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FUN FOR KIDS: Fun activities for kids were set up at Fiddle Park by the Town of Shelburne for Canada Day (July 1). Children had the opportunity to play inside of inflatable bumper balls. To see more photos of the local action on Canada Day, turn to Page 9.

Fiddle Park revitalization to cost \$9.4 million, take five to 20 years

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Shelburne Town Council took a closer look at concept plans for the revitalization of Fiddle Park at a recent meeting.

During their meeting on June 26, council was presented with the draft master plan for Fiddle Park from town planner Steve Wever.

"The thrust of this master plan is to take Fiddle Park to more of a community-oriented park, where it is a destination park, where everyone in the community [has] year-round opportunities for a whole course of different activities while also being able to draw people from outside the community and hosting events as well," said Wever.

Fiddle Park is the largest park property in Shelburne, with a total area of 114.5 acres, of which 83.5 acres is protected natural heritage. The project is part of the 2019 Community Improvement Plan (CIP), which was created to provide strategies and direction for enhancements of key areas in Shelburne.

The Fiddle Park Master Plan looks to

take the remaining 30 acres of land at the park and redesign it as a "community hub."

In 2021, the Town of Shelburne launched an online community survey to gather input from residents on specific activities and programs they would like to see as part of the revitalization project. Three concept options were developed for the project based on community input.

Components of the draft plan presented to council on June 26 included a multi-functional trail; with all-season usage such as walking and biking as well as skating; an amphitheatre and pavilion; a playground; a multi-use court; community plaza; memorial forest; and enhanced parking lot.

"This Master Plan is intended to see Fiddle Park come to life as a community hub, with opportunities for programming all year and to create a destination that will attract community members and tourism," read the report.

According to the report to the council, the total cost for the Fiddle Park improvements is estimated to be over \$9.3 million, with \$5,351,389.20 in initial park enhance-

ments and \$4,006,188.72 in phased park enhancements. The estimated cost of the Fiddle Park project is based on the 2023 figure.

Implementation of the master plan for Fiddle Park will take place in phases, with the first phase spanning five years and the next phase of future improvements spanning around 5-20 years.

Denyse Morrissey, chief administrative officer, noted that the suggested 20-year timeline is the "ultimate project length" and is based on the total cost of the project.

"There certainly is capacity for quick wins. It doesn't mean that we expect the project to take 20 years, but there may be things for example that would be put off because they don't need to be as front-ended to ensure community access," said Morrissey.

The next steps for the Fiddle Park Master Plan include public engagement and feedback on the drafted projects and improvements. A final report on the concept plan will come back to the council on Sept. 25, which will be the guiding principles for the design of the park.

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Two Primrose students awarded for helping rescue peers in bus crash

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Two twelve-year-old students from Mulmur have been honoured for their efforts in helping rescue their peers after the bus they were travelling on slid into a ditch this past spring. Isabelle Wallace and Chase Rodgers, students from Primrose Elementary School, received the 2022-2023 CAA School Safety Patroller of the Year award in recognition of their quick response when the school bus they were travelling on slid into a ditch in March.

The bus was travelling along 4th Line in the Township of Mulmur, just south of 10 Sideroad, on March 2 when the incident occurred. As a result, four children were sent to hospital with minor injuries. Ashley Hopkins, the vice principal of Primrose Elementary School, nominated the pair for the award. Hopkins said the two students used the skills they learned through the CAA School Safety Patrol program to help the bus driver evacuate the bus and escort their fellow classmates to safety while they waited for help to arrive.

“They jumped right into action, making sure all students were okay and reassuring them that they were safe,” said Hopkins. Also honoured was Stephanie Pennesei, who is winding down her 31-year teaching career at June Avenue Public School in Guelph. Pennesei received the CAA School Safety Patrol Supervisor of the Year award for her passion and dedication to the role of patrol supervisor, one she held for 29 years. Teresa Di Felice, assistant vice president for CAA South Central Ontario, said the CAA School Safety Patrol program has been help-

ing keep students safe in school zones, at school crossings, and on school buses since the 1920s. About 20,000 dedicated student volunteers participate in the CAA School Safety Patrol Program and give their time to help keep their peers safe at school crossings and on school buses in more than 900 schools across Ontario. “Thank you to all our patrollers, teachers, schools, police, and busing consortiums partners who help make this important safety program a success,” said Di Felice.

Registration open for Heidi’s Walk for Hope, supporting domestic violence victims

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Family Transition Place (FTP) is taking steps to raise awareness of violence against women and is inviting the community to join them for the annual fundraising walk. Registration has opened for Heidi’s Walk for Hope, a 5-kilometre trek that will be held at the Island Lake Conservation Area from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sept. 24. “Domestic violence affects everyone. Heidi’s Walk for Hope is an opportunity for the community to come together and raise funds

and awareness towards supporting FTP’s programs and services with the ultimate goal of ending violence against women,” wrote Family Transition Place in a press release. Heidi’s Walk for Hope is an annual memorial walk in honour of late Orangeville resident Heidi Ferguson, who tragically died in September of 2009 following a domestic dispute with her estranged husband. The incident occurred shortly after Heidi filed for divorce. In 2012, the Ferguson Memorial Walk (2012-2018) was started by Heidi’s parents, Gus and Penny Bogner, as a way to honour their

daughter’s legacy. Hosted by Family Transition Place, the event is now known as Heidi’s Walk for Hope and aims to raise awareness of violence against women. Funds raised through the event go towards Family Transition Place’s programs and services, such as the youth education program, which is an eight-week lesson designed to teach kids about healthy relationships to eliminate violence. Last year, the event raised over \$30,000 for programs and services offered by Family Transition Place. This year, the goal is to match the amount raised in 2022.

