

### **County of Dufferin lobby's province for** help with housing, environmental issues

Written By Paula Brown Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The County of Dufferin is lobbying for the provincial government to help address housing and environmental priorities in the County.

Members of Dufferin County Council and staff attended the 2023 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference in London, Ont. from Aug. 20 to Aug. 23, where they met with government ministers, province's minister of agriculture, food and officials, and other municipal leaders.

The priorities brought forward by the County included balancing new housing and preserving farmland, advancing climate objectives, and increasing the housing sup- land to residential and to provide approvals ply.

"Dufferin County's natural environment is its strongest asset. With a mix of small ferin's unique natural landscape and advanc- economy. ing a more sustainable and resilient com-

Dufferin County. "We appreciated the oppor- and other stakeholders on rural lot creation tunity to build meaningful relationships and policies, that rural severances be limited strengthen existing ones at this year's AMO to ensure the preservation of farmland for conference, and will continue to advance future generations, and additional residen-County priorities as we work towards our tial units be recognized as permitted uses on vision of being a community that grows existing rural residential lots and farms. together."

#### **Balancing new housing and preserving** farmland:

The County met with Lisa Thompson, the rural affairs, to discuss addressing the housing crisis while protecting agricultural lands.

The County noted that they've continued to experience pressure to convert greenfield Building Code be updated to include: for residential lots.

According to the County of Dufferin, 45 per cent of the land base within the area is urban centres and rural agricultural commu- prime agricultural land, and farm receipts nities, the County is dedicated to embracing from 2021 totalled almost \$184 million, mak- 200-amp panel board, a conduit that is not growth while preserving and protecting Duf- ing up a significant portion of the total local less than 1-1/16" (27mm) trade size and a

At its delegation, the County requested box: munity for all," said Wade Mills, Warden of further consultation with municipalities

#### Advancing climate objective and increasing housing supply:

County representatives also met with Parliamentary assistant Matthew Rae, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to discuss advancing climate objectives and increasing housing supply.

The County has requested that the Ontario

•Every new single detached, semi-detached and row townhouse be provided with a rough-in for future electric vehicle supply equipment (charging station);

•The rough-in shall include a minimum square 4-11/16" (119mm) trade size electrical

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### New executive director hired at Dufferin Arts Council

Written By Paula Brown Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

welcomed a new executive director - Shir- assistant in the Artist-in-the-School proley Boxem.

they are really supporting arts education artist at Studio 124 in Singhampton. and [the arts] is super important for community well-being. I'm feeling really optimistic and looking forward to keeping the Boxem. "The arts are fundamental to comprograms that people know and enjoy, but munity well-being as they inspire various also taking a fresh perspective to look for communication, express, and creative more opportunities," said Boxem.

of executive director at Headwaters Comnon-partisan committee.

She currently serves on a volunteer basis with the Dufferin Community Foundation Artists in the School program, the Linda 25. Those interested in attending can join hired as the new executive director of the Dufferin

an extensive background in the granting bursar, scholarship and grant opportuniprocess. ties.

Unbeknownst to many, Boxem has also The Dufferin Arts Council (DAC) has worked part-time as a clay art teaching tion, the Dufferin Arts Council is moving gram, operating in the Peel Board of Edu-"What I love about the organization is cation with her sister Marion Bartlett, an

"I have seen first-hand the impact of art programs on children and adults," said thinking. They are a foundational part of of DAC, initially taking over the current Boxem has previously held the position thriving communities with bright futures."

The Dufferin Arts Council was formed munities in Action, a community organiza- by a group of local residents who came tion that hosts Volunteer Dufferin, Head- together to support artists and the arts in the intention is to continue with current waters Food and Farming Alliance, and DC Dufferin County. Each year, DAC looks to Moves. During her time there, she led the raise money to fund projects that promote transition of the Dufferin County Commu- the development of artists and the arts nity Grants assessment to a citizen-led and in the community and in 2022, they celebrated 30 years.

as their Grants Committee Chair and has Jenetti Travel Award, and offers various by emailing inbox@dufferinarts.com.

As a previously all-volunteer organizaforward in growing the not-for-profit by introducing committed full-time resources.

"It's been rewarding to be at the helm of this organization," said Warren Maycock, chair and president of the Dufferin Arts Council. "There is hard work ahead and DAC has need that have pushed us beyond volunteer capacity."

Boxem will assume overall management program and functions before facilitating a new strategic action plan.

"This is really early days for me, but programs. I think there's opportunity to increase the profile off the arts council and to increase its involvement," she said.

The Dufferin Arts Council will be hosting its annual member meeting at the Centre The Dufferin Arts Council operates an Fellowship Church in Orangeville on Sept.

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NEW EXECUTIVE: Shirley Boxem has been Arts Council

### Several events coming up at the Shelburne Public Library

card sign up month! Drop in to explore gift card! all that your library has to offer, including books, videos, parks passes, and program- sented by Laura of MoD, Saturday, Sepming for all ages. Individuals who regis- tember 16th @ 2pm: Learn about the Britter during the month of September will ish Home Children sent to Dufferin County be entered into a draw for a Kobo! Don't between 1869 and the late 1930s amid the

The Home Children of Dufferin pre-

many of us are unaware of!

details! We have events planned for all imminence of war. ages!

turing Patrick Clark, Thursday, Octo- this could be a new favourite. ber 18th @ 7pm: Join us for Coffee & level.

### The Poppy Wars by R.F. Kuang

An epic historical military fantasy, doesn't stop until the end. Lucky for us, inspired by the violent history of China's there are 2 more after this, so we can stay 20th century, follows the efforts of an in the setting a little longer!

