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JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

YOUTH-LED BUSINESS: The Very Merry Market, hosted by Streams Community Hub on Nov. 28 and 29, offered local vendors and youth entrepreneurs the chance to showcase their products to the community during the holiday season. Sticker Sugar was one of these youth vendors, selling stickers, a book written by a youth who runs the booth, Amaya James, and a plush doll. Read a full story on Page 7.

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Melancthon mayor 'shocked' by raid at local scrapyard

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Changes are being proposed following the discovery that a local scrapyard was in possession of illegal items and in violation of various community bylaws.

On Wednesday, Nov. 19, the Ontario Provincial Police executed a search warrant at Northern Iron and Metal in Melancthon. What they found was a plethora of illegal items.

Melancthon Mayor Darren White said the town has had prior issues with the scrapyard, but this is the first time that arrests have ever been made.

"We have been having ongoing issues around compliance and property standards with this salvage yard," White said. "Most of it has to do with the amount of material stored, the heights they are being stored at, and the cleanliness of the premises. There's been a number of ongoing problems. But to my knowledge, this is the first time that the police have made arrests and laid charges for criminal behaviour on the site."

The bylaw violations turned out to be the least of the scrapyard's problems, as the OPP recovered stolen vehicles, trailers, power tools and raw materials, including stolen bell copper wire.

Even more seriously, among the seized items were 11 long guns, six pistols, three replica firearms with removed serial numbers, prohibited magazines and large amounts of ammunition. The OPP also seized methamphetamine and cocaine.

Six people, five residing in Melancthon and one in Dundalk, now face a variety of charges related to the seizure of these items.

Mayor White said he was stunned by what the warrant found.

"Absolutely, we were shocked, we're always surprised by any type of criminal activity in any of the businesses that operate in the township," he said. "We expect that businesses within the township will operate within the rules of the law, and we're grateful for the OPP's response."

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FILE PHOTO

SHOCKING DISCOVERY: Melancthon Mayor Darren White recently spoke out after Northern Iron and Metal, a scrapyard in Melancthon, had a search warrant executed on it, resulting in several charges.

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Trillium Ford to hold free Christmas dinner with Food For You

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Trillium Ford Shelburne dealership is holding a Christmas dinner at the Trinity Primrose United Church on Wednesday, Dec. 10, from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Held in partnership with Food For You, a volunteer-run weekly hot meal initiative, the Christmas dinner is the dealership's way of giving back to the community, said Trillium Ford Marketing Manager Wendy Gabrek.

"The idea to partner with Food For You came from our managing partner, Len Rice, who suggested we [as managers] should take

on a community project this festive season, to give back to local residents," Gabrek said. "One of our staff members suggested the kitchen program, Food For You, at Trinity Primrose, and we reached out for more information."

Food For You was started in March of 2025 by Shelley Doney, Sabine Rohner-Tensu, Ann McAlpine, Sandra Gallagher, Marci Lipman, and Betty Harmony. The program runs each Wednesday from 4 to 6:30 p.m. They offer free, home-cooked meals for those in need, with a sit-in option for anyone who wants some company and takeout for those on the go.

Originally starting small with simple soup dinners, Food For You has expanded thanks to generous community support and partnerships with local businesses. One of those partnerships is this dinner.

Trillium Ford will pay for, prepare, and serve the food for the Christmas dinner on Dec. 10 in what they are calling a 'kitchen takeover.'

Gabrek said that Trillium Ford is challenging other businesses to make similar collaborative efforts in town to support charitable initiatives.

"We challenge other local companies and organizations to get involved and reach out

to Shelley," Gabrek said. "Whether you want to cook like we are, donate, or even come for supper, this worthwhile initiative should be on your radar."

On tap for the dinner is homemade macaroni and cheese, sausages, buns, butter, and, of course, dessert.

The event is completely free to all in attendance.

For more information about the Food For You Program, to volunteer, donate, or collaborate, call Shelley at 519-938-0828.

Trinity Primrose United Church, where the Christmas Dinner will take place, is located at 200 Owen Sound Street, Shelburne.

Headwaters Health Care is planning large and long-term expansions

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
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Recognizing a growing need for services, Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) is planning a series of expansions over the next decade and beyond.

These expansions are intended to accommodate a growing population and an increasing number of hospital visits.

Kim Delahunt, president and CEO of Headwaters, delivered a presentation to Shelburne council on Nov. 24, outlining the hospital's long-term plan. She began with the most recent parts of the plan completed this year, focusing on two major projects.

"I wanted to just provide some updates about some of our big accomplishments from last year, before moving into what the hospital is focusing on this year and into the future," she said. "The first thing is the grand reopening of our updated and expanded dialysis unit."

"The other is the new MRI at Headwaters. I know everyone's been awaiting this for many, many years. It is fully running for seven days a week, and we're expecting 8,000 scans a year."

The MRI unit was an important project for the hospital, as Delahunt said their data showed that around 4,000 residents in the region had to leave to find MRIs elsewhere.

Looking into the future, the hospital expects a surge in demand for services over the coming decades.

Healthcare needs are anticipated to increase and become more specific, according to Delahunt.

"In Ontario, the aging population is rapidly growing, and it's already putting a lot of strain on our healthcare system," she said. "It's only going to increase that strain. By 2040, more than 3.1 million Ontarians will

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Kim Delahunt, president and CEO of Headwaters Health Care Centre

be living with one or more chronic illnesses. Healthcare needs are becoming more complex."

To address the projected demand, HHCC is planning a series of large expansions based on predictive data.

The current Emergency Department (ED) was built to accommodate 23,000 annual visits, but is now reporting more than 37,000 patients. Delahunt added that HHCC expects to see more than 50,000 ED patients each year within the next decade.

The highest priority items for the hospital to develop are: Emergency Department, Obstetrics, Complex Continuing Care, Diagnostic Imaging, Critical Care Unit/ICU, Medical Device Reprocessing Department, and Pharmacy.

In the relatively short term, the Emergency Department is planned to expand by 3,500 square feet, and Diagnostic Imaging will expand by 750 square feet. This is done with the goal of reducing wait times and improving the flow of patients. The overall ex-



FILE PHOTO

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE: Headwaters Health Care Centre CEO Kim Delahunt delivered a presentation to Shelburne council on Nov. 24, sharing information on the future outlook for the hospital. The emergency department expects to see more than 50,000 visits annually within the next decade.

pansion of HHCC is expected to be 239,000 square feet over a 10-year period, further expanding to 333,000 square feet over a 20-year period.

In terms of costs, the long-term expansion is estimated to cost \$391 million in the first phase, and the total cost over 20 years is projected to be \$714 million.

Despite the massive spending requirement, Delahunt said that HHCC remains financially responsible moving forward.

"At Headwaters, we remain fiscally pr-

udent," she said. "We are one of the few hospitals that are forecast to be balanced financially, while there's a number of the majority that are facing large deficits."

To meet the growing needs of the region and the local community, HHCC is planning to nearly double its size and double its number of employees. With goals of long-term care and faster wait times in mind, Delahunt and HHCC are looking to stay ahead of the curve going into the future, with more services and new technological integration.

Melancthon mayor looking to change and strengthen bylaw for scrap yards

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"It's extremely concerning that these types of things were found in that scrapyards. The neighbours certainly aren't happy about it. I'm not happy about it, neither is the council. We expect better for our residents and we expect better from businesses that operate here," Mayor White added.

He said he was less surprised by the copper found on the premises. He acknowledged that copper theft is an increasingly problematic issue and hopes more focus will be placed on breaking up theft operations in the future. With copper prices getting higher, criminal elements, he said, are taking advantage. This copper is often resold, sometimes to scrapyards like the one raided in Melancthon.

As a result of these issues, Northern Iron and Metal has had its license to operate revoked, the mayor said, effective immediately.

