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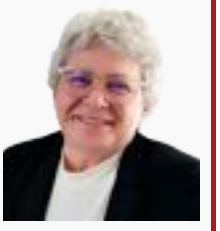
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**A SILVER CELEBRATION:** KTH Manufacturing in Shelburne celebrated its 25th anniversary on Saturday (July 15), with dignitaries and leaders from KTH in attendance. The event featured DJ'd music by Soundqwest, a bouncy castle, a magic show, games, prizes, a free BBQ, free rolled ice cream and guided tours of KTH's plant. The business opened in 1998 in Shelburne and has grown significantly since it was established.

## Shelburne youth headed to Germany for World Dwarf Games

Written By Paula Brown  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A local teen will be representing Canada on the international stage as he heads to Europe to take part in a multisport competition.

Thirteen-year-old Shelburne resident Gabriel McHughan is gearing up to make his second appearance at the World Dwarf Games in Cologne, Germany later this month.

"I'm feeling good and I'm happy because I get to compete with my friends and hopefully win medals," said McHughan in a phone interview with the Shelburne Free Press.

McHughan is among 46 Canadian athletes between the ages of 7 and 62 with dwarfism, who will be representing Canada at the multisport event the end of the month. He is set to compete in 8 of the 10 events including badminton, basketball, boccia, soccer, swimming, track and field, table tennis, and volleyball.

While the number of events may seem overwhelming, the local teen has been training with friends and family members to prepare for the games.

"This year, I wanted to try new sports and

also try to get more medals than last time," said McHughan.

He added that the events he is looking the most forward to is table tennis, badminton, and soccer.

McHughan first participated in the World Dwarf Games in 2017 when they were held in Guelph. At the time, he was the second youngest athlete to sign up to compete for Team Canada, and finished the games with a gold medal in floor hockey and two bronze medals in track and field.

The McHughan family was introduced to the games through being members of Little People of Ontario and the Dwarf Athletic Association of Canada, both organizations that help connect little people in Canada and Ontario. After learning about Canada's successful bid for the 2017 World Dwarf Games, McHughan was signed up to take part.

"He never has anybody like him to play sports with. He plays a lot of team sports, but he's the only little person so he has to overcome a lot more than other kids do. I wanted him to be able to experience what it was like to compete against athletes that are like him," said Crystal McHughan, Gabe's mother.

In an interview with the Free Press, she

spoke about what it means to see her son compete in the World Dwarf Games again.

"He loves playing sports and to see him get to play against athletes that are like him, on an even playing field, it's amazing because they're all trying to do their best to win a medal."

The World Dwarf Games (WDG) began in 1993 with the inaugural event held in host city Chicago, Illinois and featuring 165 athletes from ten countries. The games are held every four years in an elected host city.

This year, the games are being hosted in Germany are expected to be the largest to date with over 530 athletes from 29 countries set to compete.

Despite the number of athletes and countries participating in the competition increasing over the last twenty-year, the World Dwarf Games continue to be less known compared to other multisport events such as the Olympics, Special Olympics and Paralympics.

What this means is the sponsorship dollars are not there and the athletes and their families often have to pay their own way – travel and accommodations.

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**HONOURED:** The Town of Grand Valley honoured resident Al Mackie on June 27 with the Citation of Heroism Award for his actions that help save a neighbour from a burning building

## Open mic country festival Pickin' in the Park returns to Fiddle Park

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

Save the date for your chance to take the stage.

Pickin' in the Park, an annual open mic music festival, is returning to the community for another year and will be held from July 27 to July 30 at Fiddle Park in Shelburne.

"I think this year is going to be as good as it ever has been," said Greg Holmes, co-organizer of the four-day country jamboree.

Pickin' in the Park was started in 2013 by local residents Greg and Heather Holmes who, after attending similar events outside of the community, decided to create a festival for any musician to take the stage.

"There's not a lot of these types of shows going on anymore. You have bluegrass festivals and country festivals, but not a lot of open mic festivals," explained Holmes. "Pickin' in the Park is just a country music festival with lots of music happening in the park and people like doing it."

According to Holmes, in the past the event has seen nearly 100 people going through in

one open mic session for their chance to sing two songs on stage.

