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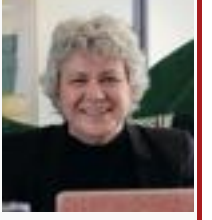
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BEER FOR A YEAR DRAW: The Shelburne Kinsmen pulled the winning name for their 'Beer for a Year' fundraiser on Tuesday (May 16). Winner, Howard Giles, will be have a choice of being presented with either a gift card for the Beer Store or LCBO with a value of \$1,870 or a cash amount of \$1,500. The donations raised through the Kinsmen's 'Beer for a Year' draw will be go towards community service. Pictured from left to right: Paul Burt, Colter Lane, Brent Lane, Robin Pickett, Keith Dunn, and Bob Turnbull)

Free weekend service begins on Shelburne transit

Written By **Paula Brown**
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Local public transit service users will find their trips much cheaper this summer.

The Grey Transit Route (GTR) has announced that riders travelling with the public transportation service on Saturdays or Sundays throughout the summer will not be required to pay a fare. The fare-free transit started on May 20 and runs until Sept. 3.

"We're excited to be able to offer fare free weekends this summer," said Stephanie Stewart, community transportation manager. "With so many summer events, festivals, and activities in our communities, this provides a great opportunity for our residents to explore in their own backyard."

Speaking with the Free Press, Stewart said they made the decision to have free weekend transit service for a number of reasons, including investing in younger riders, encouraging economic growth by supporting local businesses, providing access to employment, and promoting public transit over single vehicle use for trips.

"We are hoping that by offering the fare free on weekends this summer that we will see an increase in ridership," said Stewart. "By reducing the cost for families hopefully

that will encourage a bit more movement and people to try out the new opportunities within Shelburne."

Without the free fare, the cost per ride is \$5 for adults, \$4.50 for seniors (55 years and older), and free for children under 5.

The introduction of the fare-free weekend service over the summer comes shortly after it was announced that weekend in-town transit would be expanding in the Town of Shelburne.

As of the end of April, Shelburne has an in-town transit service route that runs on weekends (Saturday and Sunday) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., for a total of 10 runs each day. The route consists of 14 service stop locations throughout the town that see buses on rotation every 30 minutes. With the expansion, riders no longer have to pre-book and pre-pay for the service, but payment is cash only.

"When we start a new system, it takes a little bit of time to gain new riders' attention and get people more comfortable and familiar with it. So far, we haven't seen a ton of ridership on the weekend service," said Stewart. "Now that there are different employment opportunities spread out within Shelburne, we do see that people are using the system to get from one end of Shelburne to the other to access those

services."

The transit service in Shelburne was initially launched in 2020 as a weekday service funded by a grant received by Grey County and Southgate Township from the provincial government. The funding was used to implement service from Dundalk to Orangeville, also known as Route 2.

According to the Grey Transit Route, in its first year of operation, from September 2020 to August 2021, the service saw a total of 1184 riders use Route 2, and ridership increased to 4,746 people in the next year.

So far this year, the number of passengers using Route 2 from Dundalk to Orangeville has been 4,810.

Stewart said the route between Dundalk and Orangeville, passing through Shelburne, is the most popular route with the Grey Transit service.

Alongside the free fare weekend service, Grey Transit Route is also adding service to Sauble Beach through their Route 5 service.

The free weekend public transportation will run until Sept. 3.

For further information on the transit service in Shelburne, including bus stop location, visit the Town of Shelburne website, or for route service information on the entire Grey Transit Route (GTR), visit www.grey.ca.

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Fiddle50 ultra-endurance race returning to Shelburne

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Runners will have the chance to test their physical and mental stamina as they tie up the laces on their running shoes and gear up to take part in an ultra-endurance race in Shelburne.

Hosted by Gotta Run Racing, the second annual ultra-endurance race, known as the Fiddle50, is scheduled for June 3 at Fiddle Park.

"We are pretty excited for the second

annual Fiddle50. Our vision for this event is to grow it into a two-day running festival," said organizer Jodi McNeill. "We have more people coming this year, which is great."

An ultra-endurance run is any distance over a marathon, which is 42.2 kilometres. The Fiddle 50 ultra-endurance race will feature multiple distances, including 25 km, 50 km, 80 km, and 100 km, with both single and relay teams racing. The races will take place in the 1 km loop at Fiddle Park.

"This really is a mental challenge as much as it is a physical challenge," said McNeill. "When you're running an ultra, if you've trained, when you get to the race it's 90 per cent mental. You have to have your head in the game, put one foot in front of the other and you'll get to the finish. This is an interesting way to challenge your mental capacity."

A new aspect to the ultra-endurance race this year will be the addition of a 10 km run, which will be sponsored by Towne Fitness.

"Last year we started at 25 km and up, but that's not accessible to everyone. We wanted to get more of the community out, which is why we partnered with Towne Fitness, because owner Hannah Sine offers a free learn to run clinic," said McNeill.

In its second year, the Fiddle50 has double the number of runners participating in the ultra-endurance race, with 60 runners ready to cross the finish line.

"Ultras are a smaller niche community, but it is definitely gaining momentum. We want to bring more people to Shelburne, get the community involved and inspire the younger generation," said McNeill.

Community members are encouraged to come out and cheer on the runners participating in the race.

"Typically, races are one loop so you see the runners go off and then you don't see them for maybe three or four hours. Whereas this race, we can cheer on our runners every time they come past the start line – we get to support them as much as possible," said McNeill.

McNeill suggested the best time for community members to attend Fiddle50 would be during the 10 km race, which starts at 9:30 a.m., because it will be when the most runners are racing at the same time.

