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SPLASHING INTO SUMMER: Families from Shelburne and the surrounding communities now have a spot to beat the summer heat with the Rotary Splash Pad at Greenwood Park officially opening on July 8.

Splash Pad at Greenwood Park opens to public

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The laughter and joy of children can be heard ringing out across Greenwood Park in Shelburne as families beat the summer heat with the opening of the community's first splash pad.

The local splash pad, known now as the Rotary Splash Pad at Greenwood Park, officially opened to the community on July 8.

"We're thrilled that the project is completed. It seems like it's been a long process, but \$300,000 takes some time to raise. Everyone in the community has been so supportive of this project, and it has brought the community together," said Sandra Gallagher, chair of the Splash Pad Committee. "It's been overwhelming, the support that we've received, and we thank everyone for participating."

For more than a decade leading up to the splash pad's inception, residents in Shelburne and the surrounding areas expressed the need for the outdoor water recreation feature.

In October 2019, members of the Splash Pad Committee met with Shelburne Town Council to present the project idea. The pre-

sentation outlined a draft of the projected design, potential locations for the splash pad, cost for the project, and fundraising.

The committee met again with council in early 2020, where the location for the splash pad was decided to be Greenwood Park. The Shelburne Rotary Club later entered into a contract with Park N Play Design to provide the equipment for the splash pad.

The splash pad was budgeted at \$700,000, with the committee raising \$300,000 of it through donations and the Town of Shelburne contributing the remaining \$400,000 and covering the annual operating costs.

Over three years, several fundraising events were held to help raise the community portion of the splash pads cost, including car washes, pizza giveaways, bottle drives, golf tournaments and cookie decorating. A number of local organizations and individual residents also made donations to help fund the project.

"It showed that people are committed to the Town, and not all the money was raised from Shelburne, there were many businesses and people outside that give money," said Gallagher. "The people who gave feel like Shelburne is their town and if they were coming to a splash pad, that's where they

would go. It really shows community spirit."

The Shelburne Splash Pad Committee and the Town of Shelburne celebrated breaking ground on the construction of the splash pad in January with a shovel-turning ceremony at the project's home, Greenwood Park.

After months of construction, the Rotary Splash Pad at Greenwood Park opened this past weekend.

"The opening of the Rotary Splash Pad at Greenwood Park this week is big news for our little community. This is something that was identified as a community priority at least as far back as 2009 and it's finally become a reality," said Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills. "Significant cred has to go to our Rotary Club and Community Splash Pad Committee partners who really led the fundraising charge and made this possible. This project really is a testament to what is possible when our community rallies around a cause and works together to realized a common vision. I am certain that this is an amenity which will be widely enjoyed for many, many years."

Since its opening, many families from the community have been out to enjoy the new outdoor recreational amenity.

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Headwaters closes obstetrics unit temporarily due to staffing issues

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Expecting parents nearing their due date found themselves having to contemplate alternative plans for giving birth last Friday following the temporary closure of the obstetrics unit at a Headwaters Health Care Centre.

The Orangeville-based hospital announced in a press release on July 7 that it was temporarily closing its obstetrical (OB) services due to staffing issues.

In the release, Headwaters cited staffing sick calls for the evening shift as the cause for the temporary closure. She added that the decision was made "after exhausting all possible options and efforts to keep the unit open."

"We know this will be disappointing to some families who have chosen Headwaters as their place to deliver. It was a very tough decision to make but patient and staff safety is our top priority," said Kim Delahunt, president and CEO of Headwaters Hospital.

Officials said they were working with other hospitals in the area, ambulance services and families to ensure proper support was in place.

Alternative regional hospitals were provided as options for delivery, including Brampton Civic Hospital, Collingwood General and Marine Hospital, Etobicoke General Hospital, Groves Memorial Hospital in Fergus, and Stevenson Memorial Hospital in Alliston.

Patients seeking emergency care due to pregnancy were still able to access services at Headwaters to be accessed and transferred to another hospital.

The Headwaters Health Care Centre obstetrics unit was closed at 3:30 p.m. on July 7 and was scheduled to reopen at 7:30 a.m. on July 8.