Library Card Sign Up Month, Septem- their memberships during September, you of their childhood experiences and their unexpected, dark-skinned war orphan. Her ber 1st-30th: Each September is library will be entered into a weekly draw for a stories are lost, some chose to remain in goal is to obtain an education at Nikan's Canada and settled—a family connection most elite military school in spite of prejudice and the challenges of her lethal sha-Ontario Public Library Week, Octo- man skills. These skills raise her awareber 16th-20th, 2023: Stay tuned for event ness about the existence of gods and the

Why Britt recommends this book: For **Coffee**, **Conversation & Books fea**- readers like me who love a lengthy series,

Our protagonist, Rin, has an immense Conversation with Patrick Clark, an up desire for vengeance and a true gift for and coming, Canadian author from Mulmur shamanism. Her gifts reveal that the gods Ontario. PORTERS is Clark's debut novel are still alive, and ultimately entangles her and takes his love of science fiction, mys- with them. It also has a hidden magic eletery stories, and time travel to a whole new ment, which will please seasoned fantasy readers!

This is grim story set against a reimag-Staff Pick of the Week: Britt's Pick— ined and bloody Second Sino-Japanese war; it hits hard from the beginning and

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The electric vehicle charging network in cultural centers across the County. ious municipal offices and recreation and dufferincounty.ca.

To learn more about the County's strategic

### Campfire Poets to kick-off International Plowing Match with concert

Written By Paula Brown Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Poets will kick off the week-long festivities the Dufferin County and surrounding areas become a favourite performer in the sumfor the International Plowing Match (IPM) & Rural Expo with a concert.

The concert will be held under the big Poets." tent in the RV Park at the IPM & Rural Expo on Saturday, Sept. 16.

Heather Holmes, IPM Entertainment Com- Skynyrd, The Eagles, Great Big Sea, Bob

mittee co-chair. "We want our guests to be Marley, and Johnny Cash. entertained. And as local organizers we definitely wanted to share the fantastic lineup been together for over 20 years. It has come online at www.letscamp.ca. Orangeville-based cover band Campfire of local talent that we have right here in a long way from its start in small pubs to [and] we couldn't think of a better way to mer festival scene throughout Orangeville able by pre-order only through Eventbrite. get the week started than with the Campfire and the Greater Toronto Area (GTA).

The Campfire Poets deliver the classics from the last five decades across a variety "We want our guests to be excited," said of genres, including Jason Mraz, Lynyrd

sons visitors come to the IPM, and a solid 7:30 p.m. A food truck will be onsite, and entertainment lineup is one of them.

The special ticketed event is open to the Guests must bring their own chairs. public and is included in the RV Park regis-

tration for those guests arriving on Sept. 15 The Orangeville-based cover band has or Sept. 16. RV Park sites can be reserved

> Tickets for the Campfire Poets concert will not be available at the gate and are avail-

Gates for the Campfire Poet's Sept. 16 con-Local organizers said there are many rea- cert will open at 6:30, and the show starts at no outside food or drink will be allowed.



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

SCENIC VIEWS: Get a glimpes of Northern Ontario with landscape artist Brian Blakeman's exhibit 'Northern Persepectives' at the Town of Shelburne Art Gallery. The exhibit will be on display from Sept. 1 to Sept. 22 with a opening reception scheduled for Sept. 10 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

### New exhibit featuring views of Northern Ontario on display at **Town of Shelburne Art Gallery**

Written By Paula Brown Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Town of Shelburne Art Gallery.

The works of landscape artist Brian for himself.

sign field, including fabrics, floor, and wall coverings.

While spending much of his career cre-Escape to the scenic views of Northern ating art, Blakeman said it wasn't until he Ontario with the latest art exhibit at the met his wife in 2000 and was inspired by her pottery work that he began making art "All of this time I had never really paintfor three weeks starting on Sept. 1. The ed for me, I always painted for projects and for a job," said Blakeman. "Its just wonderful and a great feeling to be able to take all of those techniques and knowlsense of the North" by drawing from the edge I've built over the years and now portray it in paintings."

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Blakeman will be on display at the gallery exhibit, titled "Northern Perspectives," will showcase a collection of Blakeman's works that look to "evoke the spirit and solitude and natural surroundings.

"I have always had this connection to north I go, hence the name of the show, the more tranquil I feel and I think a lot of people feel that," said Blakeman. "I try landscape is telling me, depicting as I truly feel it. The inspiration is right before us."

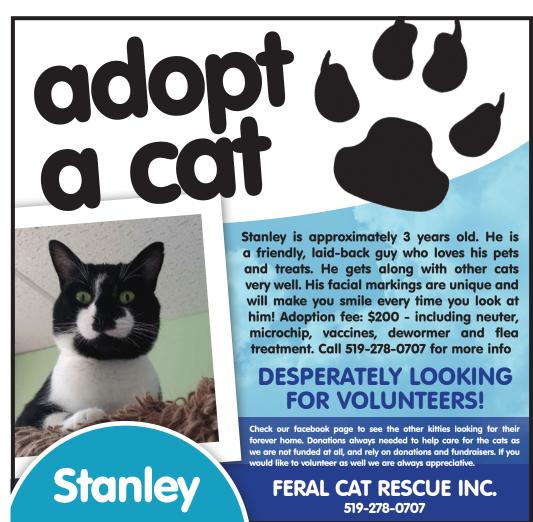
England and was trained in decorative design at Northwich and Stockport Art Colleges. After completing his schooling, he entered the wall-covering design field and uses a wide variety of tools, including pastrained in all aspects of design engraving tels, pens, ink, chinagraphs, acrylics, and and printing.

