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## 'Symphony of Light' on display at Town Hall Art Gallery

Written By Paula Brown

Dance with the movement of light and colour on canvas with the newest exhibit at the Shelburne Town Hall Art Gallery.

The exhibit, titled 'Symphony of Light,' features a collection of about 20 pieces of artwork from Mono-based artist, Marnie Cooke.

"The exhibit is open for people to interpret in lots of different ways, but it is musically based. It's that idea of a symphony, with lots of different instruments which are different colours to an orchestra and the connection with light," said Cooke.

As a child, Cooke studied ballet with the National Ballet and the Royal Academy of Dance, before going to university to study various theatre mediums including acting, singing, dressmaking and lighting. Over the span of her dance career, she went on to study dance in England, tour in Spain, and work with the Royal Winnipeg Ballet and various small dance companies in Toronto.

"I wanted to be a painter for years, but because my whole career was dance, I never really had the time to do it," recalled Cooke.

It wasn't until moving to the Dufferin County community 15 years ago, that Cooke was able to finally begin to explore her desire to paint. Naturally, she would bring her decades of experience as a dancer into the storytelling of each painting.

"When you look at my works you can see a lot of movement. With dance you don't



**LEADING WITH LIGHT:** Mono-based artists Marnie Cooke showcases pieces of art expressing movement from a dancer's eye with her latest exhibit 'Symphony of Light' at the Shelburne Town Hall Art Gallery. The exhibit will be on display until June 28.

PAULA BROWN PHOTO

vocalize, you give images expressed through movement and with my paintings, I bring that same eye for movement," explained Cooke.

While listening to music is a requirement to help inspire her in the painting process, Cooke often uses different techniques to "find the movement" of the piece of art. Often times she'll choose to rotate the canvas while painting as well as displaying it on walls in her home that have different light, in order to find the natural progress of the movement.

Some of Cooke's pieces on display at the art gallery include her latest pieces "Secrets," "Allegro," "Timeless," "Cornelia"

and "Twiggy." One of her favourite pieces on display is a painting called "Flourish," which took her over a month to complete.

"Flourish took a long time because it went through many stages. It started off as softer, and then I just kept adding more lines and colour until it wasn't subtle anymore. It was interesting for me as an artist," she said.

'Symphony of Light' will be on display at the Town of Shelburne Art Gallery, located at 203 Main St. E., until June 28.

Cooke will also have her work on display in an exhibit at the Headwaters Arts Gallery in Alton from July 3 to Aug. 5.

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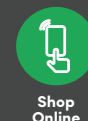
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# Shelburne Home Hardware plants mature trees at Greenwood Park

Written By Paula Brown

Shelburne Home Hardware is making sure families visiting Greenwood Park can enjoy their time under shady coverage for years to come.

Staff from the Shelburne Home Hardware were joined by representatives from the Town of Shelburne, Tree Canada and Home Hardware Stores Limited, last Thursday (June 13) for a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the planting of eight mature trees at the Greenwood Park Splash Pad.

“As a dealer-owner, making sure we provide for communities is what we do, and it’s always a good thing to support local,” said Bill Gilliam, owner of Shelburne Home Hardware. “Having trees available for shade is amazing and we’re pretty excited about the splash pad getting completed with the bonus feature.”

The trees planted at Greenwood Park were funded by a grant from Tree Canada as well as Gilliam’s own donation. Shelburne Home Hardware received the grant money a few years ago but held off on purchasing and planting the trees in order to align with the opening of the town’s first-ever splash pad.

Since 1992, Home Hardware Dealer-Owners have been rolling up their sleeves and planting trees to benefit the betterment of community areas.

According to Home Hardware Stores Limited, their dealer-owners have planted more than 30,000 trees at schools, playgrounds, seniors’ residences, community parks, conservation areas, and areas that require restorations since the inception of the tree planting initiative more than 30 years ago.

“This project is all about bringing communities together and building social responsibility. Coast-to-coast, Home Hardware is involved in different communities, being that place people can be comfortable not only in their own homes, but in the communities around them. Anything that Home Hardware can do to help provide that safe space and social responsibility is something we’re very proud of,” said Rob Hand, territory manager at Home Hardware Stores Limited.

Shelburne Home Hardware worked with Tree Canada, a non-profit organization that promotes the planting and nurturing of trees in rural and urban communities, in selecting the species of trees planted at the park – maple and basswood.



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**BREAKING GROUND:** Staff from the Shelburne Home Hardware were joined by representatives from the Town of Shelburne, Tree Canada and Home Hardware Stores Limited, last Thursday (June 13) for a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the planting of eight trees at the Greenwood Park Splash Pad.

“They’re all native trees and because they grow really tall, they will provide a lot of shade here for the splash pad and the sports park. You can see all around how maples have done in this area, so it’s a good tree to select,” said Ed Borczon, a forestry specialist with Tree Canada. Gilliam and Shelburne Home Hardware have previously organized local tree planting initiatives to better the community including the planting of trees near the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex.

# Dufferin County seeking public input on older adult services, housing

Written By Paula Brown

The County of Dufferin is looking for community feedback to support older adult services and housing in the county.

Earlier this month, the County of Dufferin announced the launch of two engagement initiatives – the Older Adult Services Review (OASR) and Master Housing Strategy (MHS).

“Dufferin County Council knows that housing and the health and well-being of older adults are top of mind as we continue to experience strong economic and population growth locally. That’s why we’re working to build a community that grows together,” said Dufferin County Warden Darren White.

The OASR survey aims to ensure the older adult population in Dufferin has access to adequate support and services by assessing the state of available services, identifying gaps and proposing tailored recommendations to current and future needs.

Topics covered in the OASR survey include community support services, housing needs, gaps and supports to age in place.

The MHS survey is focused on responding to the growing and diversifying needs for housing locally by helping develop a long-term strategic

plan that uses existing owned land, redevelops existing properties, and explores the potential of surplus and underutilized County-owned lands to expand affordable housing options.

Topics covered in the MHS survey include current housing needs and gaps, future housing demands, housing priorities for the community and potential initiatives and programs.

“Residents, caregivers of older adults, community groups and other local partners are invited to get involved and have their say as we undertake the Older Adult Services Review and Master Housing Strategy,” said White. “Together, we can continue to build a thriving, equitable and resilient community for all.”

The County has teamed up with Tim Welch Consulting (TWC) to lead the development of the OASR and MHS initiatives. The TWC consulting team will be reaching out to residents, key community organizations, service providers and partners over the coming weeks.

Sonya Pritchard, chief administrative officer (CAO) of Dufferin County, said the two surveys support the county’s commitment to providing opportunities for the community to engage and share their thoughts on future projects as laid out in the 2023 to 2026 Strategic Plan.

“The OASR and MHS will be instrumental in



helping us meet the current and future needs of all in Dufferin. We look forward to hearing from our residents and other stakeholders during this important engagement process.”