The closure last Friday was not the first time the unit has temporarily shut down as a result of staffing issues. In July of 2022, Headwaters announced it would be "redirecting" patients who were giving birth from July 28 through to Aug. 1 due to staffing shortages.



PETER RICHARDSON PHOTO

TEMPORARY SHUT DOWN: The obstetrics unit at the Headwaters Health Care Centre was closed from 3:30 p.m. on July 7 to 7:30 a.m. on July 8.

Ribfest to return with great eats and live music

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Live music, delicious BBQ and classic cars can be enjoyed all in one place this weekend.

The 14th Annual Orangeville Rotary Ribfest is taking over the Alder Street Recreation Centre grounds from July 14 to 16. More than 20,000 people are expected over the three-day event, where they can watch local acts such as the Campfire Poets, Dufferin County Line, the Hit Disturbers and Larry Kurtz. Several other bands are on the lineup, and DJ Swankenstein is this year's emcee.

"There's something for everyone – great music and entertainment is available," said Orangeville Rotarian Lorna Hashem, who's helping to organize Ribfest. "It's a great way to spend the weekend."

This year's event will feature a handful of award-winning ribbers – Brickyard BBQ, Billy Bones BBQ, Gator BBQ, Bubba Lou's Bar-B-Q, Silver Bullet BBQ, and Camp 31 BBQ. Several food trucks will also be set up, such as Paco's Tacos, F.N. Good Burgers, Ontario Corn Roasters, Nella's Jerk, Mr. Kettle Corn, Rico's Churros, Cookies by Gia, Rasmi Falafel, and Heavenly Dreams Ice Cream.

There will also be a vendor's market where attendees can shop.

The Orangeville Rotary Ribfest tradition of holding a Classic Car Show is continuing this year, with vehicles set up from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday (July 15) at the Alder Street Recreation Centre's soccer fields.

There are lots of activities for children at this year's Ribfest with numerous community organizations, such as crafts and painting with Artsploration, bucket truck rides with Oran-

geville Hydro, a fun activity with Orangeville Public Library, and EarlyON will have materials to engage children's creativity. Music Together Orangeville will also be at the Ribfest, along with the Museum of Dufferin, which will run a button-making workshop.

There will also be a face painter and balloon animals at the Ribfest.

Kids Fest is returning on Sunday with an entertainment schedule featuring Dan the Music Man, a performance by Elsa from Frozen, storytime, the Bubbleology show, and a magic show by Steve Baker.

Last year saw a record amount of money raised through Ribfest as people were eager to get out to community events after three years of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Just under \$100,000 was the net fundraising total, which enables the rotary club to do charity work and donate to worthwhile causes.

The six ribbers at this year's event will be judged to see who has the best sauce and ribs, and the winners will walk away with bragging rights and a big trophy.

"Come out and experience several [ribbers]. Share with your family, and try a few of them," said Hashem.

Ribfest is free to attend, but the Orangeville Rotary Club is accepting donations at the door.

The event is the rotary club's largest fundraiser of the year and enables the not-for-profit organization to spearhead community projects and contribute locally.

Hashem added that she'd encourage everyone to come out and enjoy Ribfest.

"If you're looking for something to do, take a walk down, bring your family, come see what it's all about," said Hashem.

Orangeville Slo Pitch to hold tournament for suicide awareness

Written By Brian Lockhart

Orangeville Slo Pitch will be hosting its second annual Kala's Wings co-ed softball tournament for suicide awareness at the south diamond at Rotary Park in Orangeville on July 15.

Enthusiastic local players signed up to be a part of the one-day tournament and are looking forward to playing a minimum of four games.

The Taphouse Craft Beer & Kitchen is the food sponsor for the tournament. There are plenty of prizes available to be won, including Blue Jays tickets and jerseys.

Tournament play will feature games in a round-robin format followed by playoffs and a final championship game.

A highlight of the day will be a home run derby where individual players can step up to the plate and bring their best swing in an effort to knock it out of the ballpark. The home run derby will take place at the Rotary South Diamond between round-robin play and the playoff round.

Each hitter will be swinging at ten pitches. You can bring your own pitcher, or one will be supplied if necessary.

In the event of a tie, players will get a chance to take five more pitches see who can come out on top.

