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IN BLOOM: Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) host their annual plant sale on Saturday (May 25) on the hospital grounds. The fundraiser, which looks to raise proceeds to restore and maintain the 20 gardens and more than 400 native and hybrid trees on the property, also served as the 25th anniversary of the Friendship Garden initiative. Pictured is Joel Porter, director of philanthropy for Headwaters Health Care Foundation, and Lynn Sinclair-Smith, Friendship Gardens coordinator. For the full story turn to Page 3.

Shelburne approves final Municipal Grant Fund applications, closes 2024 program

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Shelburne has approved the final applications for the Municipal Grant Fund and will no longer be taking funding requests for the remainder of the year.

During their meeting on Monday (May 27), Shelburne Town Council received a memo from the Municipal Grant Fund Committee regarding two applications for funding.

The first application reviewed by the committee came from the Rotary Club of Shelburne, who requested \$5,000 in funding to help with their second annual Pumpkinfest. The Pumpkinfest is scheduled to be held on Oct. 12 at Natasha Paterson Memorial Park.

After reviewing the application, the Grant Funding Committee recommended \$2,300 in funding, plus in-kind funding requirements for the event.

"When we looked at it, we noted that the County of Dufferin had given them \$2,300 for the Pumpkinfest and we decided that we would give them the same amount," explained Councillor Walter Benotto, who sits on the Municipal Grant Fund Committee. "With the County having given them that amount it would almost be, in our minds, a double dip. Also, we should not be the sole supporters for

the full amount that they had requested, and that would have made us sole supporters of their event."

The second application came from Dufferin Food Share/Orangeville Food Bank, which asked the Town of Shelburne for in-kind funding to waive the rental fee for Jack Downing Park to host their Neighbours Community Market from June 4 to October 30.

The Neighbours Community Market was launched by the Orangeville Food Bank in Shelburne last year and operates on a sliding scale pricing system, offering produce at three different price points: full retail, 30 per cent off, or 50 per cent off. The market is currently held at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex (CDRC) every Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The rental fee to use Jack Downing Park is \$959.11.

"They feel that that'll be more of an area where people will be able to see them," said Benotto. "We felt that was something that we could easily approve as it does help the citizens of Shelburne."

The committee discussed using the remaining \$4,900 in funding available through the Municipal Grant Fund to support the Town's Canada Day event.

According to the memo, the Canada Day

Committee applied for \$4,000 from the province to assist with the costs of providing fireworks for Canada Day but was not selected to receive funding.

With the approval of the two applications submitted as well as the funding to the Canda Day Committee, the Town of Shelburne has reached its total amount of grant funding budgeted for the 2024 term.

"We will no longer take any further requests," said Benotto.

Shelburne Town Council initially received applications for the 2024 Municipal Grant Funding last October. Council received nine applications from seven local organizations asking for a total of \$34,000 in cash and \$31,500 in-kind through the Municipal Grant Fund.

As part of the 2024 Budget, Shelburne Town Council approved lowering the amount of funding available through the Municipal Grant Fund from \$41,300 to \$38,000.

During their October meeting, Council also appointed three councillors to a selection committee tasked with choosing which organizations would receive funding from the 2024 Municipal Grant Fund and how much they would receive.

Deputy Mayor Shane Hall and Councillors Kyle Fegan and Walter Benotto were appointed to the selection committee.

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Headwaters' Friendship Gardens marks 25th anniversary

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

Gardening experts and novices alike braved the rain and chilly weather this past weekend as they looked to raise funds for a continually growing initiative.

Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) held its annual Friendship Gardens plant sale on Saturday (May 25) from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the grounds of the local hospital and raised \$18,000. The annual plant sale is organized in partnership with Headwaters Health Care Foundation and looks to raise funds to support the maintenance and restoration of the gardens at Headwaters Hospital.

"[The sale] is about building some funds for the gardens themselves so the volunteers can actually do the work they do on them," said Joel Porter, director of philanthropy for the Headwaters Health Care Foundation. "It's also a wonderful community engagement activity. The folks that come out, they want to

come and buy one plant and they leave with a whole wheelbarrow full."

While this year's plant sale served once again as a fundraiser for the Friendship Gardens, it also marked a significant milestone in the initiative's history as they celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Friendship Gardens.

The creation of the Friendship Gardens was started in 1997 by a group of volunteers called Friends of Headwaters. After having raised money to buy equipment and a critical care unit for the then-new hospital, the group began looking at ways to beautify the new facility from the outside and decided to create a patient garden.

"I would love to say I started off with this vision of taking over the whole grounds and having a group of fellow volunteers build and maintain them, but I didn't have that; it was initially one and done," said Lynn Sinclair-Smith, Friendship Garden coordinator. "That one garden has now parlayed into something bigger."

Since the inception of the first patient garden at Headwaters, the number of gardens on the hospital grounds has grown exponentially. In 2019, Headwaters Health Care Centre celebrated the unveiling of four new friendship gardens bringing the total number in the collection to 20 plus gardens and water features as well as more than 400 native and hybrid trees.

Initially planned as one garden, the vision of the Friendship Gardens has also changed to focus on giving as many patient rooms a view of the gardens.

Sinclair-Smith spoke about the significance the gardens have for patients at the hospital as well as staff. She also shared her family's own experience with the gardens.

"[The Friendship Gardens] are just these lovely little quiet places to go to, to feel rejuvenated. My husband spent five weeks in the hospital and the gardens were the last thing he saw. He enjoyed looking out to see the shrubs and the little birds, and the life," she recalled.

Each of the gardens is designed and maintained by a group of active volunteers and supported by community donations.

"It's pretty amazing to have a group of volunteers dedicated for 25 years to care for the grounds around the hospital, knowing that the patients, some of whom will end their life at this hospital get to enjoy it," said Porter.