Registration is now open to participate in the memorial walk with a \$40 fee for adults and no cost for children 12 years of age and under. Participants also have the option of registering as a virtual walk for \$20 per person. Those interested in supporting in the form of sponsorship, advertising in the HOPE magazine, and in-kind donations for the silent auction and raffles can contact Kelly Lee by email at kelly@familytransitionplace.ca. For more information about Heidi’s Walk for Hope or to register and take part in the memorial walk, visit heidiswalkftp.ca.

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ELIMINATING EMPLOYMENT BARRIERS: Community Living Dufferin celebrated the grand opening of their new B Social Café at Dufferin Oaks Long Term Care Home on June 28. The new café is the latest location expansion of the social enterprise, aimed at providing job opportunities to people facing barriers to employment.

B Social Café opens at Dufferin Oaks Long Term Care Home, removing employment barriers

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Residents and visitors can now have the chance to sit down and enjoy a hot cup of tea or a chilled iced coffee while visiting loved ones at Dufferin Oaks with the opening of a new café. Local dignitaries and Dufferin Oaks staff joined Community Living Dufferin to celebrate the grand opening of a new B Social Café at Dufferin Oaks Long Term Care Home on June 28. “It’s really exciting to us because we started off small and we’re expanding how many employees we’re able to hire; this gave us an opportunity to hire three more people and hopefully eventually more,” said Paula Reynolds, employment specialist for Community Living Dufferin. “It’s also exciting to be able to offer this to people who didn’t have those [employment] opportunities before and the idea that it may open up for even more people in Shelburne.” The B Social Café is a social enterprise that’s part of Community Living Dufferin and aims to provide job opportunities to people facing barriers to employment. Led by Community Living Dufferin, the business launched in 2019 with locations in the Orangeville courthouse and a pop-up at the Georgian College campus. The social enterprise went on to expand to the snack bars at two Dufferin County arenas, Tony Rose and Alder Street, and in 2022 Community Living Dufferin opened up a café at the Edelbrock Centre in Orangeville. The café at Dufferin Oaks is the latest loca-

tion expansion of the B Social Café and currently has three employees. With a number of sites within Orangeville, the expansion to Dufferin Oaks Long Term Care Home is the organization’s first expansion to another Dufferin County community. “We support people that live in Shelburne through Community Living Dufferin, and we know there’s a lot of people there who might be a good fit for this. We thought it was an opportunity to have people be able to work in their own community as opposed to having to travel,” explained Reynolds. Speaking with the Free Press, Reynolds spoke about the significance of providing job opportunities to people facing barriers to employment. “The population we work with, people with disabilities, oftentimes don’t have opportunities to be employed whether it’s from lack of exposure and experience, or social stereotypes,” said Reynolds. “Oftentimes, they’ll apply for jobs, but they don’t have anything on their resume so that makes it difficult. They’re often overlooked by other people that have more qualifications.” The model for the B Social Café is geared more toward the employees rather than the employer. For example, if an employee has difficulty with hours due to physical or emotional restraints, then Community Living Dufferin is able to accommodate them with short shifts. “Because of the resources of our employment staff, we’re able to offer a good understanding of the skill sets of the employees that we are hiring and fit duties around them, as opposed to around the employer,” said Reynolds.



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The café at Dufferin Oaks will serve its residents, staff, families and community while providing employment to those looking to enter or re-enter the workforce in an environment suited to their needs. “When we talk to the people that we hire, they always talk about how much it’s given them a purpose and how proud they are to be serving in their community. We see the developing a strong sense of self-worth and belonging, and that’s really important for everybody.” The café will serve a variety of items, including coffee, tea, pop, breakfast sandwiches, yogurts, cookies, muffins, and a lunch menu. The new B Social Café at Dufferin Oaks will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

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Local school board approves nearly \$500 million budget for 2023-24

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB) has approved its budget for the 2023-2024 school year.

The board passed the budget at the final board meeting for the 2022-2023 school year on June 27.

The approved budget for 2023-2024 has an operating expenditures budget of \$455,486,186 and a capital project budget of \$38,074,756. The combined total is \$493,560,942.

The budget looks to reflect the priorities of the UGDSB's multi-year plan (MYP), which include delivering foundational education, inspiring a love of learning, championing



health and wellbeing, ensuring equity of access and outcomes, and leading with sustainability.

"By focusing our investments on Upper Grand students and on the priorities of the MYP, we hope to achieve Vision 2026, which is to be recognized as educational leaders in creating unparalleled, agile, and inclusive learning experiences for all," said Ralf Mesen-

brink, UGDSB chair, in a press release.

The budget also includes additional spending to support math and literacy over and above the committed funding provided by the Ministry of Education. The board will use its available accumulated surplus to address a budget shortfall of \$6.5 million.

"We have seen incredible progress made this year with our focus on literacy supports and Early Reading Teachers, both in gains made by students and rich learning among staff," said Peter Sovran, director of education for the UGDSB. "This budget will allow us to continue that focused work in literacy and increase our focus on math instruction."

The funding to school boards from the Ministry of Education is largely based on student

enrolment numbers. The 2023-2024 budget for the Upper Grand District School Board projects an increase of more than 200 students for the next school year.

There is an increase in the Grants for Student Needs (GSN) from the province, which is \$14.8 million higher than the previous school year. The allocation of the Priorities and Partnerships Fund (PPF) has an increase of \$2.8 million and includes additional support for math, reading, supporting de-streaming, and transition to secondary school.

Other funding sources due to a lack of enrolment of international students.

The full budget report for 2023-2024 is available on the UGDSB website at www.ugdsb.ca/board/finance/.

