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LEST WE FORGET: Local politicians, first responders and veterans take turns laying wreaths at the Cenotaph by Shelburne Town Hall, guarded by Cadets from the #164 Squadron, based out of Shelburne. Around 200 people turned out to the Remembrance Day Service on Nov. 11. See more photos on Page 3.

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Shelburne honours veterans past and present at annual Remembrance Day Service

Written By **JOSHUA DRAKES**
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

It has been 80 years since Germany's unconditional surrender to the Allied powers, effectively ending World War II. On Tuesday, Nov. 11, the Town of Shelburne demonstrated its dedication to never forgetting the sacrifices Canadians made to achieve that victory.

Local politicians, veterans, their families, and residents gathered at the Shelburne Legion Branch 220 to begin the morning with a service to remember the dead and honour the living. Veterans sat on stage, behind the crowd, and within, close to relatives or by themselves. Air Cadets from #164 Squadron waited nearby.

Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills addressed the service by reminding everyone why Canadians gather on Nov. 11.

"We observe Remembrance Day on the anniversary of the armistice that ended World War I, at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the

11th month," he said. "We're gathered here together at our community Legion branch, and then later (at) the cenotaph."

Mayor Mills continued, "These special places are those of remembrance, and as human beings, our memories are most commonly expressed through words, but mere words alone seem wholly inadequate. Nothing we say here today could ever possibly be good enough to honour these brave men and women, because what they gave us is beyond our powers as human beings to repay."

After the mayor concluded his address, attention turned to Captain Diane Powers from Shelburne's #164 Air Cadets. Powers came with a special presentation about VE Day. She said the Legion and the Cadets had realized that World War II isn't widely taught in schools anymore, as it increasingly becomes a distant conflict from generations long since passed.

"The reason I've been asked to do this presentation is because the Legion overheard us giving this presentation to our ca-

dets on VE Day," she said. "It wasn't really a planned thing; we just wanted to share something and celebrate VE Day to help them remember our history. The sad part is that many of them didn't speak about it in school. They didn't know about the day and what it meant. So that's why we're here. To remember."

She highlighted the extraordinary effort Canada went through to punch upwards during the war. Despite being a Dominion, and not a fully independent nation, Canada carved out a reputation for itself, one of valour, courage and power.

"One million Canadians served during the Second World War, out of a population of 11 million," she said. "That's a significant number – 43,000 of those men and women died. Some of their banners are hanging here at the Legion."

Powers encouraged everyone to remember them.

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Shelburne keeps Remembrance alive with annual service at Cenotaph

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“Be proud of our flag. Be proud of our country. Please, continue to learn and to grow.”

After Powers finished her presentation, local historian Neil Orford took to the stage. He said that with declining conversations about and knowledge of Canada’s history, it has never been more important to be conscious of what veterans fought and died for, and the freedom they gave to all Canadians.

The Canadian army played a significant role in the liberation of the Netherlands in World War II, often serving as the tip of the spear during the offensives pushing northeast into Germany. The Netherlands remains grateful to Canada for liberating it from German occupation and for assisting in its post-war reconstruction.

“It is important that we talk about VE Day,” Orford said. “Here in Canada, most historians agree that the battles undertaken by Canadians to liberate the Netherlands represent Canada’s greatest military achievements. By May of 1945, four divisions of the Canadian Army had come together to liberate the Netherlands, and that was about 120,000 servicemen.”

“Eighty years on, many Canadians know little about the importance of VE Day,” he added.

Orford finished by challenging Canadians to learn about their military history and how it shaped the country they now live in. He

said people can’t allow themselves to forget the sacrifices made to get Canada to where it is today, or they may be doomed to repeat the cycle.

“We must tell our veterans’ stories truthfully and bravely, for if we don’t embrace our history, no one else will,” he said. “VE Day is a day to recommit ourselves to (honouring) the sacrifices of the fallen. We have the duty to continue the fight where they cannot.”

When Orford finished, the service continued with a reading of In Flanders Fields by John McRae by a #164 Squadron Cadet.

After the reading, the congregation was asked to stand as the Legion’s colour guard retrieved the colours, and Last Post was played, followed by a lament and Reveille.

The service concluded, and the Legion, veterans, cadets and congregation marched from Branch 220 to the Cenotaph outside of Shelburne Town Hall. Once in position, cadets mounted guard on the cenotaph as wreaths were placed at the base of the monument, honouring veterans who served recently as peacekeepers, all the way back to veterans of World War I.

Local residents braved the cold wind and snow in a large showing, with roughly 200 people filling up Victoria Street in downtown Shelburne.

It was a solemn but profound promise from the living to always remember and cherish the fallen who gave everything they had for Canadians to live in the peace and prosperity they now enjoy.



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PINNING A POPPY: A poppy is pinned to a cross that reads “Lest We Forget” during a Remembrance Day Service at the Cenotaph in front of Shelburne Town Hall on Nov. 11.



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HONOURING A LOCAL VETERAN: In recognition of his service, the Dufferin Quilting Club presents local veteran Andrew Watson with a handcrafted quilt representing valour, during the Shelburne Legion’s Veterans Dinner on Nov. 11. The dinner was held at Shelburne Legion Branch 220 to remember and recognize the fallen soldiers of Dufferin County.



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SUPPORTING SHELBURNE VETERANS: In a show of support for veterans throughout Shelburne, the Ladies Auxiliary presented a \$2,500 cheque to Legion Branch 220 President Dan Sample and Cadets #164 Squadron Captain Diane Power. Sample said he is thankful for all the volunteers who put the Veterans Dinner together. The event was attended by Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback, Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills and special guest Neil Orford.

