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## Orangeville mayor picks up the mantle of county warden

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

Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post is Dufferin County's new warden.

County councillors elected Post to be the 149th warden on Dec. 12, replacing Mulmur Mayor Janet Horner in the role.

Post said it was an honour to be chosen warden for the final year before council's term ends and provincewide municipal elections are held Oct. 26. Her role is one of service, advocacy for the county and its member municipalities, and collaboration.

"The county is at a pivotal moment," Post said.

It is growing and evolving. Dufferin County faces many of the same pressures and challenges as communities across the province, particularly around housing, homelessness, affordability, and infrastructure deficits, she said.

Post acknowledged that a one-year term at the helm is a relatively short time when there are such difficult challenges.

She would like to see the successful launch of the county's Health and Human Services Hub, inclusive of the Homeless and Addiction Recovery Treatment Hub and the

Youth Wellness Hubs of Ontario platforms.

Post said she is eager to watch the implementation of some recommendations from the Homelessness Task Force and, of course, a successful budget process set to begin in January.

"We are facing huge budget pressures and we need to address our challenges while being fiscally responsible," Post said and thanked Horner for her stewardship over the last year.

Post will pick up the mantle of advocacy through partnership to explore all possibilities toward addressing the issues the county and its communities face.

And the Orangeville mayor said she has a track record that points to the effectiveness and importance of parties working together.

She has spent much time over the last few years building relationships beyond the county with partners in the provincial government, the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus, and the Small Urban GTHA Mayors Caucus.

"I have been using those connections to elevate the needs of our residents and I intend to do the same at the county level," she said.



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**NEW LEAD:** Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post stands with her fellow Dufferin County councillors after being named the 149th Warden of Dufferin County at a meeting on Dec. 11. She replaces Mulmur Mayor Janet Horner who held the position over the last year.

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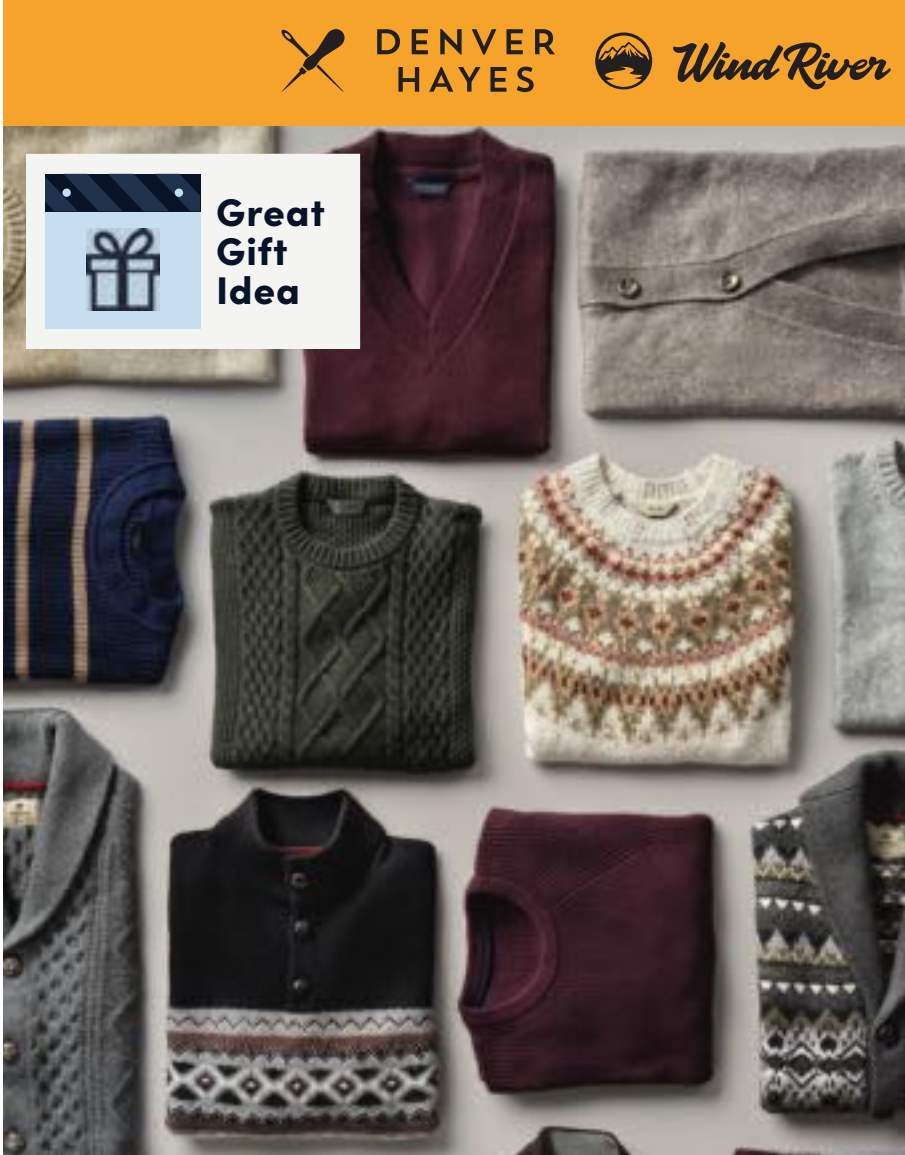
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# Stop the Strada Melancthon Quarry petition launches online

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The petition is continuing the fight against the proposed Strada Quarry.

The public comment period has officially closed for Strada's quarry expansion proposal in Melancthon, but objections are still just as firm as ever, as local voices have promised to keep up the pressure on Strada and the Ontario government of Doug Ford.

Nanci Malek, a local resident and community leader opposed to the quarry development, said that just because public comments are no longer being accepted doesn't mean people should be silent.

"The reason why I put this petition out there on Dec. 12 is to keep up the pressure," she said. "I don't want people to forget or get complacent while Strada answers the questions that were submitted. We absolutely have to keep our voices up and going."

Part of the urgency stems from a seem-

ingly uninvolved provincial government. Throughout the story of the Strada quarry proposal for expansion, Malek said that multiple attempts to contact and involve the provincial government have been ignored or brushed aside. This means the community will need to forge ahead alone despite attempts to draw attention during the comment period.

"I honestly don't think the commenting period was enough to get us attention," Malek said. "Even if we got thousands and thousands of comments, it wouldn't be enough. I've attempted to contact Sylvia before, I've even invited her to coffee, but it's been dead silence in response."

Despite the silence from the provincial government and its representatives, Malek said the community has received support from federal politicians, with Kyle Seeback echoing the community's concerns about the quarry project.

The reality, Malek said, is that Strada and the government don't truly understand

the effect the deep quarry will have on the environment, specifically the water levels. According to local experts and third-party studies, up to half of the water flow in the Horning Mills area may be cut off or disrupted.

"On this side of the quarry, there's going to be a 50 per cent reduction in water flow," she said. "That is going to kill off so many species, including those already at risk like the Brook Trout, this area is their habitat, it's their breeding area."

On dry land, the concerns continue. The quarry will naturally include more trucks on the roads, and with the speed limit through Shelburne reduced to 40 kilometres per hour, they'll be passing through even smaller roads and communities, according to Malek.

"These trucks will not go down 124 anymore because of the reduced speed limits," she said. "They'll be going down County Road 17 and along Prince of Wales. The speed limit is 60, and they won't be doing

that. There's also a school right there. There will be much more heavy vehicle volume."

All of these concerns, Malek feels, haven't been properly addressed by Strada or the province, despite the public comment period. This uncertainty made the petition all the more important for her to launch and encourage everyone to support.

The petition will be sent to more than just Strada or Doug Ford.

It'll be directed to Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; Tim Hodgson, the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources; Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, the Minister of Health; Honourable Joanne Thompson, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard; Julie Dabrusin, who serves as Minister of Environment and Climate Change; and Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback.

To access, read or sign the petition, go to: [win.newmode.net/stopthestradamelancthonblastingquarry/stopthestradamelancthonquarry](http://win.newmode.net/stopthestradamelancthonblastingquarry/stopthestradamelancthonquarry)

# Shelburne Legion celebrates 94 years of service and community connection

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES  
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The Shelburne Royal Canadian Legion Branch 220 recently marked its 94th anniversary, celebrating nearly a century of service to veterans and the broader community.

According to Legion president Dan Sample, the anniversary gathering drew a strong turnout.

"It was a well-attended anniversary for us," Sample said. "Probably 40 to 50 people showed up, which is one of our bigger ones. We had a few veterans attend as well, which was great."

Those in attendance were treated to cake-cutting and an informal time for members to reconnect.

While the anniversary focused on celebration, the milestone also offered an opportunity to reflect on the branch's long history in Shelburne.

Lesa Netzke, a local resident who has worked to compile information on veterans' activities in the area, said there is a long history, dating back to the First World War.

"The Great War Veterans Association was formed in 1919 following the Great War," she said. "There is little information on this group, although they have been given credit for initializing the raising of funds for the Memorial to those of Dufferin North area

who lost their lives in the war."

The Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League was established nationally in 1925 and later became the Royal Canadian Legion in 1960, after Queen Elizabeth II approved the addition of the word 'Royal.'

"While our branch, number 220, was granted its charter in December 1931, it was not presented with it until February 1932 by the Provincial President, who came here and made the presentation," Netzke said. "In 2026, our branch will celebrate its 95 Anniversary."

In the early years, Legion members met in several locations around town as membership continued to grow.

In 1962, the branch moved into its current home when the Village of Shelburne transferred the former skating rink and curling club building to the Legion for \$1. Thanks to dedicated volunteers, the space was transformed into the Legion facility, which is still in use today.

The branch's Ladies' Auxiliary, chartered in 1953, has also played a key role in the Legion and community. Over the decades, the Legion has supported the local hospital, youth sports, cadet programs, and a wide range of community organizations. That's support that still continues today.



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**ANNUAL CELEBRATION:** A 94th anniversary celebration at Shelburne Legion Branch 220 on Dec. 12 was attended by Legion President Dan Sample, Pastor Gord Horsley, Branch Service Officer for Veterans Chris Skalozub and Vice-President Barry Lewis. The branch has operated since 1931, providing a welcoming home base for veterans in the community and a strong voice for advocacy and charity work.

Sample said Branch 220 currently has about 310 members, a number he considers healthy for a town of Shelburne's size.

"We've stayed pretty steady over the last few years," he said.

Looking ahead, Sample emphasized that the Legion remains active and welcoming.

"We're always looking for volunteers to

help with events and programs," he said. "We want people to come in, see what we do, and be part of it."

After 94 years of supporting veterans and the community, Legion Branch 220 in Shelburne continues its historic legacy of giving back to the community and maintaining a familiar, welcoming place for veterans.

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# OPINION

## Don't steal from my house

I used to have a friend who came from a fairly large family.

There were six or seven children who, by the time I met them, were all grown adults.

An older sister was in her mid-30s, married with a house and three children.

One day, that sister just walked away from her life. She abandoned her home, her husband, and her children.

No one was sure why she chose to do that.

Several years went by, and no one heard from her. Another sister saw her in a casino and approached her. The woman claimed to have amnesia and said she didn't know anyone, and quickly ran off.

The sister reported she appeared dishevelled and was hanging out with a questionable group of people.

A few years later, my friend answered a knock at the door of her home. Her parents had moved, and she had taken over the former family home.