The winner of the home run derby will receive two tickets to a Toronto Blue Jays game of their choice.

The Kala's Wings Co-ed Softball Tournament runs from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 15, at Rotary Park in Orangeville.

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Splash Pad at Greenwood Park opens to public

Shelburne resident Melanie Taylor visited the splash pad on Tuesday, with her two-year-old son.

"It's great because we don't need to drive so far to do things for my little one, who loves to go and run and play. Being two, he doesn't have the ability to last long car rides, so getting to drive four minutes for a splash pad is better

than having to drive half an hour," said Taylor. "It also means that everyone is actually spending time in their own community and meeting new friends who are local."

While the splash pad is located within the Town of Shelburne, it has been also been noted how the new amenity provides a close outdoor attraction for families in the commu-

nities surrounding Shelburne, including Mulmur, Melancton and Amaranth.

Ashley Train, a resident of Amaranth, spoke with the Free Press about having access to a splash pad closer to home.

"It allows us a lot more time to spend at the splash pad rather than that extra travel time. I think it's great and we needed something like

this in Town that's close to home and the kids are loving life right now," said Train.

The Rotary Splash Pad at Greenwood Park has several features, including an aqua cannon, five buckets, an aqua loop set, an aqua bash, and spray n wash. Residents will be able to enjoy the local splash pad from between the hours of 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. from May to September.

New art show opening at Shelburne Art Gallery in Town Hall

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A new art show is set to open at the Town of Shelburne Art Gallery.

Artists Tracy Smith and Ellen Brakel will be celebrating the opening of their joint two-week art exhibition at the Town of Shelburne Art Gallery on July 15.

Ahead of the show's opening date, the two artists spoke with the Free Press about what patrons can expect from the exhibition.

"We just put up the exhibit and the pieces go really well together; our art complements each other very well," Brakel said.

"We have a like minded approach to art and creativity, and it seemed like a really good fit to do a show together at the Shelburne Town Hall, within our community," said Smith.

The exhibit, titled 'Infinite Nature', will show-

case pieces reflecting nature from each artist's perspective. Smith's pieces of work focus on natural depictions, including landscapes and animals, while Brakel's works draw on the idea of spirituality in nature.

"Nature is a very healing space and I find that anytime I'm able to spend time in nature it's better for my mental health and my creativity. For me, the infinite nature is the fact we can step out into nature and enjoy it from our own backyard and community - it's all around us," explained Smith

"Infinite nature to me is the spirit, it's the intangible, and how with our connection to the universe we are part of nature," said Brakel.

Smith, who was a resident of Shelburne for 20 years, began creating nature and wildlife-focused works after taking classes with Derek Wicks. Smith is a former member of the Shelburne Town Hall Gallery Committee and most

recently was on the Arts and Culture Committee.

Brakel has been an artist for roughly 20 years and got into creating art during her pregnancies as a way to express herself. She owns a yoga and meditation practice called Soaring Heart Wellness, which she draws into her pieces of artwork.

The art show will feature 10 pieces of work created by Smith over the last five years and roughly 20 pieces from Brakel's collection spanning the last 15 years.

During the opening reception for the art show, Brakel and Smith will be doing two Qigong demonstrations to show connecting with nature through movement. The demonstrations will be held at 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

The 'Infinite Nature' exhibit officially opens at the Town of Shelburne Art Gallery on July 14 and will run until July 28. Those interested in seeing the exhibit can do so by visiting the Shelburne Art Gallery Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Residents encouraged to decorate their doorway for local contest

Shelburne residents have the chance to open a doorway into the community's history by taking part in a local photography contest.

The Shelburne Heritage Committee is hosting a Doors Photo Calendar Contest to recognize the heritage of local buildings with the Town of Shelburne. The contest will capture the doors, homes and buildings within the Town of Shelburne as residents see them over the four seasons.

"This is just one of the many ways to bring awareness to the community about the heritage homes and the history of the town; that's what we wanted to try and achieve," said Lynda Buffett, chair of the Heritage Committee.

The contest was developed by the local Heritage Committee based on similar initiatives that have been held in other communities.

"You can do all kinds of things to your

front entrance, it wouldn't necessarily just be the door itself," said Buffett.