In 2018, the Friendship Gardens and the Town of Orangeville won the prestigious national award, "Communities in Bloom." Students who have volunteered at Friendship Gardens have also gone on to win environmental awards from the University of Guelph and the University of Waterloo.

"The Friendship Gardens is really collaborative and it's for the community by the community. There's a very strong connection there," said Sinclair-Smith.

To learn more about the Friendship Gardens initiative or to inquire about ways to donate and volunteer, visit www.friendshipgardens.ca.

'Friday in the Park' live music series returning to Jack Downing

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

Shelburne residents and visitors will be able to kick off their busy summer weekends with a variety of events close to home, as the Town of Shelburne announces the return of their 'Friday in the Park' series.

The Town of Shelburne will be hosting the series at Jack Downing Park from June 14 until Aug. 30. The special weekend events will include a diverse line-up of live music, children's entertainment and community activities.

"The event was successful last year, and we're hoping that this year will be even more successful," said Carol Maitland, economic development officer for the Town of Shelburne. "The intention is to celebrate our local creative artists and also hopefully create an event that is memorable for the community and for the businesses."

The Friday in the Park series was held for the first time last summer and saw 150 to

500 people at each event.

The idea for the event series came out of the Town of Shelburne's Community Improvement Plan (CIP), which identified 12 moves to improve the community. Number eight of the 'big moves' was redesigning Jack Downing Park to become the community's 'living room'.

In 2022, the town converted the park into a space that could cost a wide range of community-cased outdoor programming and activities.

The Town of Shelburne hopes the weekend event series will be able to capture the attention of the roughly 108,000 visitors who drive through the town every month and in turn encourage them to take the opportunity to stop, shop and experience the community.

According to the town, if the Friday in the Park event is able to capture 2 per cent of the traffic driving through Shelburne, it will increase visitor traffic to the event by about 70 per cent and could add a potential

\$206,000 to the local community.

"Having an event that is an economic driver is important and ideally we're hoping this year to increase the volume of the events by attracting visitors," said Maitland. "As far as the general community, having an outdoor event that brings people together and celebrates diversity is especially important. A healthy community is also an economic driver."

The Friday in the Park events are being held in collaboration with the Town of Shelburne, the Shelburne BIA, and Central Counties Tourism.

"We're hoping the community comes downtown to Jack Downing Park and experiences the different things that we're going to be offering at each event," said Maitland.

The line-up for the Fridays in the Park includes:

June 14: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Campfire Poets
- Drew Ripley Entertainment

June 21: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Clerel
- Artdigenous Creations

July 5: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Team T and J
- The Wanted

July 19: 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Community Garage Sale
- Naomi Bristow
- Tim Ronan

Aug. 30: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Terra Lightfoot
- Charlie Edward
- The Matlockes

To learn more about the Friday in the Park series and to see the complete series line-up, visit www.shelburne.ca.

Shelburne BIA considering expansion

Written By **Paula Brown**
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The Shelburne Business Improvement Association (BIA) is looking to expand their boundaries and is asking for input from local business owners.

The Shelburne BIA will host an information session on June 10 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Grace Tipling Hall to share their plans to expand the current boundaries.

"The town is growing at an exponential rate, and there are a lot of new businesses coming to the community in the north end and the east end," said Len Guchardi, BIA council representative. "The BIA has maintained the downtown area for quite some time, so the idea is to include them within the scope of the so they can reap the benefit from what the BIA does and how it supports the community businesses."

The Shelburne BIA is composed of local business owners who work with the Town of Shelburne to support other business owners and commercial tenants within their down-

town boundaries. The goal of the Shelburne BIA is to advocate on behalf of its members and work to create a thriving downtown through capital improvements, festivals and events.

Events organized or supported by the Shelburne BIA each year include the Santa Claus Parade, Treats in the Streets, the Easter Egg Hunt, the Best Burger in the 'Burne Contest, and Fridays in the Park.

"The expansion of the number of businesses will expand our budget, and that'll allow us to do more events and bigger events," said Guchardi.

During the meeting, local business owners will have the opportunity to learn about the Shelburne BIA's vision for the expansion and will also give local building owners and business tenants the chance to share what they specifically want to see the BIA support in the community.

Local business owners who are interested in attending the Shelburne BIA Expansion information meeting are asked to RSVP to mkenney@shelburne.ca before June 6.

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That's one tough steak

There's an old joke from way back, in cartoon form, that shows a guy who is down on his luck, eating an old boot.

The joke is the leather came from a cow, so technically it is a form of steak.

When you are starving, you've got to eat what you can find.

A visit to the grocery store is now a scary thought. I'm not sure who is going to have a barbecue with all the trimmings this summer unless you're planning on throwing homegrown carrots on the grill, because not a lot of people can afford to invite a group of friends over and throw some decent-quality steaks over the coals.

The cost of food has gone up dramatically over the past year. In many cases, there was no need for an increase.

Some food producers saw other things going up and raised their prices to match despite the fact that their costs have increased.

Just the small things that were .99 cents a year ago are now \$1.99 in my grocery store. Other items have gone up even more.

Has the cost of growing olives really gone up 45 per cent over the past year?

A report from Food Banks Canada, says almost half of people across the county feel financially worse off than last year and one in four are experiencing food insecurity.

Food Banks have seen an increase in visits that have gone up 50 per cent since 2021.

Since that same year, there has been an increase in people living below the poverty line. However, everyone has a different version of what poverty is.

Some people think you're not living in poverty unless you abide in a log cabin and can't afford shoes for your kids. Others think poverty is when you can't afford two vacations or a new car this year.

A good deal of the inflation is related directly to transportation costs. It costs a lot of money to operate a big rig these days – and that's how food is delivered.

The federal government's plan to make us all pay more at the pumps has failed, in whatever it was supposed to achieve. At the time, they said it would place us more in line with what European countries pay for fuel.

Why in the world, would we have to be in line with European prices?

I don't care that someone in Europe pays a lot of money for gas.

