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MAKING PROGRESS: Members of the Shelburne Rotary Club and town staff met on Feb. 11 to receive the \$12,000 investment from the Rotary Club to the Shelburne Commissary Kitchen project. When open, the kitchen will offer commercial space for rent, attracting local businesses and new ones. The kitchen will also host culinary and business workshops, breathing more life into Fiddle Park. See Page 6 for full story.

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Dufferin County Canadian Black Association hosting sixth annual Black History Month Celebrations

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

To recognize, honour, and celebrate Black history in Canada, the Town of Shelburne, in partnership with the Dufferin County Black Association (DCCBA), is hosting its annual Black History Month Celebrations.

The 6th Annual Black History Month Celebration will be held at Grace Tipling Hall from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Feb 21. The event will build on the Government of Canada's theme this year: "30 Years of Black History Month: Honouring Black Brilliance Across Generations - From Nation Builders to Tomorrow's Visionaries."

To start off Black History Month, an art display was launched at the Shelburne Town Hall Art Gallery on Feb. 1. Alethia O'Hara-Stephenson, founder of the DC-CBA, said the exhibit covers multiple core elements of Black History in Canada.

"The art exhibit is featuring a combination of different artifacts," she said. "First, we've created a display for the No. 2 Construction Battalion depicting their journey. They were the first black Canadian battalion that participated in World War I. After previously being rejected, they were finally allowed to fight, but they weren't given guns and ammunition. Instead, they were given shovels and axes."

"Thus, the term construction battalion. They went overseas, and they served honourably. However, when they returned, they



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were not received with honour and glory like the rest of the soldiers," O'Hara-Stephenson added.

The No. 2 Construction Battalion, despite an eagerness to serve, faced discrimination at home from white men refusing to serve with black men, and the British high command (was) being wary of black soldiers potentially turning their training against them in the wider British Empire and its colonies.

There is also a display for the civil side of history.

RECOGNIZING BLACK HISTORY: The Town of Shelburne will be holding its annual Black History Month Celebrations at Grace Tipling Hall on Feb. 21, from 6 to 8 p.m. Pictured here is a keynote speaker from last year's Black History Month event in Shelburne. The upcoming event is being held in partnership between the Town of Shelburne and Dufferin County Black Association. The Town of Shelburne Art Gallery also has a display recognizing Black History Month, which launched on Feb. 1.

"We also have a poster of the Honourable Jean Augustine, who was one of the, or the first black female in Parliament, and she was significant in having the motion read in Parliament to have Black History Month declared. And this year, of course, is the 30th year that Canada is celebrating Black History Month. So (we're sharing) bits and pieces of information that chronicles Canada's rich black history."

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Council proclaims National Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness Day

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Shelburne has officially proclaimed Feb. 22 as National Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness Day in Shelburne.

The proclamation, read at council's Feb. 9 meeting by Mayor Wade Mills, highlighted the awareness day.

"National Human Trafficking Awareness Day was established on February 22, 2007, in the House of Commons to encourage Canadians to raise awareness of the magnitude of modern day slavery in Canada and abroad and to take steps to combat human trafficking," Mills read. "I, Mayor Wade Mills, on behalf of Council, do hereby proclaim February 22, 2026, as 'National Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness Day' in the Town of Shelburne."

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day continues to serve as a focal point each year for education, prevention and advocacy, with organizations across Canada offering training, resources and campaigns to help communities recognize the signs of trafficking and support survivors.

Mills also drew on law enforcement and victim services figures to underscore the local impact of the issue.

"Between 2009 and 2018 the police reported 1,708 incidents of human trafficking in Canada," he said. "Between 2018 and 2019 Dufferin Child Victim Services were made aware of 22 victims of human trafficking, with seven being youth under the age of 18."

Public Safety Canada defines Human trafficking as the recruitment, transportation or control of people through coercion,

deception or force for the purpose of exploitation – typically sexual exploitation or forced labour. It is considered a form of modern-day slavery.

While precise numbers are difficult to determine, Statistics Canada data shows that the majority of police-reported human trafficking victims are women and girls, and a significant portion are young people under 25. This highlights the vulnerability of youth and the importance of community vigilance and support services.

Council also recognized the work of CRY NoT, a volunteer-driven partnership that combats human trafficking locally.

"CRY NoT, which stands for Compass Rotary Youth, No Trafficking, is a volunteer-driven group, composed of the Rotary Club of Orangeville and Compass Community Church to raise awareness to the con-

cern of human trafficking in the Dufferin-Caledon community," Mills said. "The mission of CRY NoT is to reduce and eliminate human trafficking by raising awareness, fostering collaboration among groups like groups and organizations, equipping adults with connections and resources available to defeat the threat of human trafficking and to create and maintain digital information."

Mills concluded by urging residents to educate themselves, support local front-line organizations and help create safer conditions for vulnerable youth and adults throughout Dufferin and Caledon.

For those wanting to learn more, online resources are available from organizations like CRY NoT or the Caledon \Dufferin Victim Services on their respective websites, crynot.ca and cdvs.ca/trafficking.

Black History Month celebrates diversity and strength of local communities

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Following the gallery displays, the main event will be held on Feb. 21, featuring a lively program of performances and a community gathering.

Master T will be the keynote speaker for the event.

"Master T is important because he is essentially a trailblazer in the entertainment industry in Canada," Stephenson said. "He's a pioneer. When we're thinking about legacy and breaking barriers, and you know, continuing on that journey, he was the perfect person to keynote this

event celebrating the diversity and the richness of Canadian history."

Attendees can expect African drumming and dancing, with some background and cultural context.

There will be musical performances by local artist Richard C, well known in Shelburne, along with Dianne James. In addition, youth from the Shelburne-based Revelation Worship Center choir will perform.

The celebration will also feature finger foods from Soulyve Catering, encouraging people to stay, mingle, and continue conversations in a relaxed, community-centred setting.