Dufferin-Caledon MP gets approval for bill aimed at improving Super Visa program

Written By Sam Odrowski

Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback's Private Members' Bill C-242 passed the third and final reading in the Senate on June 21.

The Act to Amend the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (Reuniting Families Act) aims to improve Canada's Super Visa program.

"I'm honoured to share that my Private Members' Bill to reunite families passed in the Senate last night and will receive Royal Assent as of June 22, 2023," said MP Seeback. "I've heard from many individuals and organizations across Canada who strongly support this legislation. It's great news for all Canadians eager to be reunited with loved ones overseas through the Super Visa program."

The Super Visa program, a 10-year multiple entry visa that allows visitors to remain in Canada for up to two years over the 10 years of the visa, is a way for parents and grandparents to visit their families in Canada.

Mr. Seeback's Bill C-242 will vastly improve the Super Visa program following years of calls for change.

The bill, which will become law imminently, answers those calls, benefiting all future applicants to the Super Visa program. It addresses previous limitations within the Super Visa program by extending the amount of time a parent or grandparent can visit their family in Canada from two years over 10 years to five years over 10.

A parent or grandparent is required to purchase health insurance to come to Canada on a Super Visa. Seeback's bill will allow for the purchase of health insurance from a foreign country, only if approved by the Minister, to satisfy the requirement of purchasing health insurance.

The bill also requires the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship to prepare and present a report to Parliament on reducing the minimum income needed by a child or grandchild to apply to bring their parents or grandparents to Canada on a Super Visa.

"Once again, I'm extremely honoured for the opportunity to have brought this legislation forward, and that it garnered so much support from both Chambers before Parliament recessed for the summer," said MP Seeback. "I thank all stakeholders who reached

out to me, as well as the many MPs and Senators who enthusiastically supported this bill in the House of Commons and Senate. I firmly believe this legislation will improve the lives of countless Canadians, both now and well into the future."

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STRAWBERRY SUPPER: The Strawberry Festival came to the North Dufferin Community Centre in Mulmur on Canada Day (July 1) where attendees enjoyed a bounty of berries and cream, along with a regular meal.

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Too many notes?

I attended an information session a few years ago designed to help landowners decide if having an electric power-generating windmill on their property was a good idea.

It was all very professional, with the speakers being experts in their field.

The experts were very thorough and explained the entire process.

They had graphs and charts, and examples of the devices you would need to have placed on the property to do measurements of all the factors that would determine if the location was suitable for a windmill.

The weather devices would record things like wind speed at certain times of day, the amount of sunny weather versus cloudy days, air pressure, and how constant the wind speed was over a period of time.

In the end, it would all go on a graph of some sort to measure if your property was at a suitable place and elevation.

As the presentation continued, I sensed a feeling of uneasiness in the audience. I don't think everyone was expecting so much pre-planning, as it all seemed a little overwhelming.

That, along with the cost of around \$10,000 for the preliminary findings to be completed, seemed to deflate much of the landowner's

enthusiasm for putting up a windmill. After all, \$10,000 is a lot of money just to find out your farm doesn't have a lot of wind.

At the end of the presentation, there was a question and answer period.

One older woman raised her hand and asked, probably what everyone was thinking – "what if you don't want to go to all the trouble and expense of this preliminary study?"

The presenter, who was probably expecting this question, simply smiled and said, "then you just put up a windmill and see what happens."

I thought that was a very clever and common-sense answer. I was expecting the presenter to give a long and detailed answer about why you need to spend the time and money on the study.

Instead, he boiled down the entire process to a single solution.

Many times projects are stymied, slowed down, or more expensive than necessary because of the red tape and nonsense that goes into planning.

While a good plan is necessary to start any project, the old phrase "too many cooks spoil the broth" is very true. Many good plans have been ruined because there is a committee involved in the planning.

For some reason, everyone on the committee will feel the need to throw their two cents into the concept to make sure they feel validated.

I've come across this before when working on different projects. The best projects involve working with a business owner who may have a company employing less than 50 people.

Usually, the owner and maybe one of his associates will take a look at it, or possibly he will give it to the marketing or media person to review. The result is usually either a thumbs up or a request to change a few things. Easily done – you change what they want, and you're good to go.

The worst case is when you hear, "it has to be reviewed by the committee."

Now you have ten people who each have to throw in their input to prove they are earning their salary.

Anyone who works in a creative type of industry knows what this is like. For some reason, creative types always think they know better than the other guy in the same business.

Photographers are notorious for their criticism of other photographers' work. I don't know why that is.

I once did a photo shoot at a local historic building with three models. I got the location

for free with the deal that the building could choose some of the photos for their brochure.

However, when I brought them in, the woman who was running the place at the time on a temporary basis was rather critical of my work.

I asked her what the problem was. She replied in a rather snooty way, "I have a degree in photography, so I'm very particular."

I replied, "Yeah, so do I, but I'm working as a photographer, not sitting behind a desk like you. That sure says a lot."

It was kind of rude, but it sure shut her up and took the snootiness out of them.

In the 1985 Academy Award-winning movie Amadeus, after the premier of one of his works, Mozart asks the Emperor what he thinks of the performance.

The Emperor thinks for a moment, then says, "there are too many notes."

Mozart's reply was, "there are just as many notes as I required – neither more nor less."

I think that reply says a lot.

Sometimes you've got to just take something for what it is and appreciate the work that has gone into it.



BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW

Violence in France

This past Saturday, the fifth day of violent protests all over France against the police killing of an unarmed teenager, Nahel Merzouk, the daily arrests dropped below 1,000 for the first time – but the violence became even more extreme.

In L'Haÿ-les-Roses, a southern suburb of Paris, protesters rammed a stolen car through the gates of the mayor's home shortly after midnight, and then set the vehicle on fire so that the blaze would spread to the house.

