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**PROVIDING THE TUNES:** Shelburne artist, Sandy Harron performs to a crowd at the Lavender Festival held at Hereward Farms in Grand Valley on Aug. 13. The well-attended festival had designated rows of lavender for people to pick, a local artisan market, food, and vintage cars on display. See more on Pg 10.

## Future of HMF Concert Series under review after poor turnout

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Rotary Club of Shelburne says they'll be reevaluating plans for future Heritage Music Festival (HMF) events following "disappointing attendance" at HMF Concert Series.

The Shelburne Rotary Club closed out the last show of their summer HMF Concert Series earlier this month. But what was supposed to be their largest fundraiser of the year has come with a disappointing outcome as community attendance dwindled.

"It's just so disheartening to do something for your community and then the attendance is poor," said Bobbi Ferguson, co-president of Shelburne Rotary.

The 2022 HMF Concert Series kicked off in late June with the ultimate classic rock experience from Leisa Way and her show Rock n' Roll Is Here To Stay. The concert shows continued in August with Alberta's country sensation Dan Davidson performing at the CDRC and Bands, Brews and BBQ featuring performances from the first, second and third place winners of the inaugural Dufferin Rising Star Competition.

The two final summer concerts were held on the weekend that the Heritage Music Festival

has been historically known to take place, known as "Fiddle Weekend".

For the Rotary Club of Shelburne, the Heritage Music Festival is their largest fundraiser with the revenue made during the event going directly back into local initiatives.

Each year the Rotary Club of Shelburne looks to raised between \$30,000 and \$40,000 to support the initiatives they help fund.

Ferguson said that while they're still waiting for official fundraising numbers to come in, they do know that they missed their donation goal significantly.

"It's disappointing because it hampers what we can give out to people. Our only revenue generator is our fundraisers and obviously if you don't make money, you have no money to spend. We're not down and out, but we estimate what we're going to make and when it's not that then you have to think about who do we cut, who do we not give money to this year."

The Heritage Music Festival, along with its earlier variations, has been a long-standing annual tradition in the Town of Shelburne.

The first fiddle contest took place in August of 1951, and grew steadily over the years to include more classes in the competition, a beauty contest, and the Fiddle Parade. The event became known as Fiddleville.

While the number of contestants in the Fiddle Contest increase the audience for the contest continued to decline over the years and in 2016, Fiddleville was rebranded to the Heritage Music Festival and the Canadian Open Olde Time Fiddle Championship.

Prior to the pandemic, the Rotary Club and the Heritage Music Festival (HMF) were in transition mode; taking the event from a fiddle-centric week to a music festival that would appeal to a wider range of music lovers.

Ferguson said the disappointing turnout of attendees has left the Rotary Club with the need to have serious discussions before they begin the months of planning for next years including if the long-standing festival should be laid to rest.

"These events are put on for the entertainment of the residents of Shelburne to raise money for the people of Shelburne to support causes; your organizations; your schools; your sports teams; the arts and more," said Ferguson. "Families, singles, seniors, and children all benefit from the funds raised by these fundraising events and the lack of attendance puts the events future and support for the organizations they support in jeopardy."

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# Three more Shelburne residents running in municipal election

Written By Paula Brown  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Three more candidates have joined the running for the upcoming municipal election as the Friday nomination deadline approaches.

Kyle Fegan, Shane Hall, and Randy Narine gathered at Shelburne Town Hall on Tuesday (Aug. 17) morning to submit their nomination papers, officially announcing their candidacy for the next term of council.

A current member of Shelburne Council, Fegan submitted nomination papers re-running for the spot-on council he has held for the last term.

“For the last four years this current council has had a lot of initiatives that we’ve put into place and it’s nice to see a lot of the fruits of our labour come to fruition. But, there’s still a lot of work yet to be done. I’m liking being part of that action and looking forward to contributing again,” said Fegan.

Randy Narine, a newcomer in the municipal election race, also submitted papers running for a councillor position.

“For the last nine years I’ve lived in Shelburne, I’ve been very involved in the community as a firefighter, but more importantly, as a volunteer with a lot of events, and working with homeless youth and homeless men.



**MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES:** Kyle Fegan, Shane Hall, and Randy Narine have added their names to the list of candidates in the upcoming municipal election as they submit nominations papers at Town Hall on Tuesday (Aug. 16)

PAULA BROWN PHOTO

I’ve seen a lot of great things happening in Shelburne, but we’re at a cusp where things are propelling forward and it’s either we’re going to grow or stay stagnant,” said Narine.

“There’s a lot of things that I’d like to see happening in this town, and instead of sitting on the sidelines I’d like to get involved. I want to get in to council, start doing some work and

see the town improve for the better.”  
Shelburne incumbent Shane Hall filed his nomination for Deputy Mayor.

Hall will be vying for the council position against Shelburne’s current Deputy Mayor, Steve Anderson, who is running for re-election.

“We’ve had a lot of accomplishments in the last four years, specifically trying to catch up on some of the recreation that was gapped from previous terms. However, my decision was more based on what the future brings. This next term, so the next four years, we’re going to see the largest investment requirement for infrastructure that Shelburne has ever seen and that is in the form of the water sewage treatment plant,” said Hall. “My feeling is the current incumbent is more of a free spending spirit versus my fiscally conservative methods. So based on that, I feel now it’s a time that we can’t afford that free spending style. We need to rein things in and move forward with a solid future.”

The deadline to register for the upcoming municipal election is Friday (Aug. 19)

The municipal election, which will determine the councillors seated on Shelburne Town Council for the next four years (2022-2026), will be held on Oct. 24.

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## Shelburne Fall Fair returns Sept. 17

Written By Paula Brown  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

With the end of summer quickly approaching, the Shelburne Fall Fair is set to make a return next month after a two-year hiatus.

On Monday (Aug. 15), the Shelburne District Agricultural Society released the schedule of events for the upcoming fall fair, which will be held on Sept. 17.

“It definitely feels wonderful to have something return for the community even though it’s a one-day event. It’s hopeful and promising for next year to go back to our three-day event,” said Sue Peterson, secretary for the Shelburne Fall Fair.

The local fair will kick off on the Saturday (Sept. 17) at 9:45 a.m., and will run throughout the day with a number of classic fair events including various livestock shows, a pie eating contest, a baby show and a dog show.

The evening will close out with highly anticipated demolition derby.

The Shelburne Fall Fair Ambassador Competition will be held on the Friday evening.

“What we’re looking forward to is a packed fairground. The fairground has been isolated and empty for the last couple of years so it will be great for the community and it’ll be great for the fair board to see friends and families out on the fairgrounds enjoying everything that we’ve put together for them,” said Peterson.

The Shelburne Fall Fair has been a long-standing annual event in the community for over a century and a half. The fair was put on hiatus for both 2020 and 2021 due to uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pan-



FILE PHOTO

**FAIR FUN:** The Shelburne Fall Fair is returning Sept. 17 after a break due to the pandemic.

demic.  
According to the Shelburne District Agricultural Society that last time the fair was cancelled was in 1917 during the First World War.

Typically, the Shelburne Fall Fair runs over three days, but the fair’s board of directors announced back in April that it would be returning this year as a one-day event.

“The thought process behind it was that it had been a couple of years and sponsorship is a huge part of us being able to put on the fair for the community. With the last couple of years and what the local businesses have been through, we weren’t a hundred per cent sure on what sort of sponsorship we’d be able to get for three days,” explained Peterson. “We decided we’d start with one day and try to get the sponsorship we can and then we’ll regroup after the fair and what we can do for next year.”

This year, admission into the Shelburne Fall Fair is free with donations both monetary and non-perishables being accepted.

The Shelburne Fall Fair will take place on Sept. 17 at the Fairgrounds.

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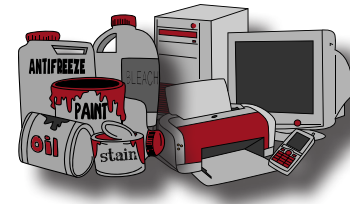
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Nomination Day has moved to August 19, 2022, for the 2022 Municipal Election. Nominations open May 1, 2022.