Stephenson said that the DCCBA is grateful for both the Town of Shelburne's continued support and the support it receives from local businesses, which help make celebrations like this one successful.

"The Town of Shelburne is very generous for giving us Grace Tippling Hall for us to be able to do our events, it really demonstrates their belief in community and supporting diverse organizations and groups," she said. "Majestic Kings and Queens Beauty Salon and Majestic Caribbean Grocery and Convenience, along with Topville Caribbean Cuisine, (are sup-

porting us) as well. To see some of our local businesses stepping up as well is just amazing, and it speaks to the importance of these events from a community perspective."

All together, the Black History Month celebration promises to bring a healthy balance of entertainment, education and advocacy, highlighting the historical significance that Black Canadians hold in the development of the country.

From fighting to serve on the frontlines to fighting in parliament, Black History Month reminds us that diversity is a strength, and never a weakness.

Province dedicates \$1.1 million to Headwaters to increase CT scan capacity

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Government of Ontario announced on Feb. 5 that over \$1.1 million will be invested in Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) to expand surgical and diagnostic imaging services.

The funds are also aimed at reducing wait times for patients in Dufferin and Caledon. In total, \$574,250 will go towards supporting nearly 2,300 CT scan hours, and \$587,100 will be used to complete more surgeries.

"This investment from our government will help Headwaters reduce waitlists while improving health outcomes," said Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, who also serves as Ontario's Minister of Health.

"By expanding the number of surgeries and CT scans performed at our local hospital, we are connecting more patients in our community to care when they need it most."

CT scans are essential for diagnosing a wide range of conditions, including internal injuries and cancer. An additional 2,297 hours of CT scans will increase clinical capacity, enabling HHCC to serve more patients.

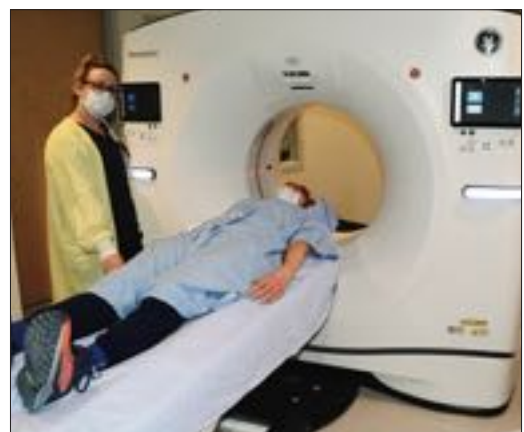
The \$1.1 million in funding for HHCC is part of the Ontario government's \$81 million in one-time funding to help 86 Ontario hospitals offer 324,000 additional CT hours.

The funding to increase capacity for surgeries at Headwaters includes orthopedic surgeries such as hip and knee replacements, as well as cataract, hernia, gynecologic, pediatric, and other priority surgeries.

Dufferin and Caledon residents can now receive care closer to home thanks to increased surgical volumes, improved patient flow, and frontline staff support.

"This investment will help more patients in Dufferin-Caledon get timely access to CT scans and surgeries closer to home," said HHCC President Kim Delahunt. "We are grateful for the province's support, which strengthens our ability to reduce wait times and support our clinical teams in delivering high-quality care."

As part of the province's plan titled "Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care," additional actions will be taken to connect more patients with high-quality care closer to home.



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THOUSANDS OF HOURS FUNDED: Headwaters Health Care Centre is receiving over \$1.1 million to support nearly 2,300 CT scan hours, and expand surgical capacity.

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OPINION

Communication

I have always thought that if everyone had spoken the same language, the First World War might have turned out very differently.

If you were in a trench and saw an enemy soldier approaching and yelling, "Nicht schieben. Wir sind unbewaffnet. Wir wollen nicht kämpfen," most likely that soldier would have ended up dead, and rather quickly.

However, if the same soldier approached and in perfect English said, "Don't shoot. We are unarmed. We don't want to fight," that same soldier who would have shot him likely would have eased up on the trigger finger.

Communication is an important tool in life. It allows you to stay in touch with others and share your thoughts.

It can be the difference between life and death in extreme circumstances.

I was working at a large company in Toronto when I went to the cafeteria for a break and a cup of coffee.

A man was holding a piece of paper and speaking to the cafeteria lady.

She saw me and waved me over.

"You're a manager," she said. "This man would like to apply for a job. Can you help him?"

I don't know how the man managed to get to the cafeteria in a rather large secure building, but I offered to help. We sat down at one of the tables, and he showed me the work application.

It was not a complicated document. All you had to do was fill in the required information and hand it in to the HR department.

He was having a real problem figuring out how to complete the document.

It finally occurred to me that the man could not read.

I didn't ask him about that. Instead, I took the pen, read out the questions, and filled in the application for him. He was grateful for the help.

I wondered what struggles this man faced in life if he couldn't even fill out a job application?

Without the ability to read, a newspaper would be useless to him. How would he get a driver's license if he couldn't read and pass the written test?

Even if he did drive, how could he read the street signs to know where he was? He couldn't even appreciate a birthday card if one was given to him.

When I was a kid, I received a radio with a tape deck for my birthday.

This unit was unusual as it was able to

pick up shortwave radio. I spent many late nights tuning in to Radio Free Europe and Voice of America just to hear what was being broadcast.

Those stations were designed to counter propaganda put out by countries behind the Iron Curtain.

I always found the news on those stations to be fair, accurate, and honest.

It was fascinating to think that some people in a communist country could tune into these stations and find out what was really happening in the world, rather than believe the lies they were told by their communist governments.

Most people already knew they were being lied to. Especially when the government reports the economy was doing great, yet grocery store shelves were empty, and finding necessities like a pair of shoes was a major challenge.

The way people communicate will have a major impact on their lives.

In Afghanistan, possibly the most backward country on the planet, the government, if you can call it that, has pretty much shut the doors of education to all females.

Depending on where they live, some girls can go to school – but only until around Grade 5. After that, they cannot continue

their education.