Those interested in signing up to run in the Fiddle50 have until June 1 to register, which can be done by visiting www.gottarunracing.com.

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Inquest into death of Terry Baker again postponed

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The start date for an inquest into the 2016 death of Terry Baker, an inmate serving a life sentence for her role in the torture and murder of an Orangeville teen, has been pushed until early June.

The Ministry of Solicitor General announced in a press release on May 19 that a motion hearing related to the pending inquest into Baker's death would be rescheduled for June 1. The motion hearing was scheduled to begin on Monday (May 23).

The coroner's inquest into Baker's death was initially set to begin in early April, with the inquest spanning two weeks and hearing from approximately 12 witnesses. A week before the coroner's inquest was set to start, the Ministry of the Solicitor General announced that after hearing submission from the parties,

the presiding officer had ruled the inquest be postponed.

Baker, who pleaded guilty to her part in the 2002 murder of 16-year-old Robbie McLennan, died at St. Mary's General Hospital in Kitchener on July 6, 2016. She was transferred to the hospital from the Grand Valley Institution for Women after being found unresponsive in her cell.

The cause of Baker's death has not been specified, but in a 2016 interview, Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies executive director Kim Pate said Baker was found with a ligature around her neck.

In 2017, a coroner's inquest to examine the events surrounding Baker's death was announced by then-regional supervising coroner for inquests, Dr. David Eden.

An inquest into Baker's death is mandatory under the Coroners Act.

Dr. Eden will serve as the presiding officer for the inquest and the motion hear-

ing. Sidney McLean and Kristin Smith will be inquest counsel.

The motion hearing will begin at 1 p.m. on June 1, with parties making their submissions remotely. Members of the public will be able to view the proceedings live online at <https://firstclassfacilitation.ca/office-of-the-chief-coroner/motion-hearing-in-regards-to-the-pending-inquest-into-the-death-of-terry-baker/>.

Baker, who was 16 years old at the time of McLennan's murder in 2002, was convicted of first-degree murder in 2006 and handed a life sentence.

Baker's then 20-year-old boyfriend, William Bronson Penasse, also pleaded guilty to first-degree murder in 2005 and was sentenced to life in prison without eligibility for parole until 2030. Another 16-year-old – who was never identified under the Youth Criminal Justice Act – was convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced to 18 months.

Wellness music festival returning to Amaranth for second year

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Festival-goers will have the chance to use music to reconnect with themselves this summer with the return of a local wellness music festival.

Coming Home Festival, a three-day wellness and music festival, will return to the Amaranth community for a second year, running from Aug. 11 to Aug. 13.

"Coming Home Festival is all about creating community," said founder Christine LaRock. "The festival is really an opportunity for people to reconnect with themselves, to reconnect with the space around them, and to reconnect with the people in their community."

The wellness festival for the open-hearted will feature a lineup of 12 bands and indie musicians, including Black Suit Devil, The Blues Emergency, Russ Robson, The Sunset Drip, Angela Saini, The Bhadra Collective, Nelson Sobral, Michael Moon, Eric Mandala, The Doozies, Ashley Gilmore and One Rhythm Chill Zone.

"We're really excited about our lineup, and we've added another band this year so there will be four shows a day," said LaRock. "There's really a vast assortment of genres and it's a beautiful tapestry of music."

Alongside the live music, attendees will have access to a holistic retreat, daily workshops, morning yoga and meditations, healing sound baths, drumming circles, healthy food vendors, a collaborative art project and a nightly fireside acoustic jam.

The event will also have an artisan's market with around 20 artisans selling items.

"It's important to us to support our local community, not just the musicians, but the people who have beautiful things that they create and sell," said LaRock.

Tickets for the Coming Home Festival are now available for purchase. An adult weekend pass is \$244, a Friday pass is \$111, and a pass for Saturday or Sunday is \$122.

As a new addition to its ticketing sales this year, Coming Home Festival is introducing a 'youth pass,' which costs \$166 for the weekend, \$77 for a Friday pass, and \$88 for a Saturday or Sunday pass.

"We decided to have a youth pass to make it a little bit more affordable for people wanting to come as a family," said LaRock.

According to the festival's website, all tickets purchased include camping but also note that festival-goers should keep in mind that the camping spots have no electricity for trailers.

There are no refunds for purchased tickets, as the wellness music festival is a rain-or-shine event.

With the festival set for the end of summer, organizers are looking for volunteers to join the three-day event.

"We know that we are growing this year, so we're expecting a good number of people to come and we want to make sure we have enough volunteers," said LaRock. "We're looking to recruit around 40 to 45 volunteers."

Volunteers will be gifted with a complimentary weekend pass, including free parking and camping, a 2023 Coming Home Festival t-shirt, food vouchers towards a healthy meal each day, and an invitation to the volunteer appreciation event at the end of the summer.

"We're creating it [Coming Home Festival] from our hearts, so if you're looking for a safe space to be with a beautiful community or on a healing path, come with an open heart and you're guaranteed to leave with your life changed," said LaRock.

Those interested in getting involved with Coming Home Festival or finding out more information about the wellness music festival can visit www.cominghomefestival.com.



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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Shelburne Cricket Club kicks off 2023 season

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Shelburne Cricket Club's 2023 season got underway at KTH Park on Saturday, May 20, with a T25 house league match between the defending champion Shelburne Warriors and the Shelburne Knights.

The Knights won the toss and decided to field first.

It was a cool day with periods of drizzle.

The Knights opened their bowling strong by taking two wickets in the first three overs and kept the runs short. Both attacking bowlers, Suresh Sudhakaran and youth Mohammad Raza, took three wickets each.