In a career spanning 30 years, Blakeman explored all aspects of the decorative de-

Blakeman's pieces showcase a variety of nature; it's my happy place. The further landscapes, from the tranquillity of Muskoka to frigid winter plains, but his newer work depicts images of the Bruce Peninsuwla, a favourite place to visit for inspito depict energy in paintings of what the ration with its rock formations, sweeping skies and stunning lakes.

His process of creating a piece of land-Blakeman was born in Staffordshire, scape art often starts by being outside, within the environment, where he works on a small canvas to capture an area's emotional and physical energy. He also watercolours.

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September 12	6 – 7:30 pm	Grand Valley & District Community Centre		
September 15	12 – 1:30 pm	Virtual		

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### The public school custodian

One day, while we were in grade seven in 1972, a couple of grade eight boys knocked on our classroom door, and when our teacher answered, I saw them in quiet conversation with her over something.

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Then the teacher looked around our entire class, picked me and another guy, and told us to go with the grade eight kids. Apparently, they needed help with some sort of task.

As we walked with the grade eight kids, they explained why they wanted us. Their assigned task was winding down, and they needed someone to take over what they were doing starting next week for the rest of the year.

My friend and I were to raise the Canadian flag in front of the school, take the swing seats out to the playground every morning, and take all of it back in every afternoon before school ended!

COOL! The grade eight kids showed us where to go and what to do. When I saw where we had to go for this job, it got a

whole lot more interesting.

My buddy and I were allowed to go into the places in the school where no other kid was allowed to go. The furnace room and all the other places behind the scenes. The forbidden zones, if you will. And for a kid who only got to go to class, the playground, and the washroom, this was pretty neat!

The next Monday morning and almost every morning after that, I got to school before the other guy did, so both tasks usually fell to me to complete. I went into the furnace room to begin my assigned duties.

When the door to the furnace room opened, I came face-to-face with the day shift custodian! I didn't know there would be anyone else in there besides myself. Startled, I introduced myself and told him why I was in there. We had a nice little chat, and then I carried out my assigned duties.

And every morning after that, I would go into the furnace room to perform my task, and before I left, I would always have a nice chat with the custodian. As we got to know each other, our chats became a bit lengthier w and a lot more interesting.

Our best conversations were usually reserved for Monday mornings when we would dissect the Toronto Maple Leaf game on the Hockey Night in Canada broadcast from that past Saturday night. I always enjoyed our chats and looked forward to them every morning.

At the end of the school year, my task concluded and was not renewed for the following year. And as I grew up, I forgot about my youth as I went out and tried to make my way in the world.

Sometimes, you experience setbacks in your life, and after one such setback in 1982, I came back home for a while. I took a job at a local produce store to help me get back on my feet.

While I was working in the store one day, a gentleman saw me and came over and spoke to me. He seemed to know me, but I honestly didn't recall ever seeing him before. But as soon as he told me who he

#### KEITH SCHELL REMEBERING WHEN

was, I warmed up to him right away. It was the custodi-

an's grown son! We

had a brief chat about



his Father, and he told me how much his Dad had enjoyed our little chats when I went into the furnace room to perform my task every morning. When he told me his Father had passed away, I was saddened by the news. We were always lessened as a town by the passing of good and decent people, and the custodian was certainly one of those people to me. And I think of him fondly to this day.

Good and decent people do not always wear a suit; they often wear work clothes and carry a mop or a hammer. So, if you know of someone like that in your life, maybe buy them a coffee on International Custodian Appreciation Day (October 2nd) just to let them know they are appreciated.

### Expanding the BRICS

You can expand the curious organization called the BRICS, but you can't define it. In fact, it's hardly even an organization: no headquarters, no secretariat. Even the (British) Commonwealth and la Francophonie have more substance: at least they share a former oppressor. Yet the BRICS are expanding.

They will now be known as the ICARU-SEEBIS. Or maybe SEE US BIRICS – they haven't decided yet. But the fact that they couldn't come up with anything more than a set of initials in the first place – Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa equals BRICS – suggests strongly that they never had a shared identity or purpose.

Why BRICS rather than CRIBS or SCRIB? Because that was the choice of the British economist Jim O'Neill, then chairman of Goldman Sachs Asset Management, when he came up with the idea in 2001. And he wasn't creating an international organization; he was just pointing out an investment talk-fests. opportunity. If you've always suspected that the world works a lot more randomly than the pundits pretend, here's the evidence you were looking for. O'Neill just picked out four 'developing' countries of continental scale with fast-growing economies - China, India, Russia and Brazil - and said they were a good place to put your money if you were feeling adventurous.

on to a series of other interesting jobs on the strength of that idea. But the idea had legs, and it caught the attention of various underemployed diplomats in the countries in question. By ten years after O'Neill's paper, they were holding occasional meetings and conferences together.

However, there was a problem: they were all writing it as BRICS, but they didn't know who the 'S' stood for. My hypothesis is that at this point a clever South African diplomat or banker popped up and said "It's us", but I can't prove it. At any rate, then there were five.

South Africa is way out of its league, with only a quarter of the population of the smallest of the rest, Brazil, so its membership in the BRICS enhances its visibility at virtually no cost to itself. It's much harder to see what the others get out of it, other than free annual trips to points of interest in the other BRICS for 'summits' that are just search is getting more difficult, if anything, because the six new members that it will welcome next January are even more disparate: Argentina, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

Argentina and Egypt are economic basket-cases. Saudi Arabia and the UAE are very rich countries that live on oil. Iran is an increasingly fragile theocracy with a heavily sanctioned and decaying economy.

Ethiopia is the sole democracy among the newbies and it fits the original model of a poor but fast-growing economy – but it stumbles from one civil war to the next. What is the logic here? Is there a single economy in the world more spectacularly mismanaged than Argentina's?