Those interested in sharing their thoughts on older adult services and housing in Dufferin

can visit [surveymonkey.com/r/dufferin-housing](https://surveymonkey.com/r/dufferin-housing) to do a survey on MHS and [calse.voxco.com/S2/55/DufferinCounty](https://calse.voxco.com/S2/55/DufferinCounty) to do a survey on the OASR. Surveys may also be completed by phone by contacting project lead Jodi Ball at [jodi@jconsultinggroup.ca](mailto:jodi@jconsultinggroup.ca) or 905-399-5634.

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# Crime and punishment

There seems to be a lot more crime in Ontario than there used to be.

Currently, there is a massive wave of vehicle thefts, obviously being carried out by organized gangs. If you have a nice vehicle and it is stolen from your driveway, it is most likely on a container ship heading overseas within a few days.

Police have made some arrests, however they really have not put much of a dent in these criminal organizations, and even when they do, the courts release criminals who go right back to stealing.

Some people say this isn't a big deal, because the vehicles are insured.

Well, yes, it is a big deal. For starters, you have criminals entering your private property in the middle of the night, which could lead to tragic results if a homeowner catches them in the act.

It could be tragic for the criminal or tragic for the homeowner, depending on which person is first to react.

Secondly, people probably have worked hard to save up to buy that vehicle, only to have some low-life steal what they have worked hard for.

You may miss time at work because you don't have a vehicle, and then you have to spend time looking for a new car or truck.

Insurance won't 'cover you' for the loss. Insurance will pay only for the current value of a vehicle, not the replacement cost. If you vehicle is stolen, you will now have to pay more to get a new one.

On top of it all, insurance companies don't like losing money. They will make up their losses by charging everyone more for insurance.

We all lose.

At one time, people in Ontario would arrive at a shopping plaza and leave the windows rolled down in their car because it was a hot day. No one was worried that someone walking by would reach into their car to steal something.

A couple of years ago I came out of the local mall and observed a woman walking through the parking lot checking the doors of cars. She was accompanied by a police officer. If the car was open, she would place a notification under the windshield wiper.

It turns out she was a member of some local community policing group.

The notification she left said that you were contributing to crime by leaving your car door unlocked.

I spoke to them politely, and suggested that leaving your car unlocked doesn't mean you're the bad guy. You should be

able to leave your car without worrying that someone is going to steal from you.

It's the person who steals from your car that is committing the offence.

By their logic, you have contributed to crime by having an easily penetrated screen door on your patio rather than iron bars.

During the 1970's, New York City had become a cesspool of crime. People couldn't go out at night. Muggings, robberies, murders, and sexual assaults were out of control.

The subways were dangerous and covered inside and out with graffiti.

New York residents had no respect for themselves or their city.

The city was mess.

When Mayor Rudy Giuliani was elected, he vowed to turn the city around. He subscribed to the 'community policing' model, as well as the 'broken window' theory.

The 'broken window' theory means you have to tackle crime at the very basic level. If you punish those who commit small crimes, then work your way up, you will eliminate the escalation of other crimes.

It worked. New York is now considered one of the safest large cities in the world.

I know plenty of people who visit New

York on a regular basis and never have any problems.

When it comes to punishing crimes, Singapore has a proven method of deterrence – you get beaten with a cane.

I saw an interview with a Canadian man who had committed a stupid crime while in Singapore and was sentenced to five lashes of the cane.

He described being in intense pain that lasted for weeks.

When asked about the experience, he said, "When you go through that, believe me, you'll never commit another crime for your entire life."

The crime rate in Singapore is very low.

I don't think going back to corporal punishment is the answer, but neither is letting criminals off with a 'stern warning' from a judge.

Career criminals are not deterred by strong words from an authority figure when they know they will be released and can go back to stealing cars to make money.

You should be able to leave your windows rolled down on a hot day without worrying about your possessions being stolen by some low-life thief.

BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW



# Second chance for South Africa?

Cyril Ramaphosa is the president of South Africa again, but everything else is different. He got his job back in a vote late on Friday, but only because at the last moment he managed to cobble together a coalition that has a majority in parliament. It's so new that the coalition partners still haven't agreed on who does what in the new government.

It took so long because his African National Congress had zero experience in making coalitions. It never needed to. Ever since the end of apartheid (white minority rule) thirty years ago, the ANC won a clear majority in every election, formed every government, and ruled alone.

This time it got only 40% of the vote, and frankly it didn't even deserve that. South African official statistics are dodgy (always a bad sign), but 45% of younger South Africans are unemployed. Gross domestic product per capita has actually fallen by a quarter in the past fifteen years. This is slow-motion economic collapse, and it's the fault of the ANC.

Maybe it didn't have to be that way. The economy grew at a reasonable rate under presidents Nelson Mandela and Thabo Mbeki, but it fell off a cliff under Jacob Zuma in 2009-2018 and is still in free fall. This April was the first month in more than

a decade when there were not frequent, usually daily power cuts all over the country.

The simple explanation for this is that Mandela and Mbeki were honest men who ran a tight ship, whereas under Zuma fraud, theft, bribery and corruption of all sorts blossomed and flourished at the heart of government. The more complicated truth is that the circumstances under which the ANC came to power made that kind of collapse almost inevitable.

There was plenty of corruption and venality under the old apartheid state too, but the former white rulers were prosperous people who understood how much they could cream off the state institutions without wrecking the economy. The new guys were less savvy, more brazen, and in more of a hurry.

The ANC, like most revolutionary movements, was made up of people who had sacrificed for many years – indeed, many had died or spent decades in jail – and they were only human. When the day of liberation finally arrived, many of the victorious survivors felt entitled to a little compensation for all those lost years.

There were white members of the ANC who also made great sacrifices, but most of them were not poor. The great majority

of the ANC's members were black Africans without much in the way of money or property, and when victory came it was a bit late in their lives to start climbing some conventional career ladder to assure their financial futures.

This didn't automatically make them corrupt, but it did incline them to look for official positions in the state apparatus – and it did expose them to the temptation to exploit their public positions for private gain. Some resisted, and some did not.

The corruption was therefore contained under Mandela and Mbeki, but exploded when Zuma, himself tremendously corrupt, won first the ANC leadership in 2007 and then the presidency in 2009. (Why did so many of the ANC 'cadres' vote for a man who they knew was corrupt? I leave that to your imagination.)

The deeper problem was that there was no real opposition to the ANC. It was still doing some good work – low-cost housing, rural electrification and clean running water, for example – so a grateful majority of South Africans kept voting for it. But the fraud went unpunished, the economic damage got worse and worse, and the public finally lost patience.

The recent election shows that the ANC's model is decisively broken. The public now holds it to account, and in practice it will have to make coalitions with other parties to form governments. That is as it should be: thirty years as effectively a one-party state has not been good for South Africa.

The coalition that emerged last Friday is promising. The ANC's main partner is the Democratic Alliance, a party that traditionally got most of its votes from the minorities, 'Coloured' (mixed-race), white and Asian, but now attracts a significant number of black African votes as well.

Equally important is the fact that neither the Marxist, anti-white Economic Freedom Fighters nor the Zulu nationalist uMkhonto we Sizwe party recently created by Jacob Zuma (both originally breakaway factions of the ANC) is in the government.