Warriors' middle order, Gaurav Hans (24 runs) and Jajbir Sran (25 runs), tried to capitalize, and the team put up a fighting total of 146 runs on the board.

The temperature dropped, making for a

cold game when the Warriors were up to bowl. They started taking early wickets.

The Knights kept losing wickets, with Mohammad Maqsood achieving a five wickets haul. The Knights lost all of their wickets in 57 runs, and the Warriors won by 89 runs.

Mohammad Maqsood was the man of the match.

The second match of the season featured the Club's newest team, the Shelburne Samurai, against the Shelburne Gladiators, on Sunday, May 21.

The Gladiators won the toss and decided to bat first.

Samurais came up with a strong bowling attack and restricted the team to a total of 106 runs.

Gladiators captain, Sujay Sunny, scored 43 runs.

The Samurais lost early wickets – by the

fifth over, they had lost three wickets with only five runs on the board.

Samurais' Pradeep Sidhu carried the game for the Samurai and kept them in the race. He scored the first half-century (50 runs) of the season.

In the last over, the Samurais need eight runs to win with their last wicket. They scored six runs on the last ball, falling four short, and the Gladiators took the win.

Pradeep Sidhu was the man of the match.

On Victoria Day, the Club had a friendly match with the Town of Dundalk, between the Shelburne North Stars led by youth Hisaan Siddiqui and Dundalk resident Peter Broussard.

The North Stars won the Victoria Day Cup.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

SEASON OPENER: The Shelburne Warriors and the Shelburne Knights battle it out on the cricket pitch at KTH Park in Shelburne during the opening day of the Shelburne Cricket Club's 2023 season. The Warriors came out on top in this match.

Centre Dufferin athletes perform well at District 4/10 Competition, several to move on to CWOSSA

Written By Brian Lockhart

Athletes from Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS) competed in District 4/10 Competition with good results and several members of the team will be moving on to compete at the regional level at CWOSSA.

It was a two-day competition. Day one of the events took place at the University of Guelph. The second day of the competition took place at St. James Catholic High School in Guelph.

The team is coached by CDDHS faculty member Matthew Leggett.

At the end of the competition, 13 CDDHS team members qualified to move on to CWOSSA. Four of the athletes finished in first place.

These include Jovi Batenchuk – 5th in the long jump. Tea Bosiljevac – 3rd in high jump. Callista Daly – 2nd in high jump and 2nd in triple jump. Gabrielle Daly – 3rd in the 2000m steeplechase and 1st in 3000m. Cassie Gansekoole – 1st in shotput and 1st

in discus. Shawn Henry – 3rd in 100m dash and 3rd 200m dash. Tahlia Henry – 3rd in the long jump. Trinity Newhook – 3rd in the javelin, 3rd in the discus, 3rd in the triple jump. Mya Roberts – 3rd in high jump, 3rd in triple jump. Chelsea Thalendorst – 1st in 3000m, 2nd in 1500m, and 3rd in 800m. Alden Thomas – 1st in 200m. Ewan Wratten – 4th in 1500m and 4th in 3000m. Luca Fola-dore – 1st in javelin.

Mr. Leggett had full confidence in these athletes going into the District meet. So much so that he predicted Luca Fola-dore would be the top finisher in the javelin event.

CWOSSA competition features teams from high schools around the region and started on Wednesday, May 24, and continues today, May 25, at Pauline Johnson Collegiate & Vocational School in Brantford.

Qualifying athletes at CWOSSA will go on to compete at the provincial level in OFSAA.

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Which school do you go to?

By the time I graduated college, I had some debt in student loans to pay off.

I stuck to the re-payment plan, and the loan was done in a couple of years.

It wasn't a lot, and I was in the same situation as thousands of other students who just spent four years in a school to hopefully end up with a job in their chosen field. It's the price you pay for wanting to get an education in a particular area.

Although, to be fair, if you chose to get your education in an apprenticeship, you get your education and get paid at the same time.

Choosing which courses you want to take in school is a matter of personal choice – at least for the most part.

Some diplomas are far more likely to land you a job in the field than others. There's no doubt about that.

Why you choose to go into a particular field can depend on a lot of things. For me, it was because I had a real interest in the field. I got my first camera at ten years old and have been a photographer ever since, although photography was only a sub-cate-

gory of what I was studying at the time.

Either way, those courses taught me a lot.

I have a friend who was, for lack of a better word, coerced into going to engineering school. His parents insisted he become an engineer.

This apparently happens a lot, and in some cultures, kids have no say in what they are going to become. It's expected of them to go into a certain field.

In the case of my friend, he went to a big-time university in New York and graduated as an engineer. He then went on to become the groundskeeper at a golf course.

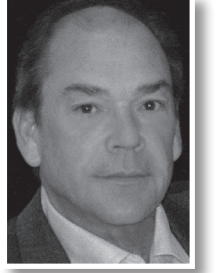
His engineering knowledge probably helped in his job, but working at a golf course was what he really wanted to do. He had no interest in sitting behind a desk and designing things.

Was it a waste of several years in school?

I don't think so. Every time you learn something, you gain something.

A recent report came out about the 'best' and 'worst' universities in the country.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



I don't know why you would really need a report like that other than to instill snobbery. Unless a school is some kind of uncredited institution that is handing out fake diplomas, why would you say one school is better than the one down the road?

Harvard University in the U.S. is touted as the best school in the U.S. What it is really the best at is marketing. It markets itself as the best school, and the public buys into it. Students routinely graduate with hundreds of thousands of dollars in debt. You have to wonder how that is even possible.