The report claims there are several reasons for the current situation.

Rising interest rates were intended to tame inflation. However, what those interest rates did was put more pressure on lower-income people who are struggling to keep a roof over their heads in a real estate market that is already overinflated – you shouldn't have to pay over \$1 million for a detached house – even in this day and age.

With the price of housing now so high, when a mortgage comes up for renewal, just a one percent increase in the rate can create a huge burden for someone who already struggled for years to come up with a down payment.

Rapid population growth has put pressure on housing availability as well as social services.

Building a huge amount of houses to handle the increase in need is not the solution. It will make a select few individuals wealthy, but the situation never should have happened in the first place.

Builders are now creating solid blocks of housing with no parking, no yard, and

no hope – in a country of 9.9 million square kilometres – to jam several thousand people in one square kilometre of space.

The federal government continues with an insane immigration policy when many people can't afford a home in their own hometown.

Those who must rent a place to live, are experiencing higher rents – vastly higher, which of course cuts into the food budget, which then cuts into a person's ability to buy a vehicle, which is needed to go to work, to buy money for food. It's a vicious cycle.

At the same time, inflation is eroding the dollar, and salaries are not keeping up with inflation, and with good reason.

Most employers simply can't pay their employees more and more every year to offset the cost of inflation. They have to make a profit to stay in business.

Current government policies are failing our citizens.

They need to get things under control before we are looking for boots to eat at the next barbecue.

BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW



Why manufacturing matters

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It's the label you see on most products sold in stores throughout the country. The odd time, you'll see a product manufactured in some other country. But you almost never see a product that's made here in Canada any longer.

We used to make fridges and phones and TVs in Canada not too long ago. We even built the world's fastest fighter jet – I once worked in a factory that made parts for the supersonic plane.

When we were a manufacturing powerhouse, our living standards were the envy of the world. Today, as our manufacturing sector shrivels, our living standards are likewise dropping.

China, on the other hand, is a rapidly rising economic and military super-power. They used to buy their fighter jets and aircraft carriers from other countries – now they mostly make their own.

Back in the 1990s and early 2000s, it was popular for economists to say that advanced economies like Canada and the US no longer needed to manufacture products. This work, they argued, could be offshored to countries where it could be done more cheaply.

In the meantime, they said, we should focus instead on building wealth through

software and the knowledge economy – products and services that didn't require physical input or materials like steel and plastic.

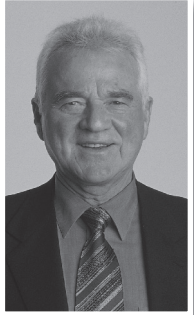
According to the experts, we'd all end up being highly skilled knowledge workers creating software and manipulating data, and we'd be much better off, no longer needing to dirty our hands digging minerals from the earth and toiling on factory assembly lines.

I never believed that line of thinking – and not just because I worked in the so-called "old economy" of manufacturing. To me, a country that abandons its manufacturing is doomed to fall behind and decay.

The manufacturing industry and its supply base jointly develop a vast array of technologies and products – everything from sophisticated electronics to new composite metals and plastics. For example, when I was Chair of Magna International, our mirror systems unit and Apple jointly developed the touch-screen glass technology on the new iPhone.

The technologies incubated in the manufacturing sector have applications not only in a wide range of industries but also in the defence industry, which is vital for the safeguarding of our freedom and the protection of democracies around the world.

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At the end of the day, the continued deterioration of the manufacturing sector in North America and Europe will impact a wide range of other industries, including defence, and it will rob us of one of our chief engines of technological innovation.

What can we do to halt this erosion?

For one, we need to first work on restoring our technical skills base. That means training hundreds of thousands of skilled tradespeople across Canada through the creation of technical trade centres in every province focused on every industry from mining to manufacturing.

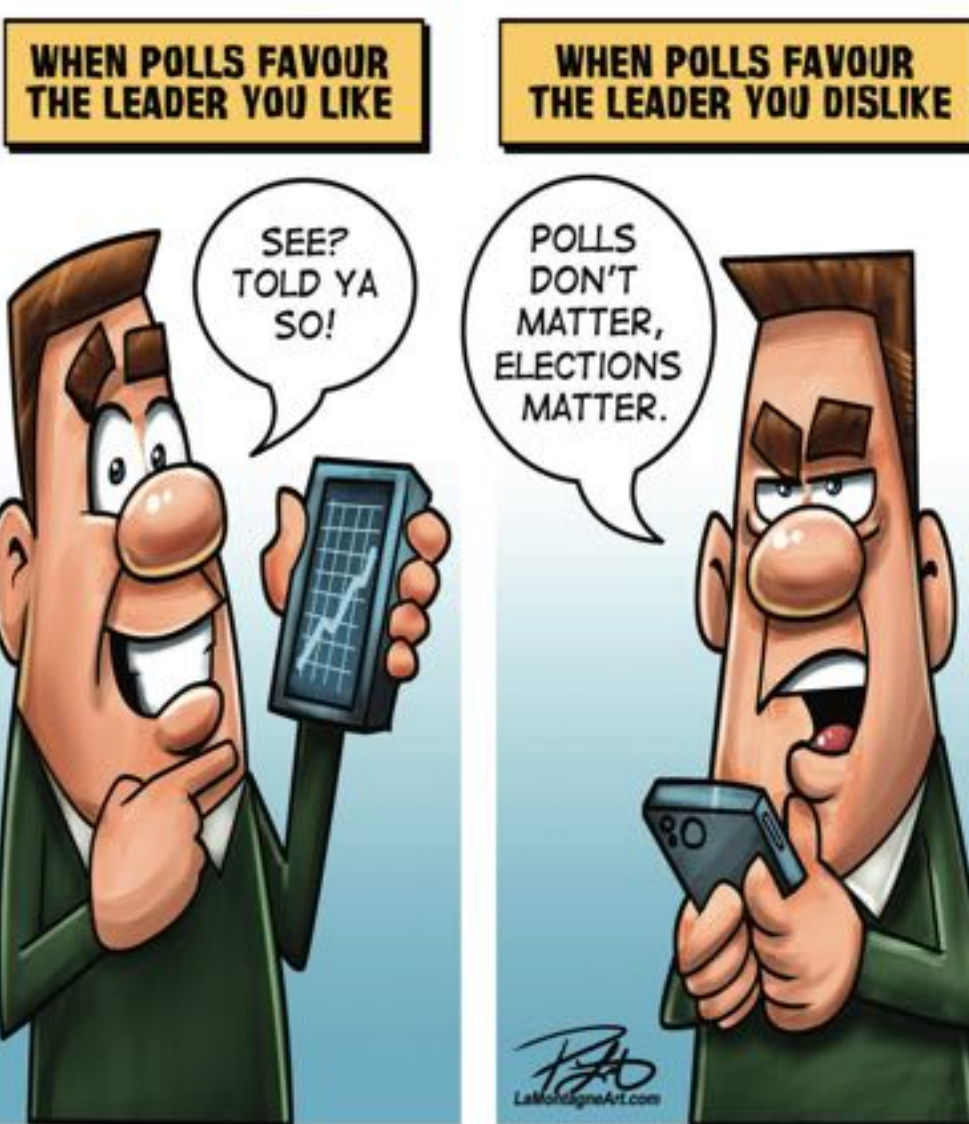
It's a major reason why technical trades training is one of the principles contained in the proposed economic charter of rights I believe Canada needs to adopt. Technical skills will give us the foundation