The ANC has rejected a coalition with the extremists, and the DA brings the minorities and a pro-business orientation to the table. It's certainly not guaranteed, but it is now possible to believe that South Africa is getting a second chance.

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# Orangeville students open up about racism experienced at Westside Secondary School

Written By Sam Odrowski

While some people look back at their high school years fondly, others struggle to reach graduation as they face bullying, discrimination, isolation and an unsafe learning environment.

For two Black Grade 12 students at Westside Secondary School, Angel Powers and Makenna Thomas, the last four years of their education have been about survival.

The students say, particularly over the last three years, when remote learning brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic ended, the amount of race-driven bullying they were facing intensified.

Angel said she has been called racist names, such as monkey, and both she and Makenna have repeatedly been called the N-word by White students.

When Makenna was walking with her Black friend after class, she said another Westside student attempted to run them over, speeding towards them as they walked along a crosswalk.

"We pressed the button so it showed yellow lights flashing, which means we can walk, and the guy at first looked like he was slowing down, but then he sped up and tried to hit us," Makenna said. "He yelled the N-word out of his car as he sped away."

Angel said, "He's always doing that. He'll see us walk on the road and he'll just roll down the window and start yelling the N-word at us."

Earlier in the day, that same student told their friend he was going to "chain her up to the back of his car and drag the Black off of her."

When the two students told their principal about the incident, they said they felt unheard and have not been made aware of any disciplinary actions taken against the student driving the car.

Angel and Makenna say the incident took place within view of a school security camera, but the principal wouldn't provide them with access to the footage to report to police.

Alicia Ralph, UGDSB's Human Rights, Equity and Accessibility Commissioner, said there were follow-up actions, but she couldn't specify them.

"Without getting into details, specific work was done with staff after the reporting of

this incident, facilitated by the Equity and Inclusion team at the school. The incidents reported were promptly addressed through follow-up actions involving both school administration and a police report. Student discipline was also addressed."

However, Angel and Makenna say nobody from Westside or the board followed up after they complained about the incident.

Angel said a majority of the racism she experiences at Westside comes from a select few students, and others who join in when they're making racist remarks.

Makenna, who is mixed race, is often told she's too Black to be White and too White to be Black.

"We're both fight different battles, but feel the same way because of our skin tone," she explained.

Growing up in Toronto, Angel said she didn't face much racism. It wasn't until she moved to Orangeville over four years ago and began high school at Westside, that it became a problem.

"I was singled out because of my skin colour, the way that I styled my hair or from the way that I dressed," Angel recalled of her Grade 9 experience.

However, the number of racist incidents faced by Angel and Makenna worsened the following year, as the pandemic subsided, remote learning ended, and students were in the classroom full-time.

"In Grade 10 second semester, when we went back to normal semesters, and we were in school all day for four periods, that's when I started to notice it more," said Makenna. "At first, I was very shocked. We were in 2022 at that time, so I was just like, 'Wow, this really has to continue?'"

Makenna said she used to bottle everything up but now feels numb and desensitized to racial discrimination.

She missed an entire semester of school in Grade 11 because of the racial bullying she faced at school.

Makenna began to self-harm because of the issues at school and tried to commit suicide through starvation.

"I wouldn't eat at all for those six months," Makenna said. "I would try to unalive myself."

Angel said she would have panic attacks and vomit in the morning before school because of the racism she faced.



STAFF PHOTO

**SPEAKING OUT:** Two Black students at Westside Secondary School say they've been bullied over their race for the last three years and feel there has not been adequate consequences for students who make racist remarks. Westside is operated by the Upper Grand District School Board.

Growing up around in Toronto, surrounded by teachers and people who were also Black, Angel said she didn't see or hear much racism. But when she came to Orangeville and started high school, that all changed.

"It was really hard for me because I never experienced [racism] and I didn't know how to deal with it," she said. "It was hard on my parents too because they dealt with it growing up and then seeing their kids go through it – it's hard for all of us to deal with."

Angel added, "I tried to just keep most of it to myself and tried to deal with it until it got to the point where it was messing with my mental health and I wasn't attending school. My grades got worse."

Makenna's mother Patti Thomas, who's White, said she's frustrated by the Upper Grand School Board (UGDSB), for its failure to provide a safe learning environment to her mixed-race daughter and other racially diverse students.

"It makes me angry," she said. "It makes me upset, because when I've reached out to the school to have some support for my child, I get false promises. The principal would say one thing but would do another thing."

This led Patti to look outside of the UGDSB for support, which she found with the advocacy group – Parents of Black Children.

"They took on Makenna's case, and they have been supporting Makenna through the

school board and through the system during everything that has been happening," said Patti.

She told the Free Press that past principals and administrators at Westside have made promises to stop the racism occurring within the school, but she hasn't seen any changes.

The issue, she said, stems from a lack of discipline for the White students at Westside who are using the N-word and making racist remarks against Black students.

Ralph said the UGDSB does not "dismiss or undermine any allegations of discrimination. Rather, we are fully committed to conducting comprehensive investigations into all allegations brought to our attention."

"Such concerns are treated with the utmost seriousness, and as a board the UGDSB is deeply committed to upholding human rights while cultivating an environment where every student experiences learning in environments which are free from discrimination, foster a sense of belonging and affirmation of their identities," she added.

After meeting with representatives from the UGDSB on April 19, 2023, about the racism Makenna faces, Patti was told by the board's executive superintendent that they are taking their allegations seriously, and in response, hired a third party to investigate.

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# Collision in downtown Shelburne leads to impaired operation investigation

Written By Sam Odrowski

Dufferin OPP officers have charged two drivers with impaired operation related offences, including locating a firearm as the result of a traffic stop.

Officers responded to a traffic complaint in the area of Highway 9, Mono on June 15, just before 10:00 p.m. They were able to locate the vehicle and were quickly led into an impaired operation investigation.

Adelino MEDEIROS, a 62-year-old male, from Amaranth has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol

concentration (80 plus)

- Knowledge of Unauthorized Possession of Firearm - licence
- Operation While Prohibited under the Criminal Code
- Driving while under suspension - while suspended under HTA Sec 41/42
- Careless storage of Firearm, Weapon, Prohibited device or ammunition

Officers from the Dufferin OPP responded to a motor vehicle collision on Main St. in Shelburne on June 15, just before 11:30 p.m. They were able to locate the vehicles along with the drivers involved and were quickly led

into an impaired operation investigation.

A 22-year-old male, from Melancthon has been charged with:

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

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville to answer to the charges. Their driver's licence was suspended, and the vehicle was impounded.

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.



# Police charge two motorists with impaired driving related charges in two days

Dufferin OPP officers charged two drivers in two days with impaired operation related offences.

Dufferin OPP received a report that a driver may be operating a motor vehicle while impaired on June 12, just after 12:30 p.m.

The vehicle driver was located by officers and their investigation led them to form grounds that the driver's abilities were impaired by drug and was subsequently arrested.