The country jamboree will feature open mic sessions on Thursday, Friday and Saturday as well as a special show from Greg Holmes and Friends on Saturday night. The four-day festival will also have line dancing, a finger picking lessons on guitar, an ice cream social, and a community trunk sale. The festival will close with a gospel music jam on the Sunday.

An entire schedule for the festival can be found on the Pickin' in the Park website (<https://www.pickinthepark.webs.com/whats-happening>).

After a lull in attendance number over the last few years, Holmes said they are expecting the event to have a bounce back this year with between 200 and 300 trailers.

Those interested in attending the event can purchase day passes for \$10, all weekend passes for \$25 and all weekend access passes plus camping for two people for \$80. Admission will be free on the Saturday morning for the Pickin' in the Park's, Junk in the Trunk yard sale.

## Dufferin-Caledon Drug Strategy Committee to host 6th annual awareness event

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

The Dufferin-Caledon Drug Strategy Committee is looking to raise awareness about addiction services available in the Dufferin and Caledon communities with their 6th Annual Overdose Awareness Day event.

"Each year we lose thousands of people from drug overdose globally. Some survive but suffer a permanent injury, which leads to devastating impacts on family and friends. Dufferin County and the Town of Caledon are not immune," wrote the Dufferin-Caledon Drug Strategy Committee in a press release. "You may have seen it; it has likely happened to people around you. Tomorrow, it could happen to someone you love. This is not an invisible issue."

International Overdose Awareness Day (IOAD), is a global event recognized on August 31 that aims to raise awareness of overdose and reduce the stigma of a drug-related death.

In 2017, a group of concerned people and service providers in Dufferin County and Caledon joined in collaboration to form the

Dufferin-Caledon Drug Strategy Committee. For the past six years, the committee has organized an annual Overdose Awareness Day event to bring attention to the wide array of addiction services available in Dufferin County and Caledon.

"International Overdose Awareness Day provides an opportunity for us to reflect on practical ways to prevent overdose in our community; overdose is preventable. Knowing the real facts about drugs and what to do when you see someone experiencing an overdose does save lives. Overdose Awareness Day event that aims to educate our communities about drugs can really help," continued the press release.

The Overdose Awareness Day event will feature guest speakers and important information about local substance-use supports through community partners. Naloxone kits will be available at the event.

The Dufferin-Caledon Drug Strategy Committee 6th Annual Overdose Awareness Day event will be held on Aug. 31 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Dufferin County Paramedic Service, located at 325 Blind Line in Orangeville.

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## Shelburne youth headed to Germany for World Dwarf Games



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**GOING FOR THE GOLD:** Local teen Gabriel McHughan will be representing Canada on the international stage later this month as he takes part in the World Dwarf Games in Cologne, Germany. The competition is held every four years and will mark McHughan's second appearance at the game. The World Dwarf Games will be held from July 28 to August.

The Dwarf Athletic Association of Canada (DAAC) is looking to increase public knowledge of the competition as well as raise donations to help cover the costs.

"Unfortunately, it falls on the families to pay for it and we would love to have a bigger team going to Germany, but it's a lot of money," explained Crystal McHughan.

She also noted that for her and Gabe to attend the competition in Germany it cost them just shy of \$10,000.

Heading into the games the Free Press

asked what Gabe's goals are while taking part in the competition.

"My first one is playing with my friends and doing the best I can. Number two is trying to win medals, number three would be having the most fun that I can have and number four is being there with my friends and family," said Gabe.

The World Dwarf Games will run from July 28 to August 5 and will be available to watch via a livestream.

## Participate in amateur combative sports in Ontario

Written By Brian Lockhart

Many amateur athletes compete in what is categorized as 'combative sports' in Ontario. However, you can't just throw a competition together without following rules.

All combative sports are inherently dangerous, and there is a possibility of injury, so the rules are there to keep participants as safe as possible.

In 2017, the Ontario government clarified the legal status of amateur combative sports in the province.

This means that contests are legal in 11 amateur combative sports if they are held with the permission of a government-recognized Provincial Sport Organization (PSO). Contests in sports that are not sanctioned by a provincially recognized PSO are deemed illegal.

The province has designated 11 combative sports that are recognized as being legitimate.

These include boxing, grappling, Jiu-Jitsu, judo, karate, kickboxing, Muay Thai, Pankration, Taekwondo, wrestling, and Wushu. These sports all have provincial governing bodies that oversee the sport in Ontario.

