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CARE CLOSE TO HOME: Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) celebrated the grand opening of its Morningview Foundation MRI Suite on Tuesday, Oct. 14. The first MRI in Dufferin-Caledon, the new magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machine, is slated to serve upwards of 8,000 patients per year

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Shelburne Public Library welcomes new CEO

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

A familiar face at the Orangeville Public Library is taking over as CEO of the Shelburne Public Library.

Shannon McGrady, who's worked at the Orangeville Public Library for 12 years, is taking over the role as Shelburne Library CEO from Rose Dotten.

"I'm extremely excited and feel honoured to be able to take on this role, and lead the library into this next chapter. I've heard only incredible things about the team and how well loved the library and the staff are in the community. It really sounds like it's the heart of the community. I think it's a privilege to have the opportunity to lead it forward," said McGrady.

Raised in the Dufferin County community, McGrady studied at York University, where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Children, Childhood, and Youth. She also received a Bachelor of Education.

McGrady joined the Orangeville Public Library in 2013, working on the library's children's programming. During this time, she was also studying to obtain a Master's

degree in Gender, Feminist, and Women's Studies.

"I fell in love with the library land, and everything that libraries stand for. How they're the cornerstones of community, and how they work to help develop everyone in the community. Everybody is welcome there," recalled McGrady.

Over the next 12 years, McGrady would move from children's programming to doing all ages programming for the library, and in 2019, she became the program and research coordinator, focusing on community outreach and community engagement.

In addition to working at the Orangeville Public Library, McGrady is an avid volunteer in the community, working with the local food bank and assisting veterans and service members. She was a key member in the construction of Bravery Park in Orangeville, which looks to honour Canadian soldiers and create awareness around serving soldiers.

She also serves as Chair of the Children and Youth Services Committee with the Ontario Library Association.

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NEW ROLE: Shannon McGrady, who worked at the Orangeville Public Library in several roles since 2013, has been named the Shelburne Public Library's CEO, amidst the retirement of Rose Dotten.

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Headwaters celebrates opening of Morningview Foundation MRI Suite

MRI expected to conduct roughly 8,000 scans per year

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) has officially opened Dufferin-Caledon's first-ever magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) suite after years of advocacy, community engagement, and fundraising.

Staff members, volunteers, and community dignitaries gathered outside the local hospital on Tuesday (Oct. 14) for a special ceremony celebrating the grand opening of the Morningview Foundation MRI Suite.

"This is more than the unveiling of advanced technology. It's a testament to what we can achieve when we listen to our community, invest in our future, and work together to improve the lives of those we serve," said Kim Delahunt, President and CEO of HHCC. "With this new MRI, we are not just enhancing our diagnostic capabilities; we are reducing wait times, improving access, and ensuring that our patients receive the answers they need with speed and accuracy."

In 2022, Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones announced that the Ontario government would be committing more than \$800,000 in annual operating funding for the first MRI suite in the community.

HHCC is one of 50 hospitals across Ontario included in the provincial government's announcement of expanded MRI and CT scan services. The expansion of diagnostic imaging to more communities is intended to reduce wait times for Ontarians.

"The new MRI suite at Headwaters is a game-changer for Dufferin-Caledon families. As one of 50 new MRI machines funded by our government, this will enable our community to access vital diagnostic imaging closer to home, for years to come. Thank you to everyone who helped us achieve this historic milestone," said Jones.

To help bring the MRI Suite to the community, Headwaters Health Care Foundation (HHCF) launched a \$18 million fundraising initiative called Smart Headwaters. In addition to funding the MRI Suite, the

campaign has also helped bring other advancements to the hospital, including a CT scanner, redevelopment of the dialysis unit at Headwaters, and updates to the hospital's patient record system.

"Today is a proud and inspiring day for Headwaters. We are here to celebrate a milestone that represents not just brick [and] mortar and state-of-the-art technology, but the power of community," said HHCF President and CEO K.C. Carruthers.

A significant supporter of the Smart Headwaters Campaign was the Roth family, who, through their Morningview Foundation, agreed to match community donations up to \$3 million.

"I really want to thank the community for stepping up," said John Roth. "It is easy to forget how important – and take for granted – the presence of a hospital like Headwaters. Many communities across Ontario and Canada don't have anything like this, but to keep it alive and keep it working, we all need to [continue our] support."

After years of fundraising and waiting, the prefabricated building of the suite and MRI machine were both delivered to Headwaters Hospital in August.

According to Headwaters, there are approximately 4,000 annual scans that are referred to other facilities for MRI, meaning the new suite will meet a significant demand for bringing more diagnostic imaging services closer to home for patients.

The MRI Suite, which began completing scans on Sept. 30, is expected to conduct roughly 8,000 scans per year.

"This MRI is more than just a machine; it's a magnet for new specialists and advanced care. It will help us attract expertise we've never had before, expanding the range of subspecialties available right here in Orangeville. It's a major step forward, not just for Headwaters, but for health care across Dufferin-Caledon," said Dr. Asad Naqvi, Chief of Radiology at Headwaters.

To learn more about Dufferin-Caledon's first MRI or other diagnostic imaging services available at Headwaters Hospital, visit www.headwatershealth.ca.



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MAJOR MILESTONE: Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) celebrated the opening of the very first magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) suite in the region on Oct. 14. Dignitaries, volunteers and HHCC staff gathered in front of the suite for a ribbon cutting. From left, is HHCC volunteer Sharon Savini, HHCC Board of Directors chair Melodie Mason, Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, HHCC CEO and President Kim Delahunt, Headwaters Health Care Foundation (HHCF) CEO K.C. Carruthers, CEO, Morningview Foundation founders Margaret and John Roth, HHCC Patient Family Advisory Partnership member Sherri McLean, and HHCC volunteer Dan Waterfield.

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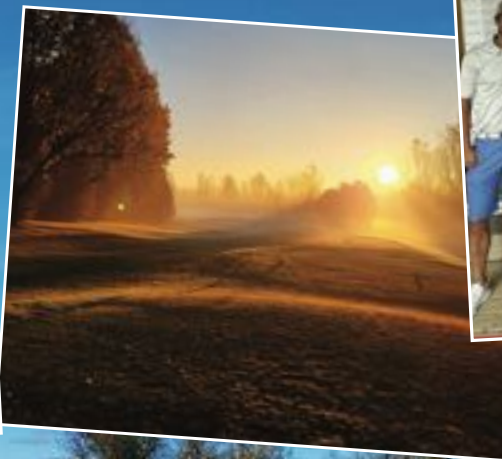
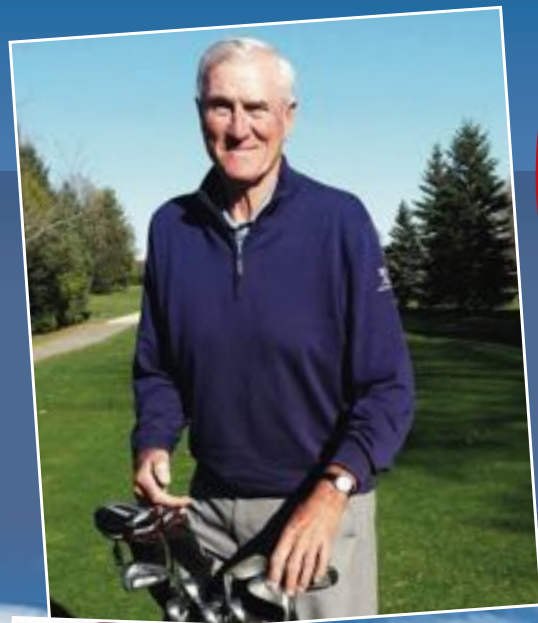
An article that ran on Page 3 of the Oct. 9 edition of the Shelburne Free Press, with the headline "Shelburne Council addresses misinformation surrounding automated speed enforcement," incorrectly stated that the Town of Shelburne's automated speed enforcement program went live on Sept. 25. The program went live on Sept. 5.