I saw a good interview with a Toronto intellectual discussing the matter of schools with some American professors.

He ripped Harvard pretty good and asked, "Do you really think you're getting a better education there than at the University of Toronto – which is a 'state school?'"

I think he was right on the mark.

I found the report listing the 'worst' schools was just some kind of elitist thing which does nothing other than imply the students there are less worthy, not as smart, or are receiv-

ing less value for their education dollars.

I know plenty of students who go to these 'lesser' schools for very practical reasons. Notably, not everyone wants to live in and pay for a dorm room; when they live close enough to school, they can live at home and not go through the expense of borrowing, or putting a financial strain on their parents.

The report listed one school as 'if you can walk and talk,' you can go there. What an insult to students who are going there and are studying hard in hopes of graduating.

The truth is, at the end of the day, no one really cares where you went to school. I've never been to any social gathering where people introduce themselves based on their status as an alumni of any school.

There's an old joke that really tells the story of what it means to be a school snob.

What do you call a doctor who graduated last in his class? - A doctor.

Ukraine: Biden's Timing

A great many people are glad that US President Joe Biden has finally agreed that Ukraine can be supplied with modern Western aircraft – specifically F-16s – but they are still cross about his procrastination and worried that he has waited too long. From Ukraine's point of view, they do have a case.

Ukraine's dwindling fleet of elderly ex-Soviet combat aircraft cannot provide adequate air support to the country's long-awaited counteroffensive this summer. They are too few and too old to survive against the full array of Russian anti-aircraft missiles and the much larger numbers of Russian fighters (although those are also old).

The F-16s would change that narrative. They, too, are old (first operational squadron 1980), but their electronics have been continuously updated, and in practice, they are a full generation ahead of the Russian fighters they would confront. In air combat, that usually means grotesquely lopsided kill ratios in favour of the aircraft with the better electronics.

However, the White House is talking of a minimum of three to six months to train Ukrainian pilots on the F-16, and it is still being coy about how many F-16s will actually be handed over to the Ukrainians and when.

Whereas the Ukrainian counteroffensive has to happen in the next four months, or else it risks being slowed to a halt by the autumn rains. Was Joe Biden unaware of this? Of course not. It's just that he has his own list of priorities, and Ukraine comes third.

Priority One is not blundering into a nuclear war with the Russian Federation. Biden has been in active politics through most of the Cold War era, and he remembers that avoiding direct fighting between the United States and the Soviet Union was quite literally an existential issue.

That reality hasn't changed, even though today's Russia is smaller and much less powerful than the old Soviet Union. Moscow still has thousands of nuclear weapons, and those must be respected. So while Biden supports Ukraine's sovereignty, he will do nothing that startles Vladimir Putin into a nuclear overreaction.

That is why the US president has been so cautious in upgrading the categories of weapons he and his NATO allies provide to Ukraine. The pattern has been that he lets Ukraine have some kind of NATO weapons system (American howitzers with longer ranges, say), and then waits for the Russian reaction.

The Russians threaten bloody murder, draw a new red line NATO must never cross, and hint at nuclear weapons use. But they don't actually do anything. So after a couple of months, Biden moves onto the next category of NATO weapons – the HIMARS rocket launchers, in this example – and waits again. And so on, through half a dozen rounds.

We have arrived at combat aircraft, the last item on Biden's list, so now the time pressure moves to the other side. Biden's second priority, obviously, is being re-elected to the presidency eighteen months from now. For that, he needs a convincing Ukrainian victory and a satisfactory end to the war within the next fifteen months.

After two generations of pointless, lost foreign wars from Vietnam to Afghanistan, Americans are dubious about the benefits of foreign military adventures. It helps Biden greatly that no Americans are being killed in Ukraine, but the war there is still unpopular with the voters and getting more so.

Biden would be offering an open goal to Donald Trump (or some other Republican rabble-rouser, if Trump is in jail by then) if the war in Ukraine is still raging in November 2024. He has to get it finished before that, so the Ukrainians will soon get their F-16s.

It's been the same balancing act right from

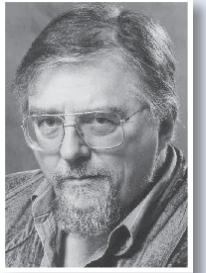
the start. Biden is obviously cutting it very fine, but has he actually miscalculated? We shall find out in the next few months, but he may have a card up his sleeve. It might not really be three to six months before the Ukrainians have operational F-16s.

There is reason to believe that some Ukrainian pilots have already been trained on fourth-generation fighters (not necessarily F-16s) by friendly European countries, though not by the United States. Ukrainian Air Force Command has also quietly called for veteran F-16 pilots and ground crews from other countries to join up and help in the transition.

The actual planes could come sooner than Washington's timetable suggests because the actual donors of the F-16s will be smaller European NATO members like Denmark and the Netherlands. These are countries that have taken the lead in weapons deliveries to Ukraine in the past, and they might do so again.

A decisive Ukrainian military victory, Biden's third priority, is still far from guaranteed, but Ukrainian air superiority over the front, at least, may be within reach.

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Pickup truck stolen from Mulmur driveway, police share tips

Written By **Paula Brown**
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Police officers from Dufferin OPP are investigating the theft of a pickup truck from the driveway of a home in Mulmur.

Shortly before 7:30 a.m. on May 20, Dufferin OPP responded to a call at a home on Adrian Ave. in Mulmur for the theft of a vehicle. The caller told police that their 2022 white GMC Sierra was stolen from their driveway between 10 p.m. on May 19 and 6:30 a.m. on May 20.