All town residents over the age of 13 are invited to submit photographs showcasing doors within the Town of Shelburne throughout 2023. The photo entry will be judged by the Heritage Committee, which will select the top 12 photographs to be used in producing the 2024 calendar.

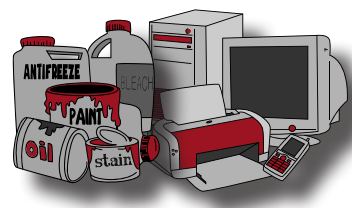
Speaking with the Free Press, Buffett added that the committee hopes the contest encourages residents to research the heritage of their own homes.

"I hope it'll generate more interest so that people with heritage homes find out more about the history and share with the committee," said Buffett.

Those interested in submitting a photo entry for the Heritage Doors Photo Calendar Contest have until Aug. 31. The 2024 Shelburne Door Calendar will be made available for purchase in late-2023.

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Artificial Intelligence

"Hello, Grandma? It's me Joey. I've been arrested. I need your help."

You've probably heard of the grandparent scam, where an older person receives a telephone call from their supposed grandson, claiming he's been arrested and needs money for bail.

It is surprising how many people fall for this and send some money to an unknown location to secure the release of the grandchild.

You would think a grandmother or grandfather could tell that it is not their grandson on the phone. I'm sure lots of people have said, "You're not my grandson and simply hung up the phone."

However, many have fallen for it. The scam relies on two things.

The person calling usually acts very distressed, maybe even crying, so their voice is quite distorted from when they would be calling in a normal voice. Secondly, the grandparent, thinking their grandchild is in serious trouble, wants to do whatever they can to help. Usually, the caller insists it be done right away, or they will be taken away or held in jail. The gullible grandparent, frazzled by the news, makes the deposit before calling anyone to verify the

story.

What if you got a call from your grandson, and he was speaking in a rational voice, and you recognized him right away because you speak to him on the phone on a regular basis?

Would that be more convincing that he needed your help?

The concept of artificial intelligence has existed for quite some time. The idea of an artificial being with intelligence has been around since people started telling stories; however, a more realistic version of what could actually happen started in the mid-20th century.

For many people at that time, artificial intelligence seemed to be something along the lines of a robot. See Isaac Asimov on that.

It was assumed that in the future, which is actually now, having a robot butler or maid to do the housework and drive you around town as a chauffeur would be commonplace. Just look back at some of the old Twilight Zone episodes of the '50s and early '60s, where the story was set way in the future - in the 90s - and robots in many forms were commonplace.

The old TV show, Lost in Space, which premiered in 1965, and is probably in re-runs somewhere, was set in the futuristic world of

1997, with a flying saucer and a robot who had a mind of his own - "Danger Will Robinson, Danger!"

While they got it all wrong, Artificial Intelligence (AI) is actually here - it just doesn't walk around the house, at least not yet.

Technology based on AI has seen a dramatic increase in capability, accessibility, and widespread use in recent years, which in many ways is a good thing, but there is a darker side to what it can do.

Whenever something good happens, or new technology arrives, the criminal element will try to use it to their advantage, and that now includes high-tech criminals using AI to separate people from their money.

You have already probably received a notification from your bank asking you to verify your password or something else related to your account. Many of the notifications are very convincing but all fake.

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them, that is still a huge number.

Even something as simple as a criminal finding out the password to your e-mail could result in someone getting an urgent message from 'you' requesting assistance in some way.

Facial recognition systems are another scary type of AI that can track your movements and could possibly be used against you in different ways.

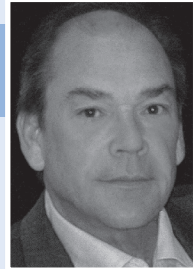
Another nefarious method of abusing AI is popping up, and that is the replication of voices.

Criminals can call a person on the phone, and by getting them to answer a few questions, they have a sample of a person's voice. AI can be used to replicate the voice.

The grandparent's scam takes on an entirely new dynamic when you hear your grandson pleading for money in a voice you recognize.

Artificial Intelligence can provide some real benefits in a variety of ways, but at the same time, you have to remain vigilant to avoid ending up on the wrong side of it all.