Even then, education in an Afghan school is mostly religious indoctrination.

There is an entire generation of girls who will be barely literate, if at all, and have no knowledge of real history, math, geography, or language. They will not be able to aspire to have any kind of meaningful career.

They will not be able to communicate effectively.

There have been interviews with some of the girls, who spoke out, albeit nervously, because they knew it could mean trouble for them.

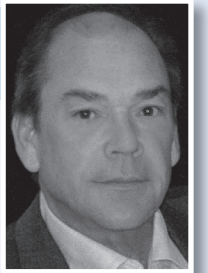
They are a generation that wants to attend secondary school and university, but now sees nothing but a black cloud hanging over their future.

Where is the outrage? International human rights groups have been very quiet about this situation.

In North America, if a prominent person uses a politically incorrect word – a single word – it makes headlines.

Yet an entire generation is being denied what should be a human right, and no groups are even addressing the situation.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



The curious case of disappearing generals

Armies can be used against both foreigners abroad and citizens at home, but the two roles require quite different equipment and tactics. The same applies to their commanders: you need a different kind of general if you think that the primary task of their troops will be controlling dissent at home.

With that in mind, what has been happening in China is quite interesting. Slowly at first, but now in a rush, the senior command of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) has been purged of its highest-ranking generals.

It's not like Stalin's great purge of Soviet generals in 1937-38, just before the Second World War, when at least 780 generals were shot. The Chinese generals are not being executed, although many are ending up in jail. Nobody outside the intelligence services knows what is happening to lower-ranking generals, but at the highest level, it is almost a clean sweep.

China's highest military body, the Central

Military Commission (CMC), normally has seven members, with President Xi Jinping himself in the chair in his parallel role as general secretary of the Chinese Communist Party. (It is the Party, not the State, that controls the armed forces.)

These six men should be loyal to Xi because he appointed each of them after the 20th Party Congress four years ago. Yet last week, all six were dismissed on suspicion of corruption, including the CMC's vice-chair, Zhang Youxia, one of Xi's oldest friends.

Xi and Zhang were childhood friends whose fathers had served together under Mao in the Liberation War, and they regarded each other as Honorary Brothers. Moreover, Zhang was the last serving PLA officer to have seen actual combat (in border clashes with Vietnam in 1979 and 1984).

Now they have all been accused of "serious violations of discipline and law" (the standard phrase for corruption) and

removed from the CMC. Why?

The accusation of corruption is probably true for some of them, as it is for many or most PLA officers, but that would have been true already when they were appointed to the jobs. Something else must have changed.

In most dictatorships, the first suspects are those who control the troops and might try to stage a military coup. However, that really seems unlikely in a country where the Communist Party has been in power for 77 years, and almost every military officer is also a Party member.

It's not that the Party can never be overthrown. The Communist Party of the Soviet Union (Russia) was removed from power by a nonviolent popular revolt after 74 years in 1991, so you could speculate that China is in the same situation now. But that's probably much too simplistic: history may rhyme, but it rarely repeats quite that accurately.

However, this is precisely the historical analogy lurking at the bottom of the psyche of most true-believing Communists (a rare breed) whom I have known in China. This rarely admitted spectre even drives a good deal of state policy in China – including, perhaps, this stunning reshuffle.

We know that the Chinese economy is in big long-term trouble and that many young people are disaffected with the state ("lie flat"). Maybe China's rulers know more than we do about growing dissent, or maybe they are just imagining it – but if domes-

tic repression is going to be necessary, then they need different people on the CMC.

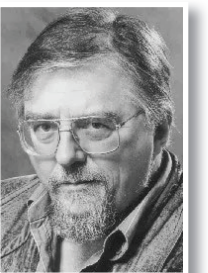
It's only a hypothesis, but it is one possible explanation for why the real military people have been removed from the existing CMC. The Chinese Communist Party could do as thorough a job of suppressing dissent in the streets as Iran's Revolutionary Guard, no doubt, but it would probably require a change in China's current military leadership.

Speaking of which, have you noticed how many senior American generals have been removed from office in the past year? President Trump has fired or otherwise relieved at least 15 very senior officers, most of them 3-stars and 4-stars and replaced them with men (all men) he considers more aligned with his values.

This happens a little bit in most administrations, but never on the scale seen in the last year. Moreover, Trump has said that in future he will personally interview all prospective four-star nominees in every service.

It doesn't necessarily mean he's putting in the right people in case he needs to use the army to suppress large-scale domestic dissent at home in future, but an unfriendly observer could certainly construe it that way. There are definitely people around him who think that far ahead, although at this stage it would be just one contingency among many in their forward planning.

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COMMUNITY VOICES

Monthly Message: Streams Community Hub shares the real shape of love

February has a way of putting the word “love” everywhere. On cards. In store windows. Across timelines.

Hearts, roses, chocolates, glitter. Beautiful, yes. But when I look at our community through the lens of Streams, I see a different picture of love. Less sparkle. More snow boots. Less grand gesture. More everyday faithfulness.

At Streams, love looks a lot like showing up.

It looks like a parent in a winter coat, pulling into the parking lot after a long day, when it would be so easy to say, “Not tonight.” Instead, they turn off the car, grab the backpack, and walk their child to the door. The hug is quick. The goodbye is ordinary. Underneath it is a quiet message: you matter enough for me to get you here.

It looks like a grandparent who drives in from another town because they know that one hour in a creative space might be the brightest part of their grandchild’s week.

It looks like volunteers who arrive early to unlock the door, sweep the floors, line up the chairs, sharpen the pencils, and portion the snacks. No spotlight. No applause. Just a simple decision that when the kids arrive, the room will be ready for them.

It looks like an instructor who notices the child hovering at the edge of the group and finds a gentle way to draw them in. Or who stays a few minutes late because someone needs to talk through a hard day before they can go home and rest.

If you stand in the hallway at Streams and

just listen, you can hear this kind of love in the sound of it.

The thud of boots on the mat.