Police said the investigation is continuing.

Anyone with information or video surveillance footage in relation to the auto theft in Mulmur is asked to call the Dufferin OPP Detachment at 519-942-1711 or 1-888-310-1122.

Information can also be provided anonymously by contacting Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submitting a tip online at www.ontariocrimestoppers.ca.

To help educate residents on crime prevention strategies to minimize victimization, Dufferin OPP has shared some auto theft crime prevention tips, including:

- Ensure vehicle keys are kept well away

from doors and windows

- Use a signal-blocking pouch/box to block the key fob from transmitting its code to the vehicle

- Turn off the keyless fob wireless signal at night (refer to car manual)

- Use a steering wheel lock or car alarm, which could add a delay or be a deterrent for thieves

- Consider a secondary audible car alarm
- Park in the garage if possible
- Insert a car tracker

Dufferin OPP is also raising public awareness about personal identification theft from

unsecured vehicles such as licences, insurance, vehicle ownerships, passports, mobile devices or laptops. Tips to avoid victimization include:

- Never leave a running vehicle unattended
- Lock vehicle doors
- Roll up windows
- Keep valuables out of sight
- Keep registration and proof of insurance in your wallet or purse – not in the glove box
- Pocket your keys
- Park in a well-lit area at night or during extended parking periods

Three drivers charged with impaired driving and stunt driving

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) work extremely hard to keep the roads safe in Dufferin County. Officers removed and charged two drivers with impaired operation and one driver for stunt driving in the last few days.

On May 20, 2023, shortly before 5:45 p.m.,

Dufferin OPP officers responded to a single vehicle collision on County Road 16 in the Town of Mono. The officers located the vehicle a short time later and were led into an impaired driving investigation.

As a result, Kristoff MCDONALD, 19-year-old from Shelburne has been charged with:

Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)

On May 20, 2023, at approximately 8:10 p.m., a Dufferin OPP officer commenced an impaired operation investigation as a result of an unrelated interaction in Caledon. The driver registered a fail on an approved roadside screening device and was transported to Detachment for further testing.

As a result, Chattergoon HARNAM 58-year-old male, from Alton has been charged with:

Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)

On May 22, 2023, shortly after 8:30 a.m., a Dufferin OPP officer was conducting speed enforcement on County Road 109 in the Township of Amaranth. The officer stopped the driver for traveling 149 km/hr in an 80km/h zone.

As a result, an 18-year-old, from Brampton has been charged with: Stunt Driving

The accused persons are scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville, to answer to the charges at a later date in June 2023. Their driver's licence was suspended for 30 days (stunt driving) and 90 days (impaired operation), and their vehicles impounded for a period of 7-14 days. The listed charges have not been proven in court.

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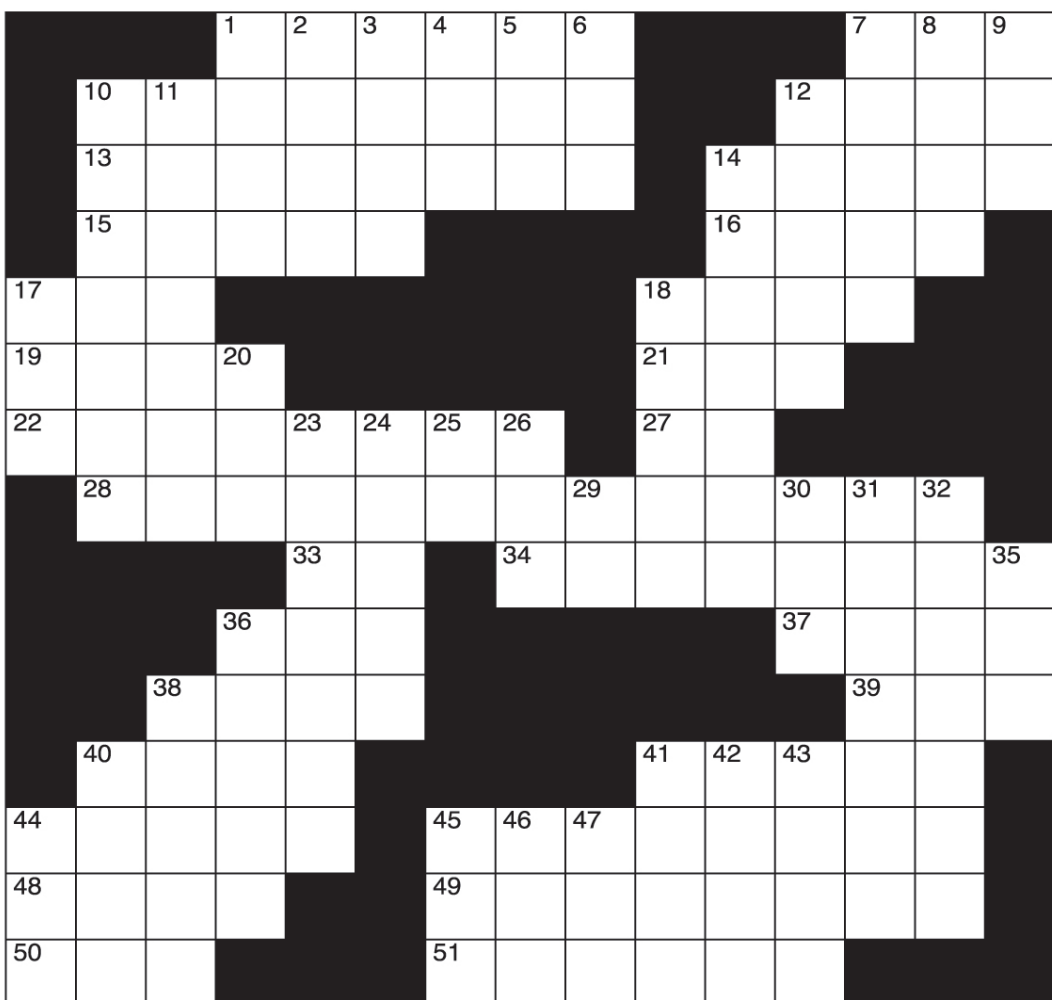
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Dufferin residents grieve sudden loss of community builder, boxing coach, motorcycle enthusiast, father and friend

Written By Sam Odrowski

An Orangeville man who touched almost every corner of Dufferin County through his work and community involvement recently passed away in a three-vehicle collision along Highway 9.