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OPINION

'To the moon, Alice!'

"Godspeed, John Glenn."

That was the historic sendoff astronaut Scott Carpenter gave to John Glenn moments before Glenn's Redstone Rocket lifted off on his historic flight into orbit to become the first American to circle the planet in outer space.

It was a new era when rocketry, at least with human cargo, was in its infancy, and as many test rockets blew up on the launch pad as managed to get off the ground.

The men who were chosen to be astronauts really did have the 'right stuff.'

They were chosen for the space program for several reasons.

They were test pilots and former combat pilots, so they had the mental strength to remain composed and think rationally under extreme stress. They were smart, with all of them having engineering and related, or advanced degrees.

They were physically tested and ready to endure the rigours of a launch.

They had grit – they took on the challenge of getting into a space capsule smaller than your car and taking a ride on top of what is basically a controlled explosion, until they were doing 17,000 miles per hour – escape velocity for going into a successful orbit.

The astronauts had nerves of steel, but

they were still human.

Astronaut Carpenter, years later, described a space flight by saying, "You're looking out at a totally black sky, seeing an altimeter reading of 90,000 feet and realize you are going straight up. And the thought crossed my mind: What am I doing?"

One thing that is often overlooked about early space flight was that the original seven astronauts were all of average size or slightly smaller – and for good reason.

The flight had to carry the least amount of weight possible, and the capsules were so small that a man who was 5'11" or taller would not fit inside the craft.

The concept of manned flight was so new that NASA sent up a monkey in a space capsule for a test.

This test flight did create some ridicule when some people said, 'If a monkey can do it,' it must be easy.

However, the reason NASA scientists sent a monkey into space was because, as it had never been tried before, they had no idea what would happen to a man placed on top of a rocket and subjected to a high G-force. It wouldn't make much sense to launch a man in a space capsule if crushing G-forces killed your astronaut.

The crowning achievement of space

flight was, of course, the moon landings.

When you look back at the technology available to land a man on the moon in 1969, it is an absolute miracle they achieved what they did, in a program that was only five years in the making.

Years later, astronaut Neil Armstrong, the first man to set foot on the moon, said that at launch for the moon mission, he figured they had a 50/50 chance of being successful.

There was no backup plan and no escape route. Even a minor failure could have resulted in a crash on the lunar surface or left the astronauts stranded with no way to get back to their mother ship.

The cost of sending people into space is huge, and there is the question of why we need people in space these days.

The US has made massive cuts to its NASA program because it is just too expensive to operate.

I saw a video on the new manned space capsule NASA is currently working on. It seats four astronauts and returns to earth by parachute with a water landing.

That's the same way astronauts returned from a mission five decades ago. It seems space travel technology really has not advanced that much.

Every time a space capsule returns, you have to send out a large naval vessel

to retrieve it. You also have to deploy several other ships over hundreds of miles in case the return burn to slow the craft is late or early, which could mean a landing hundreds of miles off course.

Space technology is largely communications and similar satellites, which have become a regular part of daily life on the planet.

What is the purpose of the International Space Station other than making videos of "This is how we brush our teeth in space?"

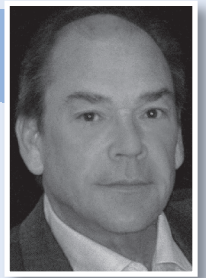
NASA has a plan to return to the moon – but why? There's nothing there.

There is talk of going to Mars – but why? There's nothing there either, and realistically, a successful return trip to the planet is never going to happen.

I know Star Trek fans like to dream about zipping around the galaxy at warp speed, but the truth is, that's not going to happen either.

Maybe it's time to clean up the massive amount of space debris that is orbiting the planet and use the funds allocated to studying how bees behave in near-zero gravity for a more practical earth-bound purpose.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



The Coming Crash

"The thing that comforts me," said Jeff Boudier at Hugging Face, the leading open platform for AI builders, "is that the internet was built on the ashes of the over-investment into the telecom infrastructure of yesterday" during the dot.com boom of the late 1990s. The coming AI crash "is going to enable lots of great new products and experiences including ones we're not thinking about today."

Boudier's optimism is charming, but note that he assumes this will all happen some years after the current AI-driven boom in global and especially American markets has crashed and burned, taking some of the 'magnificent seven' tech companies (Meta, Tesla, Alphabet, Amazon, Apple, Microsoft and Nvidia) down with it.

Meanwhile ordinary folk will have to live through the post-Crash years one day at a time, and they may find it quite difficult.

Boudier's promise, credible or not, is that the half-trillion dollars now being hurled at AI infrastructure – data centres, graphics processing units, land purchases, construction – will at least leave behind hardware that will serve the next AI boom in the 2030s.

Far too much money is being spent on long-odds bets that some new AI tech will appear that justifies the current ridiculously high level of investment, but only one of the magnificent seven can demonstrate that its product will ever make a profit. Nvidia is already making a very large profit – but its product is chips, which it sells mostly to the other six.

The seven together represent about a third of the stock on Standard & Poor's Index, which tracks the stock performance of 500 leading American companies. When the Bubble bursts and at least some of them go down, therefore, they

will probably take the whole market down with them at least in the US, and probably everywhere.

The Bubble (the word no longer requires explanation) is now expanding at a completely unsustainable rate. As Praetorian Capital Management CEO Harris Kupperman wrote in August, "Today I watch in awe (stupefaction, really) as companies continue to throw endless resources at AI."

"I really thought that the CEOs of today, educated with the lessons of the prior cycle [the crash in 2000 that ended the dot.com boom], would never repeat the mistake of overbuilding at massive scale without revenue. Yet, here we are again."

Nobody in Silicon Valley is making rational calculations of Return on Investment any more. What drives the spending spree now is the conviction that really useful and profitable AI will magically emerge if you just scale up the computing power enough, and that the last companies standing will inherit the earth. Delusions of grandeur, in other words.

A run-of-the-mill stock market crash was getting overdue anyway – it's been seventeen years since the last one (not counting Covid) – but the folly of the present boom

may well make the crash deeper and the recovery slower than normal. The biggest players in the system are spending vast amounts of borrowed money on a technology they don't even fully understand.

There is definitely a hint of impending doom in the air. Stock market crashes are a feature of the system and normally just a major inconvenience, not a catastrophe (except for those who jumped too late). What further darkens the outlook is the already disordered environment in which the next one will be happening.

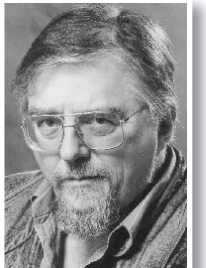
There are more and bigger wars than we have seen for decades, accompanied by a near-collapse of the international rule of law.

Donald Trump's headlong assault on the established rules of international trade has made every agreement open to doubt.

The first plausible attempt is underway to end the US dollar's monopoly as the global reserve currency and promote the Chinese yuan as a viable alternative, with the support of the BRICS group (China, India, Russia, Brazil, and six others).

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Monthly Message: Students explore future careers at DBOT's Dream Career Event

The Orangeville Fairgrounds buzzed with excitement as more than 1,000 students explored career opportunities during the annual Dream Career Event, hosted by the Dufferin Board of Trade and the Career Education Council.