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FROM THE SECOND ROW



Mowing the lawn again

The two-day Israeli military incursion into the Palestinian city of Jenin in the northern West Bank (12 Palestinians killed, one Israeli dead) seems at first glance like just another example of 'mowing the lawn'. That's what the Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) call these periodic futile raids they make to kill some Palestinian fighters.

They know perfectly well that the raids achieve nothing except to bring in more young recruits for the Palestinian resistance movement-of-the-month: Lion's Den, the Jenin Brigades or whatever's next. But they're IDF soldiers and they have to look like they're doing something about the 'terrorist threat', so out come the lawn-mowers.

The Jenin raid is not even a very big deal as these things go, although the air strikes were new. The first battle of Jenin, during the Second Intifada in 2002, was a much bigger affair (23 Israelis killed, 50 Palestinian dead). But there is a widespread suspicion that this particular battle is part of a much bigger plan.

Israeli politics can sometimes be full of surprises, but not this time. It is as predictable as a Noh play moving towards its tragic conclusion. In fact, it is so easy to predict that I actually did exactly that right here four months ago. With your indulgence, here are

the predictions again.

1. Prime Minister Binyamin 'Bibi' Netanyahu will not go to jail.

2. The independence of the Israeli court system will be destroyed. Judges' decisions will be made subject to veto by politicians. (That's why Bibi will stay free.)

3. There will be a 'Third Intifada', involving the deaths of thousands of Palestinians and dozens or perhaps even a few hundred Israelis.

4. The new Israeli government will not strive officiously to head off this disaster, because it will distract domestic and international opinion enough to permit a very large expansion of the Jewish settlement project in the occupied West Bank.

5. Neither the United States nor Israel's new Arab friends (the 'Abraham Accords' and all that) will put major pressure on Netanyahu's government to stop that from happening. They both have bigger fish to fry elsewhere.

6. There will not be a civil war. As Anshel Pfeffer wrote last week in Ha'aretz: "For all Israel's problems, life here is still too good, for all of Israeli communities, to risk a civil war. Losing what is left of Israel's fragile and limited democracy will be a terrible blow for many, perhaps even most, Israelis - but it

won't be worth going to actual war for."

So then, how did I do? Netanyahu is still free, and will be so long as his coalition with the religious right and settler parties survives. With their support, he is renewing his attempt to 'overhaul' (i.e. neuter) Israel's Supreme Court after many weeks of mass protests forced him to suspend the project in April.

Netanyahu still faces a major risk of being convicted of corruption offenses in his ongoing criminal trial, so ensuring that his government gains the right to override any court decision against him is his highest priority. That's why he made his deal with the settler extremists in the first place, but it's going to take a war as well: the 'Third Intifada'.

Big military confrontations with 'terrorists' will distract lots of people who otherwise might start protesting again about the strangulation of Israeli democracy, so they serve Netanyahu's purposes. They also serve the settlers' agenda of seizing ever more Palestinian land, which is more easily done when Palestinians and Israelis are busy killing one another.

National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir, the senior settler in Netanyahu's cabinet, is calling for "a military operation to take down buildings, exterminate terrorists

- not one or two but tens and hundreds, if necessary thousands." 'Hilltop youth', as Jewish vigilantes in the West Bank are known, will provide the provocations, and the IDF will do the clearances.

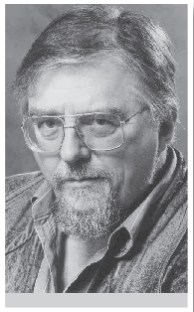
That's the plan, and so far it's going well. President Biden strongly disapproves of the company Netanyahu keeps, but he is not going to waste his limited political capital on trying to protect the Palestinians. Israel's Arab 'frenemies' (Egypt and the Gulf countries) aren't up for a fight either, although the relationship is rapidly cooling.

Is there going to be a civil war among Israelis? Of course not. Anshel Pfeffer is still right: secular or religious, right-wing or the dwindling left, they all have it too good.

And will it all eventually end in tears? Of course it will. Just not yet. Probably not for quite a long while yet.

Predicting all this took neither special knowledge nor a gift for prophecy. It was practically written on the walls, and anybody who was paying attention knew it four months ago. People just didn't want to hear it, and they still don't.