But look on the bright side. 'Idle hands are the Devil's workshop', as my grandmother used to say with annoying regularity, and this annual meeting/'summit'/shindig keeps a lot of otherwise idle diplomatic/ official/political hands busy and out of trouble. Do not despise them. Indulge them. It gives their lives meaning, and keeps them from risking ours.

### OUR WORLD TODAY

**GWYNNE DYER** 

that can engage the attention of loads of the underemployed diplomatic classes and keep them out of trouble. The new eleven-member entity



needs a new name, and it must not be regional, ideological, religious, ethnic, or historical because the members have none of those things in common.

It will have to be the same bundle of initials as before, only much longer this time. Buy a hundred Scrabble sets, send them to all the senior players, and encourage them to arrange the relevant eleven letters in various pleasing combinations. Many hours of innocent fun, and the winning submission gets a two-week holiday in the capital of their choice.

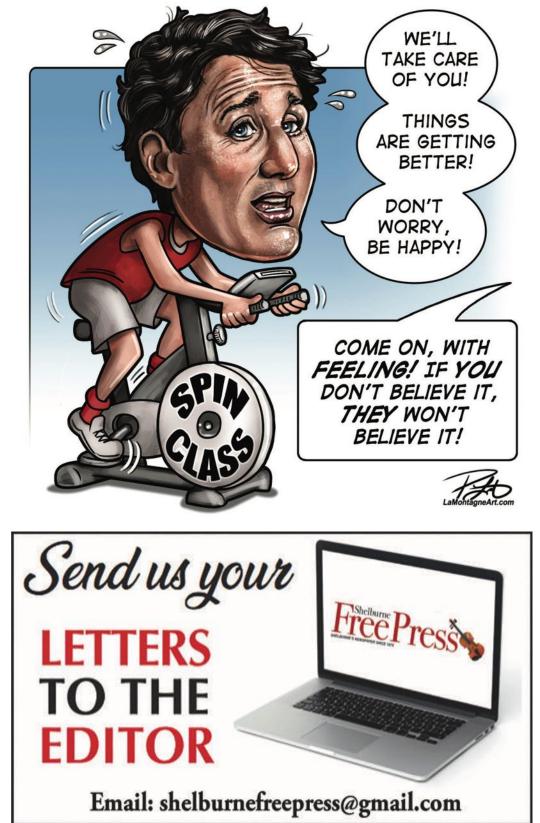
'Why are you writing this twaddle?' I hear somebody cry. Because it's August, dear reader, and all the evil dictators in the Northern Hemisphere are sunning themselves at the beach. There's nothing else to write about.

In the famous paper he wrote, he called them BRICs – lower-case 's' – and moved

talk-fests.

And by the way, Jim O'Neill's advice was not flawless. China's economy grew fast for 15 years after his paper came out, and India's is still growing fast, but Brazil hasn't done very well and Russia is basically just a filling station\* with nuclear weapons. As for South Africa – well, it wasn't in O'Neill's original group, so he can't be held responsible for that.

Yet the BRICS trundle on, although they still lack a common purpose or joint enterprise that would give them meaning. The In fact, I've just thought of another thing









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### Police seeking witnesses of fatal collision in Melancthon

Written By Paula Brown Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Dufferin OPP is canvassing for witnesses Melancthon last week, which resulted in the lineup of vehicles. death of a 31-year-old woman from Barrie.

Emergency responders were called to the scene of a serious collision involving seven vehicles, one of which was a transport truck, on County Road 124, south of 20th Sideroad in Melancthon at around 3:10 p.m. on Aug. 22.

The initial investigation revealed that mul- a local hospital and later by ambulance to a northbound lane of County Rd. 124 in a con- injuries. struction zone when a tractor-trailer entered

The collision resulted in several injuries, including one fatality.

The woman, who was pronounced deceased at the scene, has been identified as Alexandra Paul, a former figure skating Olympian. She was travelling with her infant child, who was transported by ambulance to eral hours before reopening.

and video footage from a fatal collision in the zone and collided with the rear of the vehicle by firefighters and transported to a video of the collision is asked to contact the local hospital with serious injuries. He was Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122. later air-lifted by Ornge to a Toronto area trauma centre.

> man were transported to a local hospital vices at 905-951-3838. with non-life-threatening injuries.

County Rd. 124 remained closed for sev-

The Traffic Collision Investigation (TIC) tiple passenger vehicles were stopped in the children's hospital with non-life-threatening team of the OPP was brought in to investigate. The investigation is continuing, and A 67-year-old man was extricated from his anyone who may have witnessed or has

> Anyone who may have witnessed the collision and wishes to speak to victim services A 45-year-old woman and a 28-year-old can contact Caledon/Dufferin Victim Ser-

### **Dufferin OPP investigting theft of ATV from Melancthon barn**

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are currently investigating a theft of an All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) in the Township of Melancthon.

On August 26, 2023, at approximately 11:45 a.m., Dufferin OPP received a call for advised that their 2004 yellow, Suzuki fourwheeler, was stolen from their barn. The theft occurred during the overnight hours of August 26. The suspect(s) broke into the barn and stole the ATV.

The vehicle is valued at \$4,500.

The investigation is continuing. If you have any information or video surveillance away from doors and windows footage in relation to this theft, please call the Dufferin OPP Detachment at (519) 942- can block your key fob from transmitting its



service at a residence on 4th Line in Melanc- 1711 or 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide thon for the theft of an ATV. The complainant information anonymously by contacting Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit your information online at https:// ontariocrimestoppers.ca/.