The mayor, Vincent Jeanbrun, was still at his office trying to deal with the situation, but his wife, Melanie Nowak, and their two children aged five and seven were in the house. When they tried to flee the intruders attacked them with firework rockets: Nowak's leg was broken, and one of the children was also injured.

This is definitely past the point at which legitimate protest shades off into terrorism, but the police shooting of the 17-year-old boy that set off this week's protests was similarly past the point at which legitimate law enforcement shades off into murder. And this was the third fatal shooting by police at a traffic stop this year. (Thirteen last year.)

Just to make the parallels with the United States complete, the majority of the victims in police killings at traffic stops in France in the past decade have been from the minority pop-

ulations (mostly black or North African), and the French police are as militarized and as trigger-happy as American police.

This is puzzling, because neither the protests nor the police are like this in other European countries. This is not to say that the German and the Spanish police are all sweethearts, or that British and Italian protesters never resort to violence, but politics in the streets is usually more restrained and policing is generally more respectful (though not always).

So what makes France different? From the great revolution of 1789 to the bloody Paris Commune of 1871 and on down to the 'events' of 1968, the 'gilets jaunes' (Yellow-Jackets) of 2018-2020 and the current riots that spread from a single incident in Paris to every city in the country in only three days, the French have spent more time in the streets.

There have been plenty of regime changes in all of France's neighbours, but they usually came as a result of lost wars. France has had more regime changes than any of them – since 1789, two 'empires', two versions of a restored monarchy, and six 'republics' – and most of them came from internal revolutions, usually in the streets.

Revolution is the French tradition, and French people are genuinely less frightened about revolutions because overthrowing the

existing regime often did change things for the better. Most French people don't know that history, but it definitely affects their behaviour.

The flip side of this is oppressive and intolerant policing, which is a constant in modern French history. If almost every regime before the present one has been overthrown by a revolution in the streets, the current regime will have a keen interest in controlling those streets come what may.

"But how about the United States?" comes the cry. It has had the same constitutional regime since 1787, and no revolutions of any kind. Yet its police are very much in the French mode

France obviously cannot match the extravagant kill rate of the United States, the most heavily armed society in the world (946 police killings in 2020). However, allowing for the fact that France has only one fifth of America's population, its tally of 37 police killings in the same year at least puts it in the same zone. (37 x 5 = 185).

That is a stratospheric number compared to other European countries (Germany 11, United Kingdom 3, Poland 2). What makes the French more 'American' in this regard? Perhaps the fact that the biggest ethnic minorities in both countries see themselves as trapped in deprivation.

Every major country of Western Europe and North America has ethnic minorities from non-European countries, usually between 15 and 25 per cent. Only in France, however, are they mostly from one part of the world: North and West Africa.

The North Africans, Arab and Muslim, have inherited bitter memories of colonial oppression and, in the case of Algerians, of a savage decade-long war of liberation. They, and black African immigrants as well, have been housed mostly in 'bidonvilles' ('projects' would be the American word) that encircle the big cities, but are not really part of them.

The comparable minority in the United States are not immigrants. They are the descendants of African slaves, and a great many black Americans remain at the bottom of the social and economic order a century and a half after slavery ended. They are subjected to the same sort of aggressive policing as the immigrant underclass in France, with the same result.

So of course they are insurrectionary from time to time. You would be too.



GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY

Dufferin–Caledon MP and fellow Conservatives share concerns over U.S. tax threats against Canadian Snowbirds

Increases to Underused Housing Tax (UHT) being consideration by feds

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

A group of Conservative MPs are raising the alarm on recent statements made by Liberal MPs and government officials at the International Trade Committee. They claim the comments made could lead to tax increases for Canadian snowbirds who own property in the United States due to the risk of retaliatory measures being proposed by American officials

Kyle Seeback (Shadow Minister for International Trade), Tony Baldinelli (Shadow Minister for Tourism), and Colin Carrie (MP for Oshawa) are pushing back against the federal Liberals' suggestion of potentially raising the Underused Housing Tax (UHT).

The Conservative MPs say they fear such actions would significantly enhance the risk that Canadian snowbirds might be targeted by retaliatory tax measures in the U.S. and any Canadians who own property in the U.S. could be impacted.

"We have heard from Canadians, cottagers, and U.S. Congressional Representatives that the UHT is a poorly designed and implemented tax. Despite these concerns, Liberals at [the International Trade] Committee mused about raising the tax even higher during our study, which was frus-

trating since they were with us in Washington DC when concerns were expressed by congressional officials we met with," said MP Seeback. "The tax is bad enough as it stands but raising the UHT even further strongly increases the chance of retaliatory measures being taken against Snowbirds by the U.S."

He added, "It is especially irresponsible to suggest raising the UHT with the review of CUSMA coming in 2026, since we have created yet another trade irritant with the U.S., our best trading partner. We are trying to prevent another crisis created by the Trudeau Liberals, since they seem oblivious to the impact of their actions. I call on the government to immediately clarify whether they are planning to increase this tax or not."

The Conservatives are calling on the Liberal government to review the implementation and administration process of the Underused Housing Tax; to refute Liberal MP's calls to raise the UHT; and to lay out a comprehensive strategy to avoid potential retaliatory measures taken by the US against Canadian snowbirds who are already planning their winters away in 2023-24.

In addition, Conservative MPs plan on submitting an official request to the Parliamentary Budget Officer to review the UHT and its cost-benefit analysis due to the lack of responsiveness from Finance Canada and Canada Revenue Agency officials who appeared at the International Trade Committee.