The government has authorized 10 PSOs

as the recognized sports bodies to sanction contests.

When PSO sanctions a contest, they must meet the provincial definition of a 'contest,' and meet requirements as detailed in the Sport Recognition Policy.

There is a special note for wrestling. For wrestling, amateur contests may also be held by a school or university with the permission of the school or university athletic association or its affiliate. It must adhere to the full competition requirements mandated under the Ontario Amateur Wrestling Association.

If you plan on competing in a combative sport, you should make sure you are informed about the health and safety practices at the training facility or tournament venues.

This includes obtaining information about first aid response and insurance policies that disclose how injuries are handled and the responsibilities of tournament or practice facility owners.

In the event that an illegal combative sports contest takes place, enforcement of the Canadian Criminal Code is handled by provincial or municipal police services.

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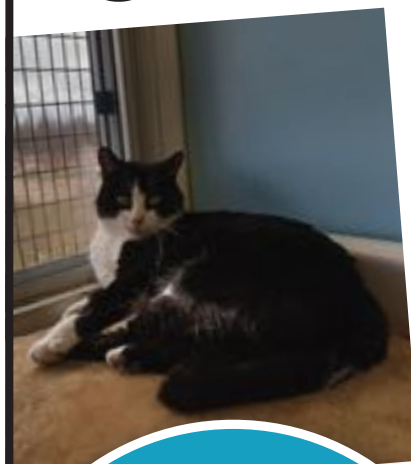
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## Armed robbery - it's no big deal

It's no wonder police services in the country are frustrated with the court system and its apparent revolving door method of dealing with criminals, by granting bail to persons who have committed multiple crimes and are still released - only to commit another crime while out on the streets.

Police arrest a person on a serious charge, only to see some of these guys doing the same thing a week later while out on bail.

It is even more frustrating for someone who is an innocent victim of a violent crime committed by a person who has already proven they are dangerous.

The purpose of prison is two-fold, maybe three-fold, depending on who you ask.

For starters, it's a punishment for committing a crime - your freedom to walk the streets is taken away. Secondly, it serves as a place for rehabilitation - supposedly. I'm not sure being in a prison situation really provides much in the way of changing some people's way of thinking. Although every time I read a story about an execution in the U.S., the condemned always seem to have had a religious conversion prior to being administered a cocktail of drugs, or being

fried in the chair when the switch is thrown. And the purpose of prison is to separate dangerous people from society. In rare cases, criminals have been unable to just live their lives without causing pain and anguish for others in the community.

I'm not a throw-away the key kind of person. I think everyone deserves a second chance.

Not everyone in jail or prison is an inherently bad person. Sometimes people make mistakes then go on to lead the rest of their lives with no trouble at all.

There was a bank robbery in Alliston a couple of weeks ago. A man walked into a local bank, and either brandished, or appeared to have a firearm, and ordered the teller to give him the money in the till. He took the money, then strolled out of the bank.

I've never been on the wrong end of a gun, but I'm sure the bank teller, who was threatened with a gun, was traumatized in some way, and so were their co-workers. Some people who have been through this experience never return to work out of fear of it happening again - with dire consequences.

A photo of the bank robber leaving the bank was released. When viewing the photo, my thought was, "Yup, they're going to identify this guy in about ten minutes."

It was a clear photo and easily recognizable to anyone who knew the man.

Sure enough, it didn't take police long to identify the subject and a Canada Wide Warrant was issued for his arrest.

This was no Billy the Kid or Jesse James - this was a 54 year-old man, and a career criminal.

The OPP released information on the man and asked the public to keep a look out and notify them if anyone saw him.

They also released information on his rap sheet and background in crime.

I had to read this twice, as at first I thought it must be a mistake.

From the OPP website posting on this man: He is serving a forty-1 (41) year, four (4) month and eighteen (18) day sentence for Possession of a Weapon, Robbery x 16, Armed Robbery x 16, Robbery using a Firearm x 8, Possession of a Firearm While Prohibited, Possession of Prohibited Firearm with Ammunition, Prohibited Weapon in Vehicle, Pointing Firearm, Forcible Con-

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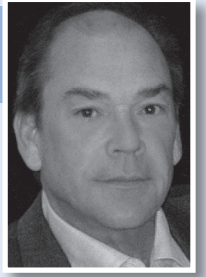
Who are the people that decided a guy like this should be allowed to walk the streets? I would have liked to be able to listen in on that discussion.