In the morning, 500 students from the Upper Grand District School Board attended, followed by 500 more from the Peel Dufferin Catholic District School Board in the afternoon. The event featured a dynamic lineup of panelists who shared insights into careers in dentistry, agriculture, hydro, manufacturing, and social work.

A total of 35 exhibitors, including local businesses, showcased a wide range of industries—from paramedics and the OPP to manufacturers, builders, charities, post-secondary institutions, hydro, and accounting firms. Exhibitors also had the opportunity to network with one another, strengthening connections within Dufferin's business community.

Interactive displays gave students a first-hand look at ambulances, police cars, and prisoner transport vehicles, hydro transformers, hairdressing demonstrations, and manufacturing tools and goods.

The event highlighted in-demand careers in Dufferin County and inspired students to explore the many paths available close to home.

Organizers extended their appreciation to event partners, including KTH Manufacturing, Roto-Mill Inc., and the Dufferin Federation of Agriculture, as well as both participating school boards, for helping make the event a success.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: Strada quarry concerns

Dear Editor,

My name is Sherri Webster, and I am a member of the MAQ (Melancton Against Quarries) group.

In reference to the article written in the Free Press on Oct. 2, 2025, "Shelburne council expresses concern over Strada Aggregates' proposed quarry expansion."

Your concerns for roads and traffic are valid, and I commend you on the steps you are taking to join the fight.

What I would like to bring to your attention is that this quarry is at the headwaters

of three water systems – the Pine, the Boyne, and the Grand Rivers. I also want to ensure that you are aware that some of the water for the Shelburne water towers does come from the Boyne River system.

Potentially, that water could be diverted.

A plumber told one of our members this quarry works much like a person who blows up a bomb in their basement, hoping their plumbing will stay intact (not likely). No one can ensure exactly what the outcome will be, and Strada has never operated a blasting quarry. We are a pet project and the guinea pigs of what may be.

I also wanted to enlighten you as to the dust that comes from blasting. With our prevailing winds, the potential for dust to travel up to eight kilometres is a possibility. This means dust is coming your way.

Limestone blasting quarries pose significant risks to air quality due to the release of particulate matter and toxic gases during blasting, excavation, and heavy machinery operation.

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seriously affect the health of human beings, contributing to serious health issues such as respiratory diseases, cardiovascular problems, and increased cancer risk.

There is no process to remove these particulates from the human body.

In addition to dust, blasting emits other pollutants, including nitrogen oxides, hydrogen sulfide, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, benzene, and other hazardous compounds, which further degrade ambient air quality.

Sherri Webster
Hornings Mills

Federal Budget presents opportunity to address housing crisis

Dear Editor,

I've seen how the housing crisis has deeply affected our community. More and more people are being pushed into homelessness, and it feels like everyone is falling behind. We have to turn things around, and we have an opportunity in front of us with the upcoming federal budget on Nov. 4.

The only way to unlock Canada's full economic potential is if our governments take leadership to end homelessness and solve the housing crisis once and for all. Recently, the federal government announced Build

Canada Homes, including a \$1 billion investment in supportive and transitional housing. This is an important first step, but the scale of our housing and homelessness crisis demands a more robust response. We need a system that works for everyone, especially in the wake of Trump's trade war and the uncertainty that so many are facing.

Bold action and even bolder commitments and investments can shape a future where everyone has a safe and affordable place to call home. I know that's possible, but people in our community have to come together and show our federal representatives that this

Budget is our chance to create lasting change and put an end to the housing and homelessness crisis.

I'm encouraging readers to join me. Raise your voice for a bold 2025 Federal Budget that prioritizes action on homelessness and housing. We can't wait any longer. You can go to https://action.caeh.ca/budget_25 to learn more & take action.

Marni Walsh
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Commissary kitchen to open at Shelburne's Fiddle Park later this month

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Shelburne is developing a commercial-grade kitchen for community use to help support the growth of local food entrepreneurs and small food processors.

Carol Maitland, economic development officer for the Town of Shelburne, presented Council with a report on the development of the commissary kitchen at Fiddle Park during their meeting on Oct. 6.

"The commissary kitchen is an economic development project that responds to the community demand for commercial kitchen space. This initiative will support the growth of local food entrepreneurs and food processors," said Maitland.

The project will see the existing 1,400 square foot kitchen at Fiddle Park transformed from an underutilized space into a professional-grade kitchen for local food entrepreneurs to rent. The space will be retrofitted with appliances such as commercial-grade ranges, ovens, dehydrators, and additional equipment.

The commissary kitchen will operate on a rental funding model, with the revenue generated from kitchen rental allocated to helping support ongoing programming, equipment maintenance, and operational costs.

"This approach ensures that facility's long-term viability while serving the community's needs," Maitland said in the report.

While the commissary kitchen's rental price has not yet been determined, Maitland noted

that users will be billed per hour, with a minimum four-hour rental period.

According to the report, the project has received \$14,000 in proceeds from the Rotary Club of Shelburne, which were raised at the annual Shelburne EDC and Rotary Golf Tournament. The proceeds will be used to purchase the equipment required to upgrade the kitchen.

Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills asked Maitland if there are other models like the commissary kitchen within the area.

"It isn't novel. We do have some small community kitchens within Dufferin County... the difference between this particular kitchen is the level of professional-grade appliances that will be there. There is going to be a really big focus on the ovens, which is something that

a lot of these kitchens do not currently possess. Professional-grade ovens are actually something that a lot of restaurateurs and food entrepreneurs are looking for," said Maitland.

Coun. Len Guchardi asked about the possibility of having multiple users of the kitchen if the entire scheduled rental time was not going to be needed.

"It depends on what they're doing. If we had, say, someone who wanted to use the dehydrators, then it wouldn't affect all the range. The type of range that's going to be used could potentially accommodate two people, but ideally, if someone is renting the kitchen, then they would have the use of the full kitchen."

Development of the commissary kitchen is set to begin later in October, with the grand opening slated for spring 2026.

Fall fun: Pumpkinfest returns to Natasha Paterson Memorial Park with over 700 attendees

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Shelburne residents came together to celebrate the 'giving season' at the third annual Pumpkinfest.

The Rotary Club of Shelburne marked another successful Pumpkinfest on Saturday (Oct. 11) at Natasha Paterson Memorial Park.

First held in 2023, Pumpkinfest is a fall-themed event hosted by the Rotary Club of Shelburne that looks to raise funds for community initiatives while bringing friends and families together for fall festivities.

The event features a number of activities for residents of all ages, including a trackless train ride, face painting, inflatables, and various pumpkin-themed games. For entertainment, the Shelburne Rotary Club had a magic show, a Zumba demo class, a perfor-

mance by Turn It Out Dance Studio, and a large vendor's market.

According to the Rotary Club, the third annual Pumpkinfest drew more than 700 individuals.

One attendee, Jeremy, spoke with the Rotary Club about Pumpkinfest and how it reminded him of past community events that have long ended.

"The vibe reminds me of the Shelburne Street Fairs [from] when I was a kid. What an awesome event," Jeremy said.

Prior to kicking off the festivities of Pumpkinfest, the Rotary Club of Shelburne collected food donations for its annual Thanksgiving Food Drive, a project jointly run by the Rotary Club and students from Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS).

Earlier in the week, students from the local high school distributed grocery bags to households in the Town of Shelburne, for



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IN THE PUMPKIN PATCH: Shelburne residents celebrated the "giving season" by attending the 3rd annual Pumpkinfest hosted by the Rotary Club of Shelburne on Oct. 11 at Natasha Paterson Memorial Park.



residents to fill with food and other needed items.