As a reminder, nominations must be endorsed by 25 persons that are eligible to vote in the Town of Shelburne.

For more information and updates please visit the Town's website <https://www.shelburne.ca/en/town-hall/election-information.aspx>



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# One person's junk

When I was a kid, maybe seven years old, I received a rather fun toy at Christmas one year.

It was a battery-operated robot that walked, spoke, and spit out little puffs of smoke. It had some kind of flashy robot name, which I can't remember, and was probably a bi-product of the many sci-fi movies or TV shows of the era that had a robot.

Cost at the time was probably \$5 to \$7.

A few years ago, while flipping through the channels, I stopped at show that was featuring collectibles. The host was showing everything from baseball cards to Beanie Babies and describing the current bidding prices for these apparently rare items that collectors pay big bucks for.

And then, there it was - my smoke puffing robot. The host flipped the switch and the robot started walking around the table.

Current collectible price - \$3,000.

Who knows what happened to that robot? I asked my mother, and she played dumb, although I suspect somewhere along the line when cleaning out the house, she donated it or gave it to someone else who had young kids. Mothers tend to do that when they realize their kid hasn't played with something for years and has forgotten all about it.

Then it occurred to me - didn't I have a collection of baseball and hockey cards at one time? Maybe I had a valuable rookie card in that collection.

Nope, that collection is lost to history.

I understand why people collect things. For them, it is just something they like and enjoy, and it brings a sense of happiness to have them.

I know someone who collects unicorns. I also have a friend who collects frogs. One corner of her house is dedicated to porcelain, glass, and metal frogs from around the world.

The thing about a collection is it is very personal. You may really love your collection of shot-glasses from famous bars you knocked one back in, or that matchbook collection you put together from hotels you stayed at when you were a travelling shoelace salesman, but they mean nothing to anyone else.

When a person passes away, and the family, usually the children, are tasked with cleaning out a person's residence, those cherished collections usually pose a problem.

That collection of Spode Collectible Plates that adorned the wall of Aunt Mabel's dining room, may have meant the world to her, but for those cleaning the place out, they have little or no sentimental value.

Most likely they will be put in a box and stored in an attic, or sold off at a garage sale.

It is the garage sale, that proves that 'one person's junk, is another person's treasure.'

I don't attend garage sales, but something caught my eyes years ago when I was passing by one.

I bought a 1962 Silvertone guitar for \$20. It was a Gibson Les Paul knock off - black with a white pick guard. The woman selling it referred

to it as 'that old guitar that's been laying around the basement.'

She thought getting \$20 for it was a good deal for her - and it was at the time.

Silvertone guitars were mass produced in the late 50's and early 60's. They were inexpensive and ordered through the Sears Roebuck catalogue.

For some reason there has been a resurgence in interest in this brand - I guess because they are no longer produced. I went on a few websites and found the model guitar I have is now selling for up to \$1,200. I think that's the only time I bought something that actually went up in value.

It hangs on the wall beside some other instruments as more of a décor piece, and I suspect some day it will also put back out at a

garage sale.

What I don't understand is paying a big price for a collectible. When I see a new record being set for a painting at some auction, I am baffled as to why a rich guy would want to spend \$40 million on a Van Gogh, even if he could afford it. For that kind of money, wouldn't it be a lot more fun to buy a boat?

The value of many objects is simply what someone else is willing to pay to have it. I have no idea why someone would pay \$3,000 for a toy robot.

I don't have the robot anymore, but somewhere out there, a grown man is proudly displaying that robot as part of collection of vintage toys.



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## Seven year old boy passes away following collision in Amaranth

Police are investigating a fatal motor vehicle collision in the Township of Amaranth on Monday night that resulted in the death of a seven-year-old boy.

Dufferin OPP, along with Dufferin County Paramedic Service and Orangeville Fire Department, attended a fatal, head-on motor vehicle collision between a pickup

truck and Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV) on County Road 11 at 5 Sideroad in Amaranth.