It was the long-lost sister and her boyfriend.

She described them as looking like 'a couple of bums.'

The sister said they needed a place to stay, and asked if they could stay at the house for a couple of weeks.

My friend was leery, but at the same time, the woman was still family, so she let them in.

It didn't take very long for things to go wrong.

My friend returned home from work and noticed that a collection of pop bottles she had been saving to return for the deposit were all missing.

It wasn't the amount of money the bottles were worth that was the problem. The problem was, they were hers. They weren't there for the taking.

A day later, she noticed that the jar full of coins she kept in her bedroom was empty.

It was obvious that the couple of visitors were stealing from her. She did an inventory of the house and found that other items were missing.

The next morning, my friend told her visitors to leave and not to come back.

The long-lost sister was livid. How could she not be allowed to stay there? After all, she was family.

It just didn't occur to this woman that she was the problem. Stealing from your host will, no doubt, usually end with you being asked to leave.

There has been a problem with extortion

among certain communities in this country. Notably, some groups extort money from their own community through intimidation and violence.

Recently, in Surrey, British Columbia, 15 individuals were charged with extortion. None of the accused are Canadian citizens. It is questionable if any of them should even be here in the first place.

So what did these people do after being arrested? They all filed for refugee status to avoid being deported.

B.C. has already been hit by a wave of extortion crimes and shootings, mostly targeting the South Asian community.

The mayor of Surrey, Branda Locke, has done something you rarely see local politicians do.

She made a statement saying she is 'appalled' to learn these criminals are claiming refugee status to evade deportation.

Good for her. We need local politicians to speak up and demand justice at the provincial and federal levels, to protect local people, because criminals are not being punished in our legal system.

Mayor Locke went on to say these suspects "must face swift justice."

The Canadian Border Services Agency

states that "persons found inadmissible" for such reasons as "serious criminality," or "organized criminality," won't have their refugee claims heard and instead will be ordered to leave the country.

However, CBSA doesn't have a very good reputation for protecting our borders.

Extortion rackets, while using violence, are part of both "serious criminality" and "organized criminality."

Canadian citizens are getting fed up with this constant stream of news that persons who don't belong here in the first place are committing crimes, and are still being allowed to stay, to commit more crimes.

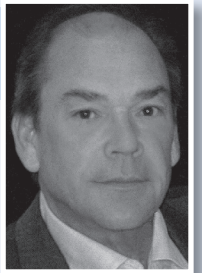
Denmark just released its latest crime figures, and it has a very serious problem. The number of crimes committed by refugees from a certain country is huge, way higher than the regular population, and now they don't know what to do.

The statistics are readily available.

The answer is simple – if you're a guest in my house, don't steal.

If you steal or commit a crime in my house, you will be sent packing.

**BRIAN LOCKHART**  
FROM THE SECOND ROW



## Musk's Starship: If it sounds too good to be true...

Elon Musk promised to build a spaceship that would put people and cargo into Earth orbit at one-hundredth of the current cost per kilo and even enable human beings to create a colony on Mars. A great many people were seduced by the idea, including me.

His project is running well behind schedule, however, and now British freelance journalist Will Lockett, writing on the website Medium, has called Musk out (in slightly less brutal language) as a failure and a fraud.

Basically, Lockett is saying that 'Starship,' the heavy-lift two-stage rocket that was alleged (by Musk) to be a revolutionary advance in space flight, is a badly engineered, over-hyped machine that can never work well.

His latest article on that theme, entitled 'SpaceX Keeps Proving My Little Starship Theory Right,' is about the remarkable accident at Musk's Starbase last weekend that destroyed Super Heavy Booster 18. It was meant to lift the first 'Version 3' Starship off the pad next month, but

they are now removing the wreckage of that booster and replacing it with another one.

And here's the thing. The reports said Booster 18 had 'exploded', but it was a very soft explosion because the vehicle had no fuel in it. It was just a pressure test of the Composite Overwrapped Pressure Vessels that store various gases or liquids in the rocket (not fuel for the main engines). But the pressure they put on the tanks ruptured them.

You would obviously test the tanks with a somewhat higher pressure than they normally run at – but NOT with pressure that bursts them like a popped balloon. You would do it at maybe 1.5 times the designed maximum pressure, just to be sure the tanks are strong enough to withstand any modest over-pressure they might encounter. But this time – bang!

Actually, there have been a lot of bangs. Musk's original pitch said Starship could lift 100 tonnes to Low Earth Orbit (LEO), but five of the 11 launches so far have ended in explosions and none have

yet gone into orbit. In fact, SpaceX has already blown through an unplanned Version 2 of the rocket and January will see the first flight of Version 3.

Each version is lighter and more powerful than its predecessor, which suggests that someone got the original calculations wrong. As Lockett put it, "Musk ignorantly overstated how much thrust their rockets could generate (to comical levels) and grossly underestimated how much a rocket this giant would need to weigh."

The standard excuse for all those explosions is Musk's preference for the 'iterative testing method,' in which you test your best guess of a design, learn why it failed, test a modified design, learn again, and so on until finally you arrive at a version that doesn't fail. But he's not there yet, and all his 'fixes' involve making the rocket both lighter and more powerful.

The suspicion, therefore, is that Musk arrogantly assumed that throwing enough money and engineering talent at the project could somehow overcome the constraints of Russian scientist Konstantin Tsiolkovsky's classic 'rocket equation' of 1903. That's the one that says around 90 per cent of a rocket's launch weight has to be fuel if you want to put it into Earth orbit.

The rocket equation means that the vehicle's body, its engines, its cargo and its people all have to amount to no more than 10% of the rocket's launch weight.

That, in turn, explains why nobody else has managed to radically lower the cost of per kilo of getting things into orbit – and the equation applies to Musk's rockets too.

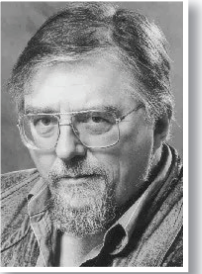
It's not impossible that Starship could be made to work more or less as intended, although the promise of 100 tonnes of cargo seems far out of reach. But the only way Musk can try to fix things is to make the ship even lighter and the engines even more powerful. Those, alas, are two remedies that work against each other.

More and bigger engines use more fuel and add more weight, so there's not much room for improvement there. They also cause more stress and vibration, while the ship's hull, tanks and pipes are getting more fragile and accident-prone with every kilo he cuts.

Starship has never yet even reached orbit and the doubts about SpaceX's basic engineering competence are accumulating. NASA gave the job of building the Artemis III lunar lander to SpaceX in 2021, but in October it reopened the contract to rival companies as well.

We will probably still see human beings back on the Moon by the end of this decade one way or another (Americans or Chinese), but if the promise of \$10 a kilo to orbit turns out to be false there won't be a great deal happening beyond lunar orbit in the next decade.

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## Monthly Message: Best gift this season? Supporting local

The holiday season has officially arrived, bringing with it a time for celebration, connection, and reflection.

This year has presented its share of challenges for many of us, which makes supporting one another more important than ever. What better way to celebrate the season than by choosing local, whether that's shopping for gifts, dining out, or giving back to our community.

Dufferin County is home to a vibrant network of entrepreneurs, nonprofits, and service providers. Our local business directory features more than 500 businesses, offering everything from unique gifts and experiential

to essential services.

When you support local, you're not just checking items off your holiday list; you're strengthening our community and helping neighbours thrive.

To our local business owners, this season is both exciting and demanding. Remember to take care of yourself amidst the hustle; listening to your body and allowing yourself rest is just as important as meeting your customers' needs.

Consider collaborating with local chari-



ties or nonprofits to spread holiday cheer and raise awareness for important causes. Having a short checklist of recommended

gifts, products, or services on hand can also be helpful, as customers often look to you for guidance during this busy time.

Accessibility is key, especially during winter months – keeping walkways clear and spaces safe helps ensure everyone feels welcome.

Most importantly, this is a wonderful opportunity to connect with your customers,

build trust, and strengthen relationships. Supporting fellow businesses and sharing the spotlight reminds us that we truly are stronger together.

As the year draws to a close, it's hard to believe how quickly the time has passed. With a new year just around the corner, now is the perfect moment to reflect, set goals, and look ahead with optimism.

From all of us, we wish you a joyful holiday season and a happy, healthy New Year.

Let's continue to shop local, support local, and celebrate all that makes Dufferin County such a special place to live and do business.

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This experience was both inspiring and deeply meaningful. Being on the ground allowed me to witness firsthand the tangible and transformative impact that FIED Africa is having in uplifting women and youth across the continent. From entrepreneurship initiatives to leadership development and economic empowerment, the work being led by FIED Africa is not only timely - it is essential.

One of the most rewarding aspects of

the forum was the opportunity to connect with an extraordinary group of leaders, entrepreneurs, policymakers, and changemakers from across Africa and the global diaspora. These were individuals who have achieved remarkable success in their respective fields and who are now intentionally investing their time, knowledge, and resources into shaping a more inclusive and prosperous future for others. The collective energy, wisdom, and commitment in the room was truly powerful.

Representing Canada on this global stage was a moment of immense pride. I was honoured to share examples of the innovative and impactful work taking place in Canada to advance women's entrepreneurship, financial empowerment, and inclusive economic growth. These exchanges reinforced the importance of cross-border collaboration and the value of learning from one another as

we work toward shared goals of equity and opportunity.

The experience was further enriched by the opportunity to be interviewed by two local media outlets in Burkina Faso. During these interviews, I was able to speak not only about FIED Canada, but also about the important work of the Dufferin County Canadian Black Association (DCCBA). I was proud to highlight elements of Dufferin County and to speak about Jamaica, honouring my heritage and representing the full breadth of my identity—Canadian, Caribbean, and globally connected. Being able to bring all of these dimensions together in an international setting was deeply affirming.

A particularly memorable moment was our visit to the Presidential Palace, where we had the distinguished honour of hearing President Ibrahim Traoré address the delegation. His remarks emphasized the critical role of women and youth in

nation-building and reinforced the significance of platforms like FIED in driving sustainable development.

On behalf of Safa Boughattas, President of FIED Canada, and myself as Vice President, this journey was an incredibly rewarding experience. We are proud to celebrate and support the exceptional leadership and vision of Djelika Yao, Founder and President of FIED Africa, whose unwavering commitment continues to create meaningful pathways for women and youth across the continent.

This experience reaffirmed a powerful truth: when women are empowered, communities thrive, economies grow, and futures are transformed. We return from Burkina Faso inspired, energized, and more committed than ever to advancing the mission of FIED - both in Canada and globally.

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December 21	December 22	December 23	December 24	CHRISTMAS DAY	December 26	December 27
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January 4	January 5	January 6	January 7	January 8	January 9	January 10

Monday ZONE

Tuesday ZONE

Wednesday ZONE

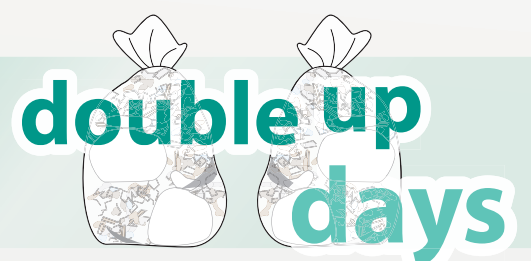
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# Transit survey seeking public input on future of rural transportation

The counties of Bruce, Dufferin, Grey, and Wellington, together with Saugeen Mobility and Regional Transit (SMART), are inviting residents to share their transportation needs and priorities as part of a joint Regional Transit Study.