"A significant amount of food was collected to help the food bank at this time of year, and we thank everyone for their donations," said the Rotary Club of Shelburne.

Anyone interested in getting involved with the Rotary Club of Shelburne or in learning more about the projects the group organizes is encouraged to email ShelburneRotary@gmail.com or visit www.ShelburneRotary-Club.com.





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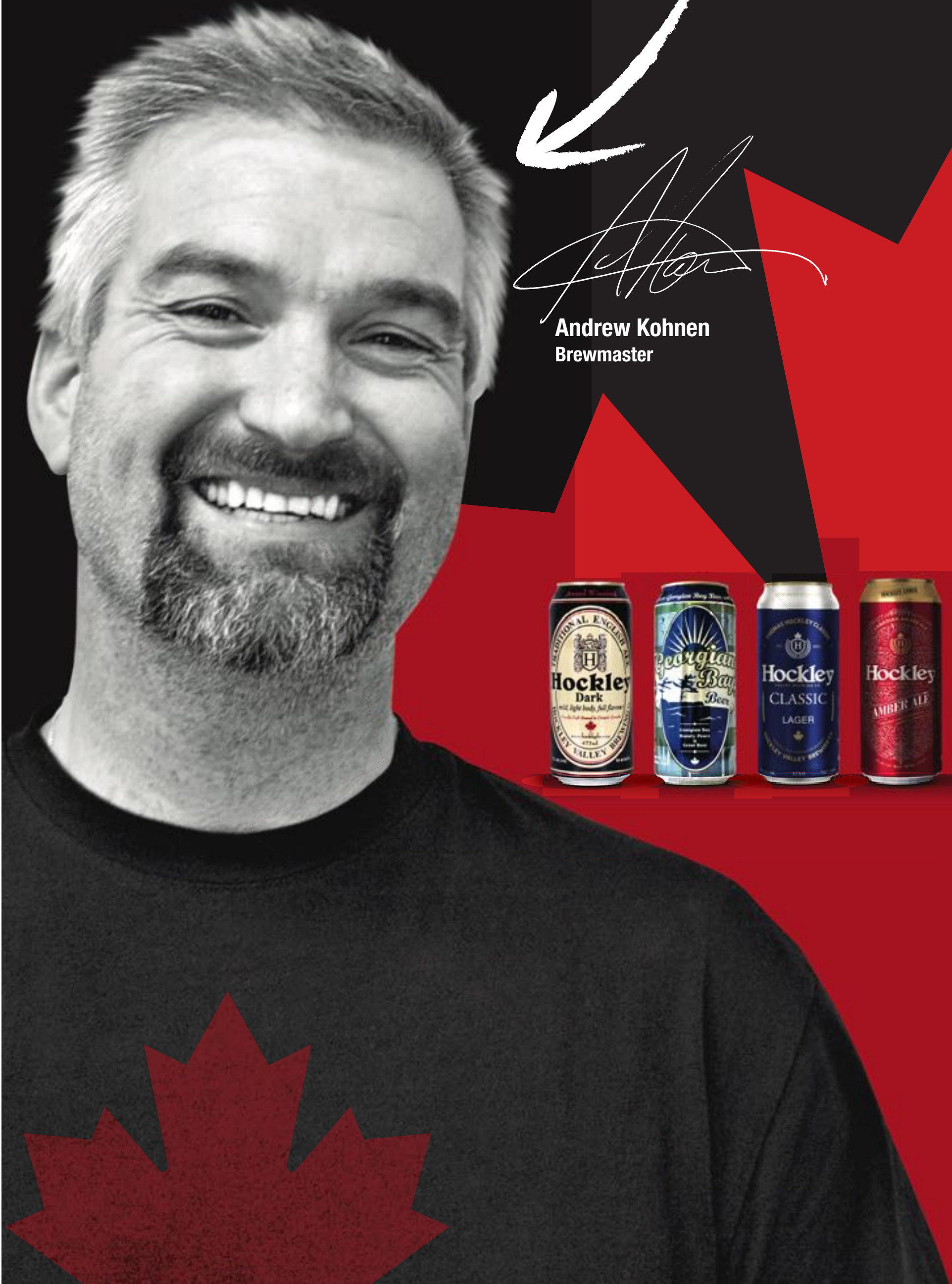
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Ontario allocates \$83,200 for upgrades to Family Transition Place

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Family Transition Place (FTP) is set to upgrade its facility in Orangeville with funding from the provincial government. The provincial government announced in a press release issued on Oct. 10 that Family Transition Place would receive \$83,200 for critical upgrades and repairs to their children's and social services facilities in Orangeville. "Local agencies are at the core of every strong community. That's why our government is proud to invest in Orangeville", said Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones. "By fund-

ing these repairs and upgrades, we are helping ensure that vulnerable Ontarians can access high-quality services and supports in safe and accessible spaces. The funding received by FTP is part of the provincial government's plan to invest \$16 million to help 153 community agencies across the province complete essential repairs and upgrades. The funds are provided through the Partner Facility Renewal program, which gives funding to agencies such as shelters for women and children, homes that provide daily support for people with developmental disabilities, facilities for survivors of human trafficking, and facilities for children and youth with

special needs. Family Transition Place will specifically use the funds from the provincial government on HVAC systems and infrastructure. "This vital funding supports our 2025-26 minor capital project, which will upgrade essential HVAC systems and infrastructure — ensuring a safe, comfortable environment for the women, children, and pets who rely on our services when fleeing gender-based violence or facing homelessness, as well as for our dedicated staff and volunteers," said Lynette Pole-Langdon, executive director of Family Transition Place. "These upgrades also reflect our ongoing commitment to environmental sustainability

by reducing energy consumption and lowering CO₂ emissions, helping to secure the long-term efficiency and resilience of our facility," she added. Family Transition Place provides a number of services to the community. They include emergency shelter, rural response outreach, support for friends and family members of survivors, women's abuse counselling, sexual violence counselling, addictions counselling, a 24/7 crisis support line, and youth education. FTP's Orangeville-based facility has 12 independent units in its emergency shelter and can accommodate upwards of 28 people, both women and children, at any given time. Pets are welcome as well.

Celebrating local wilderness: Dufferin's Bruce Trail Day sees record turnout

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES

The Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club celebrated Bruce Trail Day with true outdoor spirit, bringing in nearly 170 visitors to explore the local forests, enjoy live entertainment, and learn about local conservation efforts on Oct. 5. The turnout marked a record for Bruce Trail Day in Dufferin County. Don Stewart, community outreach director for the Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club, said the turnout had matched his club's expectations, nearly hitting their anticipated turnout and surpassing it with extra trail-goers. "We were aiming for 150 people, and we ended up with 147 attendees - plus another 20 or so who came through on their own and didn't know about the day," Stewart said. "All told, about 169 people came out." Stewart said the atmosphere was extremely positive, and attendees were very responsive to what the club had planned, buying much more merchandise than expected. "Split Rock Narrows is a very popular and picturesque part of the trail," he said. "It's an easy walk, relatively speaking, people were very happy with the day. We had a record merchandise sale; people were belying up and buying everything. [It] kind of surprised us, because we have a couple of other events coming up, and now we have to restock our inventory." The highlight of the experience, however, was the musicians dispersed throughout the trail loop. Local artists were brought on to give a little extra life to hikers passing through, and the forest echoed to the sounds of guitars and drums. The Fitzees, Sandy