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Shelburne man passes away following vehicle collision

A serious two-vehicle collision in Mono was attended by Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers, Dufferin County EMS and Fire Services.

Officers attended County Road 16 and Blind Line in Mono for the report of a serious collision involving a transport truck and a Sport Utility Vehicle, on Saturday, July 8, shortly before 11:00 a.m.

The driver was extracted and life saving

measures were attempted by emergency services.

“Sadly, the life saving measures were not successful and as result of the collision, an 82-year-old, female from Shelburne was pronounced deceased at the scene,” said a press release from the Dufferin OPP.

A passenger in the same vehicle was transported to a local hospital where she was later airlifted to a Toronto area trauma cen-

tre with serious injuries.

County Road 16 remains closed while officers complete their investigation.

The Traffic Collision Investigation (TCI) team of the OPP was brought in to investigate.

The investigation is continuing and anyone who may have witnessed the collision is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP 1-888-310-1122.



If you had witnessed the collision and wish to speak to victim services, Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services can be reached at 905-951-3838.

Two people charged for stealing vehicle in Orangeville

Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers have charged two individuals as a result of a stolen vehicle investigation in Orangeville.

A Dufferin OPP officer was conducting general patrol when he became involved in a stolen vehicle investigation on Broadway in Orangeville on Tuesday (July 11) at approximately 6:40 p.m. The officer observed the

stolen 2017 Ford F150, grey in colour and engaged in a traffic stop.

Two individuals exited the vehicle however, the driver remained in the vehicle and fled the scene in a dangerous manner. Attempts to stop the vehicle were unsuccessful, and in the interest of public safety the officers disengaged.

As a result of the investigation, two individ-

uals have been charged. The driver remains outstanding.

A 42-year-old male, from Caledon, was charged with:

- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000

A 24-year-old, from Mississauga, was charged with:

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Both accused individuals are scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville, in August 2023, to answer to the charges. These charges have not been proven in court.

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
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- Park in the garage (if possible)
- Insert a car tracker - unusual activity is monitored, and car can be tracked using GPS if stolen

Police seeking public's help following theft of pickup truck

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers are currently investigating a theft of vehicle in the Town of Orangeville.

Dufferin OPP received a call for service on Fifth Avenue in Orangeville for the theft of a vehicle on June 30, shortly before 1:00 a.m.

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 motor vehicle 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/>.

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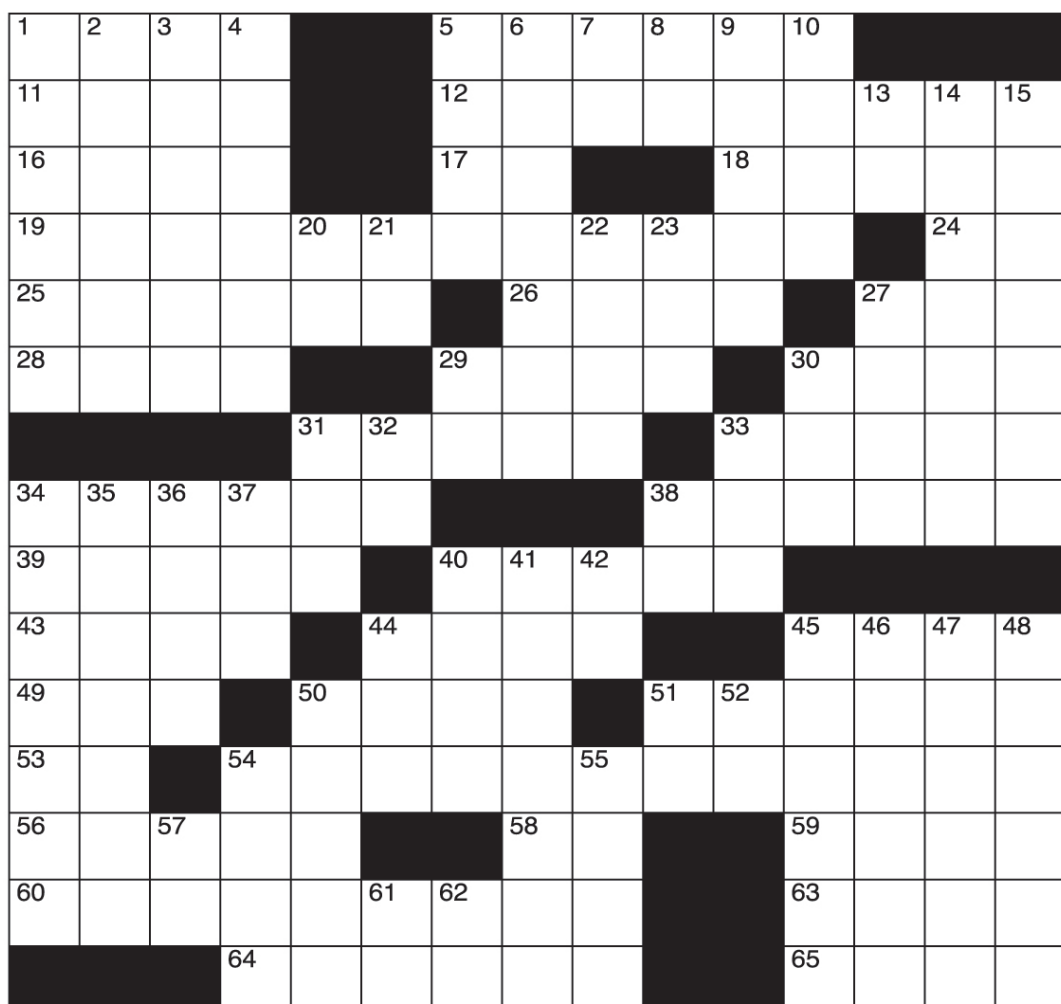