Jamie Ferris, 52, often said, "Live every day to the fullest because you never know how many sunsets you are going to get."

On May 11, he saw his last sunset. But living to the fullest was something Jamie did well through his ambition, passion and love for life. He founded and operated a non-profit motorcycle riding club called Qwest Riders that donates to various charities each year, touched many lives through coaching boxing and created countless memories at the weddings, local events, and bars he's DJ'd.

Yet, the one thing that mattered most to Jamie was his family.

He leaves behind his three children, Brilee, Tayah and Noah, and baby granddaughter, Ava.

Those close to Jamie say they'll miss his incredible sense of humour, selflessness, infectious smile, big hugs, and loving energy.

The three-vehicle collision that claimed



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PROUD GRANDFATHER: Jamie Ferris holds up his baby granddaughter, Ava, during an Easter visit earlier this year. Jamie's close friends say he cares deeply for his family and is a proud father/grandfather.

"Jamie had the biggest heart, loved his family more than anything and always lived life to the fullest," Green said. "He gave the best hugs, had a smile that lit up a room, was full of terrible jokes, one-liners and made everyone laugh."

Byron Mackie, who opened Orangeville's BigTyme Fitness in 2001 and ran it until it closed in 2019, worked alongside Jamie, who coached boxing there for several years.

"Jamie was a one-of-a-kind type of friend, always had your back no matter what – great friend, great coach, great dad, great person," he told the Citizen via email. "This one hurts real bad and he will be missed tons."

Jason Alexander has known Jamie for nearly 25 years, and they became close through coaching boxing classes.

Jason said Jamie was loved by many who he trained.

"He was a guy that would drive people to tournaments if they needed to drive, and give people rides home. He would do hand pads with people after hours," Jason said. "He would help coach people on the off time, he was very giving to the boxing community that way."

Jason said he'll remember Jamie as an amazing friend, an incredible source of support, and a caring individual.

"He was always looking to give back to the community, give back to friends, family. He was just an all-around great guy and will be sadly missed. I was super privileged to have him so close to my heart and my family," he remarked.

Jamie's efforts to give back to the community culminated in a virtual fundraiser shortly after the COVID-19 pandemic started in the spring of 2020.

Jamie came up with the idea of hosting the Soundqwest Virtual Jamzz to help people get off the couch and enjoy a dance party from their own homes. The virtual fundraiser had a Facebook Livestream of Jamie DJing, shared throughout Facebook, reaching over 10,000 views.

Jay, who owns Lux Vape, provided his warehouse as a venue for the fundraiser, and Richard Croft, Amy Green, Dana MacGregor, Tony Fenech, Julie Elsdon-Height, and Julie Thurgood helped to host the event.

The stage was decorated with a collection of vintage 80s items Jay collected over the years, and the backdrop was spray-painted graffiti style to fit the hip-hop vibe of the virtual parties.

Dana MacGregor was on the microphone hyping up the virtual audience while Jamie worked the decks.

"These guys thought they were Run-DMC like it was hilarious. I loved it," said Jay.

Ultimately, the events generated thousands of dollars to donate electronic tablets to senior homes, helping them stay connected to their families with video calls during lockdowns. The rest of the money raised was split between the Orangeville Food Bank and Headwaters Hospital.

"It was way bigger than we expected," said Dana. "We got an amazing team of volunteers on board, and we had some more sponsors than we knew what to do with."

Dana's known Jamie for 30 years, and they became close friends. He used to MC for Jamie while he DJ'd at bars throughout Orangeville. Jamie would provide the tunes, and Dana would make announcements, give away prizes, and work the microphone.

"We did that for a long time – TJ's [Hangar], Main Street and the Rusty Nail," he recalled. "We were kind of an entertainment duo."

The duo performed almost every Friday and Saturday at TJ's for a couple of years, getting the crowd moving on the dance floor.

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JOVI BATENCHUK

"I love high jump because it's a lot of fun, but I do better in long jump because I've been doing that since elementary school. I've also started javelin this year," said Centre Dufferin District High School track and field team member, Jovi Batenchuk, of why she likes to compete in track events. "I've made a lot of friends, and it's exciting to go to meets."

Jovi finished first in long jump last year at the District level and hopes to maintain that title again this season.

Jovi is a valuable member of the CDDHS track and field team.

TEAM: CDDHS TRACK AND FIELD
POSITION: LONG JUMP AND HIGH JUMP

the life of Jamie and his friend, Andrea "Lola" Gernack, on May 11 happened between Mount Wolfe Rd. and Caledon/King Townline on Highway 9. A pickup truck collided with Lola and Jamie while they were each on motorcycles.

Under Jamie's leadership, he's helped fundraise thousands of dollars, toys and pounds of food for the many not-for-profits in the community that support vulnerable people or those struggling financially.