The rise and fall of overlapping stories.

The burst of laughter from a classroom when something flops in the funniest way.

The soft “Thank you, see you next week” as kids head back into the night.

None of those moments will end up in a Valentine’s display. But they are stitched through with care.

Even our donors, many of whom we never see in person, are part of this love story. A small monthly gift may not feel like much from the sender’s side. It disappears from a bank account with very little fanfare. Yet on our end, it lands like a steady promise. It says, “You can count on this.”

That kind of consistency is what allows us to say yes to scholarships. Yes to paint, clay, fabric, microphones and flour. Yes to keeping our doors open and our lights on when the days are short and the nights come early.

Maybe I pay such close attention to this kind of love because of my dad.

We said goodbye to my father, Noel, last month. He grew up in deep poverty in a small village in Saint Lucia, and he spent his life working hard, building businesses, and opening doors that had once been closed to families like his. But what stands out to me most is not the titles he held or the things he built. It is the way he showed up for people.

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He gave quietly. He helped students with school fees. He supported church and community projects. He used what

he had to make life a little more secure for others, often one person at a time. During his time in public service, he even gave his entire Senate salary to fund scholarships for children from his home village. There was no big announcement. No demand for recognition. Just a deep sense that if he could lighten someone’s load, he should.

His love for community did not arrive wrapped in speeches. It arrived in phone calls returned, needs noticed, bills covered, and hands extended. Simple, solid acts of service that said, “You are not alone.”

As my family grieves, I can see more clearly that the work we do at Streams is, in its own way, carrying his legacy forward, rooted in the quiet belief that if you are able to create safety, opportunity, and belonging for someone, especially for a child, you should.

When someone becomes a monthly donor through our One of 1000 campaign, that is what I see. On paper, it is straightforward: 1,000 people giving \$10 a month so we can keep programs strong and accessible. But underneath, it is a choice to show up in a quiet, faithful way for young people you may never meet.

Ten dollars a month will not change the world on its own. But one person deciding, “I can do that,” and another person deciding

the same, and another, and another, begins to look like something powerful.

It looks like the difference between turning a child away and telling them, “Yes, there is a spot for you.”

It looks like snacks on the table instead of an empty bin.

It looks like the confidence to plan the next season of programs, because we know we are not building on air.

As we move through February, with all its talk of love, I find myself grateful for all the quiet ways I see that love lived out here. It may not come with roses and ribbons, but it comes with open doors, warm rooms, and adults who keep showing up, week after week.

If you have been part of that in any way, thank you. And if you are wondering how you might lean in a little more this year, I would invite you to consider becoming One of 1000. You can learn more or sign up at streamshub.org/oneof1000.

However you choose to support, my hope is that this month you will be reminded that love is not only something we feel. It is something we practice. One ride. One class. One quiet, faithful yes at a time.

And for me, it is also something I carry forward, in honour of a father who spent his life quietly doing just that.

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

Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback seeks public input on extortion and community safety

Written By RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Following a believed to be targeted shooting in Orangeville this January, Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback is seeking the community’s thoughts regarding their own safety in their community.

For Seeback, receiving a call from someone he knows recounting a shooting towards their own home was the final straw leading to the survey.

“A person I know really well called me and said, ‘Kyle, someone shot 17 bullets into my house last night,’” says Seeback. “It always hits home when you hear about it, but when you hear it from someone who is a close personal friend, that really made it come home for me.”

On Jan. 20, Seeback announced his new community survey regarding extortion in Dufferin-Caledon.

The survey asks residents how safe they feel in their community and whether they are concerned about rising extortion and organized crime locally.

According to the OPP, Caledon and Dufferin County detachments have investigated more than 45 extortion incidents since 2023.

“It’s a shocking number,” says Seeback. “It’s just absolutely shocking that this is

happening in our community.”

Sharing results from his survey, he says that 30 per cent of responses said they no longer feel safe in their community, “that to me is absolutely shocking, and it’s such a decline in the sense of community safety since I started representing the riding back in 2019 and something that really needs to be fixed.”

Also on the survey are questions regarding jail time.

Seeback says 97 per cent of respondents to the survey indicated that those who commit extortion with firearms or organized crime should face mandatory jail time.

“A huge part of the job of the government is to make sure that people feel safe,” says Seeback. “That’s one of the number one things. So, for this to be happening should be a massive wake-up call for the government.”

He adds that we have to “fix” the principle of restraint, Section 493.1 in the Criminal Code, which states that “in making a decision under this Part, a peace officer, justice or judge shall give primary consideration to the release of the accused at the earliest reasonable opportunity and on the least onerous conditions that are appropriate in the circumstances.”

Seeback references back to changes to

the Criminal Code under Stephen Harper, including Harper’s “tough on crime” agenda.

These changes provided tougher sentences for violent and repeat offenders, harsher mandatory minimum sentences, and increased restrictions on applying for pardons.

“Violent crime went down 33 per cent. Violent crime in the last decade is up,” says Seeback. “We’ve gone in the exact opposite direction directly because of the changes that the Liberals made to the criminal justice system.”

“It’s gone in the exact opposite direction than it should be, and there really are simple fixes. People who engage in violent criminality should not be eligible for bail.”

Regarding his survey, Seeback says to “trust in the wisdom of the average person,” saying that the community is 100 per cent right about this.

“We’ve introduced legislation in Parliament – conservative members – to try and fix that several times, and unfortunately the liberals and the NDP have banded together to defeat those. But we’re just going to keep trying,” says Seeback. “We’re going to keep trying to do whatever it takes to make our community safer. [If] we have to introduce 100 bills to try and do it, we’d be prepared to do that.”



FILE PHOTO

PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT: Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback recently launched a community survey on extortion in the region. He’s looking to get feedback from residents following an incident in January, where an Orangeville resident who Seeback knows personally was the victim of a shooting.