As a result, Jesse DOBRZANSKI, 30, of Collingwood, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs

On June 13, just after 10:30 p.m., Dufferin OPP received a report of a motor vehicle collision. The investigation led officers to form grounds that the driver's abilities were impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

As a result, Sanjay DUBEY, 53, of East Gararaxa, was charged with:

- Failure or refusal to comply with demand
- Careless Driving

The accused are scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville to answer to the charges.

None of these charges have been proven in court.

"Speeding and impaired driving is a dangerous mixture," said Dufferin OPP in a press release. "Drivers continue to take chances. The OPP remains committed to taking alcohol/drug-impaired drivers off our roads through enforcement and public education. Drivers are reminded that no amount of alcohol or drugs in your system is safe when driving. If you suspect that someone is driving while impaired, it is important to call 9-1-1 to report it."



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- Supervises interstate commerce
- Unruly group
- Backs away from
- Expression of understanding
- Have concern for
- Monetary units
- Congressman (abbr.)
- Iranian city
- Eating houses
- 2,000 lbs.
- Grandmother
- They include North, South and Central
- In an early way
- Foes
- Shuttered British entertainment magazine
- One who unloads cages
- Another term for sesame
- Formally forbid

- Make clear
- Inaccessible
- Get through
- Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- Decameter
- Type of sword
- Actor Idris
- Affirmative (slang)
- Afflicted
- One point north of northeast
- Born of
- Arabic name
- Traditional Hong Kong street food: \_\_\_
- Termination point
- Email function

**CLUES DOWN**

- Sign language
- In style
- Helsinki neighborhood
- Unable to hear
- More rapid
- An idea accepted as

- In a cagy way
- Kate and Rooney are two
- Algerian port
- Community in Ladakh
- Midway between south and southeast
- Town in Galilee
- Satisfy
- Italian impressionist painter
- Brass instrument
- Chest muscle (slang)
- Transmits genetic information from DNA to the cytoplasm
- Records electric currents generated by the brain
- Woman (French)
- Aircraft designed to carry lots of passengers
- Baseball stat
- Pointed end of

- a pen
- Popular sports league
- Body part
- Unlikely to provoke dissent
- Yellowish cotton cloth
- Domesticated house pet
- Untruths
- Set out to attract
- Spiritual leader
- Abba \_\_, Israeli politician
- Repair
- Genus of flowering plants
- Swiss river
- Prejudice
- River in central Europe
- Harness
- Father

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# SHELBURNE SPORTS

## Callista Daly brings home medal as one of the top student-athletes

Written By Brian Lockhart

Local athlete Callista Daly is ranked as one of the top student-athletes in the province after finishing second in Senior High Jump at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) track and field meet in London.

The meet was held at Western University from June 6 to 8 and featured the best high school athletes from across the province.

Callista was the only athlete from Centre Dufferin District High School to qualify for OFSAA this year. It was her second consecutive year qualifying for the provincial championships.

To get to OFSAA, Callista first competed at the District 4/10 championships held at the University of Guelph, then went on to compete at the regional level at CWOSAA in Brantford.

She has won CWOSAA three years in a row. "I love jumping at CWOSAA because I won it the two previous years in Grade 10 and Grade 11 and it was in the same place again so I'm comfortable jumping there," Callista said. "It was nice to add the third medal. I also did the triple-jump there and qualified for OFSAA West."

After winning at CWOSAA, the next step was to compete at OFSAA West in Windsor.

Unlike other OFSAA sports, track and field athletes must qualify at a regional OFSAA meet to be able to go to the final OFSAA competition.

This is due to the large number of events and athletes that participate in track and field competitions and the field has to be narrowed down to accommodate all the events over



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

**HIGH HOPES:** Centre Dufferin District High School athlete Callista Daly clears the bar during the District 4/10 track and field championships high jump event in Guelph on Tuesday, May 7. Callista has had a stellar year, winning CWOSAA, and then qualifying for OFSAA. Callista brought home the silver medal and is one of the top athletes in the province.

three days.

At OFSAA West, Callista qualified with a jump of 1.58m.

"I always find that OFSAA West is the most stressful," Callista said. "In Grade 10, I had a really bad meet at OFSAA West and I didn't qualify for OFSAA. Last year I had a lot to make up and OFSAA West went well last year. This year I had a lot of things going on. I had all my future coaches there, we were back in Windsor, and I didn't have the best practice the week leading up to it, so I had a bit of a

shaky meet. But I jumped 1.58 and that was enough to be second. I qualified for OFSAA with that. There was a lot of good competition."

Around 3,000 athletes from high schools across Ontario arrived in London for this year's OFSAA event. It is one of the largest track and field meets in North America.

"Last year I was seventh at OFSAA so this year it was my goal to be on the podium," Callista said.

She said it was a bit daunting to arrive at the

meet as the only competitor from her school. "It is a little intimidating," Callista explained. "A lot of these schools are coming in on buses with 20 kids, and I'm walking in with my Dad and my coach."

CDDHS track and field coach Mathew Leggett led the high school team to a successful season this year with a lot of good results from the student-athletes.

"It is a pretty serious competition," Callista said of being at OFSAA. "You have to go to an athlete control centre before your event – an hour and a-half before your event. You have to sit in there by yourself. You're not allowed to have your phone or headphones. They come around to make sure your spikes are the right length. You're not supposed to really talk to anybody. Then they march you over to your event. They line you up and introduce everybody and where they're from, and then the competition starts."

The senior high jump starts at a height of 1.25m and increases by five centimetres at each level. Callista started jumping at the 1.45m level so she wouldn't waste energy at the lower heights she knew she could easily clear.

Callista cleared a height of 1.60m – good for the silver medal.

Callista's athletic ability has been noticed by scouts.

She has already signed with the University of Windsor and will join its track and field team in the fall.

## Junior Cubs maintain second place after win over Orangeville team

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Mansfield Junior Cubs continue to have a good season and are in second place in the North Dufferin Baseball League's Junior Division after a win over the Oran-

geville Bengals on June 13.

The Cubs were down by three runs in the first inning after the Bengals started the game strong, hitting a home run on the first at-bat of the game and bringing in two more runs.

The Cubs turned that around when they

got their turn at the plate.

Cole Campbell started things off by hitting a single and then stealing second base.

Ben Larsen followed up with an RBI for the first Cubs run of the night.

That was followed up with another run batted in by Cohen Heath.

The Cubs tied the game when Daniel Ortolan hit to allow a runner to score.

Mansfield took the lead when Zac Piechowski hit to the right field fence to bring in two more runs and give the Cubs a 5-4 lead.

Ben Nicholson led the hitting with a single in the second inning, but the side retired before they could score.

There was no scoring for either team in the third inning.

The fourth inning got underway, and there was no scoring.

After a day of predicted bad weather, the sky turned dark, and a sudden downpour of rain sent the teams into the dugout.

The rain made the diamond unplayable, and the game was called early.

As the fourth inning had started, the Cubs were credited with the win.

The Creemore Padres are currently in first place in the Junior Division.