A new study is exploring how to better connect and move residents across all four counties. The study will assess whether a unified transit network is feasible, with the goal of making travel easier for passengers, identifying efficiencies through collaboration, and expanding transit service to areas with limited transportation options.

A public survey, open until Jan. 25, 2026, asks residents about how they currently travel, what matters most when it comes to transit service, and their thoughts on existing

transportation options across the region.

Transit needs are growing across rural communities in the region. Population growth, an ageing population, and rising costs are increasing demand for transportation options across Bruce, Dufferin, Grey, and Wellington Counties. This study will help identify residents' needs, assess which transportation options are feasible, and estimate the resources required to operate an effective system.

Dillon Consulting Limited has been engaged to design and assess the feasibility of a unified regional transit network. The study will identify routes and service levels suitable for the region, passenger fare strategy and cost structure, and integration opportunities with existing transit services. A study presentation will go to county councils for consider-

ation in mid-2026.

Community engagement is a key component of the planning phase. In addition to the online survey, three public open houses are scheduled for January 2026. Two sessions will be in person, and one will be available virtually.

The project webpage at [www.grey.ca/regional-transit](http://www.grey.ca/regional-transit) will share details on dates, times, and locations in the coming weeks. Project staff will also attend community events throughout January to answer questions and gather feedback.

The Regional Transit Survey is available online at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/BDGWtransitsurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BDGWtransitsurvey) and takes approximately five to 10 minutes to complete. Responses remain confidential and are used only to inform

the study.

Paper copies of the survey are available at the four county administration buildings and some public libraries.

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- Dufferin County: 55 Zina St, Orangeville or Edelbrock Centre, 30 Centre St, Orangeville
- Grey County: 595 9th Ave E, Owen Sound
- Wellington County: 74 Woolwich St, Guelph

For more information about the Regional Transit Study, visit [grey.ca/regional-transit](http://grey.ca/regional-transit).

The Regional Transit Study is receiving \$50,000 from the federal Rural Transit Solutions Fund.

# Local hospital honours community champions with Headwaters Heroes Awards

Written By **SAM ODROWSKIS**  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Several people dedicated to supporting health care in the community were recently recognized at a local ceremony.

The 2025 Headwaters Heroes Award recipients were announced in a press release issued by Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) on Dec. 15.

The awards recognize Headwaters staff and volunteers who embody kindness, accountability, respect and teamwork.

"These awards honour the people who go above and beyond every day to support our patients, families, and colleagues," said Kim Delahunt, president and CEO of HHCC. "Our Headwaters Heroes remind us that health

care is not only about clinical expertise, but also about compassion, collaboration, and community."

She added, "The Headwaters Heroes Awards reflect the hospital's commitment to recognizing the people who make health care extraordinary. Our award recipients inspire us every day. They remind us that true heroes are often those working behind the scenes, ensuring others can succeed."

During the 2025 Headwaters Heroes Award Ceremony, the Kindness Award went to two hospital volunteers – Mike F. and Dan W.

"Mike and Dan are the welcoming faces behind the information desk every Tuesday morning. Their warmth, patience, and compassion set the tone for the day, ensuring patients and families feel supported," reads

HHCC's press release. "Their dedication goes beyond their scheduled shifts, driven by genuine care for the community."

The Accountability Award went to Diagnostic Imaging Technician Nicole B., who has elevated breast health care at Headwaters as a mammography senior.

"She led one of the most successful Breast Cancer Awareness months to date and represents the hospital regularly at community events. Nicole's advocacy ensures patients have access to high-quality diagnostics close to home," reads HHCC's press release.

Dufferin County Paramedic Scott Price received the Respect Award, recognizing his professionalism, leadership and collaborative spirit.

"He created instructional videos to ease the transition to new technologies, contributes actively to the Paramedic Action Committee, and is known for his relentless pursuit of excellence, strengthening both his

team and the community," reads HHCC's press release.

The Teamwork Award went to Eric C. and Pantera P., both of whom work as senior financial analysts at Headwaters.

"Eric and Pantera are known as a powerhouse duo," reads HHCC's press release. "Their collaboration and expertise support leaders across the hospital, from capital projects to funding analysis. Their partnership exemplifies trust, accountability, and innovation, elevating the performance of the teams they serve."

The IT Team at Headwaters received the Shield of Heroes Award.

"The IT Team are celebrated as the 'glue' that holds the organization together. Their tireless support, knowledge-sharing, and problem-solving ensure smooth operations across the hospital. Their teamwork and positivity embody all of Headwaters' values," reads HHCC's press release.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

**RECOGNIZING HEALTH CARE HEROES:** Headwaters Health Care Centre recently recognized its volunteers and staff at the 2025 Headwaters Heroes Award Ceremony. The Kindness Award, Accountability Award, Teamwork Award, Respect Award, Teamwork Award and Shield of Heroes Award were distributed during the ceremony. Award recipients were honoured for going above and beyond to support patients, families and colleagues.



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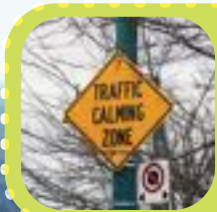
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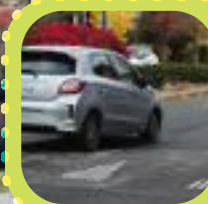
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- January 12 & 26
- February 9 & 23
- March 9 & 23
- April 13 & 27 (Virtual)
- May 11 & 25
- June 1 (virtual) & 22 (Virtual)
- July 13 & 27
- August 24
- September 14 & 28
- October 5
- December 14

## 2025 Holiday Hours

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# Outdoor ice rink opens at Greenwood Park, KTH rink not yet ready

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

It's almost time to hit the ice and enjoy some outdoor activities during the cold months.

The Town of Shelburne said its outdoor ice-skating rinks are undergoing final preparations for the season this week as cold weather settles in. For those in the vicinity of Greenwood Park, the wait is already over, as the skating rink there is now open.

Meanwhile, the outdoor rink at KTH Park has wasn't open at the of print.

Melissa Kenney, communications coordinator and administrative assistant for the Town of Shelburne, said that the town is eager to open all of its rinks. However, due to weather and other factors, the town isn't exactly sure when the KTH Park rink will

be ready, but they've promised to keep the town updated.

"We're hoping the outdoor ice rinks will be open soon," Kenney said. "Staff are actively preparing the surfaces, but the official opening date is still to be determined. At this time, we don't have a confirmed timeline for when the ice will be ready, but updates will be shared as soon as possible. For the most current information, residents can follow community updates or reach out."

"We appreciate everyone's patience and excitement, and we look forward to welcoming residents to enjoy these outdoor recreation opportunities once conditions allow," she added.

In the meantime, residents planning to use the rinks should consult the rules governing them to avoid misunderstandings or damage once they open.

Naturally, it is highly recommended that everyone on the ice wear a helmet for their protection and others. Maintaining a safe distance is also highly encouraged, with a recommended gap of two meters between you and other skaters, excluding those you might be skating with.

Children on the ice under the age of seven must always be supervised by a responsible individual over the age of 16.

Alongside the rules of the ice, there are a number of activities that are not permitted on the ice at any time.

Smoking or loitering, as well as bringing food or drinks on the ice, is strictly prohibited, as is drug usage or consuming alcohol on all town property, including the rinks. Anyone disturbing other skaters, physically or through foul language or inappropriate behavior, will be asked to leave.

Of course, there is still room for Canada's favourite winter sport – hockey.

For those looking to bring out their skates, sticks, and pucks, hockey is permitted on the skating rinks, but only during specific hours of the day. Those times include 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Hours of usage may vary depending on weather conditions.

The town rinks are nearly ready to go, and the season promises plenty of opportunities to make some fun, lasting memories on the ice. Until they are ready, however, the town is asking for just a little more patience from residents.

For more updates and a full list of rules, consult the Town of Shelburne's website and its Facebook page at: [facebook.com/thetownofshelburne](https://facebook.com/thetownofshelburne).

# Theatre Orangeville's Academy opens up registration for new season

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Theatre Orangeville's Academy is inviting youth across Dufferin County to step into the spotlight this spring, with a wide range of after-school classes, camps and programs made to build confidence, creativity and collaboration.

Kaitlyn Gallant, program coordinator for Theatre Orangeville, said that the Academy offers programming for students from junior kindergarten through Grade 12, with options for beginners and experienced performers alike.

"Right now we have the full grade range available," Gallant said. "So if you're enrolled in JK all the way to grade 12, there is something here for you. There is a class for you to join in. We have T.O.Y.S. (Theatre Orangeville Youth Singers) if you're interested in singing, which is for grades two through to high school, and then Young Company is that grade seven to 12."

Recreational after-school classes require no audition and focus on creative play, storytelling and performance fundamentals.

Gallant said that this is the best place for youth to get involved if they're curious but inexperienced. Theatre Orangeville also has programs for those who are not entirely sure if they're ready to commit to regular classes.

"This is really meant for beginners; you don't have to bring any previous experience with you," Gallant said. "If you're not sure if the whole after-school program is for you, come out and try a camp like a PA day camp for one day; it's an opportunity to dip your toe in."

Older kids with some more experience can explore acting, movement and scene work in more advanced classes.

Participants will have the opportunity to

work with professional creative teams to develop vocal technique, movement, and storytelling through song, culminating in a public spring performance complete with sets, costumes, and choreography.

The Academy's most intensive offering is Young Company, an audition-based summer program for grades seven to 12.

The four-week program immerses students in a professional rehearsal process, guided by industry professionals.

"We have our Academy classes, which are our after-school rec programs, which then can catapult into our summer program, which is the Young Company, which is an audition-based program," Gallant said. "It's an intensive program. One month is a musical, one month is a straight play. There, we work with our professional team to get them to produce a full, fully realized show."

Past productions have included *Hadestown: Teen Edition* and *The NeverEnding Story*. While performance is central, students also have opportunities to explore technical and production roles. Students can follow customized tracks in areas such as sound design, prop building and stage management.

Registration for the next session of after-school classes is currently open and will remain open until classes are full. Summer camp registration opens in mid to late January, with Young Company audition and interview information expected in January as well.

Theatre Orangeville's Academy offers a flexible, collaborative approach to teaching all facets of theatre, from acting to lighting and sound design. With something to offer everyone, it's a safe and welcoming environment for anyone curious about getting involved in theatre.

For more information on the Academy, go to [theatreorangeville.ca/academy/overview](https://theatreorangeville.ca/academy/overview).



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**STEPPING INTO THE SPOTLIGHT:** Theatre Orangeville's Academy offers beginner, intermediate, and advanced audition-based programs designed to build kids' confidence and skills as they grow. Starting with one-day workshops and after-school programs, the Academy will lead students to the Young Company summer programs, should they choose to follow that path. All are welcome, regardless of skill level or area of interest.

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# Arts & Entertainment LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Local seniors group performs 'The Great Christmas Cookie Caper'

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A local senior social group is presenting a short theatrical production tonight (Dec. 18) to help build social confidence and promote engagement.