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Shelburne council declares Congenital Heart Defects Awareness Day

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Shelburne council has proclaimed Feb. 14 as Congenital Heart Defects (CHD) Awareness Day, shining a light on a serious but often overlooked health issue affecting newborns and their families across Ontario.

The proclamation was read by Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills, who emphasized both the significance of congenital heart defects and the importance of continued awareness and support at the community level during the Feb. 9 council meeting.

“One in 70 newborns in Ontario are born with a type of congenital heart defect (CHD), making it the number one birth defect and cause of death from a birth defect,”

Mills said. “There are 35 known types of congenital heart defects. Many babies will undergo unimaginable interventions in the first few hours of their lives due to CHD.”

“Now Therefore, I, Mayor Wade Mills, on behalf of the council, do hereby proclaim Feb. 14, 2026, as ‘Congenital Heart Defects Awareness Day’ and encourage everyone to learn more about CHD and what you can do to help.”

Congenital heart defects are structural problems with the heart that are present at birth and occur when the heart or major blood vessels do not develop normally. They are the most common type of birth defect worldwide and can range from mild conditions requiring little to no treatment to severe abnormalities that demand immediate surgery and long-term medical care.

Symptoms may include difficulty breathing, poor feeding, fatigue and low oxygen levels.

While advancements in pediatric cardiology have significantly improved outcomes — with many children now surviving well into adulthood — many individuals born with CHD continue to require lifelong specialized healthcare and monitoring.

Mills said the issue holds personal meaning for him, recalling past council meetings in which children born with congenital heart defects were present for the annual proclamation.

“For a number of years, we had three kids who had come out, who had been born with congenital heart defects,” he said. “It was always actually one of my favorite meetings to sort of see these kids growing up.”

Each year, communities and health organizations observe Congenital Heart Defects Awareness Week from Feb. 7 to 14, culminating in CHD Awareness Day. The week focuses on public education, early detection, and support for families affected by CHD, while also encouraging continued research and improved access to specialized care.

By recognizing CHD Awareness Day, Shelburne is joining communities across Ontario in helping to raise awareness, reduce stigma, and support families navigating the challenges associated with congenital heart defects.

For those looking to learn more about CHD and how to help, online resources are available from groups like the Canadian Congenital Heart Alliance on their website: cchaforlife.org

Shelburne Commissary Kitchen receives investment from Shelburne Rotary Club

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Shelburne Rotary Club, holding true to its core mission of supporting local initiatives and causes, has stepped up again to help build and expand opportunities in town. It has invested a ‘significant sum’ of \$12,000, according to the Town of Shelburne, into the upcoming Commissary Kitchen Project.

The investment, announced on Wednesday, Feb. 11, will help continue the kitchen’s development at Fiddle Park.

Carol Maitland, economic development officer for the Town of Shelburne, said this investment is an example of what strong community partnerships can accomplish.

“The Shelburne Rotary Club’s invest-

ment demonstrates the power of community partnership in building economic infrastructure,” she said. “This contribution moves us closer to creating a facility that will serve as an incubator for food businesses while addressing food security and skills development in our region.”

The money the Rotary Club contributed was raised through the 2025 Shelburne Economic Development and Rotary Golf Tournament. Running since 2020, the tournament is an important town fundraising event that annually supports critical community projects, such as the Greenwood Park Splash Pad.

With this extra cash for the town, the Commissary Kitchen moved even closer to completion.

When finished, the goal is to provide

a shared-use, fully equipped commercial kitchen facility space for local food entrepreneurs to start and grow their businesses.

This collaborative, shared space will give new entrepreneurs access to publicly available hardware and spaces to experiment with their own culinary businesses, while also bringing a vibrant food scene to Fiddle Park.

Going beyond just local entrepreneurs, the project is meant to increase Shelburne and, by extension, Dufferin County’s competitive business position by attracting new businesses, talent, and investment to the region while building new networks among food enterprises.

Along with supporting new businesses, the kitchen will also have an educational

element, offering workshops on cooking, food preservation, and business management.

Funding for the workshops and general maintenance and operations will be generated through a rental funding model, with revenue from renting the kitchen spaces used to sustain operations.

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

When the Commissary Kitchen Project is complete, it will offer something for everyone, whether it’s a high-quality space for local businesses or tasty food for guests.

More updates from the town will follow, including confirmation of an opening date.

Island Lake Ice Fishing Derby officially gets underway at Island Lake Conservation Area

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

There is about 11 inches of ice on the lake at the Island Lake Conservation Area, making for a perfect setting for the 16th Annual Ice Fishing Derby.

Anglers braved one of the coldest days of the year on opening day on Saturday, Feb. 7, to venture out on the ice in hopes of reeling in a prize-winning fish.

While the walk out to the middle of the lake required some warm winter wear, once out there, anglers enjoyed time in a heated fishing hut, making for a comfortable day on the ice.

The Derby will run through to Family Day

on Monday, Feb. 16.

There are prizes for the longest Northern Pike, Black Crappie, and Yellow Perch.

For the kids’ division, there are prizes for the largest fish.

Once an angler reels in a fish they think is a possible winner, they notify park staff by phone, who will quickly arrive by snowmobile to measure the fish and record its length.

“Today is the opening day for our Ice Fishing Derby, and it’s running for ten days,” explained Alyssa Heimbecker, lead hand at Island Lake Conservation Area. “It’s our 16th annual tournament. It’s one of my favourite times here because everyone wants to come

out here for the cold weather.”

Depending on the weather conditions, some anglers prefer to be in a hut, while others enjoy being outside and dropping their line into a hole drilled in the ice.

“We rent out huts – we have 12 out there,” Alyssa explained. “Those stay out there all the time. People can rent them and there is heat inside. People can bring their huts to set up on the ice. You can also bring your own auger equipment to drill through the ice. We also offer that service so if you don’t want to lug a big auger out onto the ice, we’ll do it for you.”

You have to register to take part in the derby, and you can do that either online or in person. You will receive a pass showing you are a registered participant.