They are followed by the Cubs, the Orillia Royals, and the Innisfil Cardinals.

The Cubs will return to their home diamond in Mansfield on Thursday, July 4, to face the Innisfil Cardinals.

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Aiden Thomas is fast.

The Grade 10 CDDHS Athlete recently competed at OFSAA west, and broke the school's Junior 100m dash record with a time of 11.21.

"I like the competitiveness of the sport," Aiden said. "I'm a very competitive person so being in a place where everyone competes – that's where I like to be."

This is Aiden's second year competing in track.

"Last year I did it for fun. This year I took it more seriously and gave it my all," Aiden explained.

Aiden will be a CDDHS athlete to watch next season.

A well rounded athlete, Aiden also plays basketball and football.

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BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

**SPLIT SECOND:** Mansfield Junior Cubs third baseman Cohen Heath is a split second late for the tag during the third inning of the Cubs game against the Orangeville Bengals on the diamond in Mansfield on Thursday, June 13. The Cubs won the game 5-4 after play was stopped in the fourth inning due to rain.

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# County invites youth to apply for Youth Climate Activation Circle

Written By Paula Brown

Calling all local youth who are passionate about climate action.

The County of Dufferin is inviting local youth ages 16 to 25 to submit their application to be part of the 2024/2025 Youth Climate Activation Circle.

"As young people growing up in a world grappling with rapid climate changes, we all felt a mix of uncertainty and worry about what the future might hold, wondering how climate change would hit our community," said Emily Payne, an ambassador with the 2024/2025 Youth Climate Activation Circle. "Here, we were able to learn with like-minded peers to support climate action and make a real tangible difference in Dufferin County."

The Youth Climate Activation Circle is a 10-month-long volunteer program designed to empower Dufferin youth with the knowledge and skills to advocate for climate solutions within the community. The program begins in September and runs until June.

As ambassadors for the youth climate programs, the volunteers will receive climate change training, build skills, explore green career pathways and develop networks; which will lead to the creation of a local climate action project.

"It is our hope that through the Youth Climate Activation Circle, volunteers will cultivate a lifelong commitment to climate action, in which they advocate for and

integrate climate action into their future personal and professional lives," said Sara MacRae, manager of climate and energy for the County of Dufferin.

In 2023, the first cohort of the Youth Climate Activation Circle hosted a workshop series on climate-friendly landscaping to inspire residents to implement nature-based solutions at the property level.

In the upcoming cohort, the Youth Climate Activation Circle will welcome eight new volunteers into the program, who will become climate leaders in Dufferin County.

"The Youth Climate Activation Circle is an incredible opportunity for young people to develop the skills to become climate leaders and drive real change in our community. We are excited to see the new ideas and projects the 2024/2025 Youth Climate Ambassadors will champion," said Darren White, Warden of Dufferin County.

Being an ambassador with the climate program, volunteers can expect a \$500 stipend or community service hours recognition and reimbursement for eligible program expenses.

The County of Dufferin is encouraging local youth who are passionate about climate action and are able to commit 60 hours to program activities to apply to become a climate ambassador. No previous experiences are necessary.

Those interested in applying to join the Youth Climate Activation Circle can apply at [www.joinindufferin.ca](http://www.joinindufferin.ca). The deadline to apply is July 31.

# Town Pharmacy hosts annual fundraiser for SickKids Hospital

Written By Brian Lockhart

Town Pharmacy in Shelburne hosted its 11th annual event to raise funds for SickKids Hospital on Wednesday, June 12.

Over the past 10 years, the Pharmacy event has raised more than \$30,000 for the hospital.

There was a free barbecue where people could make a donation towards SickKids.

The event was well supported by people who recognize the need for a hospital that specializes in caring for ill children. SickKids is one of the world's leading children's hospitals.

Pharmacy owner Sanjay Lekhi, who hosts the event every year, says that while he is fortunate that no one in his family has ever needed the hospital, he recognizes the

importance of helping those who need its services.

"This is our 11th SickKids fundraiser," Sanjay explained. "We are giving away free hotdogs, but we are accepting donations from anyone who wants to give. We have some things people can buy and all the proceeds are going to SickKids. We have volunteers helping us."

Helping SickKids hospital is something Sanjay feels is important.

"Children are born, and they don't know they have a medical condition," Sanjay said. "It is up to us to see if we can do anything for them."

The event was well attended, and the volunteers welcomed everyone who arrived to have a hotdog and help raise funds for a good cause.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

**SUPPORTING SICK CHILDREN:** Town Pharmacy in Shelburne hosted its 11th annual fundraiser in support of SickKids Hospital on Wednesday, June 12. Pharmacy owner Sanjay Lekhi (centre) greeted visitors along with volunteers and served free hotdogs at the event. Over the past 10 years, the event has raised more than \$30,000 for SickKids.



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

**ALL SMILES:** The Rotary Club of Shelburne was presented with a cheque for \$17,225 from the local Tim Hortons on Wednesday (June 19) from donations raised during their Smile Cookie campaign. The funds will be used to go towards supporting the Christmas Hamper Program, Backpack Project, Shepherd's Cupboard Food Bank and to provide playground amenities at Greenwood Park. Backpack Project, Shepherd's Cupboard Food Bank and to provide playground amenities at Greenwood Park.

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## News from the Shelburne Library

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### Upcoming Events

**Get Crafty Club** - Meetings are every Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. This club is for anyone, working on any craft, to drop in and socialize with other crafters. From knitters, to painters, to sewers, everyone is welcome!

**Rose's Book Club** - Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m. The best part about this book club is there is no required reading! That means you can come ready to discuss whatever you've been reading, and hear the recommendations of other book club members. Rose will also feature a selection of noteworthy books. The next meeting is set for Tuesday, June 25.

**Authors in the Hills of Mulmur: Humour in Unexpected Places** - Save the date: Sunday, August 25. Authors Terry Fallis, Nita Prose, and Rod Carley will be in the Hills of Mulmur for a wonderful afternoon. Not all of these books are laugh-

out-loud funny, but readers will find the humour in the most unexpected places. Details about tickets will be released soon.

**Staff Pick of the Week: The Last Murder at the end of the World by Stuart Turton** - Outside the island there is nothing: the world was destroyed by a fog that swept the planet, killing anyone it touched. On the island: it is idyllic. One hundred and twenty-two villagers and three scientists, living in peaceful harmony. The villagers are content to fish, farm and feast, to obey their nightly curfew, to do what they're told by the scientists, until one of the scientists is found brutally stabbed to death. Then they learn that the murder has triggered a lowering of the security system around the island, the only thing that was keeping the fog at bay. If the murder isn't solved within 107 hours, the fog will smother the island—and everyone on it.

**Why Britt recommends it:** I've become a big fan of Stuart Turton's writing, starting with the Seven Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle. Readers will find themselves instantly pulled into the story because of the characters and their predicament. The best part, though, is that the endings are always unpredictable, which makes you want to read as fast as you can to get to the end.

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# DPCDSB trustees vote against raising Pride flag

Written By Sam Odrowski

June is Pride Month and rainbow flag raisings have been taking place at buildings for non-profit and government organizations across the region.