> Residents can help protect their vehicles tion measures:

• Ensure your vehicle keys are kept well

• Use a signal blocking pouch/box - they

code to the vehicle as the pouch is lined with vehicles. Licenses, insurance, vehicle ownerlavers or metallic material

• Turn off the keyless fob wireless signal tions)

• Use a steering wheel lock or car alarm in plain view. - this could add a significantly delay or be a deterrent for thieves

• Consider a secondary audible car alarm ized, such as: - 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 by taking any of the following crime preven- monitored, and car can be tracked using GPS if stolen

> Police and its insurance industry partners also want to raise public awareness about the opportunities for criminals who intend to steal personal identification from unsecured ods, always park in a well-lit area.

ships, passports, as well as mobile devices or laptops, offer criminals the opportunity to at night (refer to your car manual for instruc- further victimize individuals who do not lock their vehicles, or who leave their valuables

> Vehicle owners/passengers can do simple things to decrease the risk of being victim-

- Never leave a running vehicle unattended
- Lock your doors
- Roll up your windows
- Keep valuables out of sight

• Keep your registration and proof of insurance in your wallet or purse, not in the glove box

• Pocket your keys

At night or during extended parking peri-

### HOLIDAY INTERRUPTION FOR WASTE COLLECTION

Collections for the day of the holiday and the rest of the week will be shifted to one day later.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
August 27	August 28	August 29	August 30	August 31	September 1	September 2	
double	LABOUR DAY	September 5	September 6	September 7	September 8	September 9	
September 10	September 11	September 12	September 13	September 14	September 15	September 16	

### 13 year search for killer continues

dent, Sonia Varaschin continues, 13 years (OPP). On Sept. 5, 2010, Sonia VARASCHIN's after she was murdered.

statement on Aug. 30 pleading with the public for assistance to find the killer of 42-year- not given up hope that someone has the old Sonia Varaschin.

mer Orangeville Police Service (OPS) began murder and bring resolution to her family," an investigation after Sonia VARASCHIN's said the OPP in a press release. "The homitown Orangeville.

On the same day, OPS requested assis- solved homicide."

The search for former Orangeville resi- tance from the Ontario Provincial Police remains were found in a wooded area just off The Ontario Provincial Police issued a of Beechgrove Side Road in Caledon.

"Over the past 13 years, investigators have missing piece of information that will help On Aug. 30, 2010, officers from the for- identify the person(s) responsible for Sonia's white Toyota Corolla was found abandoned cide investigation remains active under the behind a business on Broadway in down- direction of the OPP Criminal Investigation Branch. The OPP will never close an un-



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# START PREPARING FOR SCHOOL NOW

After a summer of relaxation, the start of a new school year generates mixed emotions among students.

Many children look forward to being back on campus with their friends but may not revel in the idea of waking up early or doing homework each night.

While summer break is a much-needed respite from the rigours of school, it doesn't mean school should be forgotten entirely. Doing some preparatory steps before a new school year begins can make the year go much more smoothly. Here's how students and parents can direct their focus during the final countdown.

### KEEP READING

According to Scholastic, summer slide is a concept that was first acknowledged by researchers in 1996.

couraged to read as much as possible during summer break, particularly since many schools require summer reading and subsequent essays or book reports upon returning to the classroom. Let kids read what they want, whether it's comics, magazines, newspapers, or even books they've read before.

### ACCUMULATE SUPPLIES

School may not be on the radar early in summer, but it's wise to purchase supplies early. Right before school starts there is a mad dash to grab notebooks, pens, clothing, and more, which can make for a stressful shopping experience for all involved. Shopping early helps families avoid that outcome.

#### BRUSH UP ON MATH SKILLS

It can't hurt for students to do a few math problems over the summer. Practice keeps skills fresh and any mathematical formulas prominent in their minds. All it takes is one or two problems per day to stay on top of math skills.

and similar attractions in the list of places they visit over the summer. This way students can learn and be entertained simultaneously.

#### START ENFORCING BEDTIMES

School-aged children (six to 13 years) need nine to 12 hours of sleep every night, according to KidsHealth.org. During the summer, late nights can easily be rectified by sleeping in the next day. But when school resumes, the alarm clock will be ringing earlier than expected. Parents can gradually implement earlier bedtimes as summer winds down so that kids are getting the rest they will need.

### GET IN THE KNOW

Parents can begin to pay closer attention to emails and social media posts from schools as they'll likely contain information about upcoming school calendars, bus routes (or transportation registration), changes in personnel, or any additional updates. This will help alleviate any surprises on the first day of school.



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Many comprehensive studies have come out since then and indicated that kids lose significant knowledge in reading and math over summer break, which can have a cumulative effect and lead to skill loss each year. Some research says up to 20 percent of school-year gains in reading and 27 percent in math are lost during summer break. Children should be en-

#### VISIT EDUCATIONAL ATTRACTIONS

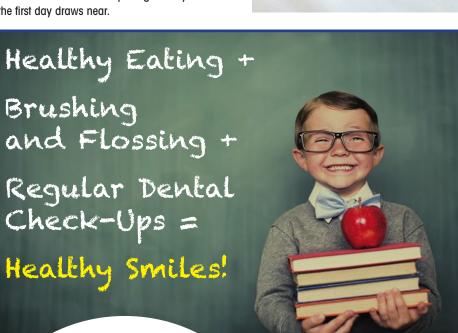
Families can include museums, art exhibits, animal sanctuaries, libraries, science centers,

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### HOW PARENTS CAN PICK THE RIGHT BACKPACK

# Students need many different supplies to help them move to the head of the class.

Teachers frequently post lists online before school begins or advise students in the early days of the new year. Therefore, parents may want to wait to go back-to-school shopping until they learn what's needed. There is one piece of gear, however, that students will definitely need: a backpack.