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OPINION

Government-sponsored hate speech

There is an opioid crisis in Canada. Most likely, you already know, or know of someone, who has died from taking some kind of illicit drug, laced with opioids, at a party. The situation is that bad.

The Health Units are issuing warnings. They lament the fact that so many people are dying from illicit drug use.

You see the parents of victims on the news and social media, saying something has to be done so this won't happen to anyone else.

Many of those who died weren't even regular drug users - they were offered something at a party, and a few minutes later, they were dead.

It seems to make perfect sense that the front-line opposition to illicit drugs is to stop them from entering your country.

There are at least 35 nations where the death penalty can be applied in cases of drug trafficking.

In Singapore, nine executions for drug offences were carried out between October 2024 and February 2025. Yes, they take it that seriously.

Most of the international airports in Asia have BIG SIGNS, stating that importing illicit drugs into the country is a capital offence.

And yet, when drug smugglers are

caught, there is always some group protesting and declaring they shouldn't face justice.

The US has taken a proactive initiative when it comes to bringing drugs into its country.

They identify boats, ships, and at least one submarine, loaded with illegal narcotics and headed for American shores. These vessels are intercepted, and if necessary, fired on and destroyed.

Yes, the UN is taking the drug problem seriously.

And yet, the UN human rights chief has now declared those strikes on drug boats are 'unacceptable.'

He went on to say the 'mounting human cost is unacceptable.'

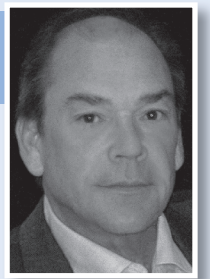
This is an international 'leader?'

Why isn't he citing the 'human cost' of the number of innocent people who have died from these illicit drugs? Why isn't he citing the fact that they are engaged in organized crime activity?

Once again, the criminals are supported by our leaders, and the victims are dismissed with a wave of the hand.

If the parents of those who have died by unnecessary drug-related deaths really want to make a difference, they need to start with these world leaders.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



The list of this type of behaviour by world leaders is long. Too long to mention here.

The Canadian landscape is changing in several ways - and not in good ways.

Our leaders are not doing what they were elected to do.

They don't seem to make policy on what Canadian citizens want to achieve; they make policy influenced by other nations and vocal minority groups, and worry more about offending some small group rather than standing up and making sound decisions.

Now there is a Liberal MP who is suggesting the bible be censored.

He doesn't like certain scriptures and stated, "There should perhaps be discretion for prosecutors to press charges" if those scriptures are quoted.

This is yet another attack on Christians by the current federal government.

He wants to censor the bible and have people legally charged for quoting an ancient text, yet he and his government have done absolutely nothing about the 123 Christian churches across the country that have been burned or vandalized in just the past couple of years.

If 123 shopping malls or government buildings had been attacked, there would

be a huge outcry, an inquiry, and the police would be looking for the criminals.

And yet, nothing has been done to find the criminals who destroyed these churches, and the Liberal government doesn't care.

Instead of going after the criminals, once again, they are going after the victims. In this case, Christians.

In typical fashion, the MP attacks Christians, but there is no mention of any other religious group's texts, because he is too afraid of 'offending' anyone else.

The churches in this MP's riding should stand up together against this type of nonsense and government-sponsored hate speech and make their voices known.

In fact, Christians across the country should do the same and start demanding accountability and proper representation from their elected officials.

Maybe a local group in this MP's riding should hang a banner across his riding office.

I would suggest John 15:25.

"But this is to fulfill what is written in their Law: 'They hated me without reason.'"

Sudan: Another partition?

The ceasefire in Gaza, however shaky, is freeing up some bandwidth for the world's media to fret about other ongoing massacres, and UN Secretary General António Guterres wasted no time in turning the spotlight on Sudan. "The horrifying crisis in Sudan ... is spiraling out of control," he said on Monday (3 November), but the civil war may really be coming to an end.

The biggest city in western Sudan, El Fasher, fell to the nastier of two brutal rivals last month after a two-year siege. That was followed by the worst massacre in a civil war that has already killed 150,000 people and made one-third of the population refugees, but with luck it may be the last such event in the current cycle.

Sudan has never really had a government worthy of respect. Only two years after it got independence in 1956 it had its first military coup, and in 1962 the

mainly Christian population in the south revolted against the rule of the Muslim majority in the north. Three million dead and six military coups later, South Sudan got its independence in 2011.

Eight years later the rump 'Sudan,' now a country of only fifty million people, toppled a cruel thirty-year dictatorship and embarked on a brave experiment in civilian democratic rule in 2019. It lasted for almost two years before the military seized power again.

The civil war began in 2023, when the two leading generals split over who was going to run the military regime. The obvious choice was the head of the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF), General Abdul Fattah al-Burhan. His rival was General Mohamed Hamdan Dagolo, also known as Hemedti.

Hemedti was an outsider, a former camel trader from the sparsely populated and mostly desert west of the country.

He had created a genocidal paramilitary group known as the Janjaweed that the former dictator, Omar al-Bashir, adopted as a counterweight to the regular army.

In its early days the Janjaweed was a camel-mounted militia massacring non-Arab tribes for Bashir in the western region called Darfur, but in recent years it has grown into a well-equipped military organization called the Rapid Support Force (RSF). Nevertheless, it should have been beaten easily by the regular army (SAF) once the split happened.