As a result of the collision, eight people were transported to a local hospital. Seven people suffered non-life-threatening injuries and one person, a seven-year-old male from Orangeville, was pronounced deceased at the hospital.

The OPP Traffic Collision Investigation (TCI) team was brought in to investigate. The investigation is continuing and anyone who may have witnessed the collision is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

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



## Dufferin OPP charge driver with impaired operation over the weekend

Police have charged a London, Ont. man with impaired operation over the weekend in Orangeville.

Dufferin OPP received a traffic complaint of a possible impaired driver near Riddell Road and Spencer Avenue in town on Saturday (Aug. 13) at approximately 1:00 a.m.

“An eagle-eyed Dufferin OPP officer located the vehicle and driver at a business on Riddell Road,” read a recent press release from police. “The officer investigated the traffic complaint and was led into an impaired operation investigation.”

As a result of the investigation, Mary FEE-

LEY, 28-year-old, from London has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Drive motor vehicle - no license
- Having care or control of a motor vehicle with an open container of liquor

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville, in October of 2022, to answer to the charges. The accused driver's licence was suspended for 90 days, and their vehicle impounded for seven days. These charges have not been proven in court.

## Dufferin County funding bursaries for ECE at Georgian College

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Dufferin County is funding new bursaries with Georgian College to support the Early Childhood Education (ECE) workforce in the region.

A joint press release issued last Thursday (Aug. 11) announced the funding of 18 new bursaries, for Dufferin County residents pursuing early childhood education at Georgian College, to help meet the needs for more ECE workers.

“Accessible, inclusive and high-quality child care is essential to our economy and

early childhood educators are at the forefront. Without a viable workforce, there is no child care,” said Lori-Jane Del Medico, program manager for Dufferin County's Early Years and Child Care. “We're committed to supporting and investing in the next generation of early childhood educators and we hope these new bursaries will make the required education and training more accessible for students.”

The bursaries are valued at \$2,000 each and will be presented to full-time students who demonstrate financial need. The funding may be renewed in year two of the program if students maintain good academic

standing.

To promote diversity within the ECE sector, four of the bursaries will be available for students who self-identify as Black, Indigenous or Francophone.

“The bursaries for students will remove a barrier to those considering this in demand career path, and it will support them in becoming qualified Early Childhood Educators able to meet the workforce need,” said Brenda Burman, manager of Campus, Government and Employment Programs for Orangeville and South Georgian Bay campuses.

In August 2021, the provincial and fed-

eral governments signed a new Early Childhood Workforce Agreement with a one-time funding of approximately \$149.9 million to support the retentions and recruitment of high-quality child care and early years workforce.

The Early Childhood Education program at Georgian College is offered at their Orangeville, Orillia and Owen Sound campuses.

Admission is still open for the Early Childhood Education program, which will begin in September. Those who wish to learn more about the bursaries and apply can visit: [www.georgiancollege.ca/dufferinECED](http://www.georgiancollege.ca/dufferinECED).

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# SHELBURNE SPORTS

## Mansfield Junior Cubs going to NDBL championship

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Mansfield Junior Cubs will be going to the North Dufferin Baseball League (NDBL) Junior championship after knocking out the Georgina Bulldogs in the second round of playoffs.

The best-of-three series was well played by both teams.

In the first game, the Cubs won with a walk-off home run in the bottom of the seventh inning.

The second game got underway in Mansfield on Thursday, August 11. Luke Dunmore started on the mound for the Cubs.

The Bulldogs took an early lead in the first inning with a line drive past second base that brought in two runs.

Georgina was ahead 3-0 in the second after scoring when a long hit to the left field fence bought enough time for a player to score.

Mansfield was on the scoreboard in the third inning when Aidan Pain hit a two-run home run.

In the fourth inning the Bulldogs took a two-run lead after getting men on second and third and batting in a run on a single.

The score got closer in the fifth inning after Mansfield loaded the bases and the

Georgina pitcher was called on a balk which resulted in players advancing for one base and the Cubs walked across the plate for a run.

The game was tied 4-4 after Dylan Brown batted in a run to end the inning.