to rebuild our manufacturing, revitalize our economy, and restore our prosperity.

But if we don't protect and foster our manufacturing base, then years from now we shouldn't ask: How did China become so strong?

The real question we should ask is: Why did we stand idly by and watch the dismantling of the industries that made us prosperous in the first place?

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Professional driver will bring his race car to this year's Blues Cruise

Written By **Brian Lockhart**

The Blues Cruise car show will again fill Broadway in Orangeville with vehicles during the Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival taking place this weekend, from May 31 to June 2.

The street will be lined with classic, special interest, and custom automobiles. Now that the good weather has arrived, car and truck owners are eager to take their special vehicles out of the garage and let other car enthusiasts enjoy them as well.

You can stroll along Broadway and experience performances on several stages that line the route during the festival.

The show is even bigger this year with over 300 cars expected to participate.

Expect to see classic cars from several different decades. Some are kept true to the original design, while some have been modified, chopped, and customized.

Some vehicles date well back to the early days of motoring, while others are more contemporary.

If you like muscle cars, there will be plenty of power in the auto line-up.

Some unusual and rare vehicles that owners only take out for special occasions will also be on display.

There will be a special guest at this year's event.

Eric Kunz, a rising star in Canadian motorsports, is bringing his race car to the show.

Kunz, an Orangeville native, competes in the Sports Car Championship Canada (SCCC) presented by Michelin and recently won Race 1 and 2 in the TCA Class at the Victoria Day Speedfest held at Canadian

Tire Motorsport Park.

The SCCC, organized by FEL Motorsports, represents the pinnacle of sports car racing in Canada.

"I'm really proud of Eric and it is awesome knowing that someone local is doing so well in the Sports Car Championship Canada Series," said Blues Cruise organizer, David Murphy.

Eric Kunz will have his race car displayed in front of CSN Leggett's Collision Service at 51 Broadway.

JP Venditti, owner of CSN Leggett's, is one of Eric's sponsors this year.

"I'm really excited about representing CSN Leggett's Collision Service at this year's Blues Cruise on Broadway," Eric said. "CSN Leggett's and JP were a huge support for my SickKids fundraising drive in 2023 and have been amazing to work with as a sponsor this season."

In addition to showcasing his racecar, Eric will be hosting a special prize draw on behalf of CSN Leggett's Collision Service. The prize is a pair of gold grandstand tickets to the Ontario Honda Dealers Indy Toronto.

Entry to the contest is free and participants are encouraged to make a donation to SickKids.

You will have a chance to vote for your favourite vehicle and the Community Choice Awards.

If you are planning on bringing your special vehicle to the show this year, there is a new plan for registration.

The show is being pre-staged at the Orangeville Canadian Tire parking lot, with cars heading over the Broadway in groups of 25.

This is being done to avoid a backlog of



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VROOM VROOM: Professional race car driver, Eric Kunz, will be bringing his race car to the Blues Cruise for the Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival when hundreds of vehicles will be on display on Broadway on May 31. Kunz competes in the Sports Car Championship Canada series.

arriving cars as well as avoid overheating. Registration will start at 1 p.m. with the first group of cars heading to Broadway at 1:30 p.m. Any cars arriving after 4 p.m. can go directly to Broadway, however, the street will be closed to traffic from 5 p.m. onwards. The show will take place on Friday, May 31, from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

New Explore Dufferin tourism website launches

Written By **Sam Odrowski**

Dufferin County has launched a new Explore Dufferin tourism website at www.exploredufferincounty.ca to help residents and visitors find things to do and experience this season and beyond!

"The new Explore Dufferin website is full of information on everything that makes Dufferin County so amazing, from our agritourism, to our unique shops and restaurants, to local events for all ages and interests. Visit

[the Explore Dufferin County website] today to learn more about our community or plan your visit to Dufferin," said Dufferin County Warden Darren White.

The user-friendly and interactive website is a one-stop shop for all there is to see, do and experience in Dufferin County.

Feature highlights include:

- Detailed itineraries for different tourist profiles, including the Cultural Curator, Epicurean Explorer, Family Funatic, Terra Trekker and Thrill Seeker;

- The Explore Dufferin Guide;
- Clickable GIS maps of trailheads, shopping, dining, places to stay and more;
- A community events calendar and the ability to submit local events
- Local business features and business resources; and
- Data insights for each local municipality in Dufferin County.