Many of those donations came through Qwest Riders, which he ran as "prez" (president) since creating the club six years ago.

Vice president of Qwest Riders Jay Casey has known Jamie for around 35 years through their involvement in the BMX community from youth to adulthood.

They became inseparable over the last decade, working together, building bikes and eventually starting the Qwest Riders motorcycle club.

It started out with a group of about 10-20 people meeting on Sundays at the Orangeville Pita Pit and going on a ride for the day.

Over the past six years, the club has grown to over 60 patched members, and the Facebook group for the club has over 600 members.

Qwest Riders held the Toys for Terry fundraiser for the last four years, donating toys to the Salvation Army and Family Transition Place in memory of Jamie's late friend Terry Tovell.

Tovell was heavily involved in the Orangeville Northmen Lacrosse and passed away at age 44 in 2019.

The fundraiser saw thousands of toys donated to the Salvation Army since its inception in 2019. Monetary donations were also collected for the Northmen's Benevolent Fund.

Jay said Jamie was very sociable, charismatic, a great public speaker, and lit up every room he entered.

"Jamie could get up and talk to 50,000 people...crack jokes, pick people out and make everyone laugh," he told the Citizen. "That was his jam. He was that person."

Jay remembers him as a selfless, non-judgmental and compassionate individual who would lend a hand to anyone in need.

"He was the kind of guy that would pull over on the side of the road and give a homeless guy his coat," Jay said. "He would give the shirt off his back."

Amy Green, who was in a serious relationship with Jamie, said he was one of a kind, full of life, enjoyed helping others, and always had everyone's back.

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Dufferin residents grieve sudden loss of community builder, boxing coach, motorcycle enthusiast, father and friend

Eventually, Jamie's DJing in the local bar scene evolved into the professional DJ service, Soundqwest. Over the years, he became known as one of the best DJs in the region.

Dana told the Citizen that much of his confidence and public personality was shaped during those years of MCing with Jamie.

"The belief that he had in me, and the fact that he wanted to share a stage with me, gave me a level of confidence that I will take with me forever," Dana said. "Jamie Ferris was instrumental in me finding my voice."

Dana said his involvement in sports clubs, boxing, biking and the overall community made him "the glue" that held many different facets of Dufferin County.

"He was this massive connection point for so many," said Dana. "He had his hand in every little piece of what makes this town, this town."

He added, "Jamie could bring all these different groups and people together in a way that I've never seen before."

Reflecting back on Jamie's early beginnings of his DJ career, a close friend since high school, Richard Croft, said, "It all started in a basement on Parkview Dr with two CD players."

From there, he began DJing at bars and eventually built up his Soundqwest business to become one of the most recommended DJs in the area, Richard noted.

He said Jamie was an incredible person and role model.

"No matter whose path he crossed, he left a smile," Richard remarked. "Jamie's the person that you wish the world could be."

Neal Welch, who met Jamie through DJing 15 years ago and later joined Soundqwest DJ, said Jamie was a great entertainer and very community-minded.

"I'll always remember DJing alongside him when we DJ'd Yuk Yuk's Comedy Shows and when we would DJ Christmas parties in the same venue. We would always try and see who could steal the most people and keep them dancing," he recalled.

"Jamie was the type of person who would do anything for his hometown, toy drives, food bank drives."

Jamie's friends say the Orangeville Food Bank had a special place in his heart, and the organization has received countless food donations through Qwest Riders and other



DJING SINCE YOUTH: Jamie Ferris has been DJing since youth, and went on to operate one of the most successful and highly recommended DJ businesses in the region – Soundqwest.



ENTERTAINMENT DUO: Jamie Ferris and Dana MacGregor provided the music to many bars in Orangeville over the years as a DJ and MC duo.

side to him" and a big heart.

"He loved bringing happiness to people and making a difference in this world," they said.

To have known him was to love him, said the Simpsons.

"He lived life to the fullest," they told the Citizen. "You could say that he lived more in his short life than some people do their whole lifetime."

"Whenever we hear a good song or see a beautiful sunset, we will all think of you."

Celebration of Life Details

Jamie's family is hosting a public event at Hereward Farms (41051 Sideroad 15, East Garafraxa) on May 28 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Words of remembrance will begin at 12:30 p.m. and all motorcycles are asked to arrive from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. to get in position to pay tribute to Jamie. Memorial donations to help support his family can be made via e-transfer at InMemoryOfJamieFerris@gmail.com.

charitable initiatives he led.

"Jamie Ferris and the Qwest Riders have supported the Orangeville Food Bank and other local charities for many years," said Sarah Clarke, food bank volunteer of nine years, in a written statement. "We are very saddened to hear about his recent passing, and we know he leaves behind a huge hole in the hearts of many in the community that he championed."

She added, "We are also very saddened to hear of the passing of Andrea Gernack, who participated in the community fundraising events with Qwest Riders and was a supporter of the food bank. "The staff and volunteers send along their deepest condolences to all who feel this tragic loss."

Sue and David Simpson, who were close friends with Jamie for 25 years, told the Citizen they'll remember Jamie's charisma, quick-witted jokes, huge heart, infectious laugh and sense of humour.

"After meeting Jamie, you would fall in love with him instantly and would feel a connection with him and sense of belonging," they said in a written statement. "He had an energy about him that was unforgettable. Everyone loved Jamie because he made everyone feel special. He made them feel important. He made them feel loved."

The Simpsons said Jamie had a "huge soft

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Helen Louise McCarthy (Snider) passed away peacefully at Hazeldean Gardens Retirement Home in Stittsville, Ontario, on March 3, 2023. She was born on May 12, 1933 in Shelburne, Ontario. She was 89 years old, just a few months before her 90th birthday.