But a rainbow flag will not be raised at Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board schools and facilities.

DPCDSB trustees voted 6-3 against allowing flags related to Pride and other observances to be hoisted at flagpoles located on board-owned properties during a meeting on June 11.

The only flags that are allowed to be flown at board properties are the Canadian flag, the Province of Ontario flag and flags associated with the liturgical year.

DPCDSB trustee for Dufferin—Caledon Paula Dametto-Giovanozzi, who voted against the motion allowing a rainbow flag at board facilities, shared her stance on the issue at the June 11 meeting.

"The LGBTQ+ community is not our enemy. We all fall short of God's glory. We are not judging, but we are also not promoting. We don't want to outwardly promote because our faith doesn't allow us to. We are called to love all people, whatever their beliefs are. We are not discriminating against anyone," said Dametto-Giovanozzi.

"There is only one symbol that should be promoted by a Christian, and that is the cross. No other symbol has any importance to a Christian and under the banner of the cross, we do embrace and love our LGBTQ+ friends. Not promoting something doesn't mean we are against it. A Catholic school board should not promote any political or cultural beliefs that is not biblical."

Brea Corbet, DPCDSB trustee for Mississauga Wards 9 and 10, spoke in support of flying the rainbow flag for Pride Month.

"We must reflect on whether we as a Catholic school board are doing enough to combat discrimination, homophobia, intolerance, and hate. All are welcome in our Catholic schools. That does not mean only some. Jesus surrounded himself with the most marginalized of his society. God loves everyone," said Corbet at the June 11 DPCDSB meeting.

"Understanding that our students, families and staff of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community continue to experience increasing levels of bullying, harassment, and mental health concerns. We have an obligation as a board to ensure our Catholic schools are welcoming safe and inclusive spaces in support of student

achievement, and the academic success of all learners."

Corbet noted that DPCDSB schools are already permitted to display rainbow-coloured flags inside their buildings during the Pride month observation period and are already doing so. She clarified that the motion, which trustees struck down later in the meeting, was to allow additional flags, including rainbow flags, to be flown at the board office and DPCDSB buildings where there is more than one flagpole.

"It does not, and by way of this motion, will not replace the Canadian flag that currently flies outside our schools," Corbet said.

Herman Viora, trustee for Mississauga Wards 2 and 8, said he agrees with much of what Corbet said but finds flying the rainbow flag to be "very problematic."

Viora said while it is a sensitive and complex issue, it is crucial to approach it with clarity and respect for Catholic values.

"First and foremost, we must remember the core mission of a Catholic school board [is] to educate and nurture students in a manner consistent with Catholic teachings. The Catholic Church's teachings on human dignity and sexuality are clear and well established. While the church recognizes the inherent dignity of every individual, regardless of their sexual orientation, it maintains specific teachings on marriage and sexuality that do not align with a broader social movement often associated with the pride flag," said Viora.

"The pride flag, while a symbol of inclusion and acceptance for many, also represents ideologies and practices that contradict catholic doctrine. The Church teaches that marriage is a sacrament between one man and one woman, and that sexual activity is reserved for this union. The pride flag, however, often stands for normalization of same sex relationships, and a broader acceptance of diverse sexual practices, which conflict with these teachings."

Over 16,000 people signed a petition by CitizenGO asking DPCDSB trustees to not raise the Pride flag. The petition says, "Raising the Pride flag would betray Catholic values and beliefs — the very values and beliefs that elected school board trustees at a Catholic school board are tasked to defend and promote throughout Catholic schools."

The petition continues, "The LGBT lifestyle is directly at odds with Catholic teachings, beliefs, and values."

There were three delegations from pro-life and conservative advocacy groups and two

from private citizens at the June 11 DPCDSB meeting. All of the delegates spoke against the flying of Pride flags at DPCDSB schools.

The delegates said they feel everyone is included under the symbol of the cross, and there's no need to use other symbols to make students feel included.

"It is because I deeply love those who misguidedly identify as LGBTQ that I so strongly reject the pride flag and the ideology that it propagates," said Josie Luetke, director of education advocacy for Campaign Life Coalition.

A couple of delegates cited comments made by Cardinal Thomas Collins in 2021, where he said, "The appropriate symbol that represents our faith, and the inclusion and acceptance of others is the cross."

"Practically, we also know that there are any number of groups working to advocate for many diverse causes. For this reason, many school boards wisely fly only the Canadian flag out of a sense of equity for all," Cardinal Collins continued.

"There is a belief among some that unless one embraces secular symbols, one cannot be inclusive or accepting. This is simply not true. Where there are cases of injustice and mistreatment of any student whether they are bullied or rejected due to their sexual orientation, appearance, race, sex or any other reason, we must seize the moment to address the situation and ensure that we lead by example. As we foster a culture of care and love for every individual, that truth is perfectly represented in our most fundamental Catholic symbol — the cross."

Jim Waddington, the founder of Dufferin's LGBTQ advocacy group Celebrate Your Awesome, described the board's decision to not fly a rainbow flag as appalling.

"It's a simple gesture of goodwill and support," he said of rainbow flag raisings. "The bottom line for the flag, as it was started years ago, the original march, if you will, was a protest. They were fighting for rights; they were fighting for some freedom. All anybody wants is a seat at the table and to be heard, to have a voice, and let's face it, we all want to be wanted, we all want to have some kindness given to us, and the pride flag, rainbow flag is a symbol of that."

Waddington made note of Pope Francis's comments in 2023 when he called for an end to anti-gay laws and said people in the LGBTQ community should be welcomed into Catholic churches. The pope also said bishops need to recognize the dignity of everyone.

"Understanding that our students, families and staff of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community continue to experience increasing levels of bullying, harassment, and mental health concerns. We have an obligation as a board to ensure our Catholic schools are welcoming safe and inclusive spaces in support of student achievement, and the academic success of all learners."

—Brea Corbet, DPCDSB trustee for or Mississauga Wards 9 and 10

"I think that's a keyword — dignity," said Waddington, who added that students belonging to the LGBTQ community will feel less welcome in their places of learning following the board's decision.

He said he fears students will turn to drug use, or worse — suicide — due to a lack of support and recognition of their identity.

"How about we educate the board," Waddington suggested. "Because the board is certainly not educating the students."

Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post noted that while she has no jurisdiction over local school boards, the vote against flying a Pride flag is a missed opportunity for DPCDSB.

"This publicly funded entity had the opportunity to promote inclusion and show that their schools are safe spaces for all — inclusive of their 2SLGBTQIA+ students and they missed that chance," she said. "What was more troubling than the actual decision however, is the viral video showing cheers from the gallery following the vote. This sends a very strong message to 2SLGBTQIA+ students that their presence and identities are not fully accepted or supported, which undermines the sense of safety and inclusion that every student at every school deserves to have."

There are a handful of elementary schools in Orangeville represented by the DPCDSB. They include St. Benedict Catholic School, St. Andrew Catholic School and St. Peter Catholic School.