The Bulldogs were again ahead after a Cubs error at third base allowed a Georgina run, followed by a line drive that allowed another runner to cross the plate.

It all came down to the bottom of the seventh with the Cubs trailing by two runs and their final chance to turn the game around.

The Cubs had three men on base when a batter walked to bring another run in and make it a 6-6 game.

Mansfield, won the game when an error allowed Brodie Hunter to steal home plate for the 7-6 win and give the Cubs the right to advance to the final.

“There’s hardly ever a stolen home plate at Mansfield because the backstop is so close, but the ball rocketed off a post,” said Cubs coach Lance Byran after the game. “I give these guys full credit because they never give up and they’re very patient. At the plate, they’re willing to take a walk and willing to wait for their pitch. I think their biggest strength is plate discipline.”

The Cubs will now be up against the Creemore Padres for the championship. The Padres finished in last place in the league in the regular season but pulled out all the stops in the playoffs, knocking out



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

**FAST BALL:** Mansfield Cubs pitcher, Luke Dunmore, delivers a fast ball across the plate during game two of their best-of-three second round series against the Georgina Bulldogs on the diamond in Mansfield. The Cubs went on to win 7-6 with a walk-off steal in the seventh inning. They will now go on to play the Creemore Padres for the NDBL Junior championship.

more Padres for the championship. The Padres finished in last place in the league in the regular season but pulled out all the stops in the playoffs, knocking out the Caledon Nationals in the first round and dispatching the Orillia Royals in the second round of competition.

## Shelburne Knights play two weekend games at cricket pitch

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Shelburne Knights played two games over the weekend as the regular cricket season starts to wind down.

The Shelburne Cricket Club has finished week 11 of their house league schedule meaning each team in the league has

played at least 15 games.

The Knights were on the cricket pitch at KTH Park on Saturday, August 13, to take on the Shelburne Warriors.

Winning the toss, the Warriors decided to bat. They made a total of 150 runs on the board with the loss of four wickets.

Lenroy Whorms scored the most runs with 47 for his total.

The Knights played a good game and tried to close the scoring gap but lost their wickets early on. They were able to make only 50 runs.

Samir Patel was the man of the match.

The Knights were back at it the following day when they hosted the Shelburne Gladiators.

The Gladiators won the toss and decided to bat.

They put up 91 runs on the board.

Up to bat, the Knights tried to secure a win. The game changed when Ahsen Siddiqui, took four wickets in four balls – another record for the Gladiators.

The match went the whole distance with a lot of good play on both sides.

In the end, the Gladiators took the win with one run.

Man of the match was Rajmohan Palithodi.

Both the Gladiators and the Knights are fighting for a spot in the final.

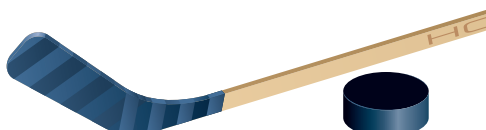
The Gladiators have three games remaining while the Knights have two left to go.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

**CRICKET MATCH:** The Shelburne Knights played two matches over the weekend against the Warriors and the Gladiators. The Knights lost both games, and will now try to secure a spot in the final with three games left in the regular season.

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For coverage of any local sports events please contact me and I'll be there!



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**TOOK HOME BRONZE:** Two Shelburne athletes, Jordan Smith, and Taylor Pate, competed in the 2022 Canadian Summer Games held in Niagara Falls, from August 6 to 21. The two women were recently named to the Brock University Badger's women's rugby team, and were selected to be on Team Ontario's Rugby 7's team for the Summer Games. This was the first time the Games hosted a Rugby 7's competition. Team Ontario won the bronze medal after winning their final game in overtime. Taylor is in the front row, far right. Jordan is standing, third from right.

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By Sam Odrowski

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Jamie Patterson, Orangeville Nissan general manager, said he largely credits the dealership's success to the skill and dedication of his team.

"I think it's just the tradition of hiring the right people," said Patterson. "We've continued to hire good people that match our customers."

Mark Pilla, managing partner at Orangeville Nissan said it is the local customers that he has to

thank for the dealership's success, noting they've shown great support through the pandemic.