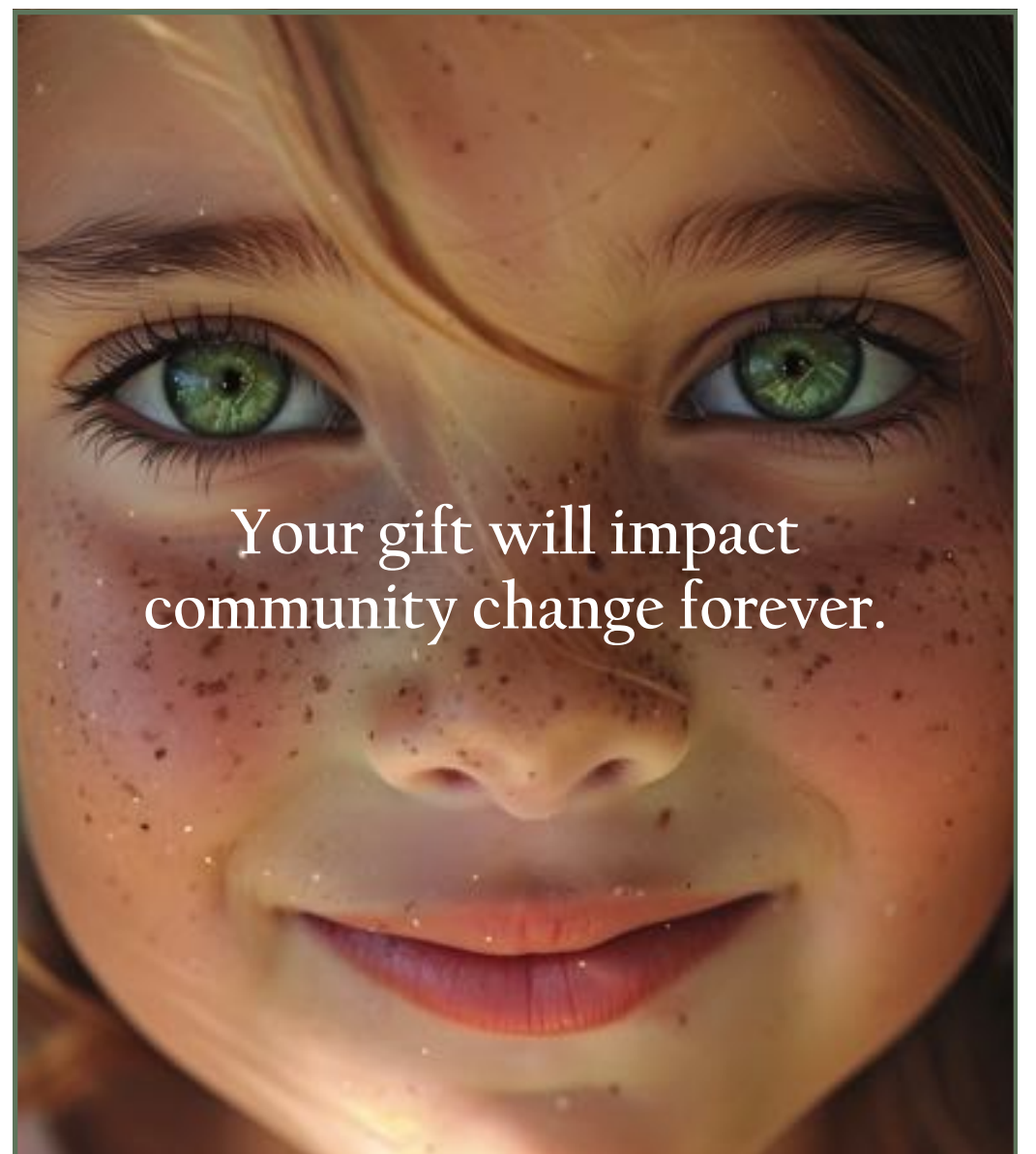
He followed up by saying the town will be looking into changing and strengthening their bylaws to more strictly monitor and

uphold standards in salvage and scrap yards going forward.

"While we haven't directly communicated with the OPP, as their side of the situation is remaining internal, we might be making some changes to our bylaws going forward," Mayor White said. "We may look into adding some restrictive clauses to specific items that are known to be stolen at higher rates, such as copper, brass, those kinds of things."

"I'm also going to ask the council to include a registry for scrapyards, something to keep track of people who are selling large quantities of things that might be products of crime, so again, copper, brass, pipes, catalytic converters. We're going to demand that they start keeping a record, including the ID of sellers. If we have to take those steps to make it easier for the police to find and arrest thieves, then we'll do that absolutely."

The executed warrant has sent a shock through the township and is likely to trigger a series of reforms to help prevent an event like this from happening again, keeping the community safe.



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OPINION

Don't sweat the small stuff

Years ago, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, also known as the Mormons, ran a series of public service-type commercials on network television.

They weren't proselytizing or even introducing their religion; they were just promoting good messages.

One of those commercials really stuck with me over the years.

There was a man standing in front of a mirror wearing an undershirt, his face covered in shaving cream.

He had a couple strokes of the razor before he heard a familiar sound and looked out the window.

The garbage truck passed by his house without stopping.

The man's son had forgotten to do one of his chores and didn't put the garbage out for pick-up.

In the next scene, the man, his face still covered in lather, and the son are seen running down the street with several garbage bags in an attempt to catch the garbage truck.

When the garbage truck makes its next stop, the two throw their garbage bags into the truck and give a wave to the drivers.

They return to the house and stop on the porch.

The father looks at the son.

In many cases, you would expect to hear the father admonish the son for his irresponsible behaviour and forgetting to do a simple but necessary chore.

Instead, the father laughs at the thought of the ridiculous sight of them running after the garbage truck.

He put his arm around the son's shoulder, and they entered the house.

The message: Don't sweat the small stuff.

I've always thought that was a short, yet powerful vignette of the right way to go through life.

Why make a big deal out of nothing?

Just over a month ago, we celebrated the Thanksgiving holiday. The idea behind this special time of year is to give thanks for what you have.

Originally, it meant giving thanks for a good harvest that would sustain your family over the next year.

Since most of us aren't really involved in a harvest anymore, it has become a time to reflect on all the good things you have in your life.

You can be thankful you're alive, have a decent job, your family is happy and healthy, and maybe because you have a Ford Mustang convertible parked in your garage as a

summer toy car.

You should be thankful you live in a country where you have a democratic voice and the power to change a government if you don't like its policies. You should be thankful you live in a country that is financially successful.

Over the past decade, there has been a lot of 'woke' information about all the wrongs this country has done in the past.

The truth is, this country was built where nothing existed before.

That bridge you drive over every day, and the streets and roads you take to get to work, were built. So were the hydroelectric dams that supply your electricity, the water purification plants that provide you with water, the arena where you play hockey, the home and subdivision you live in, and the park in your neighbourhood. They were all built by hardworking people over the course of over 300 years.

We should all appreciate these first-world amenities, and those who come here and try to disrupt that should probably just leave.

We are now heading into the Christmas season – the season of love, peace, and goodwill toward men – although it has mainly become the season of crass commercialism.

The day after Christmas Day was tradi-

tionally called Boxing Day for some reason.

It has now become synonymous with shopping and getting a good deal. I guess it works, or they wouldn't do it.

I recently bought a new smart TV. My old one just fizzled out and died one evening. Since TV repair went the way of the dinosaurs, buying a new one is really the only option.

When I went into the big box store we all shop at, but no one ever admits to buying at, I noticed all the TVs on display were huge.

After looking around, I came upon a skid full of 55-inch TVs. It was a good brand with lots of features and priced well below what I expected to pay.

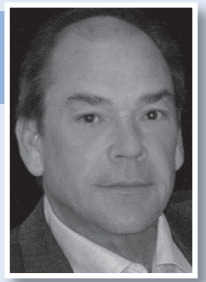
I asked the salesperson a lot of questions about the product, and finally asked 'Why is it priced so low?'

She replied that it was part of the 'Black Friday' sale, and it was on for half price. Black Friday? That isn't even a Canadian thing, and it was only Thursday.

I now have a very large TV in a very small room, but I'm happy with it.