Harron, Dean Woods, Break Even Boys, and Carl Tafel were among the local musicians in attendance. Bruce Trail Day is an annual, trail-wide event organized by the Bruce Trail Conservancy and its local clubs to celebrate the Bruce Trail, which runs from Niagara to Tobermory on the Huron Lakefront. The event also introduces people to nature, conservation, and outdoor recreation. Held each fall, the public is invited to explore sections of the trail through guided hikes, educational displays, and family-friendly activities. Its purpose is to raise awareness of the Bruce Trail's environmental and cultural importance, promote conservation of the Niagara Escarpment, and encourage community involvement through volunteering, membership, and stewardship. But the work the Conservancy does goes above and beyond maintaining what's there — they are also actively working to restore ecosystems to their natural state before human interference. "We're preserving a very unique, bio diverse area, which has been recognized as a UNESCO biosphere," Stewart said. "We're just not building a trail. We're trying to get rid of the invasive species and replant the natural species that should be in the area, some of which have just disappeared. All the clubs are finding, you know, what is indigenous to their areas, and replanting and removing." This is no easy undertaking. It requires a dedicated team of workers to maintain the trails on a consistent basis and to respond to damage. They rely on a small but dependable team to see the work done. "You have to have certification through a course to go out and remove or clear out



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

BUSY DAY ON THE BRUCE: The Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club's community outreach director Don Stewart stands behind the soon to be cleared out merchandise table during Bruce Trail Day on Oct. 5, which was extremely successful.

trees, so I couldn't do it," Stewart said. "So what the rest of us can do is identify the areas that need to be worked on or cleared, and then arrange for the guys to do it. It's got to be a minimum of a three man team, usually four men, because you need people on watch, making sure a hiker isn't coming through as a tree comes down. They are an amazing team." Another ongoing challenge, Stewart said, is land development. As human settlement pushes farther north out of the Greater Toronto Area, developers are also eyeing tracts of land the Conservancy hopes to acquire or protect. "We're fighting against developers, of course," he said. "They want the same land we want, with all the beautiful views and vistas and whatever. So we need money, yes, because the developers have got deep pockets, and they want to buy the same land that we want to buy." Fortunately, the club maintains a good working relationship with local landowners who allow trails to run through their proper-

ties in support of the Bruce Trail. "We are very fortunate that most of the people whose property we either walk on or walk close to, they're very supportive of the Bruce Trail and its concept," he said. "When land comes available, typically they will contact us first and say, 'do you want to talk to me?' so we have an opportunity first. And then, you know, it starts getting down to dollars and cents." With a supportive community and a record-breaking Bruce Trail Day, the Dufferin Hi-Land Club is going into the fall with spirits high. But there is always more to come. Their next trail event is the 25-kilometre challenge hike on Oct. 18, and they are currently looking for volunteers to join their biodiversity team to remove invasive Buckthorn plants from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Oct. 25. For more information on the Bruce Trail, anyone interested can visit www.bruce-trail.org, and for more information about the Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club, visit www.dufferinbruce-trailclub.org



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WELCOMING GUESTS: Bruce Trail Conservancy staff and volunteers greet participants for Bruce Trail Day on Oct. 5, offering guided hikes and educational materials.

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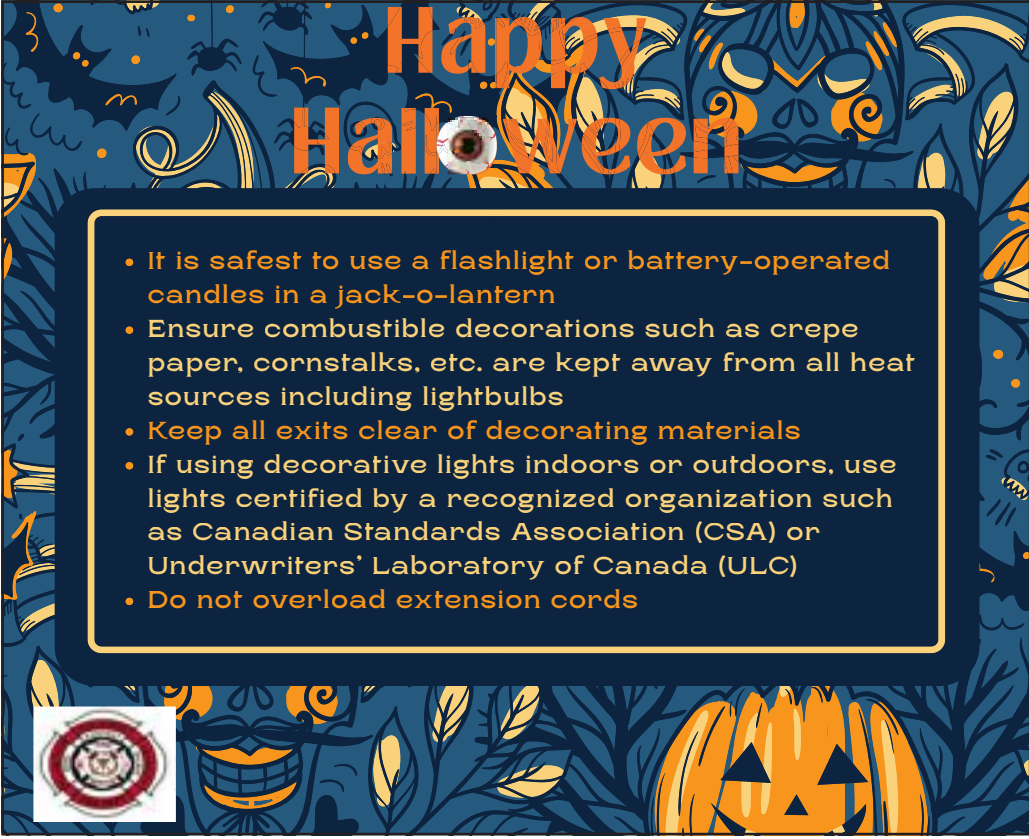
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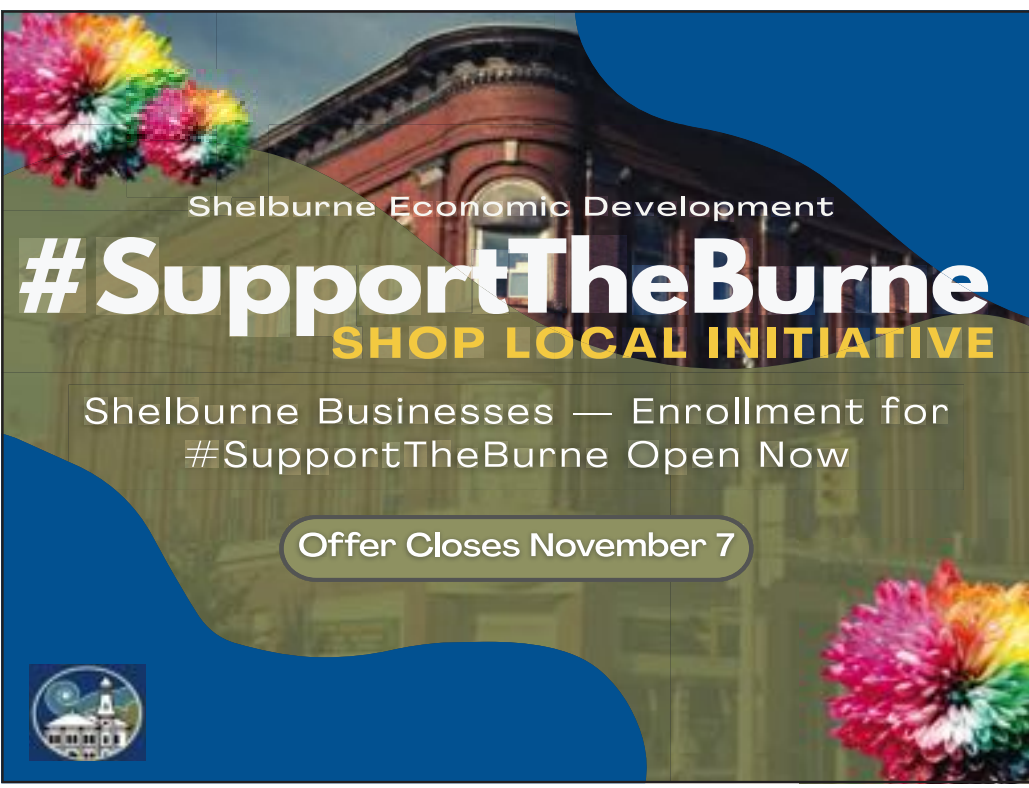
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READY, SET, GO: Athletes from around the region competed in the District 4/10 cross country championships held at Island Lake Conservation Area in Orangeville on Wednesday, Oct. 15. Centre Dufferin District High School competitors Behel Weldeab and Smret Weldeab get ready for the start in the Junior Girls' division.