Visit the Explore Dufferin website to discover local hidden gems, plan your visit to the county, mark your calendar for great commu-

nity events, find new places to shop and dine, and learn more about Dufferin communities!

"Summer weather is here, and Dufferin County is excited to launch its new Explore Dufferin website to help spread the word on our amazing community and highlight everything it has to offer! Visit the website today for the online Explore Dufferin Guide, suggested itineraries and more," said Janet Horner, Dufferin County Councillor and Chair of the Development and Tourism Committee.

Shelburne Library News

We know some of you have stumbled upon our big surprise, as we had the good fortune of chatting with many of you while we were unboxing it and going through the initial setup stages of our new book kiosk! This exciting community project is located out at Shelburne's Foodland! We have a couple of details left before it will be up and running, but we couldn't hold in our excitement any longer! Stay tuned for details on our official unveiling!

Staff Pick of the Week: The Seven Sisters by Lucinda Riley- Maia D'Apliese and her five sisters gather together at their childhood home, Atlantis - a fabulous, secluded castle situated on the shores of Lake Geneva - having been told that their beloved father, who adopted them all as babies, has died. Each of them is handed a tantalizing clue to her true heritage. Maia's clue takes her across the world to a crumbling mansion in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Once there, she begins to put together the pieces of her story and its beginnings

Why Rose recommends it: After hearing multiple raving reviews of this series at my book club, I knew this was going to be a series I would enjoy. What makes the Sev-

en Sisters series stand out is the history of a given sister's birth place, Rio de Janeiro in this case. The detail and rich history of the setting is woven perfectly into our main character's story, completely enchanting the reader. Each setting will make you feel like you're walking its streets, seeing what the protagonist sees.



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Arrest made in connection to 2022 murder of Alliston women

Written By Brian Lockhart

Police have made an arrest in an Alliston murder that happened almost two years ago.

On August 26, 2022, Sibel Duzguner, 38, was shot by an assailant in front of her home on Kidd Crescent in Alliston as she was leaving for work.

At the time, police were looking for a vehicle of interest, described as a grey 2011 or 2012 Volkswagen Jetta, observed in the area of Kidd Crescent shortly before the shooting.

Police described the shooting as targeted.

Almost one year later, the Nottawasaga Detachment of Ontario Provincial Police held a press conference at the detachment about the murder and appealed to the public for any information about the murder. There was also a \$50,000 reward offered for information leading to the person or persons responsible for her death.

"Sibel was simply beginning her day, heading to work from her home on Kidd Crescent in Alliston," a police spokesperson said during the press conference. "As she proceeded to start her car and reverse out of her driveway, a suspicious grey Volkswagen Jetta approached from down the street. The Jetta stopped abruptly, blocking Sibel's driveway and her path. This forced Sibel to apply her brakes to avoid a collision. An unknown occupant from the Jetta walked toward the driver's side window of Sibel's vehicle, brandished a handgun and proceeded to shoot Sibel several times before returning to the Jetta which quickly drove off."



She was taken to a hospital where she was pronounced dead.

Sibel's family described her as a loving mother of three with a strong connection to the local Turkish and Muslim communities. She had immigrated to Canada from Turkey in 2003.

Sibel was divorced and planning to remarry at the time of her death.

After her death, police said Sibel's children were in a 'safe place.'

Police issued a statement regarding an arrest in the case on May 24.

"On May 23, 2024, members of the Nottawasaga Detachment Major Crime Unit arrested one person, Ahmet Duzguner, and charged that person with first-degree murder," OPP Sgt. Cindy Jacome told CTV News. Ahmet Duzguner, 51, of New Tecumseth has been charged with first-degree murder.

The relationship between the victim and the accused has not yet been released.

Duzguner appeared in Barrie court on May 24 and was formally charged.

He will remain in custody and has another court appearance scheduled for June 5.



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JUSTICE FOR SIBEL: The Nottawasaga OPP Major Crime Unit has made an arrest in the Sibel Duzguner murder case. The Alliston resident was gunned down in front of her Kidd Crescent home in August 2022.

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OPP investigating East-Garafraxa collision

Officers from the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) continue to investigate a collision which took place in the area of County Rd. 3 and County Rd. 11 in the Township of East Garafraxa.

On May 26, 2024, at approximately 11:15 a.m., emergency services responded to a two-vehicle collision in the area of County Rd.

3 and County Rd. 11 in East Garafraxa. The incident involved an SUV and a motorcycle. A 75-year-old male from Barrie was air lifted to a Toronto area trauma centre.

Investigators from the Dufferin Detachment are seeking information from anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has dashcam footage. Please contact the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122 if you have any information.