“The ticket has our staff phone numbers on it, so if someone catches a big one, something they want us to measure, we’ll come out as soon as we can,” Alyssa said. “During the winter, it’s easier for us to go out to them, rather than in the summer tournament where people bring their fish to shore in a live well. We measure in millimetres. This contest goes by the length of the fish. For



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

FIRST WEEKEND SUCCESS: It was one of the coldest days of the year, but that didn’t stop anglers from heading out on the ice for the 16th Annual Island Lake Ice Fishing Derby at the Island Lake Conservation Area on Saturday, Feb. 7. The Derby runs through Feb. 16, with cash prizes for participants who reel in the biggest fish.

Northern Pike in the adult category, we have first, second, and third prize. We also have prizes for Black Crappie and Yellow Perch. For the kids, it doesn’t matter which species the fish is, it goes by overall length. First prize for the Northern Pike is \$1,000, \$500 for second place, and \$250 for third place.”

The Island Lake Ice Fishing Derby is a fun way to enjoy a winter day with the added bonus of a cash prize and bragging rights if you happen to be lucky, and skilled, enough to catch the biggest fish.

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Arts & Entertainment

LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

Theatre Orangeville's Common Ground: a fun blast from the past

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Theatre Orangeville's production of *Common Ground* offers audiences a warm, character-driven story that balances heartbreak with classic 80s flair and humour.

The play is a joy from start to finish, full of the positivity and vibrant energy that Theatre Orangeville is known for.

The play follows Pam, a woman reeling after her husband unexpectedly leaves her, and Jake, the husband of the woman her spouse has run off with.

What initially begins as an awkward, reluctant meeting between two people bound by shared betrayal gradually evolves into an honest connection, as both characters confront loss, loneliness, and the possibility of moving forward.

The more Pam and Jake meet, the more their innate chemistry becomes apparent to the audience. It starts small, simply two people who gave everything to their significant others only to get hurt, and it starts to become something more.

Jake shows he remembers the little details of Pam's house, such as the flowers present when he first came by. Later, they both realize they have the same priorities, such as working and being focus-driven.

Further still, their conversations reveal just how much they have in common, and with some extra pushing from Lizzy, Pam's best friend, the two get even closer. But just how close? You'll have to watch to find out.

The story unfolds with gentle wit, allowing moments of pain and comedy to sit comfortably side by side. It's an 80s drama that will partly remind audiences of classic sitcoms like *Full House* or *Seinfeld*.

One of the production's strongest elements is the chemistry between the actors.

Pam's somewhat uptight, workaholic, do-good nature plays well off Jake's country-boy, straight-shooter attitude, and both are consistently foiled by Lizzy's chaotic and unpredictable presence, which always seems to push the two closer together. Their

performances feel natural and unforced, creating a humorous yet endearing dynamic that anchors the entire play.

The actors work seamlessly together on stage, reacting authentically to one another and drawing the audience into the emotional undercurrent of the story.

Conversations flow with an easy rhythm, and awkward moments feel natural and believable. Moments of silence are just as effective as the dialogue, often necessary to let the audience laugh. This sense of connection makes the characters' evolving relationship feel earned rather than rushed, despite time skips throughout the story.

Of course, those performances depend on a strong script, and *Common Ground* delivers that as well. The play takes a pretty big narrative risk right at the start by thrusting the audience into a story of heartbreak without actually showing it unfold.

We read the breakup letter alongside Pam as she processes it, and that's all we get. If that opening moment doesn't land, the audience won't be emotionally invested in the story, which will then build on its aftermath.

Thankfully, it absolutely landed. Pam's reaction captures the shock, confusion, and despair that accompany a breakup like this. The first act firmly establishes the tone of the play, keeping the air light and humorous despite the emotional weight, a balance that isn't easy to achieve.

This was something Theatre Orangeville's artistic director, Jennifer Stewart, was clearly mindful of, and the extra care paid off. At no point did the shifts from sadness to laughter feel out of place or unnatural. It was messy, chaotic, but painfully believable.

The production does a fantastic job of telling a story about finding new meaning and motivation after tragedy, padding its tougher lessons with well-placed humour.

The nostalgia of the 1980s, complete with period fashion and language, brought many audience members back to a younger, fun-



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BLAST FROM THE PAST: Funny, heartfelt and stylishly nostalgic, Theatre Orangeville's latest play, *Common Ground*, takes viewers back to the height of the 80s, following a story of heartbreak and rebirth, as Pam (Lauren Bowler) and Jake (Jamie Mac) work to rebuild their lives following unexpected break ups, with some subtle nudging by Pam's best friend Lizzy (Heather McGuigan). Are Pam and Jake just friends helping each other through trauma? Or is something else afoot? The only way to find out is to attend the show, now through Feb. 22.

filled time. Throughout the show, people could be heard singing along to the 80s soundtrack and pointing to outfits they once wore themselves.

The set design further enhances that feeling, fully embracing the play's distinctly 1980s atmosphere.

Bright splashes of colour dominate the stage, immediately placing the audience in the era without needing explanation. Small details, like the iconic glass block panels that defined 80s architecture, add that extra character to set the stage. The design is bold

without being distracting, supporting the action rather than overwhelming it.

Ultimately, *Common Ground* stands out for its refreshing sense of positivity.

While it begins with loss, the play resists cynicism, choosing instead to project empathy, humour, and hope. In a landscape where darker narratives often dominate, its optimism feels both sincere and very welcome.

The production is fun, heartfelt and nostalgic, and a must-see for fans of Theatre Orangeville.

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SPORTS

Centre Dufferin Royals basketball teams remain in first place

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The junior and senior Centre Dufferin District High School basketball teams are having a good season, with both of them in first place in the District 4 standings.

Junior

The Junior Royals team is currently in first place in the District 4 standings with a 6-1 record.

The squad has averaged almost 65 points per game this season while allowing just 29.5 points per game.