Thunder U14 soccer team wins Capital Fall Classic Tournament

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

It was quite an accomplishment for the Shelburne Thunder U14 team when they traveled to Ottawa to compete in the Ottawa National Capital Fall Classic Tournament from Oct. 4 to 5 and returned home as champions.

This local squad of elite athletes was up against teams from much larger urban centres, but the Thunder showed how sports development in Shelburne is working well to help players hone their skills so they can compete at the national level.

The tournament hosted around 250 teams representing several divisions, with games being played at several venues in the nation's capital.

In the regular season, the Thunder compete in Tier 1 of the Southwest District Soccer League.

Gary McCreadie took over coaching duties with the team during last year's indoor training and worked with his assistants through the 2025 season to make the Thunder a competitive elite squad.

The trip to Ottawa, McCreadie said, was a good team-building exercise. The Thunder enjoyed not only playing soccer during the trip, they enjoyed the social aspect of being in a new town and experiencing life on the road.

"We currently have 17 kids on the squad and three development players," McCreadie



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CAPITOL WIN: The Shelburne Thunder U14 travelled to the nation's capital on Oct. 4-5, to compete in the Ottawa National Capital Fall Classic Tournament. The Thunder won the final game 3-0 over Ottawa to claim the tournament division championship. The team celebrates the win after the final game.

explained. "I like 'away tournaments' for the boys because they get to go away and spend time together in restaurants, hang out by the pool, and just have fun. It's really a team building thing as well as playing soccer. I was

looking for tournaments we could go to and Ottawa seemed like a good choice."

The Thunder played four games during the tournament, winning two and tying one before going to the final. In the final, they were up against a hometown team, Ottawa South United.

"What this means is Shelburne, as a town of around 10,000 goes to Ottawa with a population of around 1.1 million and we beat their

top Tier 1 team," McCreadie said. "It talks about the development process we have here in Shelburne. We have to take raw athletic talent and develop it into a soccer player. I think that in this club, we are doing this very well. After the final win, we all went out for dinner as a group and they had a fantastic time."

In the final game, the Thunder hammered Ottawa and left the pitch with a 3-0 win to claim the tournament title.

Alliston Hornets take early lead in PJHL's North Carruthers Division

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

The Alliston Hornets have taken an early lead in the North Carruthers Division of the Provincial Junior Hockey League after an eight-game winning streak kept the squad in first place in the standings.

The Hornets remain the only undefeated team in the division.

It appears to be a repeat of the 2024-2025 season when the Hornets were the dominant team, going on a 28-game winning streak. However, last season, the Alliston team fell apart in the final Division Championship series and lost the final in five games to the Orillia Terriers.

The loss in the final caused a shakeup on the Alliston bench, and the team returned with a new head coach this year.

It was a stunning loss for Alliston fans who expected the team to be a good contender for the Provincial Schmalz Cup after seeing the team take only two losses – both on shoot-outs – for the entire season.

It is still early in the season, but the Alliston team is again looking very strong.

The Penetang Kings are in second place in the Division with a 5-3 record. They suffered

one overtime loss and one shootout loss this year, but are looking like a strong contender.

In third place, the Orillia Terriers have a 6-3 record and 12 points. They are the defending North Carruthers Division champions.

The Terriers went to the Provincial Schmalz Cup playoffs last season but lost in the first round.

The Stayner Siskins are off to a decent start this season and are in fourth place. They have a 5-3 record and 10 points.

The Siskins have put out a good effort over the past decade and have been a real threat for any team they have been up against.

In the middle of the pack, the Innisfil Spartans have a 4-6 record and nine points.

They are followed by the Muskoka Bears with seven points and the Midland Flyers in seventh place with six points.

In the basement, the Huntsville Otters are having a slow start and have won only one game after nine times on the ice.

There is still a lot of hockey to be played this season. The North Carruthers Division has a 42-game schedule.

The regular season continues until Feb. 16, before the start of the playoffs.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

SIENNA JAMES

A well rounded athlete, CDDHS Royals girls varsity basketball point guard Sienna James brings a lot of skill to her team.

"I like shooting, it's my favourite part of basketball," Sienna said of why she likes the sport. "I like playing with a team and I like meeting new people and playing against good teams."

When she's not on the basketball court, Sienna plays rugby, soccer, volleyball, flag football, baseball, and is also a dancer.

TEAM: CENTRE DUFFERIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL ROYALS VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL
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QUARRY CONCERNS: Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback held a community town hall with the residents of Northern Dufferin on Tuesday, Oct. 14, at the Honeywood Arena. The town hall meeting was organized to discuss the proposal from Strada Aggregate to quarry below the water table in their existing gravel pit, located on 4th Line in Shelburne. Residents have until Nov. 10 to submit letters of concern to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

Leadership change: Shelburne Library welcomes new CEO Shannon McGrady

Continued from FRONT

McGrady will be taking over as chief executive officer as her predecessor, Rose Dotten, retires after holding the position for 17 years.

"Definitely big shoes to fill, that's for sure. Rose has left an incredible legacy at the Shelburne Library. She's helped position the library the way it is, and it's so well loved by the community. She's developed a great team," said McGrady.

Speaking with the Free Press, McGrady spoke about what she hopes to bring into the head role of the Shelburne library.

"Anytime someone new comes in, they bring lots of new ideas and I'm known for having lots of outside the box ideas. My first priority entering into the library is to find out

what Rose's vision and the team's vision is and how I can help them carry that forward, while also seeing what new opportunities there are from an outside perspective."

McGrady is a dutiful reader of non-fiction books, specifically memoirs and biographies, and also enjoys reading contemporary fiction.

Her first book recommendation for Shelburne readers to pick up is "My Friends" by Roderick Bachman, whom she considers one of her favourite writers.

"It's a powerful tale of friendship and the power of art to transform our sense of self and our sense of the world. It's masterfully crafted," said McGrady.

McGrady will officially take over as the new CEO of the Shelburne Public Library on Oct. 20.



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'The Wonder of It All' opens theatre season with laughter, heart and honesty

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES

The Wonder of It All returned to Theatre Orangeville last week with a resounding success, kicking off the 2025 season with a full house. Originally a one-act production, the show has been expanded into two acts, and the extra depth only strengthens its emotional impact. The story follows Kingsley, played by Mark Weatherley, and Charmaine, played by Monique Lund – two people from completely different worlds who meet by chance.