Enjoy the coming season, have fun, and don't sweat the small stuff – life is too short.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Strategy to stay out of jail

Israel's prime minister, Binyamin 'Bibi' Netanyahu, has just asked the country's president, Isaac Herzog, to "fully pardon" him of all three charges – bribery, fraud and breach of trust – that he has been on trial for since 2020. And the question is: why did he only ask for it now?

The alleged crimes were the kind of petty malpractice that often trips up politicians: accepting gifts (mostly cigars and champagne) from powerful businessmen and bribing media for positive coverage. However, a former Israeli prime minister, Ehud Olmert, served 18 months in jail after conviction on similar charges, so Netanyahu does have a potential problem.

He has dealt with the charges for the past five years by delaying tactics in court and latterly by requesting endless postponements on the grounds that he was too busy fighting a war in the Gaza Strip. But there is currently a cease-fire in Gaza, which some people hope can be turned into a peace deal and reconstruction of the devastated

homes of its 2.3 million people.

The cease-fire intensifies Bibi's legal problem, however, since he can no longer plausibly demand postponements in the trial proceedings because there is a war on. Moreover, there must be an election for the next Knesset (parliament) by next October, and according to current opinion polls Netanyahu's coalition is unlikely to win.

But why are Israeli voters so ungrateful? Didn't Bibi win the war, crush the Palestinians and get all the hostages back? Well, yes, but he was also the man in charge on 7 October the year before last when Hamas fighters took Israel by surprise and murdered more than 1,200 Israelis in their own homes. A great many people have not forgiven him for that.

In Israel major government failures like this usually end up before an independent state commission of inquiry led by a retired judge. That would be political death for Netanyahu: his mistaken belief that he had tamed Hamas by letting large sums of

money reach it from Arab sources was why Israel was so unprepared for the October attack.

Bibi has neutered that threat for the time being by putting himself in charge of the inquiry, but he could not hope to keep that position if there is a different government in Israel after the elections. Indeed, his whole agenda for creating a Palestinian-free Gaza, building on Donald Trump's project for a 'Middle Eastern Riviera', would go out the window if he loses power.

Netanyahu seemed very close to his goal in September, but Trump himself then forced Bibi to accept the cease-fire, implicitly abandoning his 'Riviera' project in the process. (Why did Trump do that? Maybe he was swayed by pity for the Palestinians, or perhaps he just realised that the Saudi Arabians were getting very unhappy about it.)

At any rate, the best solution for all Netanyahu's problems, legal, strategic and political, would be a resumption of the war in Gaza. He could go back to stalling court hearings on his corruption charges, he could get started on pushing Palestinians out of Gaza, perhaps he could even win the elections next year if the expulsions went well enough.

The only big obstacle to all that is Donald Trump, who now sees the cease-fire in Gaza as one of his major achievements. It's going nowhere politically, and even in terms of stopping the killing it's not very effective: in November Israeli forces killed at least 300 Palestinians in Gaza, most of them civilians. But Trump is quite protective about it, so Bibi must wait.

He can't do that indefinitely, but he can probably do it for long enough. He is both patient and persistent whereas Trump is

neither. Netanyahu will jump through as many hoops as necessary, fly to Washington to kiss the ring whenever it's required, and sooner or later Trump will go chasing off after some other shiny object.

It should be easy to restart the war in Gaza once Trump is sufficiently distracted. Hamas fighters know that they will lose as badly in any future fighting as they did in the last round, but most of them will probably choose to die on their feet rather than live on their knees.

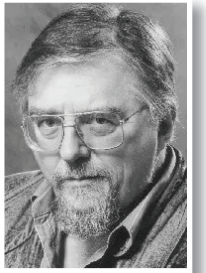
Israeli reservists might be a bit harder to motivate for yet another round of the war, but the habit of duty plus the promise of a mass expulsion of Palestinians at least from Gaza would probably be enough to get most of them back out one more time.

I'm not saying that all of this is bound to happen. I'm just saying that these are probably Binyamin Netanyahu's calculations at this moment in time – and that they are entirely rational and realistic, if perhaps a bit ruthless.

They are barking up the wrong tree. Taiwan's land defences need some work, but it is a very big island with few usable beaches, and its submarines and missiles would decimate Chinese sea transports. Meanwhile, the bulk of the US Navy would be a thousand km. offshore in the western Pacific and the South China Sea, blocking all ocean-borne trade to and from China.

No nukes, no conquest of Taiwan, and a dodgy future for the regime in Beijing that rolled the dice. The current regime in Beijing are not fools, so East Asia will probably remain at peace.

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COMMUNITY VOICES

Monthly Message: Shelburne Food Bank prepares for the season of giving

As Christmas approaches – a season filled with togetherness, compassion and the joy of giving – we are reminded of the strength and generosity that define our community.

Every year, the Shelburne Food Bank has the privilege of witnessing countless acts of kindness from neighbours helping neighbours. Yet this year, more families are turning to the food bank than ever before. Rising costs, unexpected hardships and ongoing uncertainties mean that many households are struggling to simply make ends meet.

For some, the festive season brings excitement and celebration. For others, it brings added worries: Will there be enough food for a Christmas meal? Will the children wake up to something special on Christmas? Will we get through the winter without having to choose between heating and eating?



These are very real questions being asked by people right here in our community.

As we prepare for one of our busiest seasons, we are reaching out to you with a heartfelt request. If you are in a position to give – whether it's a few canned items, packages of pasta, festive treats, toiletries, or a financial donation – your support will make a meaningful difference. Every single contribution helps us to continue to provide food, warmth and dignity to local individuals and families who need a hand this Christmas.

Your generosity ensures that parents can serve a warm meal, that children can go to bed without hunger, and that neighbours facing difficult times can feel seen, supported and cared for. It reminds people that they are not alone here.

We understand that this year has brought challenges for many, and not everyone can give; for those who cannot, your kindness, understanding and encouragement still mean something. If you are in a position to help, we promise that your gift – no matter the size – will go directly to those in need.

Consider making a donation in someone's name as their gift this year to the food bank. Area businesses, perhaps challenge yourselves or similar businesses to collect needed food donations for the food bank. A donation of 300 of any item we give means we don't have to buy it for a month. Or if it's

been a really good year, \$15,000 would allow us to continue running our Seniors Markets at five locations in Shelburne and the surrounding area for seniors next year.

There are many ways to give - please feel free to contact us with your idea at shelburnefoodbank@gmail.com. Tax receipts are available.

Thank you for the unwavering compassion our community continues to show. We are humbled by your support and inspired by how you come together year after year to lift one another up.

Together, we can help ensure this Christmas season brings hope, comfort and dignity to every household. Together, we can be there for those who need us.

On behalf of all the volunteers of the Shelburne food bank, we wish you all a peaceful, warm and caring Christmas.

Dufferin Oaks' annual Be a Santa to a Senior Program encourages donations from the community

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LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Everyone deserves to get a gift for Christmas, and Dufferin Oaks wants to ensure seniors are remembered this year.

Angie Matthews, program and support services manager at Dufferin Oaks Long Term Care Home, said the Be A Santa to a Senior Program's goal is to make Christmas morning special for the home's residents.

"We started this initiative five to six years ago now, with the goal of providing every resident with a gift on Christmas morning," she said. "We have 160 residents currently, and we've had fantastic community support in the past, leading to everyone in our facility getting to open a gift on Christmas morning."

Every year, Dufferin Oaks looks to collect \$25 donations from generous residents, and each \$25 donation covers the cost of one gift. Sponsors can donate online or visit Dufferin Oaks to make a donation in person.

For those who might not have \$25 to spare during

the holiday season, Matthews said it's not an issue, and they should not feel obligated to meet that number. Every donation, no matter the size, is welcome and appreciated by Dufferin Oaks.

"Maybe someone can't afford the \$25 donation, that's perfectly fine, we're happy to accept things that might be considered additions to the gifts," she said. "For example, the Shelburne Soccer Club is collecting donated items like lotions, candy, jewelry, socks, and slippers... things like that. There's something for everyone."

Matthews also said that donations are accepted in both cash and physical items, but

since the pandemic, more donations are coming in cash.

"I found that after COVID, more people are just looking for where they can send some money," she said. "The donations are absolutely welcome, of course, and they allow the staff at Dufferin Oaks, who know our people very well, to shop for some personalized gifts."