How did it grow instead into a force that controls the whole western half of the country? Gold.

Most of Sudan's gold comes from illegal 'artisanal' gold mines in RSF-controlled Darfur. Ninety percent of it ends up in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), where it is re-melted, re-branded and sold onwards.

The UAE has long since stopped being just another one-trick Gulf oil state. It has become a country of 11 million people, its annual Gross Domestic Product is over half a trillion dollars (about the same as Singapore or Sweden), and only a third of its income comes from oil.

True, most of those 11 million people (80%-90%) are the skilled and unskilled foreign workers, most of them male, who keep the UAE economy going. In that respect, it's a typical Gulf state. But in foreign affairs it's a big, grown-up country with all the usual ambitions, and it has become a major independent player in the region's strategy and politics.

The region covers not just the Middle East but also northeast Africa, includ-

ing Sudan - and Hemedti has long had a close relationship with the UAE.

Indeed, the UAE has hired RSF fighters as mercenaries for its interventions in Yemen, Libya, and elsewhere.

But the main deal that keeps the war in Sudan going is Darfur's gold in exchange for the weapons that the UAE sources from all over the world.

Those weapons made the RSF a force that could stand up to the Sudanese regular army. It has now nailed down all of Darfur, admittedly the poorer and more sparsely populated half of the country but the part where most of the gold is. And Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Iran are being generous enough with their aid to ensure that the SAF can keep fighting too.

The RSF has now set up its own rival government in Darfur and says it is open to a partition of the country. Last Thursday (6 November) Hemedti announced he would accept a ceasefire on the existing lines, which in practice would mean a Darfur ruled by the RSF and a second partition of the old Sudan. Its 'friends' did something like that to neighbouring Libya, so why not?

The African Union's historic ban on changing the former colonial borders of African states in order to avoid endless border wars is fading with the rest of the 'rules-based international order', so it could easily come to that. Last stop the Disunited States of Sudan - but first, probably, some more slaughters of the innocent.

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COMMUNITY VOICES

Monthly Message: When young voices take the mic, we all should listen

This Saturday, Nov. 15, something powerful is happening in Shelburne.

A group of local youth will take to the stage for the final round of our 5th annual Word of Mouth Monologue Competition — a celebration of voice, courage, and the deep emotional landscape that lives inside our young people.

In case you're unfamiliar, the *Word of Mouth Monologue Competition* is a performance-based competition developed and hosted by Streams Community Hub that invites youth across the county to choose from a curated list of monologues — dramatic, comedic, and everything in between. These pieces are designed to reflect real, relatable experiences, and our performers are judged not only on skill but on authenticity, emotional connection, and stage presence. After an open call, video submissions, and community voting, the top finalists are selected to perform live in front of a panel of guest judges and a cheering audience that we hope you will be part of.

This isn't just a show of talent. It's not theatre for theatre's sake. It's something much deeper. These young performers take on stories of grief, joy, identity, fear, and hope. They don't just recite lines. They bring them to life.

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And in doing so, they offer us a window into the world as they see it.

Behind every brave performance is a bigger story. A student who has never spoken in public before. A teen who's navigating big emotions and who finds healing in expressing them through character. A young person who didn't think they had a voice that mattered, until now.

At Streams, this is what we do: we create space for creative discovery, personal growth, and bold self-expression. Whether it's through art, baking, music, or monologue, the goal is the same: to help young people find their voice and share it.

We're proud to partner once again with Crewson Insurance Brokers, our presenting sponsor, whose generous support furnishes the cash prizes awarded to our winners. Their belief in this event helps remind youth that their courage is worth celebrating and rewarding.

We're also thrilled to welcome a stellar panel of judges this year.

James Gerus, an actor and writer from Mono, whose short film *Crispy* screened at Cannes, and who recently placed third in Toronto's competitive Monologue Slam.

Jay Vaidya, a Toronto-based television writer and showrunner, has written for hit series like *Odd Squad*, *The Hardy Boys*, and *Run the Burbs*, and is known for crafting stories that centre on belonging and resilience.

Rounding out the panel is returning judge, Bradley Reid, a former child actor whose early film and commercial work has evolved into a lifelong love for storytelling; now based in Dufferin County, he brings both heart and insight to the judging table.

The Word of Mouth Monologue Competition Final is a live event held at Grace Tipling Hall in Shelburne, featuring this year's stand-out youth performers. Admission is free, but seating is limited. Reserve your tickets at

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And if you've never experienced Word of Mouth before, this is the year to come. The performances are unforgettable, but even more than that, the stories are real. Honest. Brave. And deeply human.

As always, if you've been part of our journey, we thank you. If you're just finding out about us, we welcome you. And if you believe in making space for young voices to rise, we'd love your support:

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Together, we're building something that lasts. And this Saturday, you're invited to witness the power of a young person stepping into the spotlight and owning their story.

This week's Community Voice submission was written by Juli-Anne James, executive director of Streams Community Hub.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: Open letter re: Strada Aggregates' proposal

Dear Editor,

As a resident of Melancthon Township, I oppose the Strada Aggregates application for a below water table blasting quarry.

Here in Melancthon, we already successfully stopped Seth Klarman's Baupost/Highland Mega-Quarry back in 2008 to 2014. We stopped it due to the science. The science hasn't changed in all those years. Same aquifers, same karst drainage system, same science.

The governments of Canada need to understand that the most precious resource we have is our water. Surely by this point, we collectively should acknowledge this fact. With respect to limestone extraction, the primary concern should be the compromising of water tables.