"Well, it's only 16 counts of armed robbery, and the forcible confinement thing - is that really all that bad?"

It's no wonder the police are frustrated by the courts.

If someone had been killed or injured during this robbery, who would be held accountable for making the decision to give a dangerous criminal the ability to go out and commit more crimes?

BRIAN LOCKHART  
FROM THE SECOND ROW



## Boing! The Anthropocene

"I was there when the Anthropocene was born. It was so amazing," said Dr. Katherine Richardson, leader of the Sustainability Science Centre at the University of Copenhagen. "It was actually in 2000, at one of these meetings of the International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme Scientific Steering Committee."

The meeting sounds like a bunch of scientific bureaucrats sitting around somewhere discussing boring details, and probably for the most part it was exactly that. But Paul Crutzen was there, and he was not a man to suffer fools gladly.

"The different programs were giving long reports of what they've been doing that year and the people that do the paleo stuff were going on and on and on," Richardson continued. "We're in Cuernavaca, Mexico. It's hot. And the vice chair of this is Paul Crutzen, and at some point Paul just lost it."

"They were saying, 'Holocene, we're in the Holocene, and this has happened in the Holocene.' And Paul just jumped up and said 'But we're not in the Holocene any longer. We're in the...'. He was reaching for a word, and he said, 'We're in the Anthropocene!'"

"Boing! Just like that! It happened right there."

The new name got some support right away, but its implications were very big and science moves at its own deliberate speed. We were still officially in the Holocene, the epoch that began 11,700 years ago when Earth emerged from the last Ice Age, until last Tuesday.

That's when scientists in the Anthropocene Working Group (AWG) presented hard evidence that human activity has changed the geology, atmosphere and biology of our planet so much that it has entered a new geologic epoch known as the Anthropocene. As Dorothy said to her dog in 'The Wizard of Oz', "Toto, I've a feeling we're not in Kansas any more."

We're not in the Holocene any more. That golden interlude of warm, stable climate in which humans started farming, multiplied their population a thousand-fold, and eventually created high-energy, hi-tech civilisations is at an end. Our numbers and our powers are now so great that they will determine the climate and even the sea level.

"We are simply so big and so dominant that we now need to drive the vehicle," said

Johan Rockström, director of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Studies. "We are just sitting there and not really recognizing that we are the ones with the levers now. We are starting to understand how they work, but we are not using them, and it's time to use them."

Rockström is not actually advocating geoengineering here, but a number of other climate scientists have been driven to that conclusion by the accelerating changes in the climate system. As indeed was Paul Crutzen himself, who first went public with a call for scientists to consider geoengineering options in 2006.

It had been a taboo topic until then, but Crutzen's Nobel Prize gave him the standing to broach the issue publicly. And it all does go together: if human activities are inadvertently changing the atmosphere and the biosphere in dangerous ways, many of which we didn't foresee, then maybe we should also be willing to intervene to stop or reverse those changes.

This may seem far removed from the declaration of a new geological epoch, but the name-change is all about perspective. It is a way of making people realise that we human beings are now the decisive

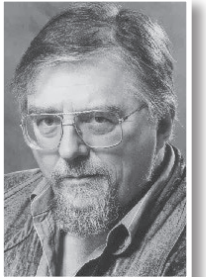
influence on how the whole Earth System evolves, and that we must pay constant attention to our choices if we want a climate that we can tolerate.

In the meantime, the Anthropocene has a few more hurdles to cross before it is formally acknowledged as our new geological epoch, but they have found the 'golden spike' that will serve as its defining natural phenomenon. It is Crawford Lake, a very deep limestone sinkhole not far from Hamilton, Ontario.

It's the annual layers of sediment at the bottom of the little lake, undisturbed by currents because it is so small and so deep, that contain the evidence of the huge changes wrought on the environment by human beings since the 1950s, most notably the sudden jump in plutonium (from atomic bomb tests) and 'fly ash' from the steel mills in Hamilton.

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# Mono man charged with impaired driving following complaint

Officers from the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) charged a driver with impaired operation and removed the driver from the road.