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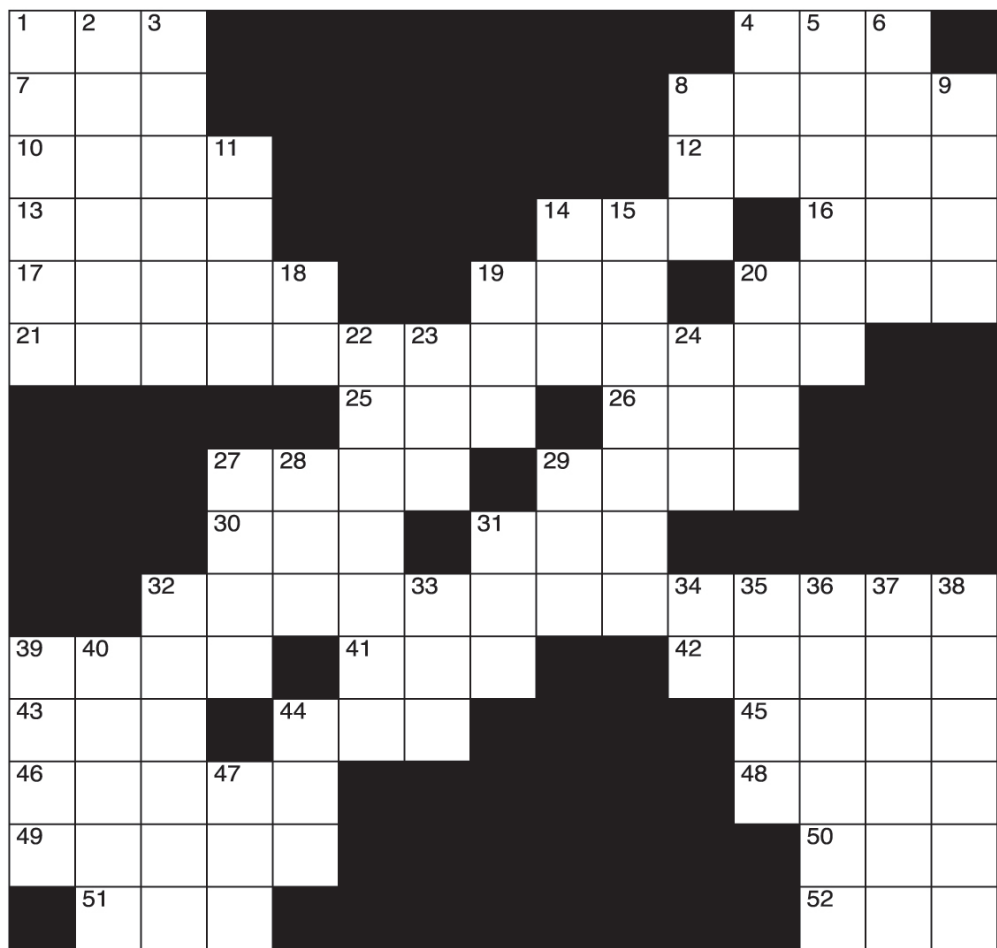
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- 7. Small, faint constellation
- 8. Gives a job person
- 10. Self-righteous
- 12. Caucasian language
- 13. Surinam toad
- 14. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 16. Former French coin
- 17. Levels the score
- 19. What stage performers do
- 20. Egyptian Sun god
- 21. Localities
- 25. Spherical body
- 26. Licensed for Wall Street

CLUES DOWN

- 27. Perfect
- 29. It's on many people's heads
- 30. Boxing's GOAT
- 31. Photo
- 32. Popular HBO show
- 39. Popular music awards show
- 41. Pouch
- 42. Lake in Botswana
- 43. Unruly group
- 44. One-fourth
- 45. Very eager
- 46. Edward __, author and writer
- 48. Flying insect
- 49. Dragged forcibly
- 50. Thus far
- 51. Not just "play"
- 52. Commercials

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Occur
- 2. Show up
- 3. Capital of Taiwan
- 4. Brother or sister
- 5. Secret get-togethers
- 6. Type of tea
- 8. Where the action is
- 9. Cast out
- 11. Crime group
- 14. Type of vessel (abbr.)
- 15. Accept and handle
- 18. Sacrifice hit
- 19. One who buys and sells securities
- 20. Month
- 22. Most thin
- 23. Naturally occurring material
- 24. Luke's mentor

CLUES DOWN

- ___-Wan
- 27. Postmodernist
- Austrian "House"
- 28. Aquatic salamander
- 29. Baseball stat
- 31. Beginning military rank
- 32. Talk rapidly and unintelligibly
- 33. Paddle
- 34. Caregiver (abbr.)
- 35. Old Irish alphabet
- 36. Japanese city
- 37. In a way, acted
- 38. Things to see
- 39. Nursemaid
- 40. Type of tooth
- 44. To be demonstrated
- 47. Defunct European group

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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Rain storm hampers Cubs' chance for a comeback

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Mansfield Cubs had no chance for a comeback in their Wednesday, May 22, game against the Creemore Padres when a storm moved into the area and created unplayable conditions on the diamond.

As the game had already completed four innings, the game was recorded as completed, and the Padres left with an 8-0 win.

Creemore got the opening runs in the first inning after getting men on second and third base then hitting deep to left field to bring in two runs.

The Cubs got on base in the first inning when Tyler Sawyers hit a single to put two runners on base, but they couldn't finish.

The Padres jumped way ahead in the scoring when they hit a grand slam home run over the right-field fence to bring in four runs and lead the game 6-0.

Mansfield got men on base in the second inning when Jared French singled on a nice hit to centre field, followed by another single from Devon Caldwell.

However, the side retired before they could score.

The Padres scored two more in the third inning to take an 8-0 lead.

The wind started blowing, and a light rain started, but the teams remained on the field. However, the skies opened up, and the play-



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

CALLED OUT AND RAINED OUT: Mansfield Cubs' second baseman, Tyler Sawyers, makes the tag for an out during the first inning of the Cubs' May 22 game against the Creemore Padres in the North Dufferin Baseball League. The Cubs scored eight runs before a storm and heavy rain caused the game to be called after the fourth inning.

ers retreated to the dugouts as the diamond turned into a small pond, forcing a cancellation of the rest of the game.

With the four regulation innings completed, the game was called, and Creemore left with the 9-0 win.

The Padres have now moved into first place in the senior division standings of the NDBL.

They are followed by the New Lowell Knights, the Ivy Rangers, and the Owen Sound Baysox.

The Mansfield Cubs will be back on their home baseball diamond at Mansfield Community Park on Wednesday, June 5.

They will host a game, starting at 6:30 p.m. against the Lisle Astros.

Warriors and Samurais come on top in weekend cricket games

Written By Brian Lockhart

The second week of T24 Shelburne Cricket Club action provided two exciting games over the weekend.

On Saturday, May 25, the Warriors took on

the Gladiators on a wet and sticky pitch following overnight and early morning rain.

The Warriors won the toss and opted to bat first.