Due to the Provincial Government's lack

of environmental and scientific understanding, they have deemed Ontario as an open extraction focus, removing the EA necessity from the ARA process. This is disastrous.

The aquifers in the Melancthon area feed and flow into many river systems. The Grand, The Pine, The Nottawasaga, The Noisy, The Boyne, and The Credit, as well as The Saugeen. Compromising any of these rivers would affect the flow and water quality for millions of Ontarians, let alone the aquatic inhabitants, such as the Brown Trout. Melancthon is significantly higher in elevation than Toronto, at 541-542 meters. We are also a habitat for many species at risk.

In 2021, Strada joined forces with the North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Taskforce (NDACT) to create a commu-

nity agreement. This agreement essentially stated that if the peer reviewers deemed the studies safe, Strada would annually fork over monies to the Township recreation funding. Strada signed the agreement, which also stated that if the scientific results showed this wouldn't work, Strada would not apply.

The community peer reviewer for hydrology, Gary Hunter, deemed that the water would be compromised and what Strada is suggesting won't work. Then Strada brought in their own hydrologist, and those studies revealed that the water would

be safe. Strada and NDACT also had residents' wells tested and promised that if something happens to the wells, water would be trucked in.

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Seniors to receive Christmas-themed care packages through Adopt a Grandparent

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

An Orangeville woman wants to make sure seniors in Dufferin and Caledon are remembered during the holidays, so she set up a gift-giving program to help make it happen.

Enter Marcia Amaral's 4th Annual Adopt a Grandparent Program²⁵.

She saw a need in the community and stepped up after being inspired by the company she works for, Mary Kay.

"Mary Kay has really opened my heart and mind to the community," she said. "I love my home and the community, and I saw a need for a program like this. It's really a program of the heart."

Amaral delivers Christmas-themed care packages to seniors in long-term care homes, including a pair of socks and a Mint Bliss energizing foot and leg lotion. The items in the care

packages are sourced through donations, and she gifts them to seniors in need of holiday cheer. Amaral hopes the care packages' products help seniors, especially in winter, when the air gets drier.

While she said her idea is not unique, and similar initiatives exist, it's her personal touch that sets hers apart.

Amaral insists on personally delivering the gift packages of lotions and socks, spending time with the seniors she visits.

This year, Avalon Care Centre in Orangeville, Sorrento Retirement Residence in Bolton, and

Dufferin Oaks Long Term Care in Shelburne are receiving the gift packages.

"It's not so much about the items themselves, I feel," Amaral said. "It's the measure of the fact that they feel like someone is thinking of them, that there's something waiting for them during the holidays."

"That's why I do what I do," she added.

Amaral works closely with the seniors' homes she visits, catering her visits with the help of staff. She said that her visits are to treat the seniors.

"Most, if not all, times, I reach out to the coordinators, and we work out what it is that I'll be doing," she said. "Sometimes I might have a table where seniors can come in, and I'll share my products with them. A big part of my service is going [into the long-term care homes]."

Amaral said that the reception is always positive. Some seniors she's visited weren't expecting any gifts for the holidays, and were happily surprised and shocked when she visited them.

"For the most part, they are very surprised," she said. "They're always welcoming and deeply affected by it. They usually put on the socks right there. Then I'll sit with them and have a coffee, and ask them about their day.

It's my contribution to them. These seniors have stories, so it's a wonderful experience."

Amaral said that the seniors appreciate the human connection the most. There's a big difference between packages arriving by mail and a personal visit with a smile and a gift in hand. Someone who's willing to sit with them and make them feel heard and valued.

"I have found that when I get into these homes, men and women are looking for these products," she said. "They're looking for something hydrating for their skin, so I can help there."

Amaral is encouraging anyone interested in helping her initiative to contact her and donate. She can be reached by phone at 416-795-4428.

Amaral will also be a vendor at Hollyfest 2025, which takes place at the Orangeville Fairgrounds on Nov. 22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Nov. 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Town of Shelburne to disband several council committees in 2026, with transition to staff-led projects

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The Town of Shelburne is set to dissolve four existing Committees of Council at the

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The move will see the end of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee, the Can-

ada Day Festival Committee, the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, and the Economic Development Committee.

In their place, the town has decided to design a new volunteer framework next year aimed at maintaining community involvement while reducing administrative strain.

The town identified a number of issues impacting these committees for some time. The biggest issue is engagement. Throughout 2024 and 2025, several of these committees held no meetings. In some cases, even when meetings were called, members failed to attend, leading to the meetings being cancelled.

The town said that this decline in participation and failure to maintain quorum has hindered the roles the committees were supposed to be advancing. The less they were able to meet, the less work could be done on relevant or time-sensitive issues. A lack of communication also led to delays and less frequent meetings.

This has led council to reevaluate the effectiveness and viability of these committees for the town.

Going forward, the Town of Shelburne plans to transfer the responsibility of some of these committees to town staff, rather than volunteers. In recent years, the town said it now has greater capacity to plan and execute events in-house with its employ-

ees, without depending on volunteer committees.

The new framework, to be introduced in 2026, will be town-led, with volunteer opportunities offered in cooperation with town staff to deliver events such as the Santa Claus parade. The town said that without an official committee, this approach will offer the town greater flexibility to plan and deliver events, while still providing volunteering opportunities to keep residents involved in town affairs.

This change is not without precedent, and nearby communities have also made similar moves. The Town of Orangeville disbanded its own DEI committee in favour of working within county-led initiatives. The County of Dufferin also moved to a staff-led Equity Working Group.