Up against Emmanuel Christian High School on the court at Centre Dufferin on

Wednesday, Feb. 4, the Royals delivered another convincing win.

At halftime, the Royals were leading 46-6. At the end of the third quarter, they had extended that lead to 58-13.

The final was a 71-19 Centre Dufferin win. "It was a pretty good game," said Royals point guard William Verduin. "I think we're pretty confident that we'll be going to CWOSA."

Teammate Charlie French said he thought the team played well.

"I thought it was a good game. We played well, I mean we beat them by over 50 points," Charlie said. "We played well as a team and

we all did our part. It's been a good season. We've definitely grown since the start of the season. I believe we have gotten better as the season has gone on. We are meshing as a team and playing together. It's all coming together."

The Royals junior team will play their final regular-season game on the road against Wellington Heights on Feb. 11.

District 4 junior playoffs are scheduled to get underway with the semi-final round games on Wednesday, Feb. 18.

Senior

The Royals senior boys' team is in first place in the District 4 standings with a 5-2 record.

The Centre Dufferin team has averaged 57.7 points per game over their seven times on the court while averaging 48.8 points against.

In their most recent game, the Royals won 72-57 over Emmanuel Christian High School on the court at Centre Dufferin. It was their fifth win of the season.

The Royals senior team will play their final regular-season game on the road against Norwell District Secondary School on Wednesday, Feb. 11.

The District 4 senior playoffs are scheduled to get underway with semi-final games on Wednesday, Feb. 18.



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COURT CHAMPS: The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals junior boys' team host the Emmanuel Christian High School Eagles in the gym at Centre Dufferin on Wednesday, Feb. 4. The Royals commanded the game and left the court with a 71-19 win. Royals point guard William Verduin takes the ball into the Eagles' zone during the second quarter of the game.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

ON TOP OF THE STANDINGS: The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals senior boys' basketball team take on the Eagles from Emmanuel Christian High School in the gym at Centre Dufferin on Wednesday, Feb. 4. The Royals won this game 72-57 and remain in first place in the District 4 standings. Royals forward Joshua Pomeroy scores a layup during the first quarter of the game.

Stayner and Alliston teams battle for first place in North Carruthers Division

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

With only three games left on the regular season schedule, the Stayner Siskins and the Alliston Hornets are separated by a single point, and it's going to be a real battle to see which team will come out on top and finish in first place.

The Siskins are currently leading with 59 points and a 29-9 record, including one overtime loss, which gave them the extra point.

The Hornets are close behind with 58 points and a 29-9 record.

It will be an epic battle when these two teams meet for the final game of the regular season on Monday, Feb. 16.

A single loss by either team in the final three games will be the deciding factor in which squad claims the division championship this year.

In third place, the Orillia Terriers have 54 points and a 26-12 record, including one overtime loss and one shoot-out loss.

The Terriers will be a real threat going

into the playoffs. They are the defending division champions after a huge underdog win last season.

In fourth place, the Penetang Kings have a 23-15 record, including three overtime losses and one shoot-out loss.

The Kings have had a good season but have been inconsistent this year. They will be a team to watch when the playoffs get underway.

The bottom four teams don't have much of a chance going into the playoffs.

The Midland Flyers have won only 15 games, and the Muskoka Bears have managed only 11 wins this season.

In seventh place, the Innisfil Spartans have won only ten games after 39 times on the ice.

In the basement, the Huntsville Otters have 20 points and don't have any real chance of advancing in the playoffs.

The final games of the Carruthers Division regular season will be played on Monday, Feb. 16, before teams head into the playoffs to determine this year's division champion.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

TIGHT BATTLE: The North Carruthers Division of the Provincial Junior Hockey League is moving into the final few games of the regular season. The Stayner Siskins and Alliston Hornets are in a battle for first place and are separated by a single point. The Hornets take on the Innisfil Spartans on the ice at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre on Friday, Feb. 6. The Hornets won this game 6-1.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



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This is Carter's last season as a minor hockey player as he and several teammates are all graduating out of the division.

"A lot of my buddies are graduating as well. We started playing in Mite together and now we're all up here graduating together," Carter said. "These guys aren't just friends, this is one big hockey family."

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Ontario Snowmobile Safety Week encourages safe and responsible riding

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Snowmobiling provides a fun recreational activity to Ontarians through the winter, but it's important to be aware of the risks involved in riding before hitting the trails.

Seven people have died in snowmobile incidents in OPP jurisdictions since the start

of the 2025-26 riding season, and there was a total of 15 fatalities last season.

To encourage safe riding and help snowmobilers avoid preventable danger, the Ontario Snowmobile Safety Week is underway, running from Feb. 9 to 16. During this time, Ontario Provincial Police officers will be active on trails to speak with snowmobilers

about safety and responsibility.

"Snowmobiling is meant to be enjoyable outdoor fun and should never result in the loss of life or injuries. OPP-investigated snowmobile fatalities reveal the same unnecessary risks being taken year after year. Preventable behaviours like excessive speeding or alcohol and drug impairment put your safety – and your return to your loved ones – at risk. Please make every ride a safe one for you and your family," said OPP Deputy Commissioner Karen Meyer.

The safety week is organized through a partnership between the OPP and Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC), and both organizations are looking to start conversations about safe and responsible riding across the province.

"An abundance of snow in many parts of the province has the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) urging snowmobilers to not let their enthusiasm about ideal conditions get in the way of safe riding this

season," reads a press release from the OPP.

Riding on available OFSC trails is encouraged by the OPP and OFSC, as these trails are groomed, maintained and provide the safest riding terrain.

Snowmobilers can visit ofsc.evtrails.com/#west/menu to check trail status and plan your next outdoor adventure.

It's important to note, riding on frozen waterways comes with no guarantee that the ice is completely safe, according to the OPP. They added that the safest bet is to avoid frozen waterways altogether.