As the 2025 Christmas season approaches, the team at Dufferin Oaks hopes for the same community support they've seen in years past

to return this year, helping make Christmas a little bit more special for the 160 residents who call Dufferin Oaks home.

Online donations via credit card can be made at www.dufferincounty.ca, in the online payments section.

Donations are being accepted until Dec. 15.

For more information on Be a Santa to a Senior at Dufferin Oaks, contact Angie Matthews at (519) 925-2140 ext 5242 or amathews@dufferincounty.ca.



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Streams Hub's The Very Merry Market showcases local vendors and young creators

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Streams Community Hub brought together local vendors and youth creators for its annual Very Merry Market on Friday, Nov. 28, and Saturday, Nov. 29.

Megan Mare, program coordinator at Streams Hub, said this market is an annual tradition that helps raise community spirit during the holidays.

"The Very Merry Market has been going on for the last four years, starting in 2022, right when I came on board," she said. "It was so nice to be able to collaborate with Streams and do something for the community while we are running other events like the Word of Mouth Monologue Competition."

She said that Streams wanted to bring in people to support local initiatives during the holidays as well.

"We thought, at the end of the year, before things really slow down and the programs come to an end, let's do a holiday market," she said. "It'll be a time to bring people together while also supporting local businesses and charities."

Mare continued by saying that the market is never static. Every year, Streams Hub looks for new ways to expand, update, or change up the market so it stays fresh and offers new things to returning guests and new visitors.

"Each year we try to make it bigger and better in our little space that it feels like we're already outgrowing," Mare said. "We

have local vendors that come out. This year we have five to six, though we typically have six to eight. We have photographers, selfie stations and things that we try to bring in."

This year, Streams had something new. For the first time, the Very Merry Market featured an online auction that ran throughout the market. Mare said there were good choices to pick from, often priced lower than what they'd cost online.

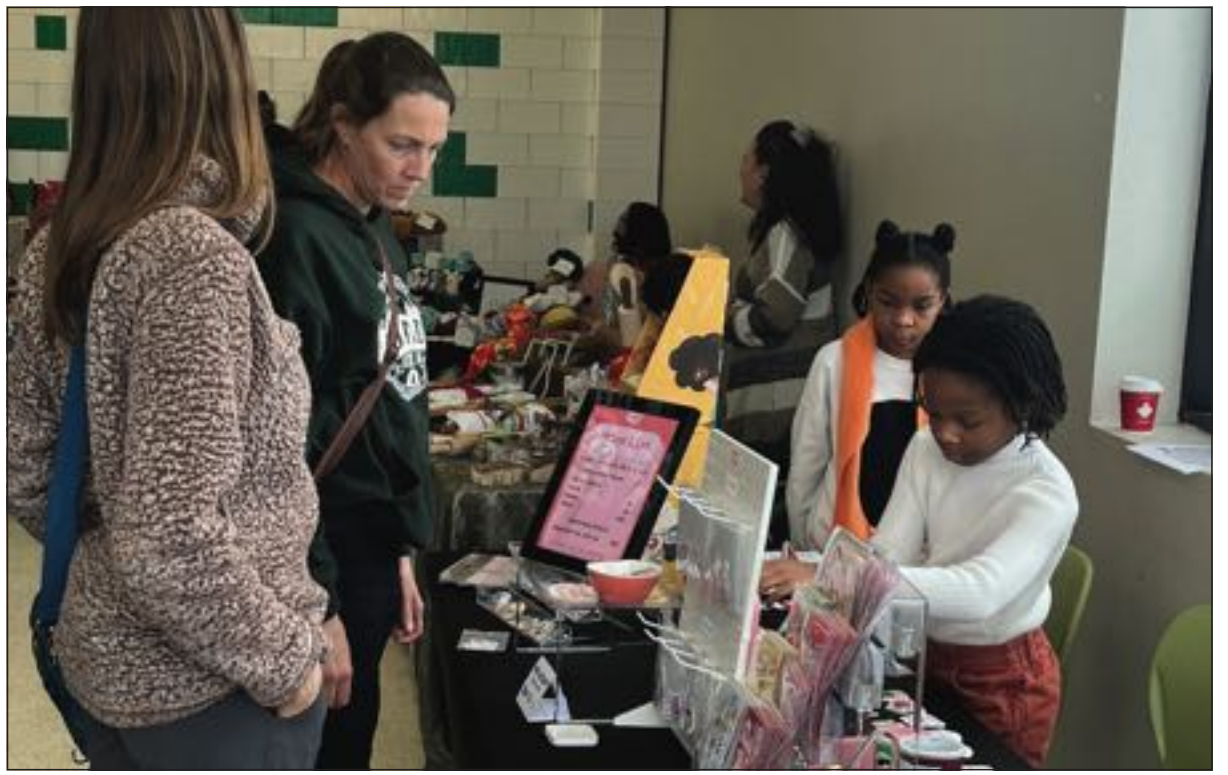
All proceeds went back to the not-for-profit, arts-focused Streams Community Hub, so the buyer gets a one-of-a-kind item and the money stays in the community.

Each vendor in attendance offered a variety of unique items for sale.

Among them was a jewelry vendor and a vendor selling handmade charcuterie boards, utensils, candles, and more.

There was even a youth vendor present – Sticker Sugar.

Run by three sisters, Alex, Amaya and Akeylah James, they turned their love of art and colour from a hobby into a youth-run local business.



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YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS: Sticker Sugar, a booth ran by young members of Streams Community Hub, showcased their products to the community during the Very Merry Market on Nov. 28 and 29.

All designs are created by and handpicked by the sisters. Alongside their wide assortment of themed sticker bundles, they were also selling their own book, *Afro, No!*, written by Amaya James.

The book has sold over 900 copies online. The market, Mare said, is a perfect way

for young creators and local vendors to get their work seen by others.

Now in its fourth year, The Very Merry Market has brought in returning families and new guests, offering unique local products and raising support for local holiday initiatives.

Dufferin County mourns the loss of lifelong advocate for mothers and babies, Robin Berger

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
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A Grand Valley woman who dedicated her life to serving mothers, babies, and the broader community recently passed away.

Robin Berger, who was born on Jan. 24, 1944, died on Oct. 22. She leaves behind a legacy of compassion, serving as a nurse and advocate for mothers and newborns across the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph area – and beyond.

Her daughter, Leah Berger, said some of the lessons she taught were to serve others with heart and competence, treat every person as someone who matters, invest in family and relationships, show up to listen and love, savour simple joys, and remember that the ripple effect of one life can be immense.

"To my Mom: thank you. Thank you for your care, your strength, your love, your laughter, your example. Your work in nursing healed and comforted so many. Your

home and heart nurtured us. Your spirit — playful, generous, curious — inspired us. You are my true hero, and you were my best friend," Leah Berger wrote to the Citizen.

Berger's obituary highlights her service to the community through her role as a public health nurse with Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health (WDGPH).

"Robin Berger's name has been synonymous with breastfeeding support across Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph for more than three decades," reads Berger's obituary. "A registered nurse who embraced lactation as both science and vocation, Robin became an International Board-Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC) in 1994 — the first person to hold that role within the local public-health unit — and from that moment she transformed care for new families in our region."

Berger's career began in public health nursing, helping mothers navigate the early postpartum period, as hospital stays shortened and parents needed access to more

community-based support.

"Over the years she counselled thousands of families, taught breastfeeding classes, and mentored health-care colleagues who continue to rely on her guidance," the obituary stated. "Her work came full circle: many of the infants she supported returned years later as parents seeking her help for their own children."

Berger retired from WDGPH in 2011, but began serving the community in a different way — through her own private practice.

She opened "Robin's Nest," offering one-on-one lactation consultations and group support through her breastfeeding and parenting support services. After running her private practice for 12 years, she retired at age 79 in 2023.

Recognizing her lifetime of service, Berger was awarded the King Charles III Coronation Medal on May 9 and in October 2023, Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post presented her with a Certificate of Recognition for

her decades of service as an international board-certified lactation consultant.