Officers responded to a complaint of a possible impaired driver in the area of Centennial Road in the Orangeville on July 12, at approximately 11:15 a.m. Officers located the vehicle a short time later and were led into an impaired driving investigation.

As a result, a 55-year-old from Mono, has been charged with:

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

The accused is scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in the Town of Orangeville in August, 2023.

Their driver's licence was suspended for 90 days, and the vehicle impounded for a period of 7 days.

"Thank you to the concerned citizen who contacted police with this potentially lifesav-

ing information. If you suspect someone is driving impaired, please call 9-1-1," said the Dufferin OPP in a press release. "You could be saving a life."

Dufferin OPP continues to conduct R.I.D.E spot checks daily as drivers who are impaired by alcohol or drugs continue to pose a threat to Ontario roads.

The Dufferin OPP said motorists need to plan ahead when consuming alcohol or drugs.

"Use a designated driver, cab, rideshare,

public transit or stay overnight. Any amount of alcohol or drugs can impact your ability to make sound judgements. In a split second you could ruin your future, injure or kill others, and tear a hole in the heart of everyone who loves you," said the Dufferin OPP.

If you have information about suspected unlawful activity, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-822-8477 (TIPS) or [www.crimestoppersdm.com](http://www.crimestoppersdm.com).

# Dufferin OPP charges two drivers over two days with impaired operation

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) recently charged two drivers with impaired operation over a two-day period.

Dufferin OPP officers first responded to a single vehicle collision on County Road 25 in Grand Valley on July 12, shortly before 6:30 p.m. The officers located the vehicle a short time later and were led into an impaired driving investigation.

As a result, a 26-year-old from Amaranth has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)

The following day, Dufferin OPP received a report of a possible impaired driver from a concerned citizen in the area of Dawson Road in Orangeville. The call came in at roughly 3:20 a.m. on July 13 and police located the vehicle and driver in question a short time after the call. Officers were led into an impaired driving investigation.

As a result, a 23-year-old male, from Barrie has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)

The accused individuals are scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in

Orangeville, to answer to the charges in August 2023. Their driver's licence was suspended 90 days, and their vehicles impounded for 7 days.

None of these charges have been proven in court.

"The Dufferin OPP reminds motorists to plan ahead when consuming alcohol or drugs. Use a designated driver, cab, rideshare, public transit or stay overnight. Any amount of alcohol or drugs can impact your ability to make sound judgements," said Dufferin OPP in a press release.

"In a split second you could ruin your future, injure or kill others, and tear a hole in the heart

of everyone who loves you."

The release added, "Members of the Dufferin OPP are committed to public safety, delivering proactive and innovative policing in partnership with our communities. Officers value your contribution to building safe communities. If you suspect someone is driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol call 9-1-1.

Dufferin OPP ask the public to report any information about suspected unlawful activity to them at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS). Tips can also be submitted online at [www.crimestoppersdm.com](http://www.crimestoppersdm.com).

# Dufferin OPP traffic stop leads to impaired charge

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have laid multiple charges as a result of a traffic stop in the Township of Melancthon.

On July 18, 2023, at approximately 10:45 p.m., a Dufferin OPP officer while conducting speed enforcement on Highway 10 in Melancthon stopped a vehicle for

speeding. The officer was led into an impaired driving investigation, which resulted in multiple charges.

A 59-year-old, from Southgate, has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Obstruct plate
- Speeding

- Fail to surrender insurance card
- Possess unmarked cigarettes
- Driving motor vehicle with liquor readily available

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville at a future date in August 2023, to answer to the charges.

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mitted to public safety, delivering proactive and innovative policing in partnership with our communities. Officers value your contribution to building safe communities. If you have information about suspected unlawful activity, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-822-8477 (TIPS) or [www.crimestoppersdm.com](http://www.crimestoppersdm.com).



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# Council approves motion to cost speed enforcement cameras

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

Shelburne Town Council has asked staff to look into the costs of purchasing automated speed enforcement cameras to help with speeding and traffic issues in the community.

During their meeting on July 10, council approved a motion brought forward by Councillor Walter Benotto to have staff investigate the costs of purchasing automated speed enforcement cameras for speed and traffic control in community safety and school zones.