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Traffic-related offences top 270 through long weekend

Written By Sam Odrowski



Motorists kept local police busy during the week leading up to Canada Day.

And during the long weekend itself, Dufferin OPP made arrests for impaired and stunt driving, cocaine trafficking, and hundreds of charges for traffic violations in Dufferin County.

Between June 24 and July 3, Dufferin OPP officers laid 270 driving-related charges during several R.I.D.E. spot checks. The local police force conducted traffic enforcement focusing on the “Big Four” – impaired driving, distracted driving, speeding, and lack of seatbelt use.

“The statistics speak for themselves, some drivers are still not getting the message,” said Dufferin OPP in a press release.

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Officers laid 202 speeding charges, 13 stunt driving or racing charges, 12 distracted driving charges, seven impaired driving charges

and 36 seatbelt charges - 36

Dufferin OPP officers removed several drivers from the road due to alcohol or drug impairment and stunt driving.

On July 3 at approximately 8:15 p.m., a Dufferin OPP officer was conducting speed enforcement on Highway 10 in the Town of Mono when he stopped a driver travelling over double the speed limit. The officer was led into an impaired driving investigation.

As a result, Udhay SINGH, a 25-year-old from London, has been charged with:

- Dangerous operation
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs

On July 1 at approximately 10:00 a.m., a

Dufferin OPP officer was conducting speed enforcement on County Road 11 in the Township of Amaranth. The officer stopped a vehicle for travelling 170 km/h in an 80 km/h zone.

As a result, Kevin BASDEO, a 35-year-old from Dundalk, has been charged with the following:

- Drive motor vehicle - perform stunt - excessive speed
- Failure or refusal to comply with demand
- Operation while prohibited under the Criminal Code
- Speeding 50 km/h over posted limit
- Fail to surrender insurance card
- Fail to surrender suspended, revoked or cancelled licence

As the result of a R.I.D.E. spot check conducted on 15th Sideroad in the Town of Mono, Dawson CASEY, a 22-year-old from Orangeville, was charged with:

- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Cocaine
- Possession of a Schedule III Substance
- Failure to comply with undertaking

On June 30 shortly before 9:00 p.m., officers received a traffic complaint for a possible impaired driver in the area of Highway 89 and Highway 10 in the Town of Mono. Officers located the driver and were led into an impaired operation investigation.

As a result, Muhunthan NAVARATNAM, 61-year-old from Brampton, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- None of the previously mentioned charges have been proven in court.

“Dufferin OPP would like to thank the majority of road users that obey laws and assist in keeping our roads safe. Thank you as well to our hard-working officers last weekend for their efforts and dedication to keeping our communities safe,” said Dufferin OPP in a press release.

“If you suspect that someone is operating a motor vehicle, boat or off-road vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, do not hesitate to call 9-1-1. Highway, trail, and waterways.

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Ford F-150 stolen from Galaxy Cinemas

Dufferin OPP are currently investigating a theft of vehicle in the Town of Orangeville.

On June 30, shortly before 1:00 a.m., Dufferin OPP received a call for service on Fifth Avenue in the Town of Orangeville for the theft of a vehicle. The complainant advised that their 2019 white Ford F150 pickup truck, was stolen from the Galaxy parking lot on Fifth Avenue. The theft occurred sometime on June 29, between 10:00 p.m., and June 30, 12:45 a.m.

The investigation is continuing.

If you have any information or video surveillance footage in relation to this theft, please call the Dufferin OPP Detachment at (519) 942-1711 or 1-888-310-1122.

You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit your information online at <https://ontariocrimestoppers.ca/>.

Dufferin OPP is committed to enforcement initiatives targeting this issue and will continue to educate residents on

crime prevention strategies to minimize victimization.

Auto theft crime prevention tips:

Today's auto thieves are increasingly turning to technology that bypasses security systems allowing vehicles to be stolen. Electronic auto theft is on the rise as more vehicles are equipped with technology such as keyless entry fobs. In fact, the insurance industry has seen the growing trend that thieves are able to copy fob information and steal cars right from your driveway. The term “relay thefts” involves the use of equipment designed to boost and exploit the signals sent out by a vehicle's legitimate key fob. This allows for a thief to unlock and start an engine of a vehicle remotely.

Residents can help protect their vehicles by taking any of the following crime prevention measures:

- Ensure your vehicle keys are kept well away from doors and windows
- Use a signal blocking pouch/box - they can block your key fob from transmitting its code to the vehicle as the pouch is lined with layers of metallic material
- Turn off the keyless fob wireless signal at night (refer to your car manual for instructions)
- Use a steering wheel lock or car alarm - this could add a significantly delay or be a deterrent for thieves
- Consider a secondary audible car alarm - which works by using sensors placed in different points of your vehicle
- Park in the garage (if possible)
- Insert a car tracker - unusual activity is monitored, and car can be tracked using GPS if stolen