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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Senior Cubs play defensive battle with Ivy Rangers

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Mansfield Cubs hosted the Ivy Rangers at the diamond in Mansfield on Wednesday, July 5, in a very defensive game from both squads.

Much of the game was played in the air – literally – as fly ball after fly ball was launched and caught by both sides.

The result was a low-scoring game with very little action on the bases.

The first inning started with Ivy up to bat. They launched three fly balls, all caught to end the inning.

Mansfield fielder Logan Wallace made an outstanding left-field diving catch in the second inning.

After four scoreless innings, the Rangers were on the scoreboard in the fifth when Matt Barr hit a single-run home run over the left-field fence.

They followed up with another run to lead the game 2-0.

In the bottom of the fifth, Tyler Sawyers singled, followed by a base hit from Cody Bryan that put two Mansfield players on

base, but they couldn't finish, and the side retired.

Ivy scored again in the sixth inning when a sacrifice bunt brought in a run.

The Cubs again got two men on base in the sixth inning on hits from Jordan Metz and Devon Caldwell, but they could not score.

Mansfield was in scoring position in the seventh with a man on third, but again the side retired before they could score.

The game ended with a 3-0 Ivy win.

"The defence was really doing it, and they weren't easy plays," summed up Mansfield coach Emerson Pendleton. "I'm very happy with the game as far as how we played. These guys [Ivy] are a top three team in the league. When we take a team like this the distance, it shows what we can do. We've got a schedule coming up where we can control our destiny if we want to crawl into the playoffs."

The Cubs will be back on their home diamond in Mansfield on Sunday, July 16, to host the Midland Mariners.

Game time is 2:00 p.m.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

HARDBALL: Mansfield Cubs pitcher, Luke Dunmore, delivers a fastball in the first inning of the Cubs game against the Ivy Rangers at the diamond in Mansfield on Wednesday, July 6. It was a tight defensive battle on both sides. The Rangers came out on top with a 3-0 win.

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North Dufferin Baseball League Juniors ready for playoffs

Written By Brian Lockhart

With only two games left on the regular season schedule for most teams, the Junior Division of the North Dufferin Baseball League is ready to start the 2023 playoffs.

There is still room for some movement in the standings, and it may come down to the final game to see which teams can move up a notch in the final line-up.

The Orillia Royals are in first place and have won the league title for this year. The squad has a 13-2 record and 26 points – that's seven points ahead of the second-place Creemore Padres, so the Royals have clinched first place for this season.

Orillia averaged almost ten runs per game this season and were a dominant force in the division.