Backpacks have been helping students transport books and other materials to and from school for decades. Backpacks are not a new invention, and they actually predate school. tzi, a man whose mummified remains have been traced to the Copper Age, carried an animal fur rucksack durina travels. American Civil War soldiers his carried bindles, and Henry Miriam developed one of the first knapsacks for the U.S. military in 1877. It wasn't until the late 1940s that kids started using backpacks for school, as more materials were available to make these bags after World War II. Backpacks are now ubiquitous on school campuses around the world.

Backpacks are available in many different sizes and styles. Not all of them are created equal, and some may be better and safer for students than others. Here are some considerations.

Look for even, secure stitching that will not them during transport. come undone easily. Inexpensive backpacks may last a few weeks, but a more durable Although it may not backpack can last the school year and beyond. backpacks should a

Pass up backpacks with frayed fabric edges that could unravel, says Consumer Reports.

Opt for backpacks with zippers that have fabric flaps students comfortable and safe.

over them to keep water and other elements out of the backpack, helping prolong its life span.

Consider a synthetic material, which will be lighter to carry and more resistant to water.

Choose a backpack with lots of compartments that can spread the weight of gear out across the bag.

Look for bags that have padded backs and straps. The padding should be ventilated, so the backpack will not get very hot when the child is using it.

Karena Wu, a physical therapist and owner of Active-Care Physical Therapy in New York, encourages parents to choose backpacks with tapered straps that will conform better to their children's bodies. A waist strap can help keep the backpack centred on the child's torso to help disperse the load.

If the school allows it, a rolling bag is a great way to prevent strain on the back. Verywell Family says children should carry no more than 15 percent of their body weight in the backpack. That means a 60-pound child shouldn't carry more than 9 pounds.

Select a backpack that is sized accordingly to the child. It may be tempting to buy the largest one around, but that can be cumbersome and the student may overload it.

Many students now use laptops or tablets for school. It is a good idea to buy a backpack that has a padded pocket for tech devices to protect them during transport.

Although it may not seem trendy to do so, backpacks should always be worn with all straps in place to distribute weight evenly; otherwise, strain may be placed on one shoulder or side of the body. This, in addition to choosing the right backpack, can keep students comfortable and safe.





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### Labour Day long weekend to impact Dufferin County Services

Labour Day is around the corner, and the County of Dufferin's services will be impacted.

Dufferin County's administrative offices will be closed on Labour Day, which falls on Monday, Sept. 4 this year. The offices will reopen on Tuesday, Sept. 5 at 8:30 a.m.

#### Waste Services

Due to the Labour Day Holiday, there will be no waste collection on Monday, Sept. 4. Please place all garbage, Blue Boxes and Green Bins out for collection one day later next week. For missed collections, please and effective recycling systems in Ontario ferincounty.ca.

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Anyone in immediate financial need who is looking to apply for social assistance can complete an application online at ontario.ca/ socialassistance or by calling the Intake and Benefits Administration Unit to complete an application over the phone at 1-888-999-1142. EarlyOn

EarlyON centres in Dufferin County will not be open or running programs on Monday, Sept. 4. Families are welcome to leave messages on social media or the Ask EarlyON phone line at 519-938-0559, which will be answered on Tuesday, Sept. 5.

#### **Explore Dufferin Guide**

Residents looking to engage in long weekferin Guide for day trip itineraries and ideas on what to do in the region online at tinyurl. com/msx93uty.

### Avalon Care Centre to be redeveloped with 23 new beds in 2026

#### Written By Sam Odrowski

Ground has been broken on construction at an existing long-term care facility in Orangeville, with plans for an expansion and renovations.

The project will see 23 new and 137 upgraded beds added to Avalon Care Centre in private and basic rooms.

The redevelopment of the long-term care facility is expected to be completed in the spring of 2026.

"This announcement is great news for Avalon Care Centre and seniors in our community. The expanded long-term care home will ensure more seniors can continue to make a home in their community, close to friends and loved ones," said Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones.

The long-term care facility will see design improvements, which include larger resident common areas and air conditioning throughout the building.

"The design is centred around 'resident home areas' to create more intimate and familiar living spaces for up to 32 residents, with dining and activity areas, lounges and in a press release.

The redevelopment project at Avalon



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FOCUSING ON LONG-TERM CARE: Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones (left), Orangeville Councillor Joe Andrews, Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post and Paul Calandra, Ontario's minister of long-term

bedrooms," said the Government of Ontario over 30,000 new long-term care beds and ern design standards. upgrade 28,000 by 2028.

Care Centre is part of the Ontario govern- ects are underway, representing over 4,500 and improving the level of care Ontario's needs of future generations of seniors near ment's \$6.4 billion commitment to build new and upgraded beds being built to mod- seniors receive.

**6** A redeveloped, stateof-the-art home for 160 residents will ensure that we may continue to respond to the increasing care needs of future generations of seniors near to their home.

> -Sherry Braic Avalon Care Centre administrator

As of April 2023, more than 40,000 Ontarians were on a waitlist to access long-term care.

There is a median wait time of 123 days for applicants to be placed in long-term care.

Avalon Care Centre administrator Sherry Braic noted the need for upgrades to the long-term care system locally.

"A redeveloped, state-of-the-art home These new investments are aimed at for 160 residents will ensure that we may Across Ontario, 31 long-term care proj- reducing waitlists for long-term care homes continue to respond to the increasing care to their home," said Braic.

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# SHELBURNE SPORTS

### Kids Adventure Games brings outdoor fun with a challenge

#### Written By Brian Lockhart

There's lots of fun to be had in Collingwood when the Kids Adventure Games gets underway.

This outdoor adventure obstacle race series is for kids and involves sport, exploration, problem-solving, and teamwork. It is designed to promote an active outdoor lifestyle, allow kids to push themselves, build confidence, and develop teamwork skills in a fun and exciting environment.