The Warriors managed to put up 101 runs. Captain Samir Patel led from the front

with a top score of 29 runs. Sonny Poulouse contributed 19 runs to the total.

The Gladiators' bowling attack was spearheaded by Parminder, who claimed three crucial wickets.

Nadeem and Abdul Razzaq provided solid support, taking two wickets each.

When it was the Gladiator's turn to bat, they made light work of the chase, reaching the target in just over 16 overs with the loss of only two wickets.

Abhay Pratap and Abdul Razzaq were the stars with the bat, scoring 31 and 38 runs, respectively.

The man of the match was awarded to Warrior's captain, Samir Patel, for his all-around performance.

On Sunday, May 26, the Knights were up against the Samurais.

The Knights won the toss and decided to field first.

The Samurais posted a competitive total of 133 runs, thanks to a stellar performance by

their skipper, Harpreet Sandhu, who scored the season's first half-century (53 runs).

The Knights were up against a tough challenge. Vice-captain Unike Patel scored 39 runs, while Paul Hippolyte added 17.

The match saw wickets falling at regular intervals, making it a run-a-ball game in the final overs.

In the finish, the Knights clinched the victory by one wicket.

Paul Hippolyte and Marlon Robinson were the leading wicket-takers for the Knights with three and two overs, respectively.

Harpreet Sandhu was named 'man of the match' for his outstanding knock, which set up a thrilling contest.

The Shelburne Cricket Club has introduced a new accolade this season – the Player of the Week Award.

In Week 1, Sony Poulouse from the Shelburne Warriors was honoured for his all-around performance against the Shelburne Samurais.



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ON THE PTICH: The Shelburne Cricket Club played its second week over the weekend at KTH Park in Shelburne, with games on Saturday and Sunday. Hisaan Siddiqui takes a swing during a mid-afternoon game at the park.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

TAHLIA HENRY

A well rounded athlete, Tahlia Henry competed at the District 4 / 10 championships and finished with good results.

Tahlia finished third in women's senior long jump posting a 4.84 m jump, and she finished third in the 100m hurdles with a time of 18.74. She also competed in the women's senior 4x4 relay and the 4x100 relay.

This is Tahlia's second year competing in track and field.

"I like the feeling of anxiety and the rush of adrenaline right before you are going to run," Tahlia said of why she likes competing.

Tahlia has also competed in high school sports in wrestling, softball, and badminton.

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CHAMPIONS: The Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS) Royals girls' rugby team are CWOSSA champions after winning the final game 29-0 over Holy Trinity from Simcoe, Ont. on Friday, May 24. The Royals will now go on to compete in the OFSAA A/AA girls' rugby championship in Courtice, Ont. on June 3 to 5. The Royals had an outstanding year taking only one loss for the season. This is the third consecutive year the Royals girls' rugby team has won CWOSSA.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

PUSH COMES TO SHOVE: The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals girls' rugby team take on Paris District High School during their second game in CWOSSA competition held at CDDHS on Wednesday, May 22. The Royals won their first game of the competition 39-0 over Kincardine District Secondary School. They won their game against Paris 24-5, to earn the right to go to the final championship game.

Centre Dufferin girl's rugby team wins CWOSSA championship

Written By **Brian Lockhart**

The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals girls' rugby team are Central Western Ontario Secondary Schools Association champions after a 29-0 win over Holy Trinity from Simcoe in the final game on Friday, May 24, on the rugby pitch at CDDHS.

The CWOSSA girls' rugby competition was hosted by CDDHS this year.

The win marks the third consecutive year that CDDHS has won CWOSSA.

The competition started with a round-robin style tournament on Wednesday, May 22.

Centre Dufferin won their first game 39-0 over Kincardine District Secondary School. They followed up with a 24-5 win over Paris District High School in their second game of the day to earn the right to advance to the final.

The Royals had an outstanding year going undefeated in the regular season.

They stormed through the playoffs winning four games before taking a loss to John F. Ross.

"Our regular season went really well," said Royals captain, Ella Taylor after the CWOSSA win. "We won all of our regular sea-

son games. Districts is the only game we lost so far – against Ross, which is a really good team. I think, Brown (Adrian, coach) and our coaches really pushed us to our hardest, and everyone on our team brings some skill to the field."

Ella said the team worked hard to prepare for CWOSSA and felt confident going into the tournament.

"I think we felt pretty confident," Ella said. "We had a good practice yesterday. Our run-through went well. We didn't lose many juniors last year so we were confident we had some good players on our team."

The Royals will now face their biggest challenge when they compete at the provincial level at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) championship and face the best high school teams from around Ontario.

"We have a full week of practice coming up to get ready for OFSAA," Ella said. "I think we're going to have some tough games. It'll be good. We'll have some good competition and see how it goes."

The OFSAA A/AA girls' rugby championship will take place from June 3 to 5, in Courtice, Ont.

Towne Fitness Summer Garden Series combines exercise with fundraising

Written By **Brian Lockhart**

This is an event where you can get some exercise, help raise funds for a good cause, and enjoy some beautiful gardens all at the same time.

The Pilates Summer Garden Series will allow you to participate in a Pilates session in some of the most beautiful gardens in Dufferin County.

Hosted by Towne Fitness, personal trainer, Hannah Sine will lead participants through a Pilates session at five different locations over the course of the series.

Each session will take place in a different garden.

To make each event a surprise, participants will be notified a week before each session as to where the session will take place.

There are only 30 spots available for each

session, so if you want to attend a particular session, make sure you sign up early.

"This is a fundraiser for the Headwaters Health Care Foundation," Hannah explained. "Every year we donate to a local charity or help someone else. This year we decided to go a little bigger and support the Headwaters Health Care Foundation in a way that we could open the fundraiser to people outside of the gym – to who ever wants to contribute. I've always wanted to do something like this, but do it in different locations. We have five secret locations. Once you buy your ticket, you're registered on the list. A week before each date you will get an email saying, 'this is the location of your event, and what to expect.'"