In an effort to stay engaged, foster a sense of community, and build friendships, a local group of seniors in Shelburne has been hard at work putting together a short play, titled *The Great Christmas Cookie Caper*, as the culmination of their efforts.

Suzette Daley, organizer of the seniors group, said that the play began to take shape after a meeting held over the summer.

"Our play came together after a Seniors Workshop Information Session held in August with Carol Maitland from the town's EDC (Economic Development Committee); Kurtis Krepps, manager (of) community support services; and Marissa Marr, supervisor of community support services," she said. "What I heard during the workshop was incredibly meaningful."

She explained that the session created a space for meaningful conversations with seniors about their experiences in Shelburne, what helps them feel connected, what they hope to see in the community, and how they can play a more active role in shaping local programs and events for them.

The response was strong. Seniors around town are looking for ways to stay connected and engaged, especially in group settings.

"Participants shared how much they value opportunities to stay engaged, contribute their ideas, and feel a genuine sense of belonging in the community," Daley said. "Their feedback reminded us how important it is to create programs that bring people together and highlight the strengths and stories of all generations."

Daley then considered how she could bring that kind of activity to fruition while keeping it fun, fresh and engaging. She then consid-

ered the possibility of a community play, and after bringing together multiple groups of seniors from around town, and some extra help from schools, the production began to take off.

"I wanted to do a fun, creative project that allowed participants to express themselves, work as a team, and feel connected to one another and to the broader community," she said. "I was able to bring together two groups, one from the McKelvie Burnside Village building and one from the Simon St. building, along with enthusiastic students from Centennial Hylands Elementary School and Primrose Elementary School."

After some time spent setting up, planning, and rehearsing the production, Daley said the seniors were finally ready to perform their play. And now, as the dust settles, she said they are already looking for more.

"The participants have poured their hearts into this project, and they are so excited to share it," she said. "It has been beautiful to see how much joy, confidence, and connection this experience has brought to everyone involved. Although this is their first production, the ladies have already made it clear: this won't be their last."

"They've discovered how much they enjoy performing and working together, and they are eager to continue creating more plays in the future," Daley added.

This excitement was indeed mirrored by the participants. Several seniors praised the production, saying it was a fun opportunity to



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**BREAK A LEG:** The play group features a diverse cast, including seniors from McKelvie Burnside Village and one from the Simon St. building, as well as students from Centennial Hylands Elementary School and Primrose Elementary School. The project was extremely popular with the seniors, who credited it with helping them become mobile, social, and engaged in the community.

get out and about.

"A big thanks to Suzette for getting us active and mobile," said Donna, who's acting in *The Great Christmas Cookie Caper*. "These are two things people of our age need to be doing. We hope anyone who comes to see our Christmas play did not go home disappointed. We may have some projects in the New Year."

"We are so thankful for our little group," said Jan, who's also acting in the play. "It really has gotten most of us out of our homes and into the light of new friends and adventures. Can't wait to see what the future brings! It's wonderful not to be forgotten."

"It's been a good way to get out of the daily routines," said Joan, another actor in the play. "We are slowly coming out of our shells and into a new lease on life."

The seniors and the team behind this production have committed themselves unequivocally to the production, and the positive effects have already begun to manifest before the performance even occurred. The seniors feel energized and happier, getting the chance to make new friends, try new things and get out into the world again.

That feeling of happiness and fulfillment can't be replicated.

## Museum of Dufferin generates over \$76,000 in sales at Holiday Treasures Craft Market

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Museum of Dufferin's (MoD) annual Holiday Treasures Craft Market has been a resounding success again, raising tens of thousands of dollars for local businesses and the museum, to be reinvested in improving services for guests and visitors.

The market ran from Nov. 26 to Dec. 7, and Jasmine Proteau, MoD's services manager, said it has been a long-running fundraising event that has never failed to attract talented creators and large crowds.

"This was our 21st annual market, we've been doing it for a long time, and really honed it to a science," she said. "We bring in local creators from around the community, selecting a variety of vendors and giving them a table in the museum for 10 days, the length of the market. The vendors don't actually have to stay here during the market; they can set up, and then we handle the sales and take care of everyone's payments."

This streamlined approach allows local businesses that are usually busy at events like this during the holiday season a stress-free environment to sell their goods while potentially participating in another market at the same time.

The financial success of the MoD's hands-off approach speaks for itself.

"We made \$4,381 in just donations at the door, the market was admission by donation, and we had 1,773 people, so that was already successful," she said. "Our total sales this year, which isn't just for us, it's the vendors too, is \$76,499. That's how much merchandise we moved at the market."

Unlike many markets in the area, Proteau said they take a very moderate cut of sales from vendors to encourage their businesses and growth in the community. That cut is 25 per cent, which could put their fundraising money into the tens of thousands of dollars, all of which will be reinvested to improve the museum.

"The fundraising really does help all our programs and help improve what we have to offer," she said. "In most cases with our workshops and things, we only charge enough to cover expenses, not to make a profit, so this helps us with getting money towards specific improvements, especially where accessibility is concerned."

"For example, if there is a building you can't access because you can't get up stairs, we can install an iPad outside with some interpretive materials of that building so you can look at the inside of the building without actually having to go in. We want to make our museum a more accessible place," Proteau added.

The market was a culmination of cooperation between the community and the MoD,



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**MUSEUM MARKET:** The Museum of Dufferin's annual Holiday Treasures Craft Market featured dozens of local vendors from across the region from Nov. 26 to Dec. 7, raising tens of thousands of dollars. Local shoppers could enjoy a rich selection of local products, including art and handcrafted items, supporting charity and local creators at the same time.

bringing in dozens of local vendors to give them a chance to showcase their unique talents, and a boon to the museum, helping secure important fundraising money to support ongoing improvement efforts around the property.

The MoD encourages any vendor interest-

ed in applying for the next market to do so. No favourites are factored, and they seek to maintain a fresh set of options for shoppers every year.

For more information on the MoD's Holiday Treasures Craft Market, go to [dufferinmuseum.com/holidaytreasures](http://dufferinmuseum.com/holidaytreasures).

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# SPORTS



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**STRONG SECOND:** The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals senior boys' basketball team take on the Eagles from Emmanuel Christian High School (ECHS) in Fergus in the ECHS gym on Monday, Dec. 15. The Royals put on a big effort in the second and won the game 44-30. Royals point guard Cooper Ferguson brings the ball into the Eagles' zone during the third quarter of the game.

## Big effort in the second half gives Centre Dufferin basketball team the win

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

It was a fast-paced, well-played game when the Royals senior boys' basketball team from Centre Dufferin District High School travelled to Fergus to take on the Eagles from Emmanuel Christian High School on Monday, Dec. 15.

The two teams were evenly matched in this game, with plenty of end-to-end action.

At half-time, the game was tied at 24, after the teams matched each other basket for basket in the first two quarters of play.

It was the second half that gave the Royals

the win.

After the half-time break, the Centre Dufferin team turned it up a notch and started outscoring the Eagles.

At the end of the third quarter, the Royals had a 34-29 lead.

In the fourth quarter, the Royals were hitting the hoop while putting up a good defence to stop the Eagles from scoring.

The final was a 44-30 win for the Royals.

"We turned up the intensity in the second half," said Royals power forward Paul Robinson after the game. "We started talking more on defence and started transitioning more

on offence and we decided to work together as a team more. On offence, we moved the ball really well. We passed and cut, and got everybody involved in the play. On defence, it was a really physical game. They were being physical so we had to turn up the intensity and start playing physical with them. We started pressing them more and made them throw turnovers. We were talking more."

The Centre Dufferin team is working well together, and Paul said they are getting better as the season goes on.

"Each game we play, we get more familiar with each other, and our chemistry gets bet-

ter," Paul said. "Each game we play, we get more comfortable, and we're getting better every game."

After this game, the Royals are in third place in the District 4 standings with a 2-1 record.

Westside Secondary School is currently in first place.

The Royals will have a couple of road games to start the new year.

They will return to home court at CDDHS on Wednesday, Feb. 4, to host Emmanuel Christian High School.

Game time is 4 p.m.

## Solid second-period performance couldn't save the Muskies in weekend game

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

The Shelburne Muskies went on the road over the weekend to take on the Minto 81's in Palmerston on Saturday, Dec. 13.

Minto was first to score, putting two pucks in the back of the Muskies' net in the first period.

Shelburne's Sean Caruso put the Muskies on the scoreboard at the 10:50 mark in the

period.

The 81's took a 4-1 lead in the second period, scoring at just over a minute into the frame, then notching another just over four minutes later.

The Muskies had a good effort in the second half of the second period.

Shelburne forward Keith Palmer scored at the 12:27 mark in the period.

That was followed by another Muskies goal from Chris Webber.

A third, second-period Muskies goal came from Sean Caruso with 4:05 remaining in the period, to set up a 4-4 tie game with one period left to go.

Minto took a lead with two goals at the midway mark in the final period.

Shelburne's Kyle Burke scored with 3:35 left in the game, but that's all the Muskies could do for the game.

Minto wrapped it up with a final goal with 39 seconds left on the clock to win the game 7-5.

The recorded stats show that the Muskies had only 21 shots on net, compared to 51 for the 81's.

After the weekend, the Muskies are in the number seven spot in the North Conference Standings of the Ontario Elite Hockey League with a 3-10 record, including two overtime losses – good for eight points.

The Saugeen Shores Winterhawks are leading the conference with 10 points and a 10-1 record, including one overtime win and one overtime loss.

In second place, the Elmvale Harvesters have a 10-4 record, including one overtime win and one overtime loss.

The Durham Thundercats are in third place with 18 points, followed by the Ripley Wolves with 16 points.

The Muskies will be back on home ice at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex on Friday, Dec. 19, when they will host the Lucknow Lancers.

Game time is 8:30 p.m.

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**ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**

**ANDREW ZINIUK**

A hockey player for four years, Shelburne Wolves U11 Rep left wing Andrew Ziniuk brings valuable experience to his team.

"I like playing hockey, I can't get enough of it. I just love playing it and being on the ice," Andrew said of why he likes the sport. "I like playing on a team. We keep the puck going forward, and we have shots we can put on net."

When the ice is out, Andrew plays ball hockey during the summer.

**TEAM: SHELBURNE WOLVES U11 REP**  
**POSITION: LEFT WING**

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 from the staff of the Shelburne Free Press

Please note our office will be closed December 22nd, re-opening January 2nd.



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**FLURRY OF FESTIVE GIVING:** The Shelburne Food Bank has received lots of community support over the holidays. Top left photo: Jasbir and Asha Kooner from 10 and 10 Nurseries and Garden Centre in Mono donated \$1,000 to the food bank on Dec. 12. Top middle photo: Paul Downey Electric and Shelburne Auto Cycle provided a skid of donations to the Shelburne Food Bank on Dec. 10. Top right photo: The Shelburne Soccer Club looked to do some good over the holidays, and donated a table load of non-perishable items to the Shelburne Food Bank on Dec. 11. Bottom left photo: Love Is Photography in Shelburne and Jade's Junkyard Jems in Amaranth donated \$2,300 to the Shelburne Food Bank on Dec. 11 after fundraising through an annual photos with Santa event.

## Shelburne man wins \$100,000 in LOTTARIO draw, after winning over \$1 million last year

A Shelburne man must be doing something right.