The staff report to council noted that the dissolving of the various committees was not a criticism of volunteers in any capacity. The report recognized that volunteers often have busy lives outside the committees and that schedules can conflict. This change is simply a focus on streamlining services delivered to the town.

Council expressed their continued gratitude for the work volunteers have contributed to the town and continue to contribute.

This change is also not expected to significantly impact the budget or taxes when it takes effect next year.

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· Reserve Lifespan: At the average annual consumption rate, the Greater Golden Horseshoe reserves are estimated to last for approximately 38 years without the need for new pits or quarries.

· Annual Production: In 2023, the total production of mineral aggregates in Ontario was just over 167.7 million tonnes. This figure varies slightly each year based on construction demand and economic activity.

· Licensed vs. Consumed: Ontario currently licenses the extraction of significantly more aggregate (approximately

thirteen times more) than it consumes on average each year.

· Availability Concerns: While overall reserves are substantial, there are ongoing concerns about the scarcity of high-quality aggregate products close to major market areas, such as the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), which can lead to increased transportation costs and environmental impacts.

In conclusion, the approval of this application would destroy Ontario’s very much-needed farmland and water sources, and the hopes of us weary Ontarians. Science once again has proven that when aquifers are compromised, the results are catastrophic. I am requesting an EA for this project.

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- Reserve Lifespan: At the average annual consumption rate, the Greater Golden Horseshoe reserves are estimated to last for approximately 38 years without the need for new pits or quarries.

- Annual Production: In 2023, the total production of mineral aggregates in Ontario was just over 167.7 million tonnes. This figure varies slightly each year based on construction demand and economic activity.

- Licensed vs. Consumed: Ontario currently licenses the extraction of significantly more aggregate (approximately

thirteen times more) than it consumes on average each year.

- Availability Concerns: While overall reserves are substantial, there are ongoing concerns about the scarcity of high-quality aggregate products close to major market areas, such as the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), which can lead to increased transportation costs and environmental impacts.

In conclusion, the approval of this application would destroy Ontario’s very much-needed farmland and water sources, and the hopes of us weary Ontarians. Science once again has proven that when aquifers are compromised, the results are catastrophic. I am requesting an EA for this project.

Regards,
Nancy Malek



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Arts & Entertainment LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

DuffleBag Theatre to unpack 'A Christmas Carol' at Grace Tipling Hall

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

As the festive season starts to take shape and winter weather becomes ever more present, the Town of Shelburne has some festive plans in store.

The DuffleBag Theatre will be performing *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens at Grace Tipling Hall on Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. This won't be a normal, classical performance, however, as the DuffleBag Theatre will be bringing its own comedic take on the classic story.

Melissa Kenney, communications coordinator for the Town of Shelburne, said the

town is delighted to host the Dufflebag Theatre as it continues to find new ways to promote the arts.

"This event is part of the town's ongoing commitment to celebrating arts and culture in the community," she said. "Whether you're a theatre enthusiast or simply looking for a fun night out with loved ones, this performance is sure to delight."

The DuffleBag Theatre is famous for its signature reimagining of classic stories, turning them into comedic, engaging experiences for audiences who often find themselves part of the show, reads a press release from Kenney.

It said the theatre's heartwarming and hi-

larious rendition of *A Christmas Carol* will be a perfect start to the festive season.

Founded in 1992 by Marcus Lundgren and Rod Keith, the DuffleBag Theatre has performed hundreds of shows across North America and beyond. Their speciality includes classic fairy tales such as *Snow White and Beauty and the Beast*, as well as *Robin Hood and The Three Musketeers*, and Shakespeare's works like *Romeo and Juliet*.

Most relevant, of course, is their holiday lineup, including their upcoming performance of *A Christmas Carol*.

The DuffleBag theatre describes it as a comedic twist on holiday spirit.

"Penny-pinching miser Ebenezer Scrooge

is well-known across Victorian London for being far more interested in making money than friends," Dufflebag said in its description of the production. "Above all else, he hates Christmas time and its spirit of giving. But on one particular Christmas Eve, several spirits give Ebenezer the surprise of his life, as they whisk him off on a magical journey through past, present and future, to show him the true meaning of the season."

The description continues, "From Fezziwig to Tiny Tim, all the favourites are included in DuffleBag Theatre's exuberant version of the Charles Dickens Yuletide classic!"

Tickets for the performance can be purchased on Eventbrite for \$15 plus tax.

Shelburne residents to star in upcoming theatrical production, 'Sugar Road'

Two Shelburne area residents will star in the Grey Wellington Theatre Guild's (GWTG) upcoming production, which will lead audiences down Sugar Road to a night of comedy, romance, and music.

Canadian playwright Kristen Da Silva sets the play in a small Ontario town, where amusement park operator Hannah Taylor is about to be reunited with an old flame who rose to country music fame and is returning to town to perform at a popular local festival.

Director Peggy Raftis says the play features a strong cast of experienced actors

and a story that will make local theatre-goers feel right at home.

"This is a really fun play that has romance and laughter and a little bit of music. It shows the importance of friendship, especially in rural Ontario," Raftis said.

Cast members include Shelburne area residents Jenessa Doherty as Hannah and Josh Oatman as country star Jesse Emberley. Both are performing for the first time with the GWTG, but have appeared onstage at Century Church Theatre in Hillsburgh, and Oatman is a professional musician with numerous stage and television

acting credits.