"Outside her professional life, Robin was a devoted family person. She leaves behind, Lou her husband of 60 years and their children, Heidi, Leah and Jon and her three grandchildren, Mia, Lauren and Luke as well as countless families who count her among the people who made parenthood easier and more joyful," reads the obituary.

A celebration of life was held for Berger on Nov. 18 at the In Memoriam Funeral Services in Grand Valley.

"Robin's influence will continue in the policies, resources, and trained clinicians she helped shape. For many mothers, a quiet conversation with Robin in those vulnerable early days changed the course of their breastfeeding journey," reads the obituary.

"For a community, her steady presence strengthened the bonds between families, health professionals and the public-health system she loved."

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Melancthon Feral Cat Rescue to host annual Sponsor a Cat fundraiser

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
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Feral Cat Rescue in Melancthon is going the extra mile this holiday to make sure lost cats get the care they deserve.

During the holiday season, when the cold starts to set in, it's more important than ever to ensure stray and feral cats are taken off the streets and given a home or place to stay that's dry and warm.

Feral Cat Rescue is running a cat sponsorship program for the Christmas season, dubbed Sponsor a Cat for Christmas.

Sharon Morden, volunteer shelter manager, said it's a wholesome and thoughtful way for the public and animal lovers to help care for the 129 cats currently staying at the shelter. Due to the feral cat focus of the shelter, many cats need extra care to stay healthy and happy.

"The Sponsor a Cat fundraiser is welcomed yearly by the community. It was started 4 years ago and is a chance for the community to help a cat that is in foster or at

the rescue," she said. "We have had a lot of cats needing extensive dental treatment due to injuries and bad health on intake."

The program follows a simple plan. It's a donation of \$10 to be put towards sponsoring a cat. Once two donations of \$10 are put towards a cat, they are considered sponsored. Of course, a sponsor can also donate the full \$20 if they would like to contribute that much. A wholesome reward awaits those who help.

"Once you make a donation, your name will be placed on an ornament," Morden said. "When the cat has two sponsors, the ornament will go onto our tree. The tree is going to be located at the Rescue or the Thrift shop."

Morden said that the shelter needs all the help it can get. As a non-profit, they rely on community support to continue operating and even run a thrift store to generate extra revenue. The Thrift Shop is located on First Avenue East in front of the Giant Tiger plaza, beside Lubinator.

Between that, the shelter, and all the cats,

the volunteers still work full-time jobs away from the rescue.

The rescue has been in operation for over 10 years, after Morden recognized a huge need in the community. The shelter strives to create a space catered to feral cats who need some extra comfort to adjust to indoor life.

"We were founded in 2011 because there is a huge need to help the feral, outdoor cats as they do not do well in shelters in caged environments due to fear and not being socialized with people," she said. "The rescue offers a free-roaming environment where cats can come around in their own time, whether it be two days, two weeks, or two years. They have 24-hour access to an outdoor enclosure that is 20 feet x 50 feet and has a partially roofed area with walls and an open air area where they can enjoy direct sunshine and weather from each season."

The shelter fights hard to help feral cats get adjusted, with volunteers on site regularly to help socialize and care for the cats.

They are incredibly grateful for the com-

munity's support and are asking anyone who can donate to help to please do so. There are multiple ways to help, and it's greatly appreciated no matter which way a donor chooses.

Morden asks that anyone who is looking to donate provide it via e-transfer at info@feralcatrescue.ca.

"We are so thankful for our caring community and the support and help with the cats that need our help," she said.

"You are also welcome to support by shopping at the Feral Cat Rescue thrift as 100 per cent of the proceeds go to our medical account. We sell new and gently used items and 100 per cent of the proceeds go to the medical care of the cats. We are so thankful to the community for donations of items to sell at the thrift store and are blessed to have such wonderful community support," Morden added.

For more information about Feral Cat Rescue and its Sponsor a Cat for Christmas initiative, use the email above or call (519) 278-0707.

Hockley Historic Community Hall and Church to hold third annual Christmas Concert

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

For those who are looking for a local festive way to celebrate Christmas and the holiday season, Hockley has you covered with its annual Christmas concert on Dec. 14 at 7 p.m.

For the last two years, the Hockley Historic Community Hall and Church has been hosting an annual Christmas concert, organized in part by local author and musician Angela van Breemen. She said that guests can expect a wonderful assortment of music and talent to really ignite the holiday spirit.

"We have a very nice mix of music which I think will appeal to everyone, and really tug on your heartstrings," she said. "We've got a soprano, a mezzo soprano, two baritones, and a tenor, and we'll be performing music for all ages, going from big style opera pieces to contemporary pieces that we all know and love."

This concert is going to be bigger this year

than the previous two years, said van Breemen. She felt that previous concerts were a little bit too short, and the audience was asking for more. This year, she said, there will be more performers than ever before, extending the concert to roughly 1 hour and 45 minutes.

"I absolutely love finding new talent in our area, it's just so full of it," van Breeman enthused. "Opening, we're going to have Ben Canedo, he's a wonder baritone, and some of the music he's going to be singing is 'Believe,' a song from The Polar Express, and 'Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas.' We're also going to be having a pair of teen musicians, Brianna and Quinn. They're a soft rock acoustic duo - absolutely wonderful voices. They'll be playing some Neil Young, 'Rocking Around the Christmas Tree', and more."

Brianna and Quinn will also be performing with another musician, Sean Derragh. They'll be performing a unique rendition of Feliz Navidad.

Rounding out the rest of the night, Lorne Derragh, Cynthia Fox-Fucile, and Paul Poirier will be joining the evening's performers, bringing more songs and sounds to the hall. Of course, van Breemen herself will be taking the stage.

The concert will also support the preservation of the historic community hall and church, a personal goal for van Breemen, who's lived in the area for a long time.

"I actually work with Procyon Wildlife, and two years ago I held a fundraising concert for Procyon at the hall and church, and I realized that 'oh my god,' these folks really need more awareness about these buildings," she said. "So I decided to switch up and do the charity concerts for the hall and church, which we've been doing the last two years, and now this is our third. I'm absolutely delighted to do it."

The community hall and church have a very unique history. In 1887, the church was disassembled and carried by sleds through

the winter landscape from Mono to its current location in Hockley.

As much as van Breemen wants to support the hall and church, she also said that bringing people together in the small village for the holidays is also an important goal. A sense of community, belonging, and bonding is the centerpiece of the concert.

"I think that there's something special about bringing people together for Christmas," van Breeman said. "Our concerts always consist of singing with the audience; somehow, people aren't as shy around Christmas, and they sing along. This is a time to come together, enjoy some music, and celebrate community."

Tickets for this event are \$10, with kids under 10 getting free admission. Tickets are selling fast, however, so van Breemen recommends securing them fast.

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Rapunzel: A Braid New World features hilariously dramatic retelling of beloved fairy tale

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
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Theatre Orangeville's latest pantomime production is funny, visually appealing and absolutely worth seeing for some much-needed laughs during the holiday season.

When one thinks of Rapunzel, plenty of things might come to mind - but Footloose probably isn't one of them. Yet you may be surprised more than once by Theatre Orangeville's dynamic retelling of the classic tale, which premiered last Friday.

Created by David Nairn, the theatre's artistic director emeritus, who returned to the director's chair, and Debbie Collins, Rapunzel: A Braid New World is the theatre's newest seasonal pantomime - and the company has once again delivered a stellar performance.

The story, without giving too much away, begins with an extremely poorly executed vegetable theft - one committed against the most wicked lady in the region, Vexangria. In his desperation to avoid a swiftly approaching reckoning, the thief strikes a bargain for his safe return, sacrificing his still-unborn child, who will grow into the Rapunzel we all know.

If this feels like an extreme escalation over stolen produce, you'd be right - but this is pantomime, and it's only the beginning of this wacky tale.

Audiences are introduced to a colourful range of quirky characters - fairies, witches, monsters, and magic mirrors - and each performance lands perfectly. The cast, returning from last year's pantomime, showcases expert comedic timing and musical talent, consistently earning laughs and applause.