Bogdan Karwowski, 62, recently won \$100,000 in a LOTTARIO draw, but this isn't his first big win.

Last April, Karwowski won a LOTTARIO jackpot of over \$1 million. After the big win, he's continued playing the lottery, and it's really paid off.

Karwowski matched the last six of seven ENCORE numbers in their exact order in the Nov. 15 LOTTARIO draw to win the \$100,000.

"Bogdan, who works as a truck driver, has been a loyal lottery player with OLG for over 30 years — and he's no stranger

to winning big," reads a press release from OLG on Dec. 16. "In April 2024, he won a LOTTARIO jackpot worth \$1,032,525.40. Now, he's delighted to celebrate another incredible win."

Reflecting back on finding out about the \$100,000 win, he said, "I checked my ticket on my phone and thought, 'Oh wow, I won again!'"

"I told my wife right away and we were both in disbelief. We shared the news with our kids, who were both so happy," Karwowski said with a smile.

He plans to put his winnings toward a well-deserved vacation in Mexico with his wife, family, and friends.

The winning ticket was purchased at Conwinience Store on Centennial Road in Orangeville.



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**WINNING YEAR:** Shelburne resident Bogdan Karwowski recently won \$100,000 in a LOTTARIO draw, after matching the last six of seven ENCORE numbers in their exact order. The winning ticket was purchased at Conwinience Store on Centennial Road in Orangeville.

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### THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SHELBURNE NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING UNDER SECTION 34 OF THE PLANNING ACT

**Take Notice** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Shelburne has received a complete application for a Zoning By-law Amendment (File No. Z25/04) and will hold a public meeting on:

**MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026**

The public meeting is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m., or as shortly thereafter as possible, and will be held in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Office (2nd Floor), 203 Main Street East, Shelburne.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider an Amendment to the Town of Shelburne Zoning By-law No. 38-2007. Take notice that the application has been deemed complete so that it can be circulated and reviewed.

The subject property is municipally known as 122 Owen Sound Street and is legally described as Part of Lots 4 and 5, Block 2, Plan 5A, Town of Shelburne, County of Dufferin. The property is designated as Commercial Core in the Town of Shelburne Official Plan and is zoned Downtown Commercial (C1) in the Zoning By-law. The accompanying map illustrates the location of the land subject to the proposed zoning amendment.

The purpose and effect of the Amendment is to add a site-specific provision to permit a small animal veterinary clinic on the subject property whereas the Zoning By-law does not permit this use in the C1 Zone.

The agenda package including a copy of the staff report and the draft proposed Zoning By-law Amendment will be available prior to the meeting, on the Town's website: [www.shelburne.ca](http://www.shelburne.ca).

For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, email the Planning Coordinator at: [planning@shelburne.ca](mailto:planning@shelburne.ca)



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**Eligible candidates are invited to submit their resume to Emily Francis, Recreation Program Coordinator, Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex, 200 Fiddle Park Lane, Shelburne, ON L9V 3C9**  
**Email: [cdrc@shelburne.ca](mailto:cdrc@shelburne.ca)**

Please note the position applying for on cover page or in the email subject line. We thank all the applicants who apply and advise that acknowledgement will only be forwarded to those applicants who are invited for an interview



# 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 - \$23.00 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.
- Two years plastics injection or bottling line experience required.
- Previous heavy equipment experience preferred.

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Interested candidates please send a copy of your resume and cover letter referencing Req#317 to [dstewart@iceriversprings.com](mailto:dstewart@iceriversprings.com) or write to:

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### HAROLD RONALD CLARK

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Peacefully with family by his side on Friday, December 12, 2025 in his 95th year. Beloved husband of 73 years to Eleanor. Loving father to Ann (Don) Silk and Allan (Sandra). Proud grandfather of Leigh (Cam), Krista (Nick), Lindsay (Chris), Kevin (Jodie), Rob, Michelle (Jason) and great-grandfather of Ethan, Lukas, Emma, Parker, Norah, Morgan, Connor, Hannah, Kaden, Jacob, Mya and Kruz. He will be fondly remembered by his sister-in-law Nan. Predeceased by his parents Bill and Marjorie Clark and brother Harvey.



The family received friends at the Jack & Thompson Funeral Home, Shelburne on Monday from 7-8:30 p.m. and on Tuesday from 12:30-1:30 p.m. The funeral service was held in the funeral home chapel on Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. Interment followed at Shelburne Cemetery. If desired, donations to Dufferin Oaks Auxiliary or Alzheimer's Dufferin would be appreciated as expressions of sympathy.

Online condolences may be placed at [www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com)

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Ice River is currently looking for twenty (20) Material Handler/QA Technician(s) to join our team. You will be working at our Blue Mountain Plastics Recycling facility, located at 485387 30 Sideroad, Shelburne Ontario L9V 3N5.

A Production Operator (Material Handler/QA Technician) is responsible for sorting products on the production line, operating forklifts to move materials, ensuring quality assurance compliance, and performing equipment calibration. The operator is also tasked with data interpretation, software interfacing, and maintaining accurate records. Working as part of a team, the operator focuses on meeting production goals while maintaining safety, efficiency, and quality standards.

- 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 \$24.50 - \$25.40 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.
- At least two years of experience in the plastics recycling industry required; previous manufacturing experience is preferred.
- Demonstrated ability to work independently on specific tasks and collaboratively within a small team to achieve production goals in a fast-paced, high-volume setting.
- Certified and experienced in operating various forklifts, including models equipped with clamps, with a strong emphasis on safety protocols, efficient loading techniques, and adherence to load capacities.
- Strong working knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite (Excel, Word) for data tracking, reporting, and analysis, with the ability to quickly learn and utilize industry-specific software (e.g., Presage) for operational data management.
- Competent in interpreting production data, identifying operational trends, and providing insights to improve sorting efficiency, production speed, and material quality.
- Knowledge of quality assurance methodologies, including experience with calibration tools and procedures to maintain sorting equipment's accuracy and reliability.
- Familiarity with PET/HDPE material handling, recycling processes, and industry-specific standards for processing and sorting recycled materials.
- Experienced in following shipping protocols, generating, reviewing, and organizing shipping documentation (BOLs), and ensuring compliance with transport and regulatory standards.

To view a comprehensive overview of the position, please go to <https://jobs.dayforcehcm.com/en-US/irss/CANDIDATEPORTAL/jobs/3305>. Interested candidates please send a copy of your resume and cover letter to [dstewart@iceriversprings.com](mailto:dstewart@iceriversprings.com) or write to:

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# Shelburne Public Library shares holiday hours, recommended read

Our team at the library wants to wish you a happy holiday season! We hope your days are full of family, friends, and great stories.

- We are open:
- Dec. 23 (10 a.m. – 5 p.m.)
  - Dec. 27 (10 a.m. – 4 p.m.)
  - Dec. 30 (10 a.m. – 5 p.m.)
  - Jan. 3 (10 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

The library will be closed Dec. 24 to 26 and Dec. 31 to Jan. 2. Regular hours resume Jan. 3. Don't forget you can check out books from our Kiosk located inside Shelburne's Foodland any time they are open, or by using the Libby or Hoopla apps 24/7.

If you're looking for suggestions on what to read over the holidays, follow us on Facebook and Instagram to see the most popular books of 2025 at YOUR Library, as well as staff favourites from the year.

Spoiler alert: the most popular adult fiction book for 2025 was Canadian author Louise Penny's *The Grey Wolf*.

### STAFF PICK OF THE WEEK

**Humankind** by Rutger Bregman: If there is one belief that has united the left and the right, psychologists and philosophers, ancient thinkers and modern ones, it

is the tacit assumption that humans are bad. It's a notion that drives newspaper headlines and guides the laws that shape our lives. From Machiavelli to Hobbes, Freud to Pinker, the roots of this belief have sunk deep into Western thought. Human beings, we're taught, are by nature selfish and governed primarily by self-interest. But what if it isn't true?

**Why Molly recommends it:** Dutch historian Rutger Bregman has the audacity to argue for 496 pages that, at heart, humans are inherently kind. Rather than being petty, greedy, cruel creatures by nature, we are

instead warped to become so through the variable parameters (an oxymoron) of 'civilization'.

Interspersing well researched anecdotes of kindness and empathy between a detailed history of how agriculture, and even writing, has contributed to the worst of our qualities, Bregman is positive that our true nature is egalitarian and loving.

I was particularly taken with the account of Easter Island, which tends to be presented as a bloodthirsty one due to sensationalist writers. This book is one of hope, and it's just in time.

# Dufferin OPP issue notices about shoplifting, snowplows and frozen water

## OPP warn the public of rise in shoplifting and porch pirates

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers are reminding residents and local businesses to remain vigilant during the holiday season, as December is historically one of the busiest times of the year for both shoplifting and package thefts—commonly known as “porch piracy.”

With increased foot traffic in retail stores and a surge in online shopping, opportunistic thieves often take advantage of the busy season. The Dufferin OPP encourages everyone to take simple steps to help prevent crime and protect their property.

### Holiday shopping safety tips

- Stay aware of your surroundings while shopping
- Keep purses closed and secured; keep wallets in front pockets
- Do not leave purchased items visible inside your vehicle
- Park in well-lit areas and lock your vehicle at all times
- Avoid leaving bags or personal items unattended
- Preventing porch pirates
- Track deliveries and bring packages inside promptly
- Sign up for delivery alerts from couriers
- Consider using parcel lockers, pickup locations, or workplace delivery
- Install a doorbell camera or visible home security system
- Ask a trusted neighbour to collect packages when you're away

The Dufferin OPP encourages retailers to ensure adequate staff coverage during peak hours, maintain clear sightlines throughout stores, and secure high-value merchandise.

“While the holiday season should be a time of enjoyment, it unfortunately also brings increased theft activity,” says the Dufferin OPP. “A few preventive measures can go a long way in keeping your holidays safe.”

If you witness suspicious activity or have information related to thefts or other unlawful behaviour, please contact the OPP

at 1-888-310-1122. To remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or visit [www.crimestoppersdm.com](http://www.crimestoppersdm.com).



## Dufferin OPP remind motorists of snowplow safety as winter conditions arrive

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are reminding motorists and residents to exercise caution around snowplows as winter weather arrives across the region.

Snowplows are essential to keeping roads safe, but the size, weight, and limited visibility of these vehicles can create significant hazards when drivers or homeowners do not give them the space they need to operate.

Snowplows carry large amounts of heavy equipment, can weigh several tonnes, and require extended stopping distances. Passing too closely or attempting to overtake a working plow can be extremely dangerous. The Dufferin OPP urges motorists to stay well back, be patient, and allow operators to clear the roads safely.

### Safety Tips for Motorists

- Keep a safe distance behind snowplows, if you can't see their mirrors, they can't see you
- Never pass a working snowplow; white-out conditions behind a plow can make visibility zero
- Reduce speed, drive according to road conditions, and watch for sudden stops or turns
- Allow extra travel time during winter

weather events

### Winter Parking & Property Reminders

- Refrain from parking on the street during prohibited winter parking hours, allowing plows to do their job effectively
  - Do not push or blow snow from driveways onto the roadway, as this creates unexpected hazards for drivers and plow operators
  - Avoid placing garbage bins or recycling at the roadside too early, especially during overnight hours
  - Keep children away from roadside snowbanks when plows are operating
- Our plow operators work tirelessly through harsh weather conditions and long shifts to keep our roads safe. Giving them the space they need allows them to return home to their families safely and allows you to get to your destination safely with yours.