Creemore had a 9-6-1 record and 19 points, scoring 129 runs for the regular season so far this year.

In third place, the Orangeville Bengals have an 8-9 record and 16 points, but two teams are hoping to take over the spot with a couple of late-season wins.

The Innisfil Cardinals are right behind Orangeville with 14 points and a 6-8-2 record. The Cardinals could move up in the standings if they win their final two outings.

Tied with the Cardinals are the Mansfield Cubs who also have a 6-8-2 record. The Cubs could also make a splash in the standings if they can pull off a couple of late-season wins.

The real battle will be between the Barrie Baycats and the Georgina Bulldogs, who will be playing for the eighth-seed spot in the playoffs.

They were a single point apart on the weekend and will play each other in the final game of the schedule. Whichever team comes out on top will move to the playoffs, and the losing team can hang up their gloves and head out to the golf course.

It has been a good season for the Junior division, with a lot of great weather for baseball this year.

There has been a lot of talented competition with many competitive games since the start of the 2023 season and a good deal of fan support.

The teams will have to bring their best game to the playoffs, as each squad will be working hard to make it past the first round and hopefully make it to the finals.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

DYLAN BROWN

"I love it, it's the best position out there," said Mansfield Junior Cubs back catcher, Dylan Brown, of why he likes playing the position. "You're in the game pretty much every single play. I like playing with the team and contributing. It's not all on you, you've got guys that have your back."

Dylan has been playing baseball his entire life. He plans to continue with the sport when he moves up the senior level. When he's not on ball diamond, Dylan enjoys dirt-biking.

TEAM: MANSFIELD JUNIOR CUBS
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LOCAL Arts & Entertainment

Musical Young Company at Theatre Orangeville gearing up for The Addams Family

Written By Constance Scrafield

There is great excitement within Theatre Orangeville's Musical Young Company. It is back with *The Addams Family* – a New Musical (originally released in 2009), with Murdock Schon directing.

Headline: Wednesday is now 18 years old, and she and Lucas Beineke, also 18, are in love and engaged. Wait - Lucas comes from a “normal” suburban background, and the story is about the evening when Gomez, Morticia and the Addams family meet Lucas and his “normal” parents, Malcolm and Alice.

This is the first fully-fledged musical, with sets, costumes, and lights Musical Young Company has produced for four years due to Covid. Last August, Musical Young Company members sang a cabaret-style mini-concert as part of the first annual Theatre Orangeville Arts Festival at the Mt. Alverno Luxury Resort.

Rehearsals run for the entire month of July, culminating in a full production in the theatre on the weekend of July 28 to 30.

For this bright beginning, they are going dark and very funny with this new *Addams Family* production.

The citizens went to the Rehearsal Hall at the end of their first week of rehearsing. First, we spoke to Nicolas Mustapha, Music Director and accompanist for the show.

He remarked. “It’s a great show – really funny. They’re really excited to be doing the first musical in four years.”

The cast of nine, less Lucas Nguyen as Gomez, who was absent, includes Avary Arsenault as Grandma [Addams], Ziv as Morticia; Kevin May as Fester; Cassidy Brown as Malcolm and Kiara-Lynn McKenna as Alice Beineke. Lucas Smith is Lucas; Payne Power is Pugsley, and Sophie Warren is Wednesday.



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ALMOST SHOWTIME: The Theatre Orangeville Young Company cast of *The Addams Family* took a break from rehearsals last week to meet with Citizen writer Constance Scrafield. The excited group from Young Company shared insights into the production process and their excitement to bring this production to the stage, with four shows from July 28 – 30.

Kait Gallant is the Young Company program’s coordinator.

The cast sat with us to talk about the show and their parts in it. We fired questions, and they answered variously, beginning with what they liked about the show.

“It’s kinda dark with the original characters-”
 “Wednesday falls in love with Lucas and he loves her back.”

“It’s dark versus normal-”
 “It’s really funny when the Addams are trying to act ‘normal.’”

And why these young people love being part of a theatre company, we learned it is a safe spot to express yourself; it’s fun, and you make friends who support you no matter what.

Acting can mean being a different person. However funny the show is, the lines are deliv-

ered straight-faced. They told us repetition is the answer – the more they rehearse, the better to handle the humour.

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