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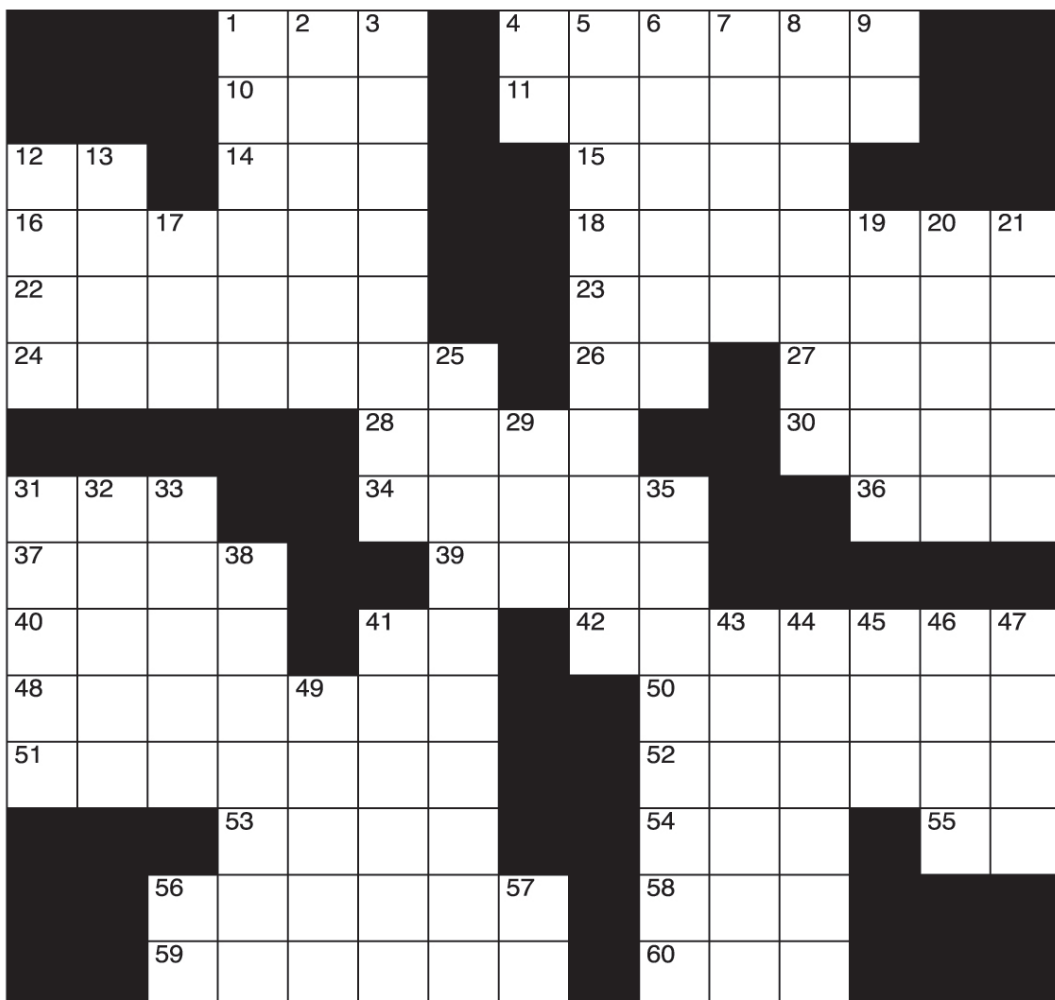
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11. Broadway actor Lane
12. Canadian province
14. It causes fainting (abbr.)
15. Two
16. A notable one is blue
18. Utter repeatedly
22. Rings
23. Sullies
24. Occurs
26. Publicity
27. Near
28. Tools of a trade
30. Offer in good faith
31. “American Idol” network
34. Garments
36. Soviet Socialist Republic
37. Retired NFL DC Dean
39. Hot meal
40. A type of gin
41. Percussion instrument
42. A \$10 bill
48. About ground
50. Medicine man
51. Seedless raisin
52. National capital of Albania
53. Appendage
54. OJ trial judge
55. By the way
56. Bicycle parts
58. Barbie's friend
59. In a way, stretched

CLUES DOWN

1. Make up for
2. American songbird
3. Pay
4. International organization
5. Engravers
6. Declared as fact
7. Criminal
8. Jewelry
9. Hospital worker (abbr.)
12. Nonsense (slang)
13. Town in Galilee
17. Value
19. Another name
20. Sheep in second year before shearing
21. Town in Surrey, England
25. Appropriate during a time of year
29. Creative output
31. Recesses
32. District in N. Germany
33. Rider of Rohan
35. The official emblem of the German Third Reich
38. One who puts down roots
41. Scribe
43. Painted a bright color
44. Tycoons
45. Actress Thurman
46. Walking accessory
47. Crest of a hill
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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Two home runs blank Cubs in game with the Knights

Written By Brian Lockhart

It was a fast game when the Mansfield Senior Cubs hosted the New Lowell Knights on Wednesday, June 27, on the diamond in Mansfield.

There were a lot of hits, but some solid fielding on both sides kept batters from getting on base as a lot of hits were in the air, and the gloves in the field were making the catches.

Devon Caldwell started off on the mound for the Cubs.

Scoring opened in the top of the first when New Lowell's Sid Beelen hit one over the left field fence for a three-run home run.

The Cubs started off with a promising inning when Tyler Greer hit a single, followed by a solid double from Jordan Metz.

They couldn't capitalize, and the side retired.

Neither team got on base in the second inning.

The third inning was fast, few hits but no scoring.

The Cubs got on base in the fourth, but a play at second base ended the inning.

Sid Beelen was the man of the night when he got up to bat late in the game and hit a second home run to bring in two more New Lowell runs.

Those home runs were responsible for all the scoring in the game, and the Knights left the diamond with a 5-0 win.

In first place the Bolton Brewers continue to lead the league in first place with a 12-2-1 record.

They are followed by the Ivy Rangers, New Lowell Knights, Clearview Orioles, Barrie Angels, and the Creemore Padres.

The Cubs are in tenth place with six games remaining on the regular season schedule.

The Cubs will be back on the diamond in Mansfield on Wednesday, July 12, to host the Clearview Orioles.

Game time is 6:30 p.m.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

SAFE! A throw to second base is a second late during the second period of the Mansfield Cub's senior game against the New Lowell Knights in Mansfield on Wednesday, June 28. The only scoring came from two home runs by the same player to end the game with a 5-0 New Lowell win.