## Ontario Provincial Police urge the public to be cautious near bodies of water

Snowmobiling, snowshoeing, and skiing are all great ways to get exercise throughout the winter season.

But when enjoying recreational activities in the snow, it's important to remember that frozen bodies of water can pose a threat.

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is urging the public to exercise extreme caution when near bodies of water, and to remember, “no ice is safe ice,” even if it appears frozen.

“Early-season ice is often dangerously thin and unpredictable. While some peo-

ple enjoy snowmobiling or motorized recreational vehicles on frozen lakes and waterways, current ice conditions greatly increase the risk of breaking through the ice and experiencing cold-water immersion, which can become life-threatening within minutes,” reads a statement from Central Region OPP. “Taking unnecessary risks not only endangers individuals but also puts emergency responders in harm's way during rescue efforts.”

The OPP warns that snowmobilers and anyone on a motorized recreational vehicle must remain on designated trails and avoid unfamiliar areas, particularly at night. The police also ask that weather and trail conditions be checked before leaving on a trip.

Wearing appropriate clothing is important to prevent hypothermia and fully charging a cellphone can assist in an emergency situation. As well, downloading the what3words app can assist first responders in pinpointing someone who needs help.

Other tips include not going out alone and telling someone about a planned destination and expected time of return.

As with any motorized vehicle, drinking alcohol or consuming drugs is illegal while driving. Alcohol and drugs impair judgment and reduce the body's ability to stay warm in cold conditions.

Carrying first aid, a survival kit, and safety equipment, such as ice picks and throw ropes, can make the difference in an emergency.

“Response time from emergency personnel may be prolonged due to the weather conditions, and these tools can assist you while you wait for help to arrive,” reads the OPP's statement.

Inspecting a snowmobile or other motorized vehicle is important to do regularly to ensure it is in good mechanical condition.

“If someone falls through the ice, call 911 immediately. Safe rescue efforts require appropriate equipment and training. You cannot help anyone if your safety is also at risk,” reads the OPP's statement.

“Make safety your priority this winter season. Take necessary steps to ensure you return home safely to your loved ones after a day enjoying the winter weather.”

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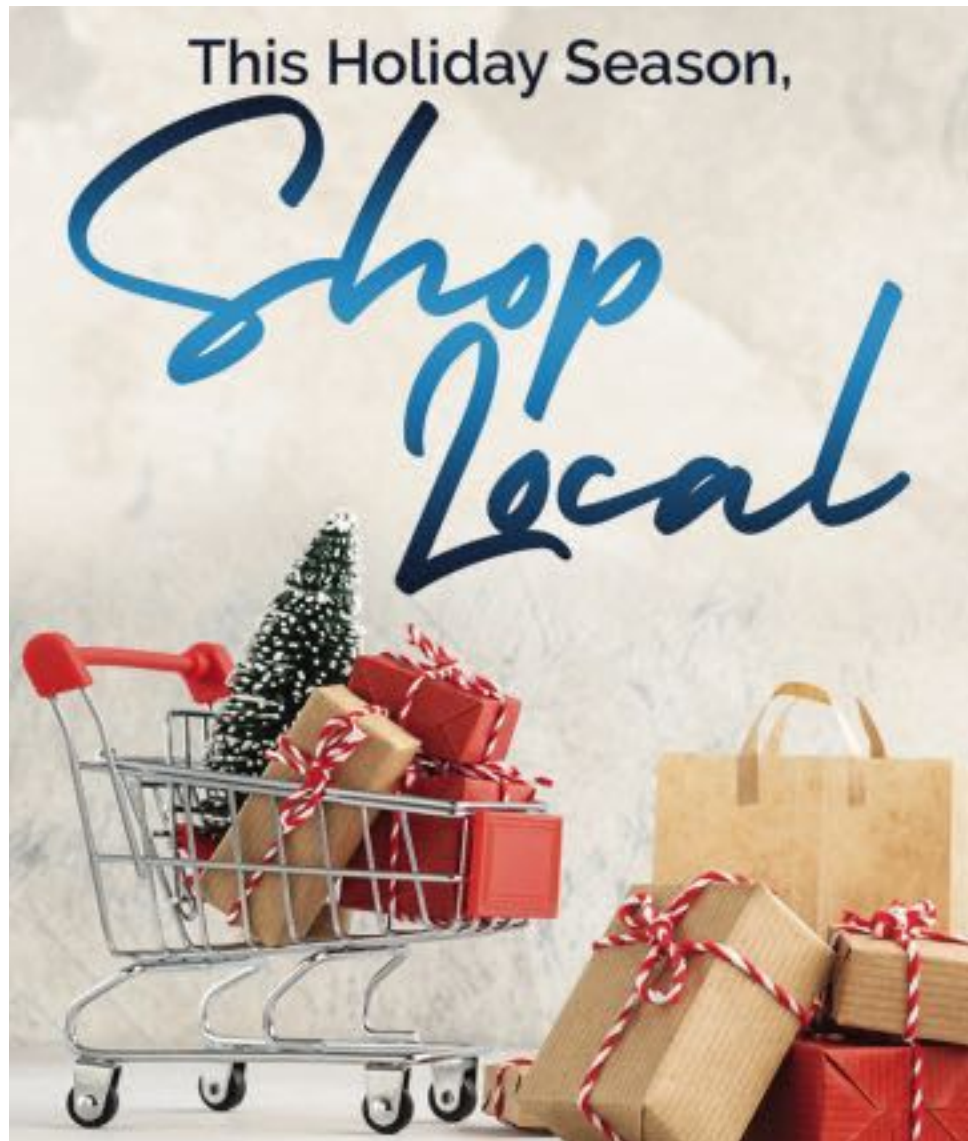
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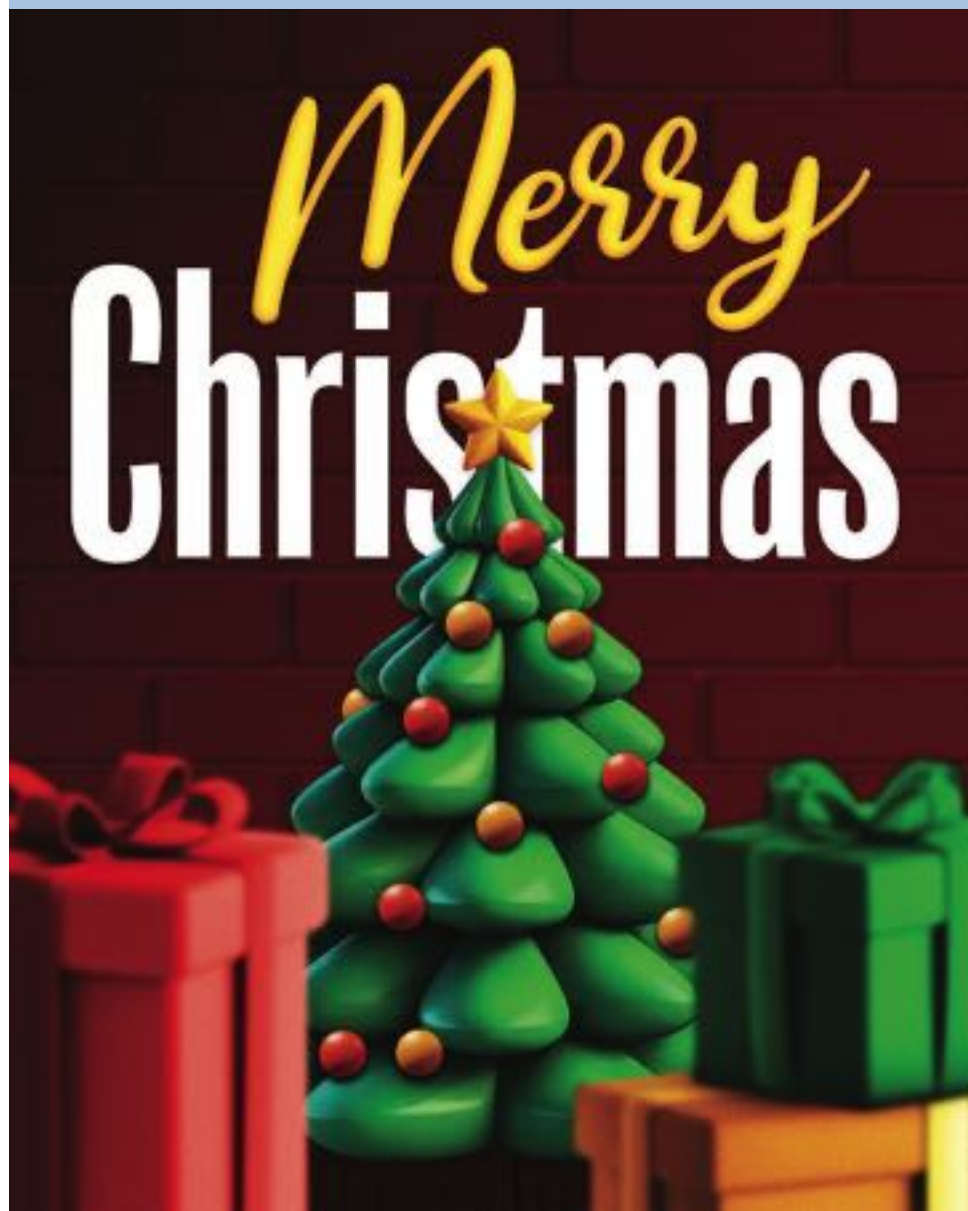


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### Warm up with a rich, chocolate beverage

**NOTHING BEATS SIPPING A HOT,** soothing beverage after a day of choosing the perfect Christmas tree or lobbing snowballs in the backyard. Teas, hot toddies, coffees, and mulled ciders certainly can fit the bill, but a mug of rich hot chocolate is a holiday season staple.

Hot chocolate can be whipped up quickly from premade packets, but many such packets are loaded with sugar. Chocolate lovers should have a reliable hot chocolate recipe to lean on when the moment is right. This recipe for "Real Hot Chocolate" from "Chocolate" (Paragon) by the editors of Love Food is sure to please.