The actors play off one another with such fluidity that it's easy to forget you're watch-

ing a production at all, rather than a genuine conversation between a baker and a witch.

A hallmark of good pantomime is adaptability, and this cast excels at engaging the audience, reacting to their energy, and never letting a moment fall flat.

The blocking is equally well handled. No character ever feels underused or lost, even in full-cast scenes. Everyone remains visible, acknowledged, and ready with a joke or one-liner. Even when simply moving a prop, each performer stays in character, adding charm and humour through expressions and asides.

The jokes themselves are up-to-the-minute, with plenty of humour at Dundalk's expense. Running gags - from easy-bake ovens to Vexangria's increasingly elaborate walking aids and Gen Z slang that leaves you unsure whether to laugh or cringe - this production keeps the audience cracking up every other minute.

The musical numbers match the show's quirky energy. Audiences are encouraged to sing along if they can keep up. Fans of classic hits are treated to Footloose, while lovers of musical theatre will enjoy a nod to The Pirates of Penzance.

Live music adds even more charm. The decision to feature an on-stage performer providing well-timed sound effects and piano accompaniment adds an extra layer of



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A HAIR-RAISING HIT: Theatre Orangeville's Rapunzel: A Braid New World is the latest seasonal Pantomime and an absolute joy to experience. From Dundalk disses to a Footloose rendition, Rapunzel has something for everyone to enjoy.

warmth to the production that would have lacked without it.

Of course, no Theatre Orangeville show is complete without standout design work, and this production is no exception. The set is expertly crafted and makes excellent use of the stage space. Rapunzel's tower - or half-tower - rotates to reveal multiple settings and can be moved forward for a key solo or pushed back as Rapunzel searches for her long-lost friend (who may or may not

be directly beneath it during a musical number).

Nothing is underused or left unoptimized. Nairn and the Theatre Orangeville team have once again raised the bar, delivering a production the town can take pride - and plenty of laughs - in.

Rapunzel: A Braid New World is a wacky, funny, unforgettable show that theatregoers won't want to miss. Catch it now through Dec. 21.

Shelburne Soccer Club to host Christmas market fundraiser for new equipment

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Recognizing a need to update and expand its equipment, the not-for-profit Shelburne Soccer Club will hold a Christmas market on Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Shelburne Legion, located at 203 William St.

The Shelburne Soccer Club is currently looking to raise money for new netting for its teams, according to head coach Tara McCreddie.

"We now have six rep teams, and on top of our house league, we have over 500 kids enrolled in our program, and we realized over the summer that we don't have enough nets for festivals or out-of-town teams coming here," she said. "We're having to pack up

and carry the nets to other fields, over fences, and it's not ideal."

"Every age group also has a different net size, too, so we desperately need some new nets. We just don't have a lot of extra cash laying around, as we're a non-profit," McCreddie added.

To help remedy this problem, she said she decided to put her experience running fundraising events to use and try a Christmas market to raise money for their nets.

"I was thinking... what could we do here to help raise some money and promote local businesses as well, and why not do a Christmas market?" she said. "We decided to team up with the Legion, and they are generously giving us their space for free. Now all vendors' fees will go 100 per cent back into the

community to help us buy what we need, so we're extremely grateful to the Legion."

McCreddie said that this arrangement will benefit everyone involved. The key, of course, is raising money for the nets and the soccer club, but the local vendors are now also getting some well-deserved exposure. Many don't own shops of their own, operate out of their homes and rely on pop-up markets like this one to move their merchandise. In this way, she said that everyone gets a win for the holidays.

This will also be the first market hosted by the soccer club, and McCreddie hopes the event is a success so it can become an annual fundraiser to maintain their equipment and maybe even expand what they have to better support their teams.

"There is always something that needs to be purchased when it comes to sports and kids," she said. "Whatever that might be, equipment and whatever. So we're always looking to raise money to help our community. We want people to support the community and shop locally."

To coincide with the market, the Shelburne Legion Ladies Auxiliary will be opening the canteen for breakfast and lunch. Santa will also be on site for pictures with kids, with a facepainting station nearby.

While entry to the market is free, the club is asking attendees to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Shelburne Food Bank.

For more information about the market, contact headcoach@shelburnesoccer.ca.

Make tails wag and wishes come true with the SPCA's Home for the Holidays adoption campaign

The Ontario SPCA Orangeville & District Animal Centre is on a mission to make dreams come true this holiday season for animals and their new families with its Home for the Holidays adoption campaign, running until Dec. 24.

Last year, the Orangeville & District Animal Centre found loving homes for 655 animals. To date in 2025, it has already had more than 670 animals come into its care. The animal centre's goal is to find loving homes for 66 animals during the Home for the Holidays campaign. Animals adopted from the Ontario SPCA are spayed or neutered, microchipped, and vaccinated, and they go home with food from Royal Canin to help ensure a smooth transition into

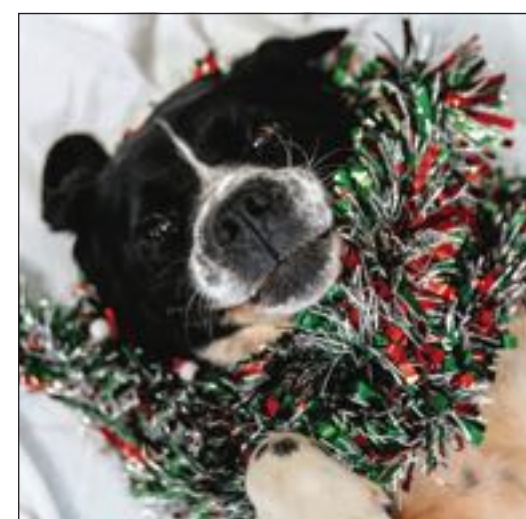
their new life.

With more people home during the holidays, now is an ideal time to welcome an animal into your family. Whether it's an affectionate cat who's been patiently watching others go home or a gentle senior dog still full of love to give, each adoption helps change a life - both for the animal and the family who opens their heart.

"Every animal deserves to experience the joy of home," says Julie Woods, manager of Ontario SPCA Orangeville & District Animal Centre. "We have some very special animals who have been patiently waiting for a loving family to call their own and we're hoping this holiday season will be their time to finally make their wishes come true."

Those unable to adopt can still make a difference this holiday season. Donations help provide shelter and medical care for animals waiting for their forever homes. Supporters can also shop Paws & Give™, the Ontario SPCA's online giving store filled with gifts that give back - from gifts for that special someone on your list, to toys for shelter animals. Every purchase helps give animals in need a second chance.

Visit ontariospca.ca/adopt to meet animals looking for homes this holiday season or visit ontariospca.ca/orangeville to donate or shop Paws & Give™. Together, we can make this a season of love, hope, and happy new beginnings for animals across Ontario.



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SPORTS

Local football players help high school team win OFSAA championship

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School Wolfpack varsity football team won the Central Bowl OFSAA Championship on Tuesday, Nov. 25, and several Shelburne residents were part of the winning team.

Robert F. Hall has had a strong football program for several years, and this year's squad was the first to win an OFSAA Championship.

OFSAA championship football is played in a series of bowl games, with district champion teams battling in the final game. The championship game was played at the University of Guelph's stadium, in front of a large contingent of fans and supporters from both sides.

The Wolfpack was up against St. Joan of Arc from Barrie for the Central Bowl Championship.

The Wolfpack claimed the title with a 25-13 win.

Shelburne residents Lucas Carson-Pedri, Mason Burke, Trey Robinson, Deondre Burke, and Kymani Stanley were part of the winning team from Robert F. Hall in Caledon East.

Since these were bowl games pitting teams from different districts, the teams had not met before on the gridiron.

Running back Lucas Carson-Pedri played a considerable role in the big game, running for 243 yards on 24 carries. The Grade 12 student has been on the team for three years.

"We were the first-place team in our district and we qualified for the final and won that," Lucas said of the team's path to the Central Bowl.

"Winning the game and OFSAA was kind of surreal. The fact that we were lucky enough to be one of nine teams in all of Ontario to (compete at) an OFSAA Bowl was amazing."