While there is no catholic high school in Dufferin County, some students in the area commute to Robert F. Hall in Caledon.



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# Trillium Ford All-Wheels car show grows in second year

Written By Brian Lockhart

The perfect weather meant even more vintage, classic, and custom car owners brought their rides out to the second annual Trillium Ford All-Wheels Show & Shine on Saturday, June 15.

The dealership hosted a fun day at its Highway 89 location with plenty of cars, music and food.

There were several awards handed out to car owners as well as a People's Choice Award where visitors could cast a ballot for their favourite vehicle.

Since this event was held as an 'all-wheels' show, there were also trucks and motorcycles on display by proud owners.

"Today is the second annual All-Wheels Show and Shine here at Trillium Ford Lincoln here in Shelburne," explained Wendy Gabrek, the dealership's marketing manager. "We have over 200 vehicles of all makes and models on display. We have everything from classics to imports, Fords of course, muscle cars, we have trucks, motorcycles. We also have free face painting, cotton candy, popcorn, and snow cones for the kids. We also have Spanky's Food truck on site. We have live music – the Curling Stones, David and Rob are performing for us. Batman made an appearance as well, and he's wandering around and meeting people."

The show featured vehicles from several decades going back to the 1930s. Some of



the older cars were stock in appearance while others have been chopped and modified for a street-rod appearance.

"It's open to all makes and models,"

Wendy explained. "We encourage everyone from car clubs to local enthusiasts to customers, and even our staff have entered their vehicles. We have a real eclectic collection today. We have winners in seven classes. We have awards for Ford, Muscle, Truck, Import, Working, People's Choice and Special Interest as well as a Best in Show as decided by our judges, which is our staff. We estimate around 500 showed up through the day. We've had people arrive from Melancton, Shelburne, Tottenham, Alliston, Orangeville, Mono, and Barrie."

Due to the show's success, organizers are already planning for next year. Although, Wendy admits it's a lot of work by Trillium

Ford staff to clear the lot of their inventory to make room for the show.

"We're planning our third annual show for the Saturday before the Father's Day weekend, so next year it will be June 14, 2025. I want to give a big 'thank you' to all of our staff who volunteered to be here today and helped prepare for this and owner, Len Rice. Everything is free today and we had donations for the Sheppard's Cupboard Food Bank in Shelburne."

There has always been an interest in special cars in Shelburne and the surrounding area with many local residents owning custom and classic vehicles so this show is natural for the area.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTOS

**SHOW AND SHINE:** The second annual Trillium Ford All-Wheels Show & Shine was a huge success on Saturday, June 14 with an estimated attendance of 500 people who came out to see vehicles of all makes and models.



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# Orangeville students open up about racism at Westside

The third party, an employment lawyer, is still investigating the matter – over one year later. With Makenna and Angel graduating from high school at the end of the month, Patti said she fears that the lawyer and UGDSB are trying to run out the clock on the investigation.

"[The lawyer] avoids me. He is not talking to me anymore. I keep reaching out to him but it's at a standstill," Patti said, noting that the last time he responded to her emails was Sept. 13, 2023.

"I just think that he's hoping the girls will graduate and everything will be gone. But the thing is – what about the next

child that it's going to happen to? What if they don't have someone to stand up and support them or someone to give them a voice?"

Ralph said the investigation is still ongoing.

She said the board does not "dismiss or undermine any allegations of discrimination" and is "fully committed to conducting comprehensive investigations into all allegations brought to our attention."

Angel said when she told the lawyer about the racial discrimination she was facing, he told her it wasn't dire enough or extreme enough for the school board

to act on her claims.

"It was so disrespectful. I couldn't even believe it coming out of his mouth," said Angel. "It's not until one of us actually takes our life or one of us does something drastic for them to care."

Angel said even though she's soon graduating from Westside, she doesn't feel at peace, because the issue of racism has not been addressed at her school.

In addition to disciplining students for racist behaviour, Angel and Makenna say there should be more Black teachers at Westside, who can relate to the challenges of Black students.

"I would just like that if something does happen, there's somebody to go talk to. That's what I wish for the last three years that I had – a person to go talk to," Makenna said. "I want a person of color, somebody who looks like me, who knows what I'm going through because they've been through it."

Going forward, Angel, Makenna and their parents say they want the UGDSB to acknowledge what's happening at Westside, treat allegations of racism more seriously when they're brought forward, and suspend students who use the N-word.



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**BIG WIN:** Claudette Bernard of Shelburne won \$100,000 in the May 24 LOTTO MAX draw. Her winning ticket was purchased at Giant Tiger on First Avenue in Shelburne.

## Shelburne woman wins \$100,000

A Shelburne woman recently took home \$100,000.

Claudette Bernard of Shelburne said "yes" to ENCORE and matched the last six of her seven numbers in their exact order to win the May 24 LOTTO MAX draw.

Claudette, an entrepreneur, has been playing the lottery with OLG for 25 years. She likes to play a variety of games and always makes sure to add ENCORE.

Claudette is now celebrating her first big win.

"When I scanned my ticket on the OLG app, it said, 'Big Winner' and thought I had won \$100," she said, while visiting the OLG Prize Centre in Toronto to collect her winnings.

"I showed my daughter and she said, 'Mom! Come over here right now! You won \$100,000!' I was shaking and shocked!"

The 53-year-old expressed just how much this win meant to her.

"I was in the middle of moving so this win came at a good time. I am so grateful and thankful. Winning is amazing! It's real, but it's unreal," she smiled.

Claudette plans to pay off some bills and take a well-deserved family vacation.

ENCORE offers 22 ways to win and can be played in conjunction with most lottery games for an extra \$1. There are two ENCORE draws every day.

The winning ticket was purchased at Giant Tiger on First Avenue in Shelburne.

# Big Brothers Big Sisters Dufferin fundraises at annual golf tournament

Written By Paula Brown

Dufferin County residents teed up and took the swing to help raise needed funds for a local organization helping to support youth in the community.

Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) Dufferin and District hosted their 30th annual golf tournament last Thursday (June 13) at the Shelburne Golf and Country Club. The annual golf tournament is one of the organization's biggest fundraising events of the year.

"It's wonderful to be able to run the [golf tournament] through the years and keep on raising money to be able to fund our programs," said Nancy Stallmach, executive director of BBBS Dufferin and District. "It's a great way to connect with the community, and we have a lot of support from both golfers and sponsors, helping to raise lots of money to continue to provide our mentoring services for children and youth."

Big Brothers and Big Sisters (BBBS) Canada was founded in 1913 and looks to take kids facing adversity and pair them with a caring mentor, whom they usually spend a few hours every week or two with. The program has existed in the Dufferin County community since the early 1970s.

At this year's annual golf tournament, Big Brothers Big Sisters Dufferin saw 45 golfers take to the fairways and greens at Shelburne Golf and Country Club in order to reach the fundraising goal of \$14,000.

The money raised from the annual golf tournament goes towards supporting Big

Brothers Big Sisters' core mentor program, where they match an adult volunteer with a youth in the community to provide guidance and support. The funds also go towards supporting Big Brothers Big Sisters Dufferin's school and group programs as well as their bench program, which is for children on the waitlist awaiting their big brother or big sister match.