#### ★ Real Hot Chocolate ★

Serves 1 to 2

##### Ingredients:

1 1/2 ounces semisweet chocolate, broken into pieces

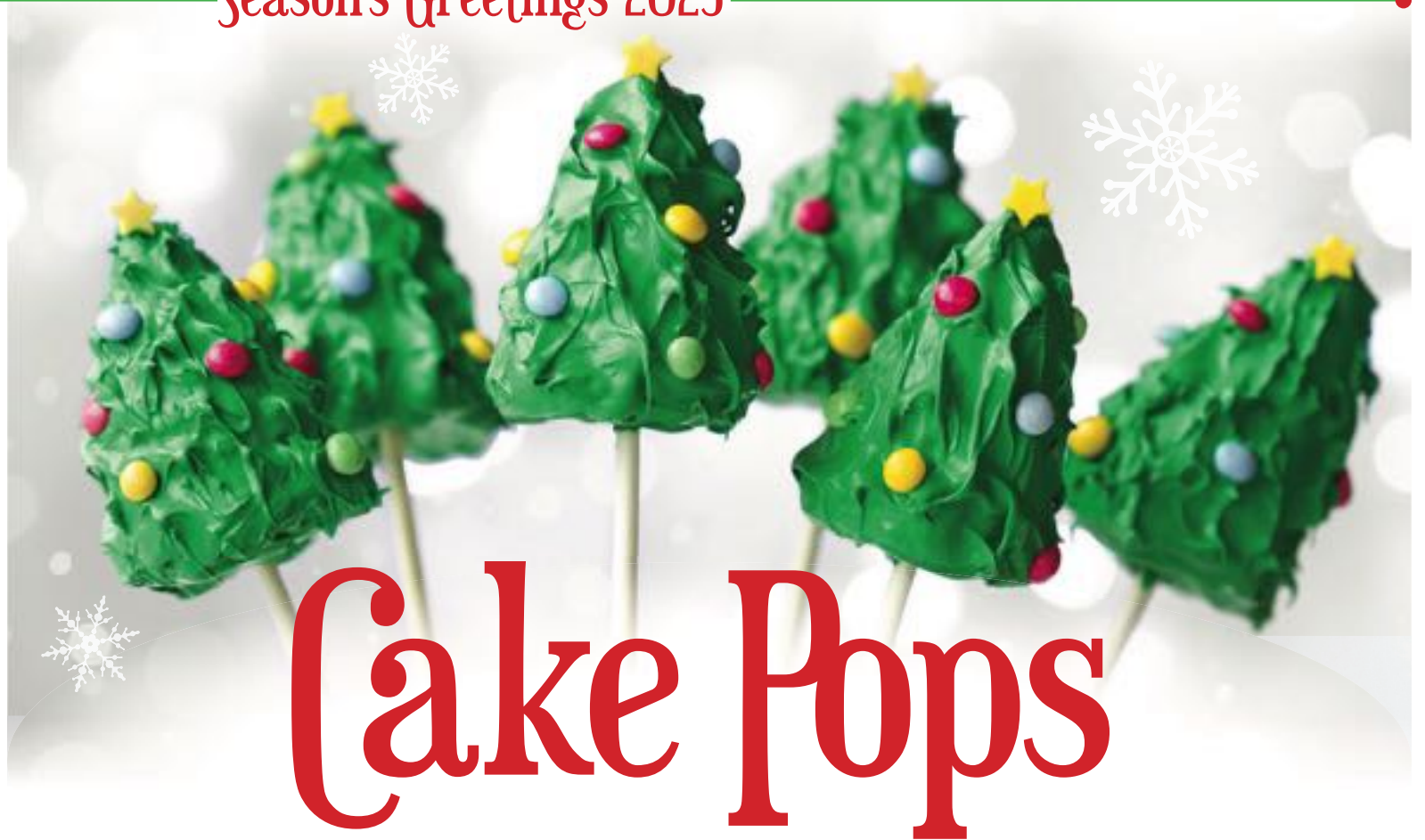
1 1/4 cups milk

Chocolate curls to decorate

##### Directions:

Place the chocolate in a large, heatproof pitcher. Place the milk in a heavy-bottom saucepan and bring to a boil. Pour about one-quarter of the milk onto the chocolate and leave until the chocolate has softened. Whisk the milk and chocolate mixture until smooth. Return the remaining milk to the heat and return to a boil, then pour onto the chocolate, whisking constantly.

Pour into warmed mugs or cups and top with the chocolate curls. Serve immediately.



# Cake Pops

## to light up kids' eyes this holiday season

There's no denying Christmas Eve is a little more special in homes where kids are excited about an overnight visit from Santa Claus. Indeed, kids' joy and enthusiasm helps to make the holiday season such a special time of year.

Since kids add so much to the holidays, it makes sense to prepare something special for youngsters. Of course, treats such as these "Christmas Tree Cake Pops" from Lines+Angles also may appeal to festive adults.

### Christmas Tree Cake Pops

Makes 24 cake pops

##### Ingredients:

- 1 box vanilla cake mix
- 3/4 cup canola oil
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon milk
- 3 1/2 cups green candy melts
- 24 cake pop sticks
- Icing dots
- Icing stars

##### Directions:

1. Prepare cake according to package instructions, adding 3/4 cup canola oil to the cake mix before baking.
2. Once cake is cool to the touch, transfer to a large mixing bowl and break up into crumbs. Allow to cool completely.
3. In a medium bowl, add the butter, sugar, vanilla, and milk. Use an electric mixer and beat on medium speed for about 4 minutes until light and fluffy.
4. Add 3/4 of the frosting to the cake crumbs and mix until mixture can hold together well. Refrigerate for at least an hour.

5. Using your hands, shape the cake pop mixture into 24 conical shapes.

6. Melt the green candy melts. Dip one end of each of the cake pop sticks into the melted chocolate before inserting into the bottom of the cake pops. Dip each cake pop into the melted chocolate, making sure to cover completely, allowing excess to drip back into bowl.

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# Decorative cookies Santa can't resist

Kids know that cookies are a vital component of the holiday season. Come bedtime on Christmas Eve, youngsters want to make sure Santa Claus gets all the nourishment he needs to continue delivering presents to kids all over the globe. That sustenance is often provided in cookie form. With that in mind, families who want to be certain Santa won't leave their homes hungry this Christmas can whip up a batch of these "Chocolate Star Christmas Decorations," courtesy of Lines+Angles.

### Chocolate Star Christmas Decorations

Makes 4 dozen

#### Ingredients:

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| 2 cups flour                                      | 1 large egg yolk                |
| 1/2 cup Dutch processed cocoa powder, unsweetened | 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract |
| 1/2 teaspoon baking powder                        | 1 large egg white               |
| 1/2 teaspoon salt                                 | 1 pinch cream of tartar         |
| 1 cup unsalted butter, softened                   | 2 cups confectioners' sugar     |
| 3/4 cup sugar                                     | Sprinkles, for decorating       |

#### Directions:

- Whisk together flour, cocoa powder, baking powder, and salt in a bowl.
- Beat butter and sugar in a separate bowl with an electric mixer until pale and fluffy, about 2 minutes, then beat in yolk and vanilla. On low speed, beat in flour mixture just until a dough forms.
- Divide the dough in half, flatten each piece into a disc and then chill them, wrapped in plastic wrap, until firm, for 2 to 3 hours.
- Preheat oven to 350 F with racks in top and bottom thirds. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. Roll out 1 piece of dough between sheets of parchment paper into a 14-by-10-inch rectangle (1/8-inch thick). Cut out as many stars as possible, reserving and chilling scraps, then quickly transfer cookies to the baking sheet, arranging them 1/2-inch apart. (If dough becomes too soft, return it to the freezer until it is firm.)
- Bake until firm and slightly puffed, about 10 minutes. Cool cookies on baking sheet for 5 minutes, then transfer to a rack to cool completely. (Cookies will crisp as they cool.) Make more cookies with remaining dough and scraps, re-rolling scraps only once.
- To make the icing, in an electric mixer fitted with the whisk attachment, beat egg white and cream of tartar until foamy. Sift in half the sugar and beat until smooth, about 1 to 2 minutes. With mixer running, gradually add remaining sugar and beat on high speed until icing is smooth and thick. Icing should be thick, but not too thick to be pressed through a pastry bag. Adjust consistency with more confectioners' sugar or water.
- Transfer icing to a pastry bag with a small round tip. Pipe icing onto cookies and add decorations of your choice before icing hardens.



### TOAST TO A NEW YEAR with this strawberry champagne cocktail

'Tis the season for toasting. New Year's Eve celebrations tend to be raucous, and it's not uncommon to hoist a glass in the air when ushering in a new year at the stroke of midnight.

Revelers looking to add a little extra flavour to their New Year's toast can consider this recipe for a "Strawberry Champagne Cocktail" courtesy of Lines+Angles.

### Strawberry Champagne Cocktail

Makes 1 serving

#### Directions:

- Remove top from strawberry with a paring knife. Thread strawberry onto a wooden skewer.
- Combine egg white, gin, strawberry liqueur, lemon juice, and simple syrup in a cocktail shaker. Cover and shake vigorously until outside of shaker is frosty, about 30 seconds.
- Fine-strain into a chilled champagne coupe and top up with chilled champagne. Garnish with prepared strawberry skewer across rim of glass.

#### Ingredients:

- 1 strawberry
- 1 wooden skewer
- 1 small egg white
- 1 3/4 ounces gin
- 1/2 ounce strawberry liqueur
- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon simple syrup
- Chilled champagne or sparkling wine



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# Eggnog is a go-to holiday beverage

One of the more notable aspects of the holiday season is the reemergence of foods and beverages that might not be enjoyed at any other point during the year. Eggnog certainly falls into the category. Though it might not be broken out after December, the following recipe for "Eggnog" from Lines+Angles makes a go-to holiday season beverage.



# A hot punch to warm up this holiday season

Images of warm family gatherings dominate millions of people's holiday season memories. But the warmth inside a home come the holiday season does not mean it's not cold outside. Indeed, snow-filled landscapes and/or temperatures below freezing are not uncommon come late December. As the mercury drops outside, families can warm up inside with a batch of "Hot Holiday Punch" courtesy of Lines+Angles.

## Eggnog

Makes 4 servings

### Ingredients:

- 6 egg yolks
- 1/2 cup confectioner's sugar
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 3/4 cup light cream

### Directions:

1. In a medium bowl, whisk egg yolks until light in color. Add confectioner's sugar and whisk together until fluffy. Set aside.
2. In a medium saucepan over low heat, combine milk, cream and vanilla. Stir occasionally and gently heat for 5 minutes. Increase heat to medium and slowly bring mixture to a boil. Remove from heat.
3. Slowly incorporate milk mixture into eggs by adding a little at a time, whisking together constantly to avoid cooking the eggs. Continue to add the hot milk into the eggs and whisking until thoroughly combined.

- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 cup whiskey or rum
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

4. Pour the combined mixture back into the saucepan and heat over medium heat, stirring constantly, until thick, without bringing to a boil, 3 to 5 minutes. Remove from heat.
5. Allow mixture to cool for about an hour, then add to a jar with a tight-fitting lid. Add whiskey or rum. Refrigerate for 8 hours or overnight.
6. When ready to serve, shake jar, add eggnog to serving glasses and top with cinnamon and nutmeg.

## Hot Holiday Punch

Makes 14 servings

Preparation time: 20 minutes Cooking time: 15 minutes Total time: 35 minutes Difficulty: Easy

### Ingredients:

- 16 cups water, divided
- 5 cups cranberries, fresh or frozen, plus extra for garnish
- 2 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup red hots cinnamon candies
- 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 12 whole cloves
- 3 cinnamon sticks
- 1 lemon, sliced
- Cheesecloth

### Directions:

1. In a large saucepan, set over medium-high heat, bring 1 quart of water and cranberries to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 8 to 10 minutes or until the cranberries begin to pop. Drain, reserving liquid and cranberries. Put cranberries through a fine mesh strainer or food mill. Set aside.
2. In a Dutch oven or large pot, combine sugar, red-hots, lemon juice, cranberry liquid and cranberry pulp, and remaining 3 quarts of water.
3. Place cloves and cinnamon sticks in a double thickness of cheesecloth. Tie with string to form a bag; add to pan with the punch. Bring to a boil; stir until sugar and candies are dissolved. Discard spice bag. Strain juice through a fine mesh strainer. Serve hot with lemon slices and cranberries.



