methamphetamine

Brianna WIEBE 21-year-old female from Palgrave and been charged with:

- Theft Under \$5000
 - Mischief Under \$5000
 - Mischief Over \$5000
 - Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5000 - (Two Counts)
 - Break, Enter Dwelling House - Commit Indictable Offence
 - Break and Enter a Place and Steal a Fire-arm
 - Disguise with Intent
 - Possession of Break in Instruments
 - Possessing Automobile Master Key
 - Possession of Proceed of Property Obtained by Crime - Over \$5000
 - Possession of Schedule I Substance - Methamphetamine
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Mimic

4. Payroll firm

7. Perform in a play

10. Opine: ___ philosophical

11. Crony

12. Political action committee

13. 1991 Wimbledon winner

15. Affirmative

16. Exclamation of disgust

19. Action of connecting

21. A way to calm

23. Especially fine or decorative clothing

24. Walked proudly

25. Group of people related through male heir

26. Supplemented with difficulty

27. Soft touch

30. Erases

34. Spanish river

35. A princess can detect it

36. Clouds of gas

41. A way to get through

45. Part of a book state

46. Southwestern US state

47. Fields where rice is grown

50. Area in Ghana

54. Sayings

55. Involve deeply

56. Compels to act

57. "Ignore all rules"

59. Indoor entertainment space

60. Born of

61. Back muscle

62. Sea dweller

63. Tools that resemble an axe

64. Prefix denoting class or kind

CLUES DOWN

1. Inspiring

2. Put into a box

3. Breathes out

4. Pacify

5. Patriotic society for women

6. Fell down

7. Clothing detergent brand

9. Former French republic

13. Single lens reflex

14. Men's fashion accessory

17. Consumed

18. Marry

20. ___ up: intensifies

22. Body of water

27. People of southern Benin

28. Decorate a cake with frosting

29. Snag

31. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)

32. Records brain activity (abbr.)

33. Car mechanics group

37. Brought up to snuff

38. ___ faire: Economic approach

39. Phil ___, former CIA

40. Affixed

41. Period of adolescence

42. Substance

43. Danced

44. Baked without its shell

47. Parts per billion (abbr.)

48. Satisfaction

49. Balkans river

51. Christmas carols

52. Partner to tonic character Johnny

58. Swiss river

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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Royals basketball teams see great start to season

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals two boys' basketball teams started the season with wins in their opening games.

In the Junior division, the Royals are already in first place, having won two in a row.

They opened the season on Monday, Dec. 4, with a road game to take on Erin District High School.

That game ended with a 68-34 win for the Royals to start their season.

The Royals had their first home game two days later when they hosted Emmanuel Christian High School from Fergus on the home court at CDDHS. The Royals earned another two points with a 58-20 win.

There are five high school teams entered in District 4 Junior competition this year with an eight-game regular season schedule.

The Junior Royals will be back on home court on Wednesday, Dec. 20, when they host Westside Secondary School from Orangeville.

Game time is 4 p.m.

The Royals Senior team played their opening game on Wednesday, Dec. 6, when they were up against the Emmanuel Christian High School Eagles.

The Royals dominated the entire game. They were leading 18-2 at the end of the first quarter, then extended that lead to 31-2 at the half.

The Royals' defence was spectacular as they kept shutting down the Eagles' attack and getting turnovers to score. The Royals displayed some stellar shooting for the entire game.

The final result was a 61-8 win in the season's first game.

Four teams are in the senior District 4 line-up this season, each with a six-game schedule.

The Royals' senior team will return to home court on Wednesday, Dec. 20, to host the Westside Secondary School Thunder from Orangeville.

Game time is 2:30 p.m.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

SEASON OPENER: The Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS) Royals senior boys' basketball team hosted Emmanuel Christian High School from Fergus in the gym at CDDHS on Tuesday, Dec. 6. It was the Royals' opening game for the season. The Royals won the game 61-8.

Alliston Hornets lead division

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Alliston Hornets are still hanging on to the number one spot in the North Carruthers Division of the Provincial Junior Hockey League, but barely.

The Division was briefly tied over the weekend when the Hornets and the Stayner Siskins both had 38 points.