Shelburne resident, Maria Burton owns Primal Quest Adventure Race, and is the Kids Adventure Games organizer. Her business sees teams of four race over difficult terrain by running, biking, and paddling. Those races take place over a 1000-mile course, and Maria has organized events and designed courses all over the world, including Australia, New Zealand, Borneo, Hawaii, Idaho, California, and British Columbia.

"For some people it's their first time, there's a small segment that do it professionally, and some of them are just weekend warriors who put it on their calendar a year out and train for it," Maria explained.

The kid's version is similar in spirit, but the course is a lot shorter and is geared for kids between ages six and 17. It runs for three kilometres over various terrain and obstacles.

"We're thrilled to launch the Kids Adventure Games in Canada, and we are especially happy be be bringing this to our home region in September," Maria said. "It's designed for kids and it's a three kilometre course. They navigate their way through 15 different obstacles, and they the check points and there are people that the older kids, and then the middle ages, are running, biking, climbing, and all that give them instructions." good stuff. I have a passion for outdoor sports and I think it's so important for kids a mix of terrain suitable for this type of to know there are opportunities to come adventure. out and explore the outdoors and discover it at what ever level they want. It's have the appropriate challenge for their every two minutes." an opportunity to have them experience age group. something different. There are no skills



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ADVENTURE GAMES: The Kids Adventure Games will be coming to Collingwood in September. The event features a 3km course over different types of terrain and presents an exciting challenge for kids. The games are open to those aged three to 17. The course is designed to be age-friendly and appropriate for each age group. The games are being put on by Shelburne resident, Maria Burton who's also a local physiotherapist.

Collingwood is a beautiful area and has

The course is designed so that kids will

"We have the course set in waves," Maria required. We usher them through each of explained. "The first set of waves are for

then the younger kids. We can accommo- place in Collingwood on Saturday, Sept. date the different course they go on and we 30, and Sunday, Oct. 1. The event is open shut down the check points for each wave. to kids of all skill levels. The little kids are at the back so they don't get run over. We have teams of two starting ister, visit online at www.kidsadventure-

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SEMI-FINAL: The Shelburne Samurais take on the Shelburne Warriors during a semi-final house league game at KTH Park in Shelburne on Saturday, Aug. 26. The Shelburne Cricket Club is nearing the end of the 2023 season with the final few league games. The season will end with a championship game, although the Club will probably set up some more matches while the weather remains playable in the fall.



# Plaving cricket for his entire life. Unike Patel

brings a lot of experience to his team - the Shelburne Knights.

He played in a Premier Brampton League before moving to the area.

"The sport is all about teamwork," Unike said of why he likes the sport. "We get together, play as a team, we scream at each other but in the end we play as a team on the field. When we are out on the field we are all one."

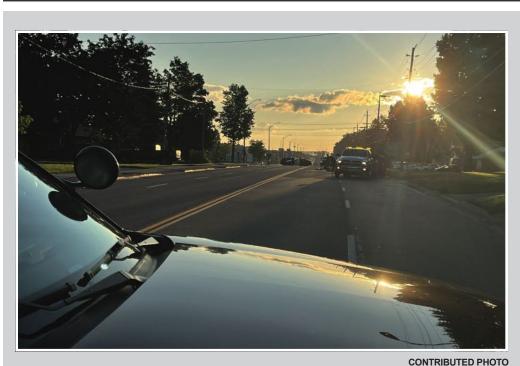
Unike said he plans to play cricket as long as he can and likes staying in shape for the sport.

### Shelburne Minor Basball Assocation holds Gala Day



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CHAMPIONS: The Shelburne Minor Baseball Association held its Gala Day Tournament on Saturday, Aug. 26. All teams played in the tournament and finished the day with a barbecue lunch. There were two championship games for the final teams. In the Senior game, the Blue Team, sponsored by OC Supplements, came out on top. In the Junior game, the Green Team, sponsored by Cut Above Landscaping, was the champion.



ACCIDENT: Dufferin OPP responded to the scene of a motor vehicle collision on Monday (Aug. 28) on Main Street in Shelburne. The road was closed between County Rd. 124 and Simon St. Two people were transported to a local trauma centre.

### Senior hockey coming to region

It has been a few years since the last junior schedule, with 12 of those games being hockey club called Orangeville home.

town for a few seasons but had low atten- The Blitz home opener will take place on

played on home ice. Some of the games will The Orangeville Junior A Flyers were in be broadcast on local cable television.

dance, and the owners decided to pack up Saturday. Oct. 14. at the Alder Street Arena. Team management plans to make a big deal Now, the town will see the arrival of se- out of the first game with a tailgate party, beer nior hockey when the Orangeville Blitz starts garden, food and music before the game to playing in the Western Ontario Super Hockey get the fans revved up for an exciting season.



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League (OSHL) this coming season.

The Blitz started out in Erin but decided to uled for 8:00 p.m. move to Orangeville after problems getting the needed ice time.

The OSHL is a new league in the province that started playing in the 2021-2022 season with an initial line-up of six teams from Alvinston, Langton, Stratford, Strathroy, Elora and Tillsonburg. The league is expanding this season, with around 15 teams interested in joining. In April, the league announced two more teams, the Delhi Flames and Plattsville Lakers, have signed on.

Senior hockey involves highly skilled players, most of whom have played Junior hockey or OHA, and there are some former professionals. It is fast and furious and action-packed for all three periods.

The Blitz are hoping to gain a big following locally and pack the arena on game nights.

The team is currently in the try-out phase of the season as it puts the team together for the coming year.