The motion was first introduced by Benotto at Council's regular meeting on June 26. Benotto has raised concerns about speeding within the town specifically in the areas of Greenwood Street, Fiddle Park Lane and Williams Street, to council

a number of times in the past. "We have a lot of bypass roads within this community, where speeding and going through stop signs happen, and some of them are in community safety zones and school zones. We are allowed to put these cameras in these areas," said Benotto. "I have a lot of residents on these bypass roads that have approached me asking why we couldn't do it...it works within communities; it does stop speeding especially if you put up the signage."

Denyse Morrissey, chief administrative officer, told Council at the June 26 meeting that the estimated costs for a permanent camera is \$27,000 and for a portable camera the cost range is between \$32,000 to \$35,000 plus a data fee of \$8,000.

"I've got a good feeling that those cameras will pay for themselves," said Benotto. At the July 10 meeting, Morrissey noted

the cost of the cameras and what the recovery of those costs would mean.

"I want to be clear that while there is certainly cost recoverable, in the event that you do your job and eliminate speeding there's no revenue, which is a good thing."

She later added, "other municipalities are doing more than cost recovery, but it also means then you've got a serious speeding issue too. You want it to actually become obsolete and no longer in existence. If your goal is to make money then you're celebrating speeding."

Coun. Kyle Fegan shared his support for the motion.

"I fully agree with this. I think that everybody at this table would agree that speeding is certainly an issue that we have in the town. I would like to see what the costs are for these cameras and if it's within the budget we put forward. I think it's certainly a

viable option and an effective one in other communities," said Fegan.

Coun. Dan Sample asked for staff to bring back data from the existing radar speed signs located in the town to provide further information on traffic trends on the streets deemed high priority.

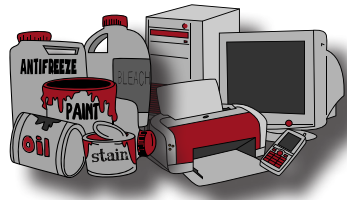
"Sometimes there's a perception of speeding which there's no indication based on the data that there is. There certainly may be one or two, but the majority when looked at aren't as catastrophic or prevalent as people assume," noted Morrissey.

Council has also asked to have a meeting with a company to educate councillors on the system and options available.

A formal presentation will come back to council regarding the potential costs and revenue of the automated speed enforcement cameras ahead of the 2024 draft budget.

## hazardous & electronic waste event COMING SOON!

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Check the website for details on additional events in the fall.

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## Local food creators invited to join county at International Plowing Match

Calling all Dufferin County food creators! Show us what you can do with local product and you could be selected to join the County at the International Plowing Match (IPM) this September.

Dufferin County will have its own tent highlighting local tourism and all that the county offers during the IPM. Local food creators and restaurants are invited to share their craft and be an exhibitor in the County tent. Dufferin County will provide the selected food creators and restaurants with a budget to create delicious samples using local products to serve to event attendees.

Interested food creators can enter the call for entry by Monday, August 7 at 5 pm. Questions and interest should be directed to [dcipmliaison@dufferincounty.ca](mailto:dcipmliaison@dufferincounty.ca). The call for entry includes health and safety standards in preparing fare.

Following the call for entry deadline, the County will reach out to selected applicants to set up a taste test. It is expected that up to five local businesses will have the opportunity to share their food magic each day of the IPM.

The International Plowing Match will take place from September 19 to September 23 between the farmers' fields surrounding Bowling Green and Laurel. The event has an expected attendance of approximately 70,000 people.

The IPM is a five-day celebration of agriculture and rural living. There will be plowing competitions, a range of activities for people of all ages, numerous opportunities to learn about agriculture, near-constant live entertainment in multiple Match venues, hundreds of vendors and exhibitors, a wide variety of food, an RV Park and more.

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# International Plowing Match & Rural Expo coming to Dufferin County

Written By Brian Lockhart

This will be a celebration of agriculture and rural living – and it will be huge.

The International Plowing Match & Rural Expo is coming to Dufferin County in 2023 and the resulting impact on the local economy will be significant.

Attracting people from all over the world, the 104th edition of this event will host over 60,000 people during the five-day showcase of everything rural.

The International Plowing Match & Rural Expo will take place in the Township of Amaranth and Grand Valley when local farmers will open their fields to create a huge temporary community.