She was the loving wife of the late Terence (Terry) McCarthy (deceased 2018).

She will be dearly missed by her children Steve McCarthy (Margaret), Mark McCarthy (Sandra), Lea Anne McCarthy (Dean) and Lyn Lacombe (Brian deceased). She absolutely cherished her grandchildren, Megan Schaefer (Nick), Terri-Lynn O'Gorman (Ryan), Shaun McCarthy (Mandy), Trevor McCarthy (Laura), William McCarthy, Alexander McKay (Amy) and Patrick McKay, Lee Lacombe (Sara), and Mitchell Lacombe (Caitlin). The Joys of her life were her great-grandchildren Jacob and Penelope Schaefer, Braylin and Brynlee O'Gorman, Layden Halfacree and Bentley. She would love to have met Landon, Kayden, and Sebastian McCarthy. She will be missed by her sister Delores Cornelius (John) and sisters-in-law Cheryl McCarthy and Alice Snider (Don, deceased).

She was a great friend and neighbor to many in Shelburne and Dundalk and will be missed. Please come and join us in Celebration of Life for Helen McCarthy. It will be held at the back hall of the Shelburne Legion Branch 220 May 27th 2023, 1 pm to 4 pm, with a presentation at 2 pm. Come meet the family and share some laughter with Friends of Helen. Light Lunch will be served by the Legion Auxiliary. Cash bar by the Legion. ALL welcome.

Online condolences and donations may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com. Donations in Memory of Helen McCarthy to the Shelburne Legion Branch 220.

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Notice of Public Information Centre #2:
 Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study
 Dufferin County Road 109/ 2nd Line Realignment, Dufferin County**

THE STUDY

Dufferin County retained WSP Canada Inc. to undertake the Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) Study to consider potential solutions to realign Dufferin County Road 109 and 2nd Line (Amaranth). 2nd Line is proposed to be realigned as the fourth leg of the Dufferin County Road 109 and Dufferin County Road 3 intersection. This realignment could precipitate a domino effect of impacting other intersections, namely Dufferin County Road 3 and Dufferin County Road 23, which is less than 100m south of the Dufferin County Road 109 and Dufferin County Road 3 intersection. The project will look to better understand the broader traffic impacts of the realignment and to confirm the best solution(s) for the study area.



THE PROCESS

This MCEA process is following the planning and design process for Schedule 'C' projects as described in the MCEA Document (October 2000 as amended in 2007, 2011, 2015, and 2023), which is an approved process under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. As part of this process, two public events are planned in the study. The first of the public events was held in December 2022 and the second event is presented in this Notice. Once the study is complete, an Environmental Study Report (ESR) will be prepared and filed for a 30-day comment period. A Notice of Completion will be published in local newspapers and sent to the project mailing list to advise the public of the ESR comment period.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #2

Public Information Centre (PIC) #2 is being held to provide an overview of the Study, summary of feedback from PIC #1, present the evaluation of alternatives and the preferred alternative, along with preliminary environmental impacts and proposed mitigation strategies and next steps.

You are invited to attend and provide input at PIC #2.

Date: June 6, 2023
Location: Front foyer of the Alder Street Community Center – 275 Alder St, Orangeville, ON L9W 5H6
 Parking will be available within the Community Center parking lot
Time: 3:00PM to 7:00PM
 The display materials will be shared online following the PIC.

GET INVOLVED

As the study progresses, the County will engage residents, stakeholders and businesses as part of any decisions that contribute towards shaping the Dufferin County Road 109/ 2nd Line Realignment and the Project Team's decision-making process. You are encouraged to visit www.dufferincounty.ca/MCEA, where project information including study notices, background information, study updates, and the ESR will be made available as the study progresses. You can also submit comments and questions to the Project Team on the website.

Your input is welcome at any time during the study. If you wish to have your name added to the project mailing list or have any comments, questions, or concerns about the study, please contact one of the following Project Team members:

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Information is being collected under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

This Notice was issued: May 25, 2023

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Preview: Friday June 2nd, 1-5pm

Order of Sale: Wagonload; Shop/Farm Rel; Mach & Tractors **Start: 10:30am, Tractors at 1:30pm**

Terms & Conditions: Cash or Cheque with proper I.D. on day of sale. Owner and/or Auctioneer will not be held responsible for accident or loss on day of sale. All items are sold "As Is". All verbal announcements on day of sale take precedence over written ads.

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Lunch Booth

Washroom Available

Preview: Friday May 26th 1-6pm

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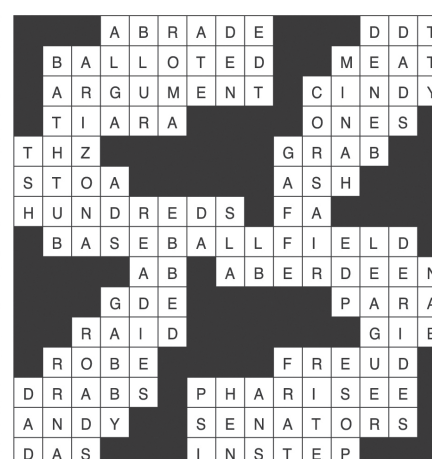
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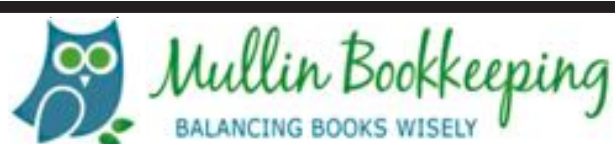
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