Guild veterans Dan Bieman of Harriston and Minto resident Amy Sjaarda were both seen most recently in the GWTG production of *Anne of Green Gables - The Musical*. Bieman plays an ex-roadie and park handyman, while Sjaarda portrays Hannah's eccentric best friend.

Sugar Road runs Nov. 21, 28, and 29 at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 22 at 8 p.m., and Nov. 23 and

30 at 2 p.m. at the Harriston Town Hall Theatre.

Tickets are \$20 and available at Harriston Home Hardware and Walsh's IDA in Mount Forest or online through Zeffy at greywellingtontheatre.com.

Tickets can also be purchased at the door or can be reserved by calling 519-338-2778 or by emailing gwttheatre@gmail.com.



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LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION: Starring in the Grey Wellington Theatre Guild's upcoming production, the comedy *Sugar Road* are, from front left: Josh Oatman and Jenessa Doherty; from back left: Dan Bieman and Amy Sjaarda.

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SPORTS

Shelburne teen takes gold at 2025 IFMA Youth World Championships

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

A Shelburne athlete competed at the 2025 IFMA Youth World Championships in Abu Dhabi, UAE, and won gold on the world stage after competing in Muay Thai.

Sixteen-year-old Oshiya Newby-Morgan competed as a member of Team Canada at the event, which was held from Sept. 10 to 20, earlier this year.

The IFMA is the International Olympic Committee's recognized governing body for Muay Thai.

If you live in Shelburne, there's a good chance you've seen Oshiya running through the streets. As part of her training, she runs – a lot.

The Grade 12 Robert F. Hall student keeps in shape by running on Shelburne streets, roads, and trails, through the downtown area and local subdivisions.

Oshiya trains out of the Art of 8 Martial Arts Academy in Orangeville.

Kru Martello of Art of 8 Martial Arts Academy attended the event in Abu Dhabi as a Team Canada coach.

Oshiya was one of only two Canadian athletes to return from the event with a gold medal.

Along with two golds, Team Canada also won three silver and four bronze medals.

“At only 16 years old, Oshiya has made history in Canadian Muay Thai,” The Art of 8 Martial Arts Academy said in a statement. “She is now the first athlete (male or female) from Dufferin County to win a gold medal at an IFMA event. Not only did she claim the spot as best in the world for her division, but she also maintains an undefeated overall record, which is almost unheard of in this sport, especially for female athletes. Oshiya's gold medal is a testament to the relentless pursuit of excellence that we continue to foster in the community at Art of 8 Martial Arts Academy.”

The Academy is lobbying for financial support for the sport so athletes can be more competitive on the world stage.

“We hope that one day our sport will receive even small amounts of government funding so that more Canadian children can represent our country at these international events,” the Academy said. “Our province and country are rich with talent, but we struggle to truly compete against countries like Russia that fully support their athletes' training and competition.”

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INTERNATIONAL CHAMPION: Shelburne resident Oshiya Newby-Morgan competed at the 2025 IFMA Youth World Championships in Abu Dhabi, UAE, held from Sept. 10 to 20. Oshiya won a gold medal on the international stage.



Shelburne Wolves U13 Rep hockey team off to strong start for 2025/26 season

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

The Shelburne Wolves U13 Rep team has started the 2025/26 season with a positive attitude and strong skills on the ice.

The team has a 2-2-2 record so far this year, and a long season lies ahead, with the team hoping to put many more wins on the board.

Wolves players showed a lot of skill on the ice when they hosted the Oro Thunder 2 team at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex (CDRC) on Thursday, Nov. 6.

After a competitive first two periods, the Wolves blasted into the final period and really took control of the game.

They were leading 3-2 midway through the third period.

The Wolves scored to make it 4-2.

A final Shelburne goal late in the period gave the Wolves a 5-2 win.

“I thought it was a good game,” said Wolves centre Michael Sheppard after the game.

“In the third period we came back to the level we needed to play. The first and second period wasn't the best of our playing ability. In the third period we really stepped it up and made a comeback and brought the win home for the boys.”

Team morale has been very good this year, which has translated into on- and off-ice camaraderie.

“We had lost a few players due to injury and other things, and tonight was our first day back with a full bench,” explained Wolves U13 Rep coach Dave Clarke. “They're playing as a team and buying into our systems. In the dressing room they're all getting along, they've really hit it off. They are very skilled. We (are) teaching them hockey systems now, just the way they are moving the puck is great. You can't be selfish with a hockey puck.”

Clarke added, “We (are) teaching them a lot about the penalty kill.”

The Wolves U13 Rep team will be back on home ice at the CDRC on Friday, Nov. 15, hosting a game against the Essa Eagles.

Game time is 2:45 p.m.

BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

WINNING PERIOD: The Shelburne Wolves U13 Rep team host the Oro Thunder 2 team on the ice at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex on Thursday, Nov. 6. The Wolves had an outstanding third period and left the ice with a 5-1 win.



Alliston Hornets 13-game winning streak comes to an end after loss to Stayner Siskins

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

The Alliston Hornets took their first loss of the season when they travelled to Stayner on Thursday, Nov. 6, to take on the Siskins.

The loss ended a 13-game winning streak for the Hornets.

After leading 4-1 in the first period, the Alliston squad was hammered with four unanswered goals in the second period, and two more in the final period for a 7-4 loss.

They were back on the winning side the following night when they hosted the Midland Flyers at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre on Friday, Nov. 7.

Alliston was leading 2-1 at the end of the first period on goals from Mark Coish and Nick Lamont.