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Offering of approx; 7400 mature trees (Dunkerron) and 800 mature trees (Whitby) Trees will be sold in PLOTS only (Not Individually). Varieties include Syringa, Picea, Ostraya, Amelanchier, Carpinus, Celtis, Cercidiphyllum, Cladrastis, Fagus, Ginkgo, Hamamels, Larix, Malus, Metasequoia, Tsuga, Acer, Fraxinus, Tiia, Abies, Cornus, Quercus, Betula, Maackia, Coryllus, Laeagnus, Gleditsia, Lonicera, Virburnum, Sorbus and Thuja. Buyers are responsible for the digging and removal of all trees (details at fergusonauctions.com).

Machinery: 1988 CAT D3 crawler w/94" wide blade, 2013 Kubota L6060 4wd tractor w/ cab, air and LA 1055 loader, 2010 Kubota B2920 4wd Utility tractor w/ 60" mower deck, 2014 CAT 301D mini excavator w/swing boom,4'stick, Kubota RTV X1100C Utility vehicle c/w Boss 3000 salt box and V5296 front mount snowblower(only 2 years old), Cormach 6000E knuckle boom, CAT 85" skid steer snowblower, 2012 CAT CV18 73" skid steer vibratory roller, Paladin SG26 skid steer stump grinder, Rota Darion 50" skid steer flail mower, 2008 Land Pride 72" 3pth rotary mower, Sovema S1210 48" 3pth Modena rotary cultivator/rotary mower, 2019 Speedco 3pth log splitter, space heaters(5000btu), Wallenstein 12kw gen set, 2x end dump trailers, 2015 Dutchman 24" tree spade, 1997 Kuhn Knight 3170 soil mixer, Honda water pumps, pressure washer, arc welder, 1988 Badalini 72" flail mower, Wacker jumping jack tamper, Root injector, Dutchman tree clamp for skid steer, Delhi trailer mounted water pump, 2014 dual stage skid steer snowblower, 2019 Milano 7 ton dump trailer, Sweepster 42" skid steer sweeper, CAT 18" auger, and 12" skid steer auger, 2014 Vermeer 48" skid steer trencher, 2014 Boscaro 1 yd dump bin, 3yd dump bin, 1989 Campagnola C1000-2V mobile pto air compressor, 2013 Probst vacum lifter w/Honda engine, 2 X 2015 Wacker Nueson plate compactors, cement mixers lawn mowers racking and much more.

Variety of landscape product: burlap wrap, tree and shrub buckets, 2 X 20X50 green house frames, 25 X 100 green house (new in the box), qty of large landscape rocks, shop tools, Stihl MS 250 and MS 271 chain saws, acetylene torches, ater pump hose, ramps, skil saws, Dewalt tools, Bostitch, Ramset, Nelson Rain Train, Honda HRX 217 mulcher mower, Yard Commander 625 spreader, DR whipper 625 series, Bluebird PR 18 power rake, qty of cement block, interlock, patio, slab and other landscape stone and more.

Sauna: Comes with electric heater and light and all wiring. Dimensions are 7' wide x 67'deep x 87' high. Buyer responsible for removal. Pictures available on fergusonauctions.com

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Nothing to be removed until settled for. Owners and Auctioneers not responsible for accidents nor property loss of any kind in connection with this sale. Possibly two rings selling. Come prepared for inclement weather. Sale is LIVE outside.

Lunch truck and washrooms onsite.

Auctioneer's Notes: Dunkerron Corp is winding down their nursery business but still finishing up jobs which will continue into mid October. Two pieces of machinery which were originally listed in this sale will not be available due to these jobs, however Dunkerron Corp has now retained our services for a second sale which will include these and other pieces of equipment to complete the dispersal on Saturday October 14/23 which will include such items as a 2013 CAT CF7AA CT 660 with 13L engine with PM 65 SP 65 ton articulating boom, 30 Milano float trailer, 2015 CAT 299 compact track loader, 2015 CAT 305 mini excavator and much more. We will have a full listing available on the September 9th sale date.

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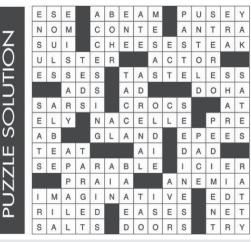
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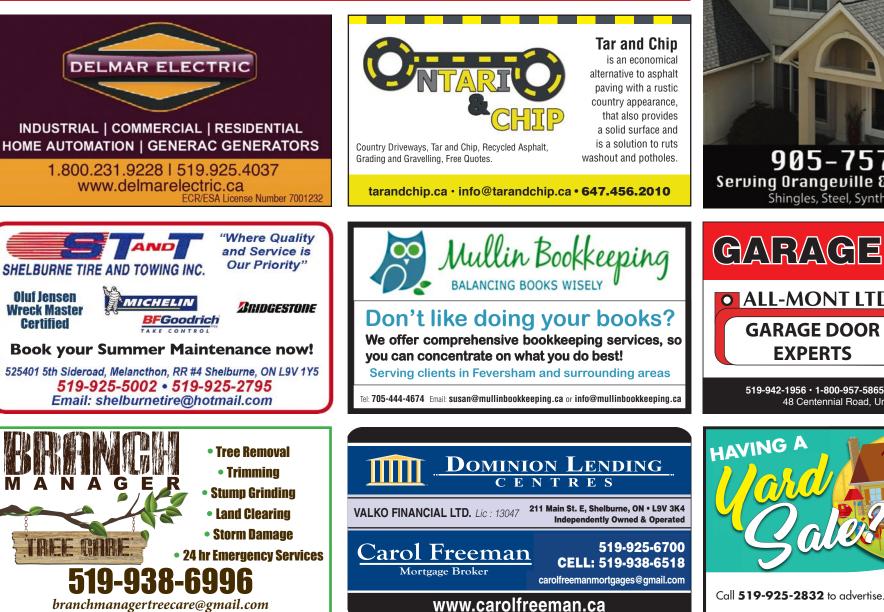


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