"The safest ride is one you properly plan and prepare for, and where you stick to all the do's and don'ts of snowmobiling that are meant to keep you and fellow riders safe on the trails. Making smart choices throughout the season, while taking advantage of a vast snowmobile trail network made possible through our outstanding community of volunteers and landowners is your ticket to a safe, enjoyable snowmobile season," said Ryan Eickmeier, OFSC CEO.



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Dufferin Film Festival invites filmmakers to submit short works

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

The Dufferin Film Festival is calling on filmmakers across the country to submit their work for the chance come to Orangeville and show their films to an appreciative audience this summer.

Submissions officially opened online on Jan. 11 at filmfreeway.com/DufferinFilmFestival, and there are several dates to keep in mind for filmmakers looking to submit. The official deadline for early-bird submissions is Jan. 30; regular submissions, March 27; late submissions, April 24; and the extended deadline, May 29. The festival takes place from Aug. 14 to 16.

Orangeville has earned a reputation as an arts town, and for good reason. The renowned Theatre Orangeville, the Orangeville Music Theatre, a beautiful public arts collection and more define the town. But the newest entry, the Dufferin Film Festival (DFF), is making waves in its third year.

Now in its third year, the Dufferin Film Festival has become a cornerstone of Orangeville's arts scene. Kelly McDowell, DFF festival director, said that it fills a long-standing gap in a community already known for its strong support of theatre, music, and visual art.

"We have theatre, we have painting, but we have nothing that represents film," she said. "We were having a discussion about Dufferin and this area, and how arts and community focused it was and that creating a film experience – especially when it's focused around Canadian film in our community – would be really appropriate based on the fact that we're such an art heavy community."

Built with a clear focus on Canadian storytelling, the festival was designed to be accessible, welcoming, and deeply rooted in its local surroundings, while still attracting filmmakers from across the country.

Rather than competing with large urban festivals, Dufferin Film Festival has carved out its own identity by centring on short films.

"A lot of independent filmmakers, Canadian independent filmmakers, especially those that are just coming up into the industry, finding their base... don't have the money to do feature films," McDowell said. "So short films are very accessible for all types of filmmakers, which has been a focus for us since the start."

This approach allows more filmmakers to be showcased over a three-day period and provides emerging and student creators with meaningful exposure. Submissions are limited to Canadian works, reinforcing the festival's goal of highlighting domestic talent and giving audiences a broad snapshot of voices and styles from coast to coast.

Behind the scenes, the festival operates through a small but dedicated volunteer-driven team that prioritizes relationships over scale.

McDowell said that she is incredibly proud of the team they have put together and the work that they do. Their sense of community and loyalty is not something she wants to lose if the festival expands.

"I will tell you that I'm speaking highly of the whole team at the Dufferin Film Festival... the whole team has really done such a professional level," she said. "The sense of care that the team puts into it is really astonishing, especially for volunteers. I want to just keep growing this event, but I do want to keep that warm community feeling."

This sense of community focus continues even behind the scenes at DFF. Alex Caucean, director of film programming, said filmmakers are not treated as anonymous submissions but as active participants in the event, encouraged to attend screenings, engage with audiences, and connect with one another.

"We like to put them in the forefront, so they get the spotlight; we're just kind of behind the scenes, and a lot of our planning goes into how we make the experience better for the filmmakers," he said. "Beyond just screening their film, we have a Q&A session where I am curating various questions based on each film. It's not a bunch of



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Q&A SESSION: The Dufferin Film Festival is returning the community from Aug. 14 to 16, and submissions have officially opened for filmmakers hoping to be a part of this year's event. Returning this year is a Q&A session with filmmakers, where they answer various questions on their work.

generic questions. They're all curated for the filmmakers."

This emphasis on dialogue and accessibility has become one of the festival's defining features, setting it apart in an increasingly crowded festival landscape.

That community-first philosophy has paid off. Word of mouth has driven steady growth, with submission numbers increasing year over year and filmmakers returning with strong recommendations to their peers. Caucean said they also try to offer as many discounts as possible, so money is never a deterrent for filmmakers.

"We don't want the submission cost to be the determining factor as to why a filmmaker can't get their film submitted," he said. "We are happy to provide either discount, heavily discounted codes or waiver codes to filmmakers who ask us for it."

As the festival moves further into its third year, Dufferin Film Festival continues to punch above its weight, proving that

meaningful cultural experiences don't need to come from major cities or require large sums of money.

On the contrary, the measures DFF uses to save money have slowly begun to change into traditions, according to McDowell.

"There's a point in the festival called the balloon walk, where they take signage and balloons from one event over to the awards event because we don't have enough to cover everything," she said. "So we take it from one event and walk it down Broadway to the other event, and we're going to keep that tradition no matter what."

By keeping its focus on connection, care, and Canadian film, the festival has established itself as both a creative platform and a point of pride for the broader Dufferin community.

For more information on DFF, visit their website at dufferinfilmmfest.com, which includes information for guests and interested filmmakers.

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This book explores the "life-altering" practice of journaling. Drawing on her personal experiences journaling through a cancer diagnosis and the isolation of the COVID pandemic, Jaouad reveals how essential a creative outlet is for navigating life's peaks and valleys, as well as processing the uncertainties of our modern world.

She offers inspiration, direction and prompts to fuel your own creative practice,

whether you're a lifelong journaler or just newly exploring your creative side.

Why Amy recommends it: At the beginning of every new year, I, like many people, find myself searching for a book that will help me tap into my creativity and live a more inspired life.

The Book of Alchemy hit that mark for me, motivating me to renew my journaling practice and overcome my anxieties about the question, "What do I even have to write about?"

Each chapter consists of a brief essay, designed to help your own thoughts and feel-

ings flow forward. As the reader, you are invited to read one essay each day and then sit down to journal, letting your thoughts unspool in any direction.

Various strategies are offered to help you write even when you don't feel you have the time or energy to journal – for example, by simply listing a few mental images from your day. Anyone wanting to foster their creativity, even beyond journaling, would enjoy this book.

This article was written by the Team at the Shelburne Public Library.

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