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WINNING MATCH: The Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School Wolfpack varsity football team won the Centre Bowl Championship at OFSAA at the University of Guelph stadium on Tuesday, Nov. 25. Several key players on the team are Shelburne residents, and they played a big part in the Wolfpack's victory.

Robert F. Hall linebacker Mason Burke said the Wolfpack were well prepared going into the championship game.

"It was different than all of our other games because we hadn't played them before," Mason said. "We had video footage of them and we learned what kind of plays they like to do, and we adjusted to it. Most of the game we were able to shut them down when we were on defence. We were calm but confident going into the game. They were the most well-rounded team we played all year. It was one of the most challenging games of

the year, and that's what you would expect at OFSAA."

The Wolfpack had one early-season loss this year, but Robert F. Hall cornerback Trey Robinson said that loss made the team work harder.

"We had some early adversity, but that really pushed us to work harder. We have a really high-energy team," Trey said.

"We were confident going into the game because the week before, we had won the Metro Bowl. We knew the final game was going to be tough. They were definitely

(one) of the best teams we played all season."

As a Grade 12 student, this was Trey's final year as a high school football player, and he said this was a great way to end his high school football career.

"Going out the way we did - there's no better way to go out, than with a big bang," he told the Free Press.

Wolfpack head coach Jonathan Beresford and his team did a great job of coaching and guiding the Wolfpack team through the season.

Centre Dufferin District High School Royals senior boys' basketball team win inaugural game

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals won their first game of the season over the Westside Secondary School Thunder from Orangeville.

The home opener took place in the gym at Centre Dufferin on Monday, Dec. 1.

It was a well-played game by both teams, who showed a lot of speed and good ball-handling on the court.

The Royals took an early lead in the first quarter and managed to stay ahead for the entire game.

Centre Dufferin was leading 17-13 early in the second quarter, then moved to 28-19 at the half.

At the end of the third quarter, the Royals extended that lead to 16 points and were ahead 45-29.

Westside put out a big effort in the final quarter, matching the Royals hoop-for-hoop, but they couldn't gain any ground.

The Royals left the court with a 57-41 win.

"I think we started a little slow, but then then our coach and our teammates picked us up, and we did well going on from there," said Royals centre Mikey LeGresley after the game.

"Our rebounds were lousy until our coach

gave us a predicament - if anyone gets a rebound off of you, you're subbing off. So, if someone gets a rebound off of you, you're coming off, and the next man is coming on. On offence, we did well passing and creating shots. We were good at the passing cut - pass the ball and cut to the basket - we got a couple of hoops doing that."

Mikey added, "Our transitions were good. We'd get the rebound and throw it up the court for a transition and a bucket. On defence, the best we did was we've been working on a pack drill, and I think we did well on that. I think we need to work on talking a little bit (more), but we played a good game."

The Royals will be back on their home court on Wednesday, Dec. 10, to host Norwell District Second School.

Game time is at 4 p.m.



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SEASON STARTER: The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals senior boys' basketball team played their season and home opener in the gym at CDDHS when they hosted the Westside Secondary School Thunder from Orangeville on Monday, Dec. 1. The Royals won the game 57-41. Royals forward Josh Pomery goes for the layup during the third quarter.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

JAX RAGAZZON

Playing hockey for three years, Shelburne Wolves U11 Rep right wing Jax Ragazzon brings a lot of skill to his team.

"It's fun and easy to play," Jax said of why he likes playing hockey. "I like hanging out with my friends and having good sportsmanship on the ice. When you do a lot of passing on the ice you will do a lot more scoring."

During the summer months Jax plays baseball with the Mansfield Cubs.

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East Garafraxa farm recognized at 2025 Excellence in Agriculture Awards

Written By SAM ODROWSKI
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The founder and owner of a 250-acre lavender and sunflower farm in East Garafraxa was recently recognized by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA).

Julie Thurgood-Burnett of Hereward Farms was presented with an Honourary Mention in the Women in Excellence in Agriculture category at OMAFRA's 2025 Excellence in Agriculture Awards in November.

"I'm truly honoured to be recognized among so many inspiring leaders in agriculture," said Thurgood-Burnett. "This award is a reflection of our team's dedication and our mission to create something meaningful — not just for our customers, but for our land, our community, and for Canadian agriculture as a whole."

Thurgood-Burnett was recognized for her leadership in sustainable farming, having converted her family's plot of land into a successful farm-to-business operation.

Hereward Farms began in 2020 with very humble beginnings. Thurgood-Burnett planted just 40 lavender plants as a side project — what she called "a passion planted in the soil."

From there, it has rapidly expanded into a large agricultural operation.

"I never imagined it would bloom into more than 6,000 lavender plants and 400,000 sunflowers, or that it would change our lives the way it has," she told the Citizen.

"Watching this farm grow has been nothing short of magical. Every season reminds me that when you nurture something with love, hard work, and a bit of lavender-scented optimism, incredible things can grow."

Hereward Farm's focus is on crafting premium skincare and home products, which are 100 per cent Canadian-made and eco-friendly. These products are made from crops grown on the farm.

"Guided by the farm's philosophy, 'from our soil to your soul,' Hereward Farms demonstrates how agriculture and mindful entrepreneurship can grow hand in hand. From seed to shelf, every step of production happens with intention — celebrating nature, nurturing community, and setting a new standard for what sustainable beauty and home care can look like in Canada," reads a press release recognizing Hereward Farms as a recipient of OMAFRA's 2025 Excellence in Agriculture Award.

OMAFRA congratulated Thurgood-Bur-



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AGRICULTURAL LEADER: Julie Thurgood-Burnett, owner and founder of Hereward Farms in East Garafraxa, received an Honourary Mention in the Women in Excellence in Agriculture category at OMAFRA's 2025 Excellence in Agriculture Awards in November.

nett, along with all the 2025 award recipients, for their efforts in supporting the future of agriculture in the province.

OMAFRA's 2025 Excellence in Agriculture Awards took place at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto on Nov. 8.

Dufferin County launches BetterHomes Program to help residents save energy and money

Dufferin County is launching a new \$11.25 million program in early 2026 to help homeowners make their homes more energy efficient, comfortable, and affordable.

This program is funded in part by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and Natural Resources Canada. Through its Green Municipal Fund's Community Efficiency Financing (CEF) initiative, FCM provided BetterHomes Dufferin with \$5 million in loans and a \$2.5 million grant to support an innovative home energy retrofit project in the county.

The CEF initiative helps municipalities deliver energy financing programs for low-rise residential properties. By addressing the financial barriers to energy efficiency upgrades, CEF empowers municipalities and homeowners to take meaningful action on climate change while improving housing affordability and community resilience.

BetterHomes Dufferin will offer low-interest loans of up to \$40,000 for energy-efficient home upgrades, including insulation, new windows, heat pumps, and more. Low-income households will be eligible for zero-interest loans of up to the same amount.

Homeowners who heat with fuel oil or propane are especially encouraged to apply, as they are expected to see the highest energy and cost savings.

"BetterHomes Dufferin will allow our residents to take practical, affordable steps to make their homes more comfortable and energy-efficient for the long term," said Dufferin County Warden Janet Horner. "This program reflects Council's commitment to helping people save money on energy costs, reduce emissions, and replace aging heat sources with new energy-efficient technologies."

"Energy efficiency retrofits are critical to keeping Canadian's bills low while reaching our climate goals. We are proud to support BetterHomes Dufferin taking action to build a clean, affordable future—one home at a time," noted Canada's Minister of Energy and Natural Resources Tim Hodgson.

A key feature of the program is access to a free Energy Coach, available to all participants. The Energy Coach will guide homeowners through every step of the process — from the initial energy audit to identifying the most cost-effective upgrades, reviewing



contractor quotes, applying for additional rebates, and completing their retrofit projects with confidence.

"What sets BetterHomes Dufferin apart from other programs is that it's designed to address the biggest barrier to home energy upgrades — upfront costs," said Sara MacRae, manager of climate and energy for Dufferin County. "The program will cover initial project expenses, so people don't have to pay out of pocket before the savings begin."