"We would like to thank the community for supporting us and allowing us to do this," said Pilla. "We couldn't do it without them and we couldn't do it without the staff, so big thanks to everybody."

Steve Millette, president of Nissan Canada, said in the context of the pandemic and supply chain issues, Orangeville Nissan has done an exemplary job of keeping customers satisfied.

"It just speaks to the leadership of this place, where they can get through this with flying colours and meet the expectations of customers," he said.

Millette has been president of Nissan Canada since 2019, and Patterson said it's been great to have someone in the role to provide stability and a clear long-term focus.

Marc Andre Nault, Nissan Canada vice president of sales, noted that winning the 2022 Nissan Global Award required a consistent team

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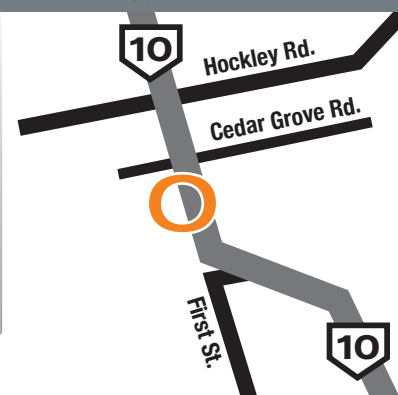
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Thank you to each sponsor, every volunteer, all the hockey players, as well as the coaches, for their contributions to the event. It wouldn't have been possible without each and every one of you. A sincere thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and attended the game. It was great to see so many familiar faces in the crowd! I would also like to extend a big thank you to Headwaters Health Care Foundation for embracing my vision of Hockey Night in Dufferin-Caledon and working with my team to organize this incredible event. A special thank you to Tim Stevens, and all the staff at Teen Ranch, for allowing us to use their outstanding facility to host Hockey Night in Dufferin-Caledon! I am so proud of our community and what we have achieved together! A special congratulations to Team Dufferin, led by Brett and Nick Ritchie, for winning the game. I'm already looking forward to Hockey Night in Dufferin-Caledon 2023!

Sincerely,  
Kyle Seeback, M.P.  
Dufferin-Caledon



**SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER:** The first inaugural Hockey Night in Dufferin-Caledon generated \$86,000 for Headwaters Health Care Foundation, which supports the purchase of equipment and upgrades for the local hospital.



**NET ACTION:** It was an action packed three periods with an ending score of 8-4 at Teen Ranch for the first ever Hockey Night in Dufferin-Caledon.

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**PUCK DROP:** Headwaters Hospital CEO and president Kim Delahunt and Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback drop the puck to kick off the game last Wednesday (Aug. 10) night.



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**TEAM DUFFERIN COACHES:** Orangeville councillor Joe Andrews and Dufferin County Warden Wade Mills coached team Dufferin to victory with an 8-4 lead when the final buzzer sounded.

## Hockey Night in Dufferin-Caledon raises \$86K for local hospital

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Hockey Night in Dufferin-Caledon added a fair chunk of change to the coffers at the Headwaters Health Care Foundation.

A group of National Hockey League (NHL) and local players laced skates for a charity game Aug. 10 at the Teen Ranch rink. The effort raised \$86,000 for the hospital's fundraising arm.

Players who locked horns on the ice included former NHL stars Brett Ritchie, Nick Ritchie, Taylor Raddysh, Darren Raddysh, and Andrew Mangiapane, as well as other local elite players.

Team Dufferin won the action-packed game 8-4, led by celebrity coaches Dufferin County Warden Wade Mills, who is also mayor of Shelburne, and Orangeville Councillor Joe Andrews.

Team Caledon was led by bench bosses Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson and Jennifer Innis, regional councillor of Wards 3 and 4.

"I'm thrilled with the success of the inaugural year of Hockey Night in Dufferin-Caledon and how our community came together to raise \$86,000 for our local hospital," said

Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback, the event's organizer.

He said it was a collective effort that made for an exciting night.

"The outpouring of support for this sold-out event was incredible," Seeback said. "Everyone who bought game and prize tickets; the local NHL and elite players who wowed the spectators; the sponsors; and the volunteers all contributed to the tremendous success of the evening."