Each location is a beautiful local private garden. The sessions will be a one-hour Pilates session followed by one hour of a social time

and an opportunity to wander the gardens.

"All mats and equipment are provided by Towne Fitness, so you just have to arrive," Hannah explained. "We ask everyone to arrive by 6 p.m. and I'll introduce everyone to the landowner, as well as give a little history about each property because they are all different. A lot of people are excited to see the different gardens. We had to find gardens that are both beautiful, and will also allow us to put 30 mats out. You don't have to have experience in Pilates. Each week I take you through a practice. Maybe one week we'll do the ball, then the next week we might introduce some resistance bands, then the Pilates rings."

Once you buy your ticket, you can attend

one, or all of the events. You don't have to be a member of the gym to participate.

A rain date has been set for each event just in case the weather doesn't cooperate.

"I wanted to do a fundraiser that will make a difference," Hannah said. "Sooner or later, we will all need the Headwaters Health Care Centre. We've had such a long winter, it's nice to get outside and do something. All proceeds from the series will go to the Headwaters Health Care Foundation."

Tickets for the event are \$150 each, and this provides access to all five pilates sessions.

You can purchase tickets by contacting Hannah at Towne Fitness at 519-830-6177, or by e-mail at hannah@townefitness.ca.



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PILATES SERIES: Hannah Sine of Towne Fitness in Shelburne is hosting a special Pilates Summer Garden Series, as a fundraiser for the Headwaters Health Care Foundation. The five-part series will take place outdoors in private gardens.

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Grand Valley Lions raise over \$30,000 at 27th Annual Duck Day

Written By Sam Odrowski

The Grand River by Hereward Park turned yellow on Saturday (May 25) afternoon with 4,000 rubber duckies.

Over 1,500 people gathered at the park for the 27th Annual Grand Valley Lions Duck Day, where over \$30,000 in prizes was distributed. Winners purchased a numbered rubber duck before the race for \$10 each and the ones that crossed the finish line first won. Prizes ranging from a Pitmaster grill prize package valued at \$2,500 to cash prizes of up to \$1,100 were handed out to the winners. The ducks were dropped by crane into the river by Grand Valley Crane Rental to start the race.

"People love to see that," said Grand Valley Lion Randy McLelland, who helps organize the event each year. "The crane takes the cage over the river and the ducks all drop out."

He added, "Everybody there looked like they were having a good time. We had music playing, a bouncy castle for the kids."

Duck Day raised \$30,831 for the Grand Valley Lions, which is used to support local initiatives and charities in Dufferin County and the surrounding communities.

Some of those charities include Big Brothers Big Sisters Dufferin County, Grand Valley Food Bank - Dufferin Food Share, Headwaters Health Care Foundation, the Agricultural Society of Dufferin County and Grand Valley Air Cadets.

The Grand Valley Lions also support local minor sports groups, local schools, and the

Grand Valley Community Centre with funds.

While the day ended up being a great success for the Grand Valley Lions, with a great turnout, McLelland said he had some concerns due to the weather.

It rained off and on all morning, soaking the Lions and volunteers while they set up for the event, but by 1 p.m., just one hour before the duck drop, the clouds parted and the sun shined.

"Because of the crappy weather we had in the morning, I didn't think we were going to get much of a crowd," said McLelland. "But we got a pretty good crowd. I'm going to say it was 1,500 to 2,000 people there."

A new addition to Duck Day this year was a dunk tank featuring local politicians, business leaders and prominent figures.

"It was quite popular," said McLelland. "There was always a crowd around watching who got dumped."

Grand Valley's mayor, deputy mayor, and fire chief were among the "local celebrities" who got dunked.

About 30 booths, set up by not-for-profits, businesses, and vendors were a part of the fun on Duck Day.

"We had local groups advertising their upcoming events or just what they had to offer to people," McLelland noted.

A community breakfast, put on by the Grand Valley Lions at the Community Centre, kicked off the festivities for Duck Day.

The Grand Valley Lions are pleased with the funds they raised this year and look forward to hosting the 28th Annual Duck Day next year.



PETER RICHARDSON PHOTOS

A DUCKY DAY: Over 1,500 people gathered in Hereward Park for the Grand Valley Lions' 27th Annual Duck Day on Saturday, May 25. The event saw 4,000 ducks dropped by a crane into the Grand River and attendees who purchased a duck beforehand had a chance to win. Over \$30,000 in prizes were distributed and the Grand Valley Lions generated \$30,831 for the club, which is used to support local initiatives and charities.



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OBITUARIES

ALLAN PHILLIPS

Allan Phillips passed peacefully on Saturday, February 24, 2024 at Dufferin Oaks Long Term Care with his family by his side.



Born on July 7, 1935, to William and Irena Phillips.

Allan was raised in East Luther Township on the Phillips family farm until he and his wife Pat married and moved to Shelburne. There they raised three children, Eric, Shari and Trudie (Mike).

He is predeceased by his brothers Doug, Gerald, Grant and sister Gayle and is survived by his brother Herb.

Allan's early years were spent driving a delivery truck for Canada Packers until he was hired on with the Township of Amaranth in 1965 where he continued to serve 31 years until his retirement. He served on the Shelburne town Council for 2 terms and was also a member of the Shelburne Kinsmen Club and K-40's.

Allan's idea was to RE-Tread, not re-tire, which saw he and Pat moving to the Century Homestead to further engage in the love of outdoors, farming, gardening, tinkering and fixing.

Allan loved family get togethers, playing cards, music and dancing. He and Pat enjoyed many years of traveling and camping with their young family and this trend continued at every opportunity to further connect with friends, attending music festivals or just a quiet few days away enjoying the outdoors. He will be forever in our hearts.

We would like to thank the staff at Dufferin Oaks on the 2nd floor Mulmur Mono Wing for their care and support to Allan and family.

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