It was a 4-1 game at the end of the second period on goals from Duncan Grube and Will Millington.

The Flyers scored midway in the third frame.

Alliston's Mark Coish scored the game's final goal, his second of the night, late in the third period, to make it a 5-2 win for the Hornets.

It was a whole new game for several players on the ice as the two teams just finished trading players.

Alliston traded three players to Stayner, and two Stayner players were brought over to the Alliston camp.

“I think our confidence is really high,” said Hornets head coach Dan Schaly after the Friday night game against Midland. “The guys are learning a lot of new systems and we are blending together as a team. We just had a trade – a couple went to Stayner and we got a couple back. We got some younger players and can play the next two or three years. In tonight's game we worked hard, we want to make sure we don't take anyone for granted. I think we forechecked hard and moved the puck and we made a lot of systematic plays. We played as a five-man unit.”

The Hornets played well defensively and kept the Flyers from getting many quality shots on net.

“On defence we were good over all,” said Hornets assistant coach Justin Madden. “We had a couple of shaky plays on the blue line. We need to clean those up and get the puck out and keep it simple.”

The Hornets maintain first place in the North Carruthers Division with a 13-1 record.

They are followed by the Orillia Terriers and the Stayner Siskins.

The Hornets will have a couple of road games this week.

They return to home ice at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre on Friday, Nov. 21, when they will host the Orillia Terriers.

Game time is 7:30 p.m.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

DEREK DEAKEN

Playing hockey for years, Shelburne Wolves U13 Rep defenceman Derek Deaken brings a lot of experience to his team.

“I've always like playing hockey,” Derek said. “I like skating and having fun with friends.”

Derek is an important member of the lineup on the Wolves team.

When the warmer weather starts, Derek picks up his ball glove and plays baseball with his team in Grand Valley.

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FRIGHT TO FIGHT FOOD INSECURITY: The 2025 Haunt in the Park, hosted by the Little Family at KTH Manufacturing, was a busy affair for Shelburne. Over the several days it ran in October and on Nov. 1, the event saw 6,100 visitors, raised more than \$3,500 in donations, and generated 2,185 pounds of food for the Shelburne Food Bank.

Library encourages use of Ancestry Library Edition

As the winter weather starts to settle in, it is the perfect time to explore your family history with Ancestry Library Edition.

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Whether you are a beginner or experienced genealogist, Ancestry Library Edition will help you uncover your unique family history. Visit your local library to get started.

Recommended read: *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano

The book's publisher writes, "William Waters grew up in a house silenced by tragedy, where his parents could hardly bear to look at him, much less love him. So it's a relief when his skill on the basketball court earns him a scholarship to college, far away from his childhood home.

"He soon meets Julia Padavano, a spirited and ambitious young woman who surprises William with her appreciation of his quiet steadiness. With Julia comes her

family; she is inseparable from her three younger sisters: Sylvie, the dreamer, is happiest with her nose in a book and imagines a future different from the expected path of wife and mother; Cecelia, the family's artist; and Emeline, who patiently takes care of all of them. Happily, the Padavanos fold Julia's new boyfriend into their loving, chaotic household," the publisher continues.

"But then darkness from William's past surfaces, jeopardizing not only Julia's carefully orchestrated plans for their future, but the sisters' unshakeable loyalty to one another. The result is a catastrophic family rift that changes their lives for generations. Will the loyalty that once rooted them be strong enough to draw them back together when it matters most?"

Why Shannon recommends it: If you like stories with multifaceted characters whose complex relationships are relatable and provide deep insight into the human experience, then this book is for you. Not only does Ann write poignant prose - her sentences often caused me to pause and ponder - but I found myself thinking of the characters long after I turned the last page.



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NOW HIRING

Ice River is currently looking for four (4) Continuous Improvement Maintenance Specialist to join our team. You will be working for our Head Office, operating from our Feversham facility located at 494306 Grey Road 2, Feversham, Ontario, N0C 1C0.

Position Summary

The Continuous Improvement Maintenance Specialist will provide technical support to the maintenance and production teams, driving continuous improvement (CI) initiatives across the company's packaging assets. This role will be instrumental in enhancing equipment performance, optimizing maintenance practices, and ensuring reliable production through strategic improvements and predictive maintenance programs.

These are full-time positions, based on 88 hours of work per 2-week cycle, with occasional overtime. At this time, we are only looking for individuals who can work a 12-hour rotating continental shift, including nights and weekends.

- Salary \$52.45 per hour, with possibility of bonus; 10 days vacation plus extended medical, dental, and long-term disability insurance & participation in our retirement savings plan.
- Inbound transportation costs for out of province applicants.
- Minimum of 7 years of experience in maintenance, production, or continuous improvement within a manufacturing environment.
- Minimum of 5 years of experience working as a service engineer with Krones machinery; this includes performing installations, audits, maintenance, troubleshooting, overhauls and conducting training sessions.
- Must have hands-on experience with automation and control systems, including plc programming, troubleshooting, and integrating these systems into production lines.
- Diploma or degree in mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, industrial engineering, or a related field.
- Electrical or mechanical red seal certification preferred.
- Strong understanding of mechanical and electrical systems related to packaging equipment.
- Experience with preventive and predictive maintenance programs.
- Knowledge of KPI development and performance monitoring.
- Technical writing skills – report, summaries, instructions, procedures, structure.
- Willingness to travel to plant locations for onsite support.
- Ability to multitask in a fast-paced environment with a lot of change.
- Ability to work 12-hour continental rotating shift.
- Excellent knowledge of health and safety and lockout procedures.
- Strong team player with excellent problem-solving skills.
- Have a positive willingness to assist all departments as required.