The family-friendly evening also delivered fun activities and outstanding prizes for everyone in attendance, which included "Chuck a Puck" with Joel Osmond taking home a signed Mitch Mamer Toronto Maple Leafs jersey.

Three lucky winners won raffle prizes ranging from an Air Canada round trip for two, Twenty-One Pilots concert tickets, and four tickets to a Toronto Maple Leafs game.

"After more than two years of the pandemic, it was wonderful for our community to be enjoying a fun, exciting evening together celebrating Canada's favourite pastime, while supporting a fantastic cause," said Seeback.

"I'm already looking forward to Hockey Night 2023."



# Walter Benotto seeking re-election to Shelburne council

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

Long-standing Shelburne Councillor, Walter Benotto is seeking re-election in the upcoming municipal election as he tosses his name into the growing list of candidates.

"I felt that we didn't accomplish everything we wanted to this last term do in great deal to COVID, and there's a lot more that I still want to accomplish," said Benotto in an interview with the Free Press. "I felt that with running another term hopefully I can get everything I want accomplished before I decide at some point to bow out."

Benotto has served on Shelburne Town Council for the past 23 years, running in every election since 1996. During his time with council, he has served on practically every committee and boards including the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex (CDRC), Heritage, Economic Development, and the Notawasaga Valley Conservation Authority to name a few.

In the most recent terms, he has served on the Shelburne and District Fire Department Board and the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Speaking with the Free Press, Benotto shared some of the issues he is looking to address during his election campaign such as the Dufferin County growth plan and increasing industrial space in the town to

help bring more employment locally.

He is also looking to dive deeper into projects relating the Parks and Recreation including a covered swimming pool and an indoor running track.

Two specific projects he specifically he notes high on importance is bring the YMCA to the community for youth, adult and senior programming, and the contact the MTO on building a bypass to decongest the traffic in the downtown core.

"My goal is to get more things done for the residents of the town. I work for the town residents, there's nothing for me in running again, and I feel they deserve to have more done for them," said Benotto. "I will be able to things done. I'm not a person that's shy to speak up and if I think something is right or wrong, I will voice concerns that citizens bring up to me."

Benotto said he will begin a door-to-door campaign in the upcoming weeks to hear the wants, needs, concerns, and issues on Shelburne voters minds.

"I'll be going a door-to-door as I've done in all my elections, and I will try to get to as many doors as I can," said Benotto. "I want to hear from people. When I reach their doors, I want them to tell me what they like and what they don't like - I'm willing to hear it all."

The Shelburne municipal election will be held on October 24.



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**RUNNING FOR COUNCIL:** Walter Benotto is seeking re-election to Shelburne Council in the upcoming municipal election.

# RAM Rodeo returning this weekend with full slate of competitions

Saddle up, cowpokes.

This year's edition of the Headwaters-Orangeville RAM Rodeo will kick off this weekend at the Orangeville Fairgrounds.

That means two days of some of the most grinding, harrowing interaction between human and beast in sport next to the Calgary Stampede.

The rodeo performance will feature some of Canada's top cowboys and cowgirls, competing in standard events like barrel racing, bronc riding, pole bending, and bull riding.

Saturday will see gates open at noon. There will be a free kids' rodeo starting at 2 p.m. with live music at 3 p.m. and the main RAM Rodeo performance at 4 p.m.

Sunday gets into gear an hour earlier with gates opening at 11 a.m. when the kids' free rodeo starts. There will be live tunes at noon to get the riders and spectators riled up for the main rodeo events at 1 p.m.

Money generated during this weekend's

event will go toward Ontario's Tuff Therapeutic Riding Foundation.

The foundation is an outfit that provides therapeutic riding lessons for at-risk youth in Ontario. They serve young people involved with Child Welfare Services, youth struggling with addictions, and LGBTQ2+ youth.

The riders come from diverse backgrounds and experiences, but they are similarly struggling emotionally and behaviorally and are considered at-risk.