"GMF's Community Efficiency Financing initiative proves that energy-efficient housing is within reach for all Canadians. By removing barriers to affordable, energy-efficient home upgrades, it equips municipalities to innovate, homeowners to save, and communities to thrive. Retrofit projects such as BetterHomes Dufferin reduce energy bills providing financial relief and stability while reducing energy poverty for our people," noted Federation of Canadian Municipalities

President Rebecca Bligh.

BetterHomes Dufferin supports key municipal priorities committed to in the County's climate action plans by helping residents lower energy costs, preparing homes for extreme weather, and stimulating local green-job growth. Eligible projects may also include upgrades for safety, accessibility, and to electrical systems.

The loan is tied to the property, not the individual homeowner, and is repaid through property taxes. "BetterHomes gives Dufferin homeowners a safe and reliable way to make upgrades that they might otherwise put off," said Warden Horner. "Because the loan is tied to the property and paid back slowly through their property taxes, it is an easy, low-risk option where homeowners can see savings immediately while improving their home."

Applications will be accepted from early 2026 and will continue while funds are available.

Dundalk man charged with impaired driving after fleeing

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers recently charged a Dundalk resident with impaired operation-related offences following a single motor vehicle collision.

Officers responded to a single-vehicle collision in the area of Orange Street and Chisholm Street in Orangeville on Nov. 26, at approximately 11:33 p.m. The vehicle had lost control, struck a tree, and became lodged on a stump. The driver and passenger fled the scene on foot, running toward a nearby housing complex.

Officers arrived promptly, secured the scene, and began an investigation. After speaking with witnesses, officers began an

impaired driving investigation.

Joshua Reid, 20, from Dundalk, has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Failure or refusal to comply with demand
- Fail to remain

The accused individual is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville. Their driver's licence was suspended 90 days, and their vehicle impounded for 7 days.

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.



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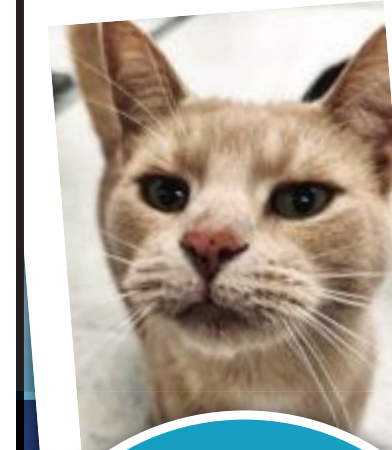
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Shelburne Public Library shares weekly news, recommended read of the week

Did you know if the Shelburne Library doesn't have a book you are looking for, they will borrow it from another library?

After hearing the poem "All at Once" by Clint Smith when listening to Brene Brown's latest book "Strong Ground," Shannon, the library's new chief executive officer, knew she wanted to read more of Smith's poetry. However, both Shelburne and Orangeville (Shannon's home library) didn't have his latest collection "Above Ground."

That's when Jade and Amy, the Shelburne Library's Interlibrary Loan experts came to the rescue. Within just two weeks of making the request, Shannon had a copy in her

hands all the way from Niagara Falls.

So, the next time you search the library for a book, and they don't have it, remember that the staff are happy to help you borrow a copy from another library. Talk about service!

This week's recommended read
"I'm Supposed to Protect You From All This" by Nadja Spiegelman: For a long time, Nadja Spiegelman believed her mother was a fairy. French-born New Yorker art director Françoise Mouly exerted a force over reality that was both dazzling and daunting. As Nadja's body changed their relationship grew tense. Unwittingly, they were replaying

a drama from her mother's past. Eventually, Françoise recounted her turbulent adolescence, and the weight of the difficult stories she told her daughter shifted the balance between them.

Why Molly recommends it: I first read Maus in my AP Lit class, as most people my age did. To me, it was a revolutionary medium to tell such a difficult story (see also: Persepolis). When I saw his daughter had a memoir, I was surprised there wasn't more fanfare surrounding it. I was also surprised to learn her mother and grandmother were both writers and editors.

This memoir was meant to just be

about her mother, however, when pursuing her mother's 'true' story, Nadja is instead launched on a full generational journey following her mother, her grandmother and her great grandmother.

I was mesmerized by what she unearthed, her ability to relate emotional subject matter succinctly and the atmosphere she manages to inject into every chapter. We are all connected by our matrilineal lines, even when they seem disconnected. We are also defined by our family stories, whether the details are actually correct or not.

This is a book about reconnection, redemption and above all: Love.

Dufferin OPP teams up with MTO for commercial vehicle enforcement, lays nine charges

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers once again partnered with the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) Enforcement Branch to conduct joint enforcement initiatives aimed at keeping local roads safe.

Last week, Dufferin OPP and MTO officers conducted a commercial motor vehicle enforcement blitz around Primrose focusing on compliance and road safety. As a result, 19 commercial motor vehicles were

inspected, nine charges were laid, one plate removed, and six vehicles were taken out of service.

"These joint efforts play a vital role in ensuring the safety of all road users in Dufferin County. The Dufferin OPP is extremely proud of this ongoing partnership and remains committed to working together to promote road safety," reads a press release from Dufferin OPP.

County calls on residents to safely share roads with cyclists, pedestrians, horse-drawn carriages

Safe transportation networks are key to ensuring that road users reach their destinations safely.

Dufferin County has many rural roads and road networks that are used by drivers, cyclists, pedestrians, and even horse-drawn

carriages.

"Home to a diverse population of citizens, Dufferin County has a longstanding history of Mennonites located throughout our community, especially in the rural municipalities of Melancthon, Mulmur and Grand Valley,"

said Bruce Hillborn, manager of operations and fleet at Dufferin County.

"A certain community of Mennonites use the horse and buggy as a means of transportation. We must all work together to share our roads and keep our community safe while traveling."

There are many factors to consider when prioritizing safety on county roads, such as soft gravel shoulders, hidden intersections and driveways, sudden turns and curves, poor lighting, and wildlife. These considerations apply to all road users.

But there are also specific laws and safety considerations that drivers must prioritize based on their chosen mode of transportation.

"We all have a role to play in ensuring road users get where they need to go safely throughout Dufferin County, no matter one's chosen mode of transportation," said Hillborn.

Safety for vehicular road users

The County of Dufferin asks that all road users prioritize safety for the entire community, including those in horse-drawn carriages.

If operating a vehicle, when approaching a horse-drawn carriage, drivers must ensure that they:

- Slow down and maintain a safe distance: Providing a safe distance ensures that should anything fall off the buggy, you can react in a timely and safe way. Horse and buggies can also roll back a few feet after coming to a complete stop. Maintaining a safe distance helps reduce accidents.
- Approach and pass with caution: Only pass when it's safe, and there is plenty of space to do so without startling a horse or its driver.

- Reduce any unnecessary speeding, engine revving and loud noises: Horses are sensitive to loud noises and quick movements. Do not spook or startle horses.
- Pull over and stop if you see a horse in distress or out of control: Stay in a safe location until safe to move.

Safety for horse-drawn carriage users
 Horse-drawn carriage users are asked to keep the following laws and safety considerations top of mind to help keep our roads safe:

- Have an orange and red slow-moving sign on your carriage: The Province of Ontario requires that a horse-drawn carriage be equipped with an orange and red slow-moving sign.
- Exemptions exist: If you are exempt from using this sign, you must have the back of the carriage outlined with reflective tape that is visible from at least 150 metres.
- Use reflective equipment like horse blankets, headlights and tail lamps or tape: Always make your horse and buggy vehicle as noticeable as possible, especially during conditions where there is limited visibility.
- Always obey all traffic rules and laws: Review the Highway Traffic Act to understand all rules and regulations of the road, especially as they relate to slow-moving vehicles.
- Ensure horse-drawn carriages fit entirely on the shoulder of a road: the operator must move the vehicle entirely into the road lane.

By sharing our roads and prioritizing safety, everyone can enjoy their travels in Dufferin County and ensure their friends, family, loved ones, and community members, including local Mennonites using horse-drawn carriages, get where they need to go safely.

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