North Dufferin Baseball League to hold annual All-Star game in Owen Sound

Written By Brian Lockhart

The North Dufferin Baseball League All-Stars will take to the diamond this weekend in Owen Sound at the 57th senior and 28th junior division baseball games.

The senior contest featuring the East divi-

sion versus the West division kicks off at 1:00 p.m., followed by the junior squads, team Ballistics and Dirt Devils, playing at 4:00 p.m.

Players selected for the East include Ken Chapman, Aaron McLeod, Brandon Tippin from Barrie Angels, Joshua Catalanotto, Logan Hart from Bolton Brewers, Matt

Barr, Ryan Barr, Anthony Quintana from Ivy Rangers, Tyson Hansen, Cale McLean, Matt Rumney from Midland Mariners, Brett Beard-sall, Pierson French, Nolan Nicholson from Orillia Majors, and Ryan Bartley, Kirk Gibson, Nate Kramer, Bryan Post, Trevor Smith, Wayland Wilson from Owen Sound Baysox.

The team will be managed by Al Cooke from Owen Sound.

The West division features Noah Calvert-Goetz, Travis Fulford, Travis Saunders from Clarksburg Blues, Steve Barrett, Ethan Kennedy-Munsterman, Donovan Winch from Clearview Orioles, Jeff Akitt, Anson Dupuis, Tom Gateman, Eric Orser from Creemore Padres, Mike Derech, Brad Petch, Liam Reynolds from Lisle Astros, Steve Bourget, Tyler Greer, Lucas Sweet from Mansfield Cubs, and Sid Beelen, Chris Greer, Nick Hodgson, Kurt Roy from New Lowell Knights. Pete Kinghan from New Lowell will manage with Chris Esson from Clearview and Scott Anderson from Lisle coaching.

The junior contest features all seven teams divided between two teams, pitting teammate against teammate.

Team Ballistics includes Jayden Akins, Zach Hartman from Barrie Baycats, Anson Dupuis,

Tait Lighthouse from Creemore Padres, Cameron Mulvihill, Gavin Taylor, Miya Waldron from Georgina Bulldogs, Tanner Kotlarz, Lucas Webster from Innisfil Cardinals, Cody Bryan, Bryce Cameron, Ben Nicholson from Mansfield Cubs, Brady Janes, Joseph Park, Jack Sinclair from Orangeville Bengals, and Owen Kaczanowski, Nolan MacNeil, Jhett Winkel from Orillia Royals. Coaches include Marc Dupuis from Creemore, Doug Waldron from Georgina, and Lance Bryan from Mansfield.

Team Dirt Devils include Jack Larmer, Connor O'Brien, Cameron Sauder from Barrie Baycats, Nic Guthrie, Will Palmer, Liam Reynolds from Creemore Padres, Easton Dobbie, Sam Koomen from Georgina Bulldogs, Will Payne, Aiden Reeves, Alex Styles from Innisfil Cardinals, Dylan Brown, Braden Doiron from Mansfield Cubs, Dale Critchley, Ryan Hussey from Orangeville Bengals, and Chase Brennan, Wyatt Thompson, Whyatt Winkel from Orillia Royals. Coaches are Wes Winkel from Orillia, Bob Sinclair from Orangeville, and David Sauder from Barrie.

The Owen Sound Baysox are hosts this year, with the games taking place at Tom Williams Baseball Field in Owen Sound.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

BRYCE CAMERON

Mansfield Junior Cubs first baseman, Bryce Cameron, has been playing his whole baseball career with Mansfield Cubs, starting in minor ball and now playing on the Junior Team.

"I've been playing with the same group of guys, it's more like playing with close friends," Bryce said of why he likes playing with the Cubs. "I've been playing with them all the way up. Between camping and going to tournaments, that's the fun part of the season. Usually every summer we get two or three tournaments and get some camping in."

In the off season, Bryce also enjoys playing pick-up hockey and skiing.

TEAM: MANSFIELD JUNIOR CUBS
SPECIALTY: FIRST BASE

Shelburne Cricket Club plays Canada Day match

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Shelburne Cricket Club hosted a special Canada Day cricket match on July 2 that had the Shelburne Samurais up against the Shelburne Gladiators.

The Samurais won the toss and decided to bat first.

In the early going, they kept losing wickets. Harpreet Sandhu and Anjaid Hussain brought some stability to the game scoring 33 runs and 21 runs, respectively, and managed a total of 128 runs.

It was an easy chase for the Gladiators, but the Samurais kept sending the batsmen back to the pavilion, with Harpreet Sandhu leading with a hat-trick and ending up with a 4-wicket haul and Pardeep Sidhu's three wickets.

The Gladiators were able to make 94 runs with a 20-run contribution from Weylin Kapp. The Samurais won by 34 runs, with Harp-

reet Sandhu being the man of the match.

The following day, July 2, the Shelburne Knights faced the Shelburne Warriors.

The Knights won the toss and decided to bat first.

Opener Mohammad Raz, with 23 runs, and Shubham Begda, with 21 runs, gave stability to the batting and didn't lose their wickets until the 9th over.

The middle order, Chinmay Naik, made 36 runs.

Hisaan Siddiqui, a youth, took three crucial wickets, and the Knights were able to 158 on the board.

When the Warriors came to bat, they lost three wickets in the first two overs.

Jabir Sran had 19 runs, and Hisaan Siddiqui had 23 runs, but the Warriors fell short by 52 runs, with Mohammad Raza taking three wickets, giving the Knights the victory.

Hisaan Siddiqui was the man of the match for a good all-around performance.

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Canada Day celebrations held at Fiddle Park



DIGNITARIES SHARE SPEECHES: Dufferin-Caledon MP Sylvia Jones shared some remarks with attendees of the Town of Shelburne's Canada Day celebration at Fiddle Park. Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills also wished the community a happy Canada Day and delivered a few comments.