Kingsley is a laid-back musician who performs at house parties, while Charmaine is a driven scientist and activist, defined by her ambition and structure. They are opposites in so many ways – and yet, as fate would have it, they fall in love. One ukulele serenade turns into many, and soon they're living a fantasy-perfect love story that feels like a dream come true.

But dreams can burn out. As their children grow up and their marriage turns into routine, the spark they have begins to dim. Kingsley and Charmaine, stop listening, and stop trying. The warmth of their connection turns to quiet resentment and open hostility as both question who they've become – and whether their marriage can survive the distance between them.

At the heart of the play is a heartfelt message we should all remember: nothing in life blooms without care. Kingsley's attempt

at gardening becomes a metaphor for their relationship. His struggling rose bush, neglected and dying, is a metaphor for the love he's stopped nurturing with Charmaine. With some perfectly timed neighborly advice, Kingsley realizes that his problem is his own belief that he doesn't deserve her. Like his roses, his marriage has suffered from neglect, not incompatibility.

This revelation is the emotional centerpiece of the play.

The Wonder of It All delivers this emotion with blends of heartfelt emotion and sharp, genuine humour. The script is filled with moments that get the audience laughing. Kingsley's awkward charm, Charmaine's exasperated precision, and their clashing personalities create a dynamic that feels believable and earned as their marriage continues.

When the play takes a serious turn, it does so with grace. The tone deepens without ever feeling too heavy to take in, and the laughter gives way to an honest reflection on love, aging, and self-worth. By the time the couple's relationship reaches its breaking point, the shift from comedy to poignancy feels entirely natural – like watching a long conversation that suddenly turns quiet when the truth hits home.

What makes this production shine is its performances. Weatherley and Lund bring authenticity and depth to their roles, capturing both the humor and heartbreak of a long

marriage.

Weatherley's Kingsley is refreshingly real. He's awkward, self-conscious, and often lost for words at the worst possible moments, which makes him compelling to watch on stage. He's not some cool romantic lead; he's a vulnerable man stumbling through his emotions. Weatherley portrays this with honesty and restraint, giving the audience someone they can truly relate to. When Kingsley falters, the audience hurts with him, and when he finally opens up, we can feel the release with him.

Lund's Charmaine, in opposite fashion, commands the stage with energy and precision. Every movement and line carries deliberate intention. Her performance is confidence and drive – the restless energy of someone who needs to be moving forward. Lund captures Charmaine's frustration at feeling stuck, her instinct to fix things even when that instinct can cause more harm than good. She's not always right, but she's always believable.

The contrast between Kingsley and Charmaine extends into their costume design. Kingsley's simple outfits mirror his insecurities and self-doubt, while Charmaine's varied wardrobe – from a green vest covered in colorful buttons to a striking white leather jacket – reflects her individuality and confidence. Even before they speak, their clothing tells their story.

Through it all, the performance is grounded by a beautifully designed set. Front and center is a gigantic Ukulele, taking up a third of the stage. This instrument is the grounding element of the story. It's how Kingsley and Charmaine met, and it's a center point to Kingsley's character and self-esteem. For Charmaine, it's the symbol of the man she fell in love with, and a reminder of what their marriage has lost.

Flanked on both sides are giant flowers and other plants that, at first, don't have a clear meaning. But as the story progresses, they become a new center point for Kingsley as he takes up gardening. He tends to them instead of his marriage, not realizing he should be nurturing both.

The set design is used by the actors on stage instead of just being background pieces, making everything pop much more to audiences, and makes the entire theatre feel like a fantasy.

Together, these performances create something genuine. *The Wonder of It All* balances laughter and heartbreak with grace, delivering a story that feels personal. It's a story about what happens after "happily ever after," and the work it takes to keep that promise alive.

The Wonder of It All is playing at Theatre Orangeville until Oct. 26. Tickets can be found online at <https://www.theatreorangeville.ca>.

Animals from Northern Ontario welcomed at Orangeville and District Animal Centre

Written By SAM ODROWSKI
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Over 40 dogs and cats from Northern Ontario arrived at several Ontario SPCA animal centres this week, including the one in Orangeville.

A total of 14 dogs from the Thunder Bay & District Humane Society and Constance Lake First Nation have arrived at Ontario SPCA animal centres. In addition to the Orangeville and District SPCA Animal Centre,

animals arrived in Orillia, Durham, York Region, and Brockville.

The animals are now being placed for adoption.

As well, 30 cats from the Kenora Cat Shelter were transported to Ontario SPCA animal centres this week to find loving homes.

The transfer of these animals comes as the Ontario SPCA's three-day "iAdopt: Furever Homes Adoption Event" concluded on Sept. 28 and found homes for 123 animals.

"Every adoption creates a ripple effect,"

says Sonya Reichel, vice president of operations at the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society.

"When an animal finds a loving home, it not only changes that animal's life, but it also opens up space to help another animal in need. By working with our Northern partners, we're giving these dogs and cats a second chance."

So far, in 2025, the Ontario SPCA has worked in Northern communities to transport out 229 animals, and help them find loving homes.

"It also partners with communities to reduce pet overpopulation through its MASH-style spay/neuter and wellness clinics," said the Ontario SPCA in a press release.

Anyone interested in adopting an animal in need from an Ontario SPCA shelter can visit ontariospca.ca/adopt to view and read about the animals that are available for adoption.

"Animals adopted from the Ontario SPCA are spayed or neutered, microchipped, vac-



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inated, and they go home with food from Royal Canin to help ensure a smooth transition into their new home," said the Ontario SPCA.

Anyone who is unable to adopt can still benefit the lives of animals in their community by becoming a foster volunteer.

Animals who are too young, injured, sick, stressed, or under-socialized to thrive in an animal centre environment are housed by foster volunteers.

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OBITUARIES

GRANT WESLEY FERGUSON

Passed away peacefully at Dufferin Oaks, surrounded by his wife and children, on Thursday, October 9, 2025 at the age of 81 years.



Grant was the loving husband to Faye (nee McClelland) for almost 60 years, and beloved father to Dana Goodfellow and Brad (Sheila) Ferguson. Devoted Grandpa to Arden Goodfellow, and Kai & Rowan Ferguson. Dear brother to Janette (Earl) Jones.

Grant lived his entire life in the Shelburne area, first as a successful potato farmer on the family farm, then retiring into "town" after selling the farm.

Grant was active in his community, volunteering at the local food bank and offering his services as a driver for the Canadian Cancer Society. Grant loved to ski and curl, and was an avid reader. He loved to travel, and was fortunate to visit many amazing places around the world, with Faye by his side. Grant loved music, and was an enthusiastic member of the barbershop chorus in Mount Forest. He loved to spend time with his family at the cottage on Eugenia Lake.

Grant's family would like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful staff at Dufferin Oaks for their compassionate care during his year-long stay there.

Visitation was held at Jack and Thompson Funeral Home at 318 Main St E, Shelburne on Tuesday, October 14th from 7 - 9 p.m. The funeral service was held at Jack and Thompson Funeral Home at 318 Main Street East, Shelburne on Wednesday, October 15th at 11 a.m. Private family interment followed at Shelburne Cemetery.