"The Headwaters of the Grand offers outstanding agricultural land and a dynamic group of people who will make the 2023 IPM an outstanding event," said Floyd Wills, President of the Ontario Plowmen's Association.

The International Plowing Match & Rural Expo was created by the Ontario Plowmen's Association in 1913 to showcase farmers' passion for the soil, agriculture, and rural living. Over the years it has evolved into a massive undertaking where the main goal continues to be to educate people about agriculture.

At the event site, there will be a huge tented city with non-stop entertaining activities and plowing competitions. You can spend a day, or all five days of the event in the full-service RV park with over 1,000 sites available.

You will be able to see plowing as it evolved. There will be old-fashioned horse-drawn plows right up to the latest high-tech plows, and they will all be competing to plow the straightest furrows.

In addition to plowing, there is a non-stop lineup of things happening that will provide both fun and educational activities for the entire family.

There will be fabulous food, lively music, animal exhibits, and local vendors featur-



ing unique crafts and artisans with one-of-a-kind items that will be available.

For those that really enjoy all things agriculture, there will be farming demonstrations, plowing competitions, hundreds of interesting displays and exhibitors, and a rodeo that will feature horse and bull riders showing the skills needed to stay on top of a wildly bucking animal.

For those that plan on attending and making a real trip out of their stay, the Official RV park will have spots available for 1,000 camping sites. Guests will have convenient access to all event activities and complimentary shuttles to and from the Tented City. Each site includes two daily admission passes to Tented City.

There will be local entertainment from Monday to Friday night for all guests.

The 2023 RV Park's theme is "Proud to be Eh Canadian" and campers are encouraged to decorate their sites accordingly. There is a planned tractor tour so that everyone will have the opportunity to view the entire RV Park and its patriotic decorations.



Because of the sheer numbers of people expected to attend, neighbouring communities will be helping provide accommodations for those not camping on-site.

There is an accommodation listing for the nearby communities of Wellington County, Grey County, Bruce / Grey / Simcoe, Brampton, Caledon, and York Region.

The International Plowing Match & Rural Expo will take place at Bowling Green, Dufferin County from Tuesday, September 19, to Saturday, September 23, 2023.

For more information, you can visit online at [www.plowingmatch.org](http://www.plowingmatch.org).



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 Meetings commence at 6:30 pm.



**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS**

Parking set fines have increased to \$40. Previously parking set fines were \$15 with an early payment option of \$10. As directed by Council – staff submitted a request to the Ministry of Attorney General for an increase of set fines to \$40. The approval was granted on June 13, 2023. Examples of parking offences that may receive tickets are as follows:

- Parked longer than specified by sign
- Parked on street prohibited by signs
- Parked on (or over) sidewalk
- Parked on (or over) boulevard
- Parked on roadway alongside other vehicle
- Parked left wheels to curb
- Parked on crosswalk
- Parked within 15 m of an intersection controlled by traffic lights
- Parked within 15 m of an intersection controlled by signs
- Parked on street – 12am - 8 am Nov 15 - April 15
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On display at the Town of Shelburne Art Gallery: Infinite Nature Art Exhibition presented by: Tracy Smith and Ellen Brakel. Exhibit Dates: Friday, July 14 - July 28, 2023. Time: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday

Open Reception: Saturday, July 15 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm with Qigong break sessions. Location: 203 Main Street East, Shelburne. Visit shelburne.ca



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- On odd calendar dates at only those municipal addresses ending with numbers 1, 3, 5, 7, 9.

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# SHELBURNE SPORTS

## Chris Reed Memorial Tournament raises funds for Camp Erin and KidSport

Written By Brian Lockhart

The second annual Chris Reed Memorial Golf Tournament took place on Saturday, June 24, at the Shelburne Golf & Country Club.

A passionate golfer, Chris passed away in December 2020 after battling leukemia. His four children thought a golf tournament in his memory was a fitting way to celebrate and honour their father.

Last year, the kids and their mom Celine invited only family and friends to the tournament, but this year they opened it to anyone who wanted to participate.

A golf tournament is the right fit to remember Chris. In addition to being an avid golfer, he was an active member of the community as a coach, mentor, and referee. Chris was also on the executive for Shelburne Minor Hockey and Shelburne Lacrosse.