PETER RICHARDSON PHOTOS

MILLING AROUND: A market and multiple activities took over Fiddle Park in Shelburne on Canada Day. Attendees had the opportunity to learn about local businesses at various informational booths set up in the park.

Two local organizations get \$63,000 in grants to attract investment

Written By Sam Odrowski

Two organizations in Dufferin County received a boost in funding from the federal government's Investment Readiness Program (IRP), totalling \$63,000.

The Dufferin Board of Trade (DBOT) and Branching Out Support Services (BOSS) are two of 270 grant recipients through the program, which doles out \$50 million across Canada each year. The grant money helps charities, non-profits, co-ops and for-profit social enterprises attract investment and social financing.

"We are so pleased that two of our local organizations were successful in receiving these grants. Social enterprises are a real catalyst for good, as their mission is to invest profits into helping people and improving community well-being," said Michele Fisher, Executive Director of Dufferin Community Foundation.

The Dufferin Community Foundation assisted local organizations in applying for funding.

Branching Out Support Services receives \$25,000

BOSS is a social enterprise that provides services to adults with disabilities. It's founder, Kimberly Van Ryn, said a portion of the \$25,000 grant for investment readiness will help BOSS grow its granola business through a market analysis.

Flavoured granola is produced, packaged and sold to customers by people with developmental differences or neurodiversities that receive support through BOSS's programming.

The market analysis on the Granola Project at BOSS will help promote the business to reach more people, boost its output and attract investment.

"The more granola we can sell, the more neurodiverse people are employed, and that's really the objective of the entire grant," Van Ryn said.

BOSS has partnered with the Taphouse at 34 Mill St. to sell bagged granola, and BOSS staff are at three different weekly farmers markets throughout the area to generate sales all summer long.

"Our push throughout the summer is that we're market ready, with a new flavour – hot caramel," said Van Ryn.

The new roasted oatmeal product is locally sourced and peanut free, the same as the maple-kissed flavour that the Granola Project originated with in March 2022.

Van Ryn noted some of the advantages of operating as a social enterprise versus a not-



SAM ODROWSKI PHOTO

GRANOLA PROJECT: Executive director of Branching Out Support Services (BOSS) Sarah Clarke, BOSS founder Kimberly Van Ryn, and executive director of the Dufferin Community Foundation Michele Fisher show off the granola product that enables BOSS to provide employment opportunities to people with disabilities.

for-profit when working with people who have disabilities.

"We think it really changes how people with neurodiversities are seen and experienced in the community, in that they are not charity, they are employees of a business, which is a very normalized role to have," she said.

"That's really what we strive towards in all of our projects, is that we're really seeing people who may have differences, operating and making a living – if that's their choice – in a social role that any of us could access."

To help BOSS attract an investor, in addition to the market analysis for the Granola Project, the IRP's grant provides the social enterprise with money to become certified as a B Corp (Benefit Corporation).

"That's a worldwide accreditation that social enterprises can go after," said Van Ryn of B Corp certification. "It really sets businesses up around their philosophy, their ethics, their social impact, and puts us on a world player stage as far as social enterprise is concerned," said Van Ryn.

She added that BOSS is working with a social enterprise agency to develop a "Theory of Change." This will give BOSS's leadership team and staff clear direction on the type of change it aims to make in the world and Dufferin County.

This work is geared towards acquiring outside financing to expand the Granola Project and help more people with disabilities gain employment.

"Once investors are attracted, we have the opportunity to employ more people who have massive employment barriers. It will show a community, a region, the province and the

country what can be done with real food and huge human potential," Van Ryn said.

Dufferin Board of Trade granted \$38,000

DBOT received a \$38,000 "Stabilize and Build" grant to take its social enterprise, the Dufferin Biz Hub, to the next level of investment readiness.

The Dufferin Biz Hub, which also benefited from an IRP grant in 2020 when it was just starting up, provides professional workspace and support to local businesses and non-profits.

The current grant will be used to develop an evidence-based social business model, conduct a sustainability analysis, and increase the products and services offered by the Biz Hub.

"We empower rural business leaders, entrepreneurs, new Canadians looking to start businesses, and local non-profits by providing the resources, innovations, and connections they need locally," said Diana Morris, executive director of DBOT. "This project will help us determine the most-needed products and services we can offer to the community moving forward."

Dufferin Community Foundation's Involvement

The Dufferin Community Foundation helped promote the IRP program in Dufferin County and evaluate grant applications through the Central South-Western Ontario Region HUB.

The HUB included three other Community Foundations – Waterloo Region, Centre Wellington, and Guelph, as well as five local organizations driving social change – Communitech, GreenHouse, LiftOff, Lyle S. Hallman Foundation, and Region of Waterloo.

Community Foundations of Canada (CFC), working alongside the Foundation for Black Communities, in partnership with the Government of Canada, distributed IRP funding in 2019 and 2023.

"The Investment Readiness Program has been a catalyst for communities across the country," said Andrea Dicks, president of Community Foundations of Canada.

"From coast to coast to coast, social purpose organizations are showcasing bold leadership and rethinking how revenue generation can work alongside increasing community impact."

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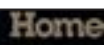
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A private family funeral service was held at the Jack & Thompson Funeral Home. Interment followed at Shelburne Cemetery. A public celebration will be held in the Warrior's Hall at the Shelburne Legion, 203 William Street, Shelburne on Saturday, July 29, 2023 from 1-4 p.m. with eulogies beginning at 2:00 p.m. If desired, donations to the Shelburne Curling Club would be appreciated as expressions of sympathy. Online condolences may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com

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