Alliston pulled ahead by another two points with a win over the Midland Flyers on Sunday, dropping the Siskins back into second place.

Both Alliston and Stayner are slowly pulling away from the pack as the season goes on, and they now have an intense rivalry as both teams battle for first place.

The Siskins were in Alliston on Friday, Dec. 8, and delivered a 6-1 thrashing to the Hornets. Alliston fans were disappointed at the Hornets' inability to score, and the team was getting frustrated on the ice as Stayner pulled ahead over the three periods.

The win gave the Siskins two more points, and they were tied for first, but only for a couple of days. The Hornets moved back into first

with the win over Midland.

In third place, the Orillia Terriers have 33 points and a 16-8 record. The Terriers were briefly in first place earlier in the season.

The Schomberg Cougars also had first place early in the year but have dropped to the fourth spot. The Cougars have a 15-6-1 record and 31 points.

In the middle of the pack, the Huntsville Otters have 21 points, the Penetang Kings have 20, and the Caledon Golden Hawks are close behind with 19.

The Innisfil Spartans are in eighth place with four wins after 22 games.

They are followed by the Midland Flyers, who are having a dismal season, winning only two games after 22 times on the ice.

The Division is now at the halfway mark in the 42-game regular season schedule. There are many games left with the chance for the top six teams to really move through the standings.

It has been an exciting season for fans because of the competitive play that has been seen on the ice this season.

What's new at the Shelburne Library

The Shelburne Public Library would like to give a very warm thank you to all the members of our community who supported its silent auction.

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Watch the Shelburne Public Library's social media in the coming days for the top reads of 2023, including its top reads selected by staff.

Stay tuned for more details on the new and exciting programming we have in store for 2024.

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Chase said he plans to play hockey, "all the way through minor hockey."

His team, the Wolves, are having a successful season.

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OBITUARIES

RALPH KNOWLTON

Passed away at home Sunday December 10, 2023 in his 80th year.
 Beloved husband of Lucille Knowlton.
 Loved father of Scott Knowlton and grandfather of Kelsey Knowlton.
 Dear brother of Evelyn Greer, Helen Thompson, Nelson Knowlton and predeceased by Elva, Bob, Doug, Don, Ivan, Phillip, Rene, Harold and Tom.
 Ralph will be fondly remembered by his many nieces, nephews and friends.
 Visitation and service will be held at Drury Funeral Centre 519 Victoria St. E., Alliston on Monday December 18, 2023 from 11 a.m. until time of service in the chapel at 12 noon followed by reception. Interment Mansfield Presbyterian Cemetery. In Lieu of flowers memorial donations to Matthews House Hospice or Stevenson Memorial Hospital Fdn. would be appreciated.



OBITUARIES

RICHARD "RICK" DEWSBURY

79, passed away unexpectedly, at home, on Thursday, December 7th, 2023.
 Richard was born in North Bay and grew up in Brantford and London, Ontario. Richard received a bachelor's degree at Waterloo University. In 1967 His studies brought him to Sept Iles, Quebec where he met his wife of 56 years, Jocelyne. As a high school math and computer sciences teacher in Scarborough at Stephen Leacock Collegiate he inspired legions of students in STEM. In 1987 Rick and Jocelyne moved to a farm outside of Shelburne, raising cattle for many years.
 Richard loved adventure and extreme sports. He skydived during his time in the military, traveled all over North America hang gliding and built his own ultralight plane. Richard was also civic minded, he participated in the Lions Club, founded the Great Canadian Worm Charming Competition and once ran for Mayor of Amaranth. Richard was always willing to help a friend or even a stranger in need and loved solving the puzzles of designing, building and repairing mechanical equipment.
 Richard was predeceased by his parents Norman Dewsbury & Bertha Dewsbury (nee Richardson) and his eldest son Stefan.
 Richard is survived by his loving wife Jocelyne, his sons Frank and Damon (Sara), and his grandchildren Christian (Meagan), Alex and Rhys "Raven". He will be greatly missed by his siblings, extended family and friends.
 A celebration of life will be held in the spring. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Headwaters Health Care Centre. Online condolences and donations may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com



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