The tournament featured a full course with 116 golfers and 17 hole sponsors.

"We were able to raise \$8,320 for KidSport, Dufferin chapter," Celine explained. "This is helping families to cover the cost of registration for organized sports."

KidSport is an organization that helps fund low-income families who otherwise cannot pay for fees or equipment to play local sports. KidSport works locally and helps kids in the area.

"As well this year, we raised an additional \$5,375 for Camp Erin Toronto," Celine said. "That's \$3,100 from our home sponsors and \$2,275 in 'March Matching' from an anonymous donor. That will send seven kids to camp."

Camp Erin is a free weekend bereavement camp for youth who are grieving the death of a significant person in their lives. Children and teens ages six to 17 attend a weekend camp experience that combines grief education and emotional support with fun and traditional camp activities.

The camp is led by bereavement professionals and caring volunteers. Campers are provided a safe environment to explore their grief, learn essential coping skills, and make friends with peers who are also grieving.

In total, the Chris Reed Memorial Golf Tournament raised \$13,695 for these good causes.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

**FORE A CAUSE:** The second annual Chris Reed Memorial Golf Tournament was held at the Shelburne Golf & Country Club in Shelburne on Saturday, June 24. The tournament raised \$13,695 for both KidSport and Camp Erin. Chris Reed's family, wife Celine, and children, Cole, Callie, Camryn, and Cooper, hosted the event in memory of their husband and father.

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## Mansfield Junior Cubs finish 5th in regular season

Written By Brian Lockhart

It will be a fifth-place finish in the regular season for the Mansfield Junior Cubs in the North Dufferin Baseball League (NBDL) this year.

The Cubs gave up a loss to the Orangeville Bengals on Thursday, July 13, on the diamond in Mansfield, but that won't change their place in the standings.

The Cubs started off well in Thursday's game when Cody Bryan hit a single and stole second base.

A walk with the bases loaded brought in the first run of the night.

A hit from Coen Galbraith brought in another run to give the Cubs a 2-0 early lead.

The Bengals were on the scoreboard with a single-run home run in the second inning.

It was a tie game when a hit deep to centre field brought in the second Orangeville run.

Mansfield went ahead in the second inning when an error at second base allowed a runner to score.

It was the fifth inning that cost the Cubs the game when the Bengals scored two runs, then a hit to deep field allowed three runners to cross the plate to give Orangeville a 7-3 lead.

The Cubs got the bats moving with a successful sixth inning.

Bryce Cameron led off with a double, followed by another double from Dylan Brown that bought in a run.

Aidan Pain had the big hit of the night for Mansfield when he hit the ball over the fence for a two-run home run.

That was it for the night, and the Cubs had to settle for a 9-6 loss.

"I find we fall asleep in the three, four, five innings, and then they realize late it's time to wake up and come back," said Cubs coach Lance Bryan. "We've been coming out strong for the whole second half of the year. We've been getting three or four runs in the first inning, tonight we got two runs in the first then fell asleep again until the last inning. They hit the ball well tonight - a lot of line drives, and not too many errors."

In this year's NBDL playoffs, the bottom team will not make the playoffs. The top two teams, Orillia and Creemore, will get a bye in the first round.

This leaves four teams to play in the first round.


The Cubs will meet the Innisfil Cardinals in the first round of playoff action. The Orangeville Bengals will meet the Barrie Baycats for their first round.

The playoff schedule has not yet been determined.



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**ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**  
  
**BEN NICHOLSON**  
 "It's fun and I get to hang out with my friends," said Mansfield Junior Cubs shortstop, Ben Nicholson, of why he likes playing the sport. "You have to play well and hope your teammates play well. That's baseball."  
 Ben has been playing for baseball for over ten years.  
 The Cubs are now going into playoff mode and are ready to play their best games once the first series gets underway.  
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6:30 pm WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2nd, 2023 at the Horning's Mills Community Hall.

Where we will answer your questions about the Community Engagement Agreement recently finalized between NDACT and Strada.

You can find the agreement on the NDACT or Strada websites:

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If you are unable to attend in person, join us by ZOOM link:

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Or join by phone:

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If you are unable to attend at all but wish to submit a Townhall Question about the Proposed Quarry or the Community Engagement Agreement, please send it to one of our Community Liaisons by email.

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