To view a comprehensive overview of the position, please go to <https://jobs.dayforcehcm.com/en-US/irss/CANDIDATEPORTAL/jobs/3052>

Interested candidates please send a copy of your resume and cover letter to cstewart@iceriversprings.com or write to:

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NOW HIRING

Ice River is currently looking for ten (10) Process Control & Machine Operator(s), Beverage Processing (NOC 94140) to join our team. You will be working at our Shelburne facility, located at 108 Prentice Drive, Shelburne, ON, L9V 3N5.

Position Summary

The Process Control & Machine Operator plays a critical role in our manufacturing process, responsible for ensuring the efficient and safe operation of bottling processing equipment. This role involves operating and maintaining specialized multi-function process control bottling machinery, monitoring production processes, and adhering to quality standards to ensure the consistent bottling of beverages. This position requires a strong focus on safety, attention to detail, ability to interpret technical instructions to operate sophisticated equipment and the ability to work effectively in a fast-paced environment.

- This is a full-time position, based on 88 hours of work per 2-week cycle, with occasional overtime. At this time, we are only looking for individuals who can work a 12-hour rotating continental shift, including nights and weekends.
- Salary \$20.60 - \$21.50 per hour, with possibility of bonus; 10 days vacation plus extended medical, dental, and long-term disability insurance & participation in our retirement savings plan.
- Inbound transportation costs for out of province applicants
- Completion of high school required.
- Some post-secondary education required as the position requires the ability to read and understand technical instructions and sophisticated Husky equipment user manuals.
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- Previous heavy equipment experience preferred.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CENTRE DUFFERIN RECREATION COMPLEX RFT 01-2025 Snow Removal and Salting

Closing Date: Friday, November 14, 2025
Time: 3:00:00 p.m. EDT

The Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex (CDRC) invites tenders for snow clearing and salting at its facility located at 200 Fiddle Park Lane, Shelburne, Ontario during the months of **November 1, 2025** through **April 15, 2026**.

Interested bidders are invited to submit their tender on the 2025-2026 Snow Removal Tender form showing tender prices for snow clearing and salting services. Full details are available on the CDRC RFP and Tenders page of the Town of Shelburne website at www.shelburne.ca/cdrc.

Tenders marked "Snow Removal Tender" in a sealed envelope addressed to Rick Thompson will be received until **3:00pm (local time) on Friday, November 14, 2025** at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex, 200 Fiddle Park Lane, Shelburne, ON.

This will not be a public opening. The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted. The CDRC reserves the right to reject any or all tenders. It is the Bidder's responsibility to make themselves familiar with the project location.

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OBITUARIES

BERYL EVELYN ANDERSON NOVEMBER 6, 1927 TO NOVEMBER 5, 2025

Peacefully, with family at her side, Beryl Evelyn (Gamble) Anderson passed away on November 5, 2025 at Amica Retirement Home in Georgetown. A day shy of her 98th birthday, Beryl is predeceased by her husband of 73 years, Bob Anderson.

Left to mourn are her four cherished children and their partners, Betty Andrews (predeceased Gordon) of Georgetown, Ian (Gregory McMahon) of Stratford, Dale (Lynn Bolton) of Lambton Shores and Lynn (Kris Morris) of Kemble.

A constant source of pride and interest, Beryl is survived by 7 grandchildren Peter Andrews (Michelle), Nancy Larocque (Mike), Kim McGonigle (Matt), Alisa Rake (Scott), Jennifer Anderson (Ben Smith), Klayton Morris and Greydon Morris; and, 8 great-grandchildren Devin, Tori, Dylan, Josie, Landon, and Summer, with the two most recent additions, Dayton and Mason, bringing joy to her face in her final days.

Beryl was the only child of Robert and Alice (Thompson) Gamble. Marrying Bob gave her 'siblings' and a large extended family, through which she is predeceased by Harvey & Velma Funston, Vernon & Ruth Anderson, Marjory & Don Perkins, Peter Godbold, Fred Anderson; and survived by Norma Godbold and Janet Anderson of Shelburne. She will be remembered by 15 nieces, nephews and their families.

Born in a simple log cabin in Proton Township, Beryl roomed in Dundalk to attend high school. Following school, she ventured to Toronto and worked at Eaton's department store. A country girl at heart she returned to Dundalk, working in a dental office until marrying in 1948. Living on the 8th Line of Melancton, she and Bob would farm and raise their children there for the next 39 years. Starting with a humble home, she was delighted when they built a new house with modern conveniences in 1962.

Wife, mother, homemaker and farmer, Beryl was the glue of the family operation. She managed an immaculate home, a big vegetable garden and always had a freezer full of butter tarts. She often managed the farm chores on her own, when Bob was working off the farm and the kids were at school. It would be called a side-hustle today, when she started raising roosters to sell every fall to family and friends. She chauffeured the kids to numerous lessons, sports activities and part-time jobs, always managing to juggle the multiple needs on her time. After she and Bob retired to Shelburne, Beryl became the 'cash lady' in the high school cafeteria. Independent and hard working to the very end, many personal care staff spent time chatting with Beryl rather than helping her with anything, as she always 'had it done' when they arrived.

Per Beryl's wishes, there will be a private interment in Shelburne cemetery. Donations in Beryl's memory may be made to the Headwaters Health Care Centre. Online condolences and donations may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com



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