Donations in Grant's name to Shepherd's Cupboard Food Bank or Breakfast Clubs of Canada (Shelburne) would be appreciated. Online condolences and donations may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com

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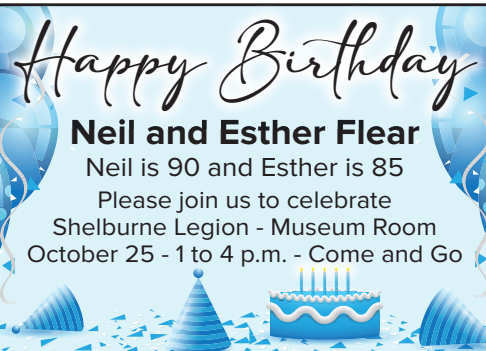
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Shelburne Library to celebrate outgoing CEO, shares recommended read

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After a wonderful 17 years, CEO Rose Dotten is retiring. Join the library in celebrating her at a come-and-go tea at the library. More details will follow.

While your presence is more than enough, Rose would delight in a division of a plant from your gardens for her own. There will also be an opportunity to recognize Rose's retirement by donating to her Book Fund,

and donors will be recognized with a bookplate in a new library book.

Don't forget to stop by next week to meet the library's new CEO, Shannon McGrady! Shannon is eager to meet all our patrons and excited to be a part of this wonderful library community

Recommended Read

Big Magic by Elizabeth Gilbert: Gilbert digs deep into her own generative process to share her wisdom and unique perspective about creativity. With profound empathy and radiant generosity, she offers potent insights into the mysterious nature of inspiration.

She asks us to embrace our curiosity and let go of needless suffering. She shows us how to tackle what we most love, and how to face down what we most fear. She discusses the attitudes, approaches, and habits we need in order to live our most creative lives. Balancing between soulful spirituality and cheerful pragmatism, Gilbert encourages us to uncover the "strange jewels" that are hidden within each of us. Whether we are looking to write a book, make art, find new ways to address challenges in our work, embark on a dream long deferred, or simply infuse our everyday lives with more mindfulness

and passion, Big Magic cracks open a world of wonder and joy.

Why Jade Recommends It

It's not often I find myself connecting with non-fiction, so when I do, I make sure to slow down and savour it. The author asks us to connect with our creativity for the pure joy of being creative, and not for profit or "because we should," but just because we want to. It's a helpful reminder that we all need these creative outlets and really invites us to consider the importance in doing so. Those who enjoyed Wintering by Katherine May might enjoy this one particularly.

Dufferin OPP officers respond to fatal and serious two-vehicle collisions, seeking witnesses

Two-vehicle collision in Mulmur seriously injures two individuals

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers along with Dufferin County Emergency Services and Fire Services responded to a serious two-vehicle collision in Mulmur on Oct. 7.

Shortly after 3:25 p.m., officers were called to the scene at the intersection of County Road 19 (Prince of Wales Road) and County Road 17 (10 Sideroad). The collision resulted in two individuals being transported to a Toronto area trauma centre.

The OPP Technical Collision Investigation (TCI) attended the scene to investigate.

The investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information or dashcam footage related to the incident is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122 (Incident #E251365043), or to report anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or online at ontariocrimestoppers.ca.

Two-vehicle collision in Amaranth results in death of 61-year-old Grand Valley man

A recent two-vehicle collision in Amaranth resulted in the death of a 61-year-old Grand Valley man and serious injuries for a

36-year-old female.

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers, paramedics, and fire services attended the scene of the collision at County Road 10 near County Road 12 in Amaranth on Oct. 10, at approximately 8:45 p.m.

"The collision involved two sport utility vehicles (SUV). A Honda SUV was traveling westbound and collided with an eastbound Toyota SUV," reads a statement from Dufferin OPP.

"Sadly, as a result of the collision, the driver of the Honda, a 61-year-old, male from Grand Valley was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The driver of the Toyota, a 36-year-old

female was transported to a Toronto area hospital with serious injuries.

There were two children in the Toyota who were transported to local hospital with unknown injuries."

The OPP's Traffic Collision Investigation (TCI) team of the OPP was brought in to investigate the collision.

The investigation is continuing and anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has dash cam footage is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP 1-888-310-1122.

Anyone who witnessed the collision and would like support, Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services can be reached at 905-951-3838.

Three area restaurants broken into in one night, police say the investigation remains ongoing

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Three restaurants in the region were broken into between the late hours of Oct. 2 and the early hours of Oct. 3.

Barley Vine Rail (BVR) Co. and Déjà vu Diner in Orangeville both had their glass doors smashed and were forcibly entered before having their cash registers ransacked.

Sixty Wings off Highway 10, in Caledon Village, was also forcibly broken into and stolen from.

Déjà vu Diner, which just moved from 318 Broadway to the former Wimpy's Diner location at 400 Townline, had the wires connecting its till to a computer system cut. After that, the entire till was stolen, with approximately \$400 cash inside. However, Déjà vu Diner owner Jennifer Betz said the repairs to her door will be the largest cost to her from the break and enter.

"I felt like I was just getting my feet on the ground at the new place only being open two days, at a new location," Betz told the Citizen. "I was worried it was targeted at us that someone didn't want us in their neighbourhood until I found out about the other break-ins. The community rallied around us

online and in person. WINMAR came quickly and boarded up the door which we appreciate so much."

Betz added, "The break-in, although it sucks, did not slow us down or dampen our spirits, and we are happy to welcome everyone to come check out our new location, and we hope they think it's as beautiful as we do."

Meanwhile, BVR had the drawer of its till removed and stolen.

Angela Ward, BVR owner, said the theft occurred around 1:45 or 2 a.m. on Oct. 3, approximately 15 minutes after her staff locked up the restaurant and headed home.

"When my staff [member] opened for her shift in the morning, she saw that the cash drawer was missing, and she kind of thought for a second that one of her colleagues maybe put it somewhere," said Ward. "But then when she went to open up the doors and do a check, she saw that the front door was smashed."

The door was hit with a hammer, and the broken glass is the only damage to BVR. However, the building is historic, originally constructed as a train station in 1907, and due to its age, the type of glass needed to properly replace it is difficult to acquire.

Ward said her partner was able to install a temporary pane of glass, but she is currently awaiting a quote to do a proper repair.

Ward estimates \$300 to \$500 was in the till when it was stolen, as well as a few hundred dollars in prepaid gift cards, a few hundred Orangeville BIA Downtown Dollars, cheques for suppliers, various keys, and a company debit card.

Ward said she cancelled the debit card and cheques once she found out the incident had occurred.

However, the theft isn't what upset Ward the most.

"It's not about the money or the damage, but about how it just made us all feel," she said.

"Now I just feel a little bit more uneasy and unsafe in my own building and community."

Ward added that the break and enter was a "violating" and "scary" experience, considering her staff had left the restaurant just before its door was smashed with a hammer and entered.

"He obviously was armed in the sense of having something that he could use to harm someone," Ward said. "We all felt really unsafe in our own space."

Ward told the Citizen that while BVR has always had a two-person rule when locking up, the restaurant exercises even more caution now when the team is closing.

Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post took to social media after the robberies at BVR and Déjà vu Diner occurred.

"To Jen and the Deja Vu team, and to Ang and Mark and the Barley Vine team – please know that our whole community is standing with you. Both of your businesses have given so much to Orangeville, not just through great food and service, but through the countless ways you support people and causes in this town," wrote Mayor Post.

Provincial Cst. Andrew Fines of the Dufferin OPP said a suspect image won't be released at this time, but described the suspect as wearing a dark hoodie, dark pants, gloves, and a surgical mask.

Police are asking the public to report any suspicious activity observed between Oct. 2 and 3, around 400 Townline or Armstrong Street, in Orangeville.

Anyone with information regarding these incidents or other criminal activity can contact the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or provide anonymous tips through Crime Stoppers at ontariocrimestoppers.ca.

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