"I think a lot of people feel a real affinity for the Big Brothers Big Sisters programs and they see the value of them," said Stallmach. "It's touched a lot of lives over the years in our local community."

Tony Cassar, a golfer in the Big Brothers Big Sisters tournament, knows firsthand the impact the mentorship program has on local youth.

In the 1970s, Cassar and his older brother were among some of the first youth in Dufferin County to be paired with an older mentor following the launch of Big Brothers Big Sisters Dufferin and District.

"It's a fantastic organization to have people volunteering their time to help kids. It's one thing to give money, but for people to actually give their time and become big brothers or big sisters, I think is awesome. It really does have a huge impact on the kids," said Cassar.

While raising funds to support their regular programming, Big Brothers Big Sisters Dufferin is also looking to bring awareness to their need for more volunteers.

Speaking with the Free Press, Stallmach said there are about 15 children with the



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**GOLFING TO GIVE BACK:** Golfers teed off to help raise funds to support Big Brothers Big Sisters Dufferin and District on June 13 as they took part in the 30th annual golf tournament at Shelburne Golf and Country Club.

local Big Brothers and Big Sisters organization who are on a waitlist for their turn to be matched with a big brother or big sister.

"You don't need to have a special skill to do this, it's just about spending time with somebody and creating a friendship," said Stallmach. "Our programs have a huge impact on the lives of the children and youth we serve, but it also has a positive impact on the life of a volunteer as well. So many of our volun-

teers will say they don't know who gets more out of it, them or the child. It can be a very rewarding experience to be part of the Big Brothers Big Sisters program."

Those interested in learning more about the Big Brothers Big Sisters program or who would like to inquire about becoming a volunteer big brother or big sister can do so by visiting the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Dufferin and District website.

# Stay safe during heat warning with tips from Dufferin County

Environment Canada issued a heat warning for Dufferin County due to dangerously hot and humid conditions impacting the region from June 17 to 19. With warmer weather continuing through the summer, Dufferin County would like to remind residents to take precautions during periods of heightened heat.

### Stay hydrated and keep cool

Drink plenty of water throughout the day, even if you do not feel thirsty, and limit your heat exposure. Never leave children or pets unattended in vehicles. Cool off at a local splash pad or pool. A list can be found in the Explore Dufferin Guide: [exploredufferin-county.ca/explore-dufferin-guide](http://exploredufferin-county.ca/explore-dufferin-guide)

The Town of Orangeville's recreation centres are open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. for cooling centres daily. There is access to water for refills for people and dogs as well

as water bowls outside for dogs. For more information visit [www.orangeville.ca/Beat-TheHeat](http://www.orangeville.ca/Beat-TheHeat)

If you don't have air conditioning, keep your windows, doors and blinds shut during the day. If temperatures drop at night, crack the windows before going to bed.

Set your ceiling fans to rotate counter clockwise and create a cool breeze by placing a bowl with ice in front of a large fan. Take a cool shower, or place frozen washcloths on your forehead, back of neck, and wrists to help lower your core temperature.

Keep pets indoors and avoid taking them for walks in the heat. If outdoors, limit time in the sun and provide shade. Keep in mind that if the pavement is too hot for bare feet, it is too hot for bare paws.

### Watch for heat illness

Pay attention to how you and those

around you feel and watch for heat illness symptoms like headache, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, fainting or rapid breathing or heartbeat. The risks of high temperature are greater for young children, pregnant women, older adults, people with chronic illnesses and people working or exercising outdoors.

If you know someone who may be more vulnerable to heat-related illness, check-in regularly to ensure they are cool and hydrated. Heat stroke is a medical emergency. Call 9-1-1 if you are caring for someone who has a high body temperature and is either confused, experiencing dizziness or fainting, or has stopped sweating.



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**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SHELBURNE**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**  
**UNDER SECTION 45 OF THE PLANNING ACT**

**Take Notice** that the Committee of Adjustment of the Corporation of the Town of Shelburne will hold a public meeting on:

**MONDAY, JULY 22ND, 2024**

The public meeting is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m., or as shortly thereafter as possible, and will be held in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Offices, 203 Main Street East, Shelburne. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the following planning application:

**COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT**

**1) Application for Minor Variance A22/09R** – The owner of the property located at 402 First Avenue East has submitted an application for a Minor Variance to request relief from Section 4.2.2 of Zoning By-law 38-2007. The purpose of the application is to permit a rear yard setback of 7.0 metres for the existing dwelling on the property, whereas 7.5 metres is required. An application for a Minor Variance (A22/09) was previously submitted and approved with conditions in relation to a consent application (B22/03) to permit a rear yard setback of 7.20 metres for the existing dwelling on the retained property. Due to an imprecise measurement for the original application, the applicant is requesting a further reduction of 0.20 metre based on a newer survey prepared for the consent. The reduction is required in order to facilitate final approval of the consent application which has been approved with conditions.

A map showing the location of the subject property is provided below.

For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, email [planning@shelburne.ca](mailto:planning@shelburne.ca) or visit the Town's website at [www.shelburne.ca](http://www.shelburne.ca).

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Dear sister of Jocelyn and her husband John Dobson and predeceased by Jean and her husband Sid Burgess. Fondly remembered by nieces and nephews in England. The family will receive their friends at Tweedsmuir Presbyterian Church, 6 John Street, Orangeville, on Thursday, June 20 from one o'clock until time of funeral service at 2 o'clock. Cremation will take place. Following the service, a reception will be held in the church hall. If desired, memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice. Condolences for the family may be offered at [www.EganFuneralHome.com](http://www.EganFuneralHome.com)

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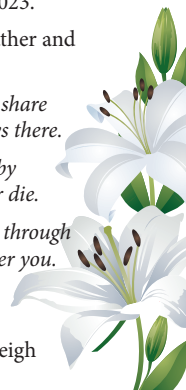
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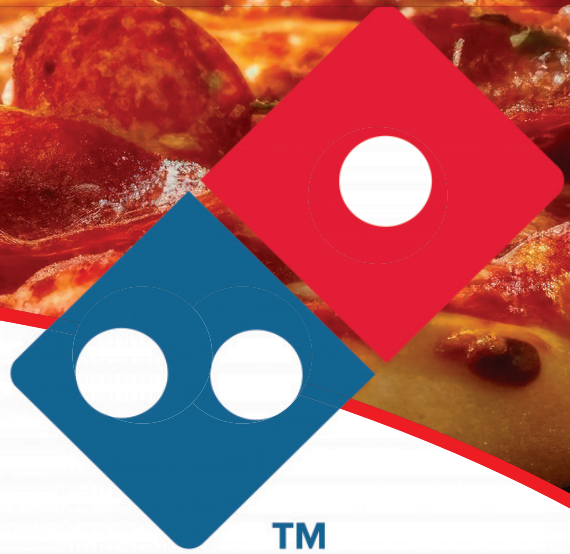
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