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# A post-meal treat tailor-made for holiday parties

The festive nature of the holiday season is on display in many places throughout the month of December, and that includes private homes. Gatherings with family and friends fill celebrants' social schedules throughout the holiday season and present various opportunities to catch up with loved ones in a fun, warm and welcoming setting.

Gatherings undoubtedly make the holiday season more special, and food plays an important role during this festive time of year. Dessert might not be on the menu year-round, but a tasty post-meal treat certainly makes for a fitting ending to a holiday meal with loved ones. With that in mind, hosts can whip up this recipe for "Chocolate Pudding and Mixed Berry Trifle" courtesy of Lines+Angles.



## Chocolate Pudding and Mixed Berry Trifle

Makes 8 servings

**Ingredients:**

- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 1/3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cups strong brewed coffee
- 3/4 cups buttermilk
- 6 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups whole milk
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 2/3 cup good-quality milk chocolate, chopped
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 6 cups fresh raspberries
- 6 cups fresh blueberries
- Milk chocolate, shavings for garnish

**Directions:**

1. For the cake: In a large bowl, sift together the first 6 ingredients. Add the coffee, buttermilk, eggs, oil, and vanilla and mix until just combined. Transfer the batter to a parchment-lined baking pan. Bake at 325 F for 25 to 30 minutes, until a toothpick inserted into the cake comes out clean. Cool and then cut the cake into 2-inch pieces.
2. For the chocolate pudding: Whisk together the sugar, cornstarch, cocoa powder, and salt in a large saucepan. Gradually whisk in milk and cream. Bring to a boil over moderate heat, whisking constantly. Boil until mixture thickens, about 2 minutes — it will get thick very quickly. Remove from heat and whisk in chocolate and vanilla quickly. Continue whisking until smooth. Transfer to a bowl and chill, placing a piece of plastic wrap directly on the pudding to prevent a skin from forming. Chill until cold, at least 2 hours.
3. To assemble the trifle: Get out eight small serving cups (approximately 8 ounces). Place cake pieces, a bit of raspberries and blueberries at the bottom of each serving cup. Spoon chocolate pudding on top, spreading it into any spaces in the cake layer and smoothing the top so it is as flat as possible. Continue with the second layer of cake pieces, berries and pudding. For the third top layer, sprinkle only pieces of cake and berries and then garnish with shaved milk chocolate.

### Craft a cocktail with some seasonal staples

HOLIDAY SEASON parties are particularly festive affairs. The jovial spirit of the season lends itself to fun gatherings with family and friends. When welcoming loved ones at home this holiday season, hosts can consider some seasonal staples and craft a unique cocktail guests won't soon forget. Pumpkin might be more synonymous with fall than winter, but cinnamon certainly has a place on holiday season dinner tables. This recipe for a "Pumpkin Martini Cocktail With Cinnamon" from Lines+Angles combines staple flavours of fall and winter into a delicious drink holiday celebrants will love.

### ★Pumpkin Martini Cocktail With Cinnamon★

Serves 2

**Ingredients:**

- 2 tablespoons maple syrup
- 1/4 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 5 ounces pumpkin spice liqueur
- 2 ounces Baileys Irish Cream
- 2 ounces vodka
- 1/2teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cinnamon sticks

**Directions:**

1. Pour the maple syrup in a saucer and put the graham cracker crumbs in a separate saucer. Dip the rims of 2 chilled martini glasses first into the simple syrup, then into the graham cracker crumbs.
2. Fill a shaker with ice and add the pumpkin spice liqueur, Baileys, vodka, and vanilla extract. Shake for 15 seconds and strain between the prepared glasses. Garnish each with a cinnamon stick.



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Season's Greetings 2025

# Christmas cupcakes make a perfect holiday treat

A little indulgence is par for the course come the holiday season. That's especially true in relation to baked goods, which find their way into entertaining areas at office parties, family gatherings and school functions.

Treats are indeed part of what makes the holiday season a special time of year. This year, families can whip up this Lines+Angles recipe for "Chocolate Christmas Cupcakes" to make the holiday season a little more flavourful.



## Chocolate Christmas Cupcakes

Makes 12 cupcakes

**Ingredients:**

**FOR THE CAKES:**

- 8 tablespoons butter
- 1/3 cup caster sugar
- 2 tablespoons light brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/3 cup cocoa powder
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 cup chocolate chips

**FOR THE CHOCOLATE TOPPING:**

- 2/3 cup heavy cream
- 1 cup chopped plain 70% dark chocolate

**TO DECORATE:**

- Icing sugar
- 8 ounces white sugarpaste
- 8 ounces green sugarpaste
- 4 ounces red sugarpaste



**Directions:**

1. For the cupcakes: Preheat the oven to 375 F. Place 12 cupcake liners in a muffin tin.
2. Beat the butter in a mixing bowl until soft and light. Beat in both sugars and beat until light and fluffy.
3. Beat in the eggs, one at a time until well blended. Sift in the flour, baking powder and cocoa and fold in gently until incorporated. Stir in the milk and chocolate chips.
4. Spoon into the paper cases and bake for 25 minutes until firm to the touch. Leave in the tins for 5 minutes, then place on a wire rack to cool completely.
5. For the chocolate topping: Put the cream and chocolate in a pan over a low heat until melted. Remove from the heat and allow to cool and thicken slightly.
6. Spoon onto the cupcakes and leave until almost set.
7. Roll out the white sugarpaste on a surface dusted with icing sugar. Cut out shapes to resemble snow and place on the cakes.
8. Roll out the green sugarpaste on a surface lightly dusted with icing sugar. Cut out 2 holly leaves for each cake with a holly shaped cutter or card template. Brush lightly with water and attach to the white sugarpaste.
9. Roll pieces of red sugarpaste into small balls for the "berries" and place on the cakes, as in the photo, attaching with a little water.

## Ginger cookies fit right in during holiday baking sessions

Holiday baking sessions are a beloved tradition in many households. A family baking day during the holiday season is a great activity that appeals to loved ones of all ages, making a day spent in the kitchen an ideal way to bring multiple generations together under one roof.

There's no shortage of options when baking together as a family, but no treat embodies this season of baking more than cookies. Whether you're baking cookies for Santa Claus, bringing them along to a holiday party or simply whipping them up for some extra energy when decorating the tree, these "Ginger Cookies" from Lines+Angles are sure to please this December.

### ★ Ginger Cookies ★

Makes 48 cookies

**Ingredients:**

- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 3/4 cup shortening
- 1/4 cup molasses
- 1 large egg
- 2 1/4 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ginger
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Granulated sugar, for rolling

**Directions:**

1. Preheat oven to 375 F. Lightly grease baking sheet with non-stick cooking spray.
2. In a large bowl, using an electric mixer on medium speed, beat brown sugar, shortening, molasses, and egg together until light and fluffy. Stir in all remaining ingredients, except granulated sugar.
3. Shape dough by rounded teaspoonfuls into balls. Dip tops into granulated sugar and place balls, sugar side up, on prepared baking sheet, about 3 inches apart.
4. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until just set. Remove from cookie sheet immediately to wire rack to cool. Serve.



TIP: Before measuring molasses, spray the measuring cup with cooking spray; the molasses won't stick to the sides of the cup.

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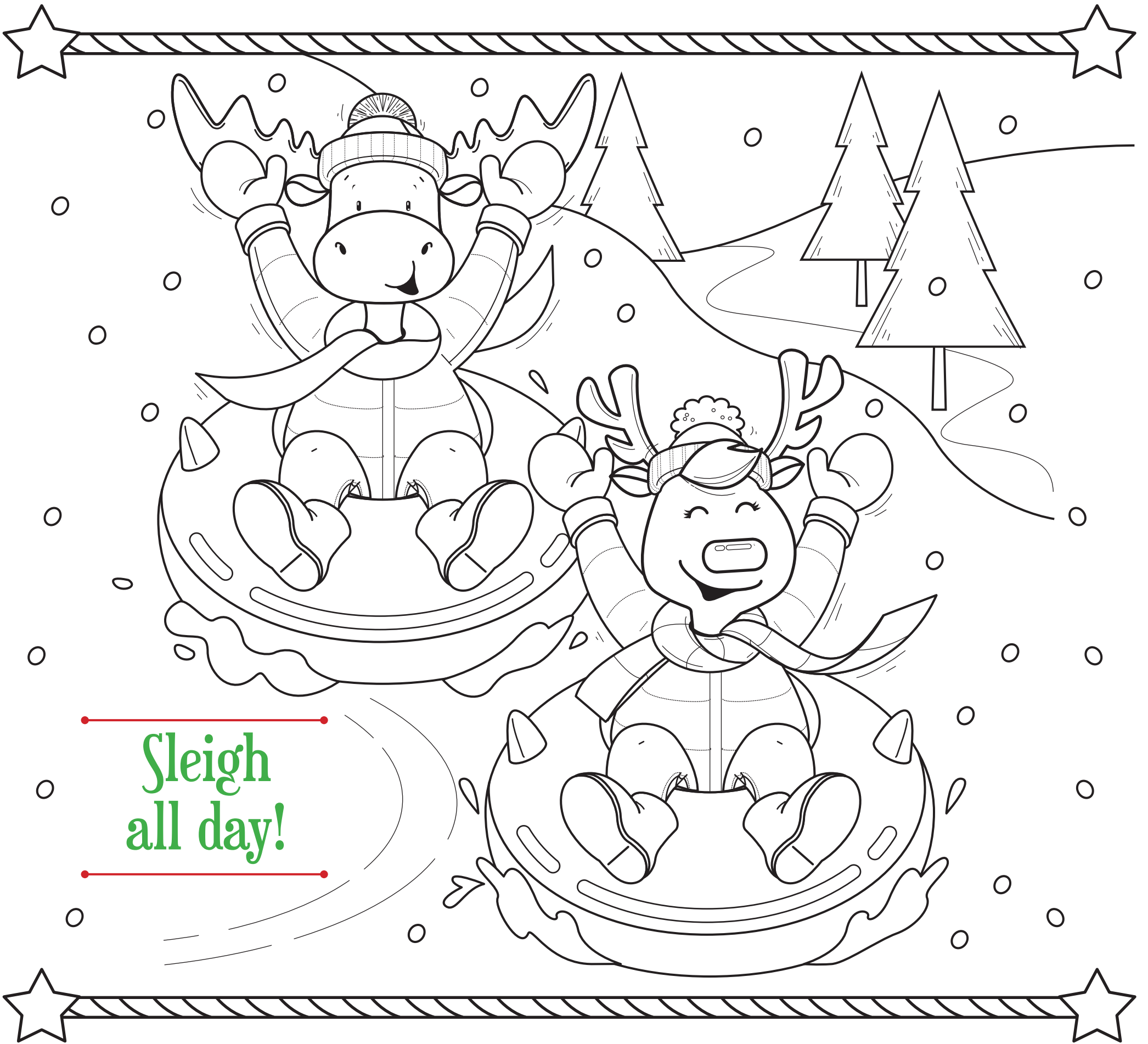
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