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# Hereward Farms Lavender Festival sees great turnout



**CHECKING THE LAVENDER OUT:** Families enjoyed exploring Hereward Farms in Grand Valley for its Lavender Festival that took place on Aug. 13. The event featured local artisans, vendors, food, and entertainment. There was no cost to enter the festival but organizers asked that a donation be made to the Alzheimer's Society of Dufferin County.



**CHECKING OUT THE MERCHENDISE:** Local artisans and vendors filled up a portion of the fields at Hereward Farms for its Lavender Festival. Attendees enjoyed perusing through a variety of booths from small businesses set up on site.



**HARVEST TIME:** Attendees of Hereward Farms' Lavender Festival on Aug. 13 had the opportunity to pick their own from designated rows in the fields.



**MUSICAL INTERLUDE:** Live music entertained attendees of Hereward Farms' Lavender Festival on Aug. 13.

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# Earl Hawkins seeking re-election to Mulmur council this fall

Written By **PAULA BROWN**  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Long-standing councillor and incumbent deputy mayor, Earl Hawkins is seeking to hold his position on Mulmur council as he runs for re-election in the upcoming municipal election.

Hawkin's filed his candidacy papers for the municipal election on May 3, just one day after the period for nominations officially opened.

Speaking with the Free Press, Hawkins said his desire to run for another term of council came from wanting to see the start and completion of a number of significant projects.

"There's two or three things that I would like to get finished in this coming term," said Hawkins.

Some of the projects he pointed to include upgrades to the existing arena, a community

centre in Mansfield, and the new subdivision consisting of 67 units.

A lifetime resident of Mulmur, Hawkins operates a beef farm west of Mansfield and has served on council for the last 25 years. He was initially appointed to deputy mayor in 2016 following the resignation of then deputy mayor Heather Hayes and subsequently elected to the position in 2018.

Over the years he's been a part of a number of boards and committees including six years on the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority; 13 years on Mansfield Recreation Committee; 10 years on the Shelburne Fire Board and Rosemont Fire Board; 12 years on Mulmur-Melanchthon Fire Board; 28 years on the Committee of Adjustment; 2 years on Planning Advisory Committee; and 2 years on Honeywood Arena Board.

"Experience is very important; you can't beat it with all the education in the world. Living in Mulmur Township all my life, I know

the roads, I know the people and if I don't who does," said Hawkins. "That's invaluable. If you don't know the people, how can you govern and say what they want."

Hawkins shared some of the priorities and issues he will focus on in his campaign for deputy mayor including climate change, preservation of water and environment resources, preserving agricultural land, avoiding tax increases, resident input and a fair and open government.

"I feel that council's first priority should always be to protect and safeguard the rights and freedoms of Mulmur residents, and I will continue to strive toward that goal," said Hawkins.

Hawkins will be running against current Mulmur councillor Shirley Boxem for the deputy mayor position.

The municipal election will take place on Oct. 24



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**SEEKING RE-ELECTION:** Earl Hawkins is hoping to hold onto his seat on Mulmur council come the Oct. 24 election.

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#### CLUTE, NORMAN P.



Passed away peacefully with his daughter Margaret by his side at Matthews House on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 in his 85th year. Devoted husband of Loyola. He will be lovingly remembered by his children Ken (Jackie), Kellie (Richard), Ted (Donna), Pat (deceased, 1992) and their children. Loving father of Joanne (John), Kim and Margaret (Norm). Proud grandfather of Ken (Carlee), Brittany (Bobby), James (Shelby) and Justin (Hailey). Great-grandfather of Jameson and Elliott. Dear brother of Diane. He will be fondly remembered by his nieces and nephews at Highlanders Haven. Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, donations to Matthews House Hospice, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society or the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated. Online condolences may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com We would like to thank everyone who has shown their support with phone calls and visits. We would also like to express our gratitude to everyone at Matthews House Hospice for the excellent care Norm received and the compassion shown to our family.

#### LAGRATA, Lisa Ann (nee Hare)



Peacefully at Groves Memorial Hospital, Fergus on Thursday, August 11, 2022 at the age of 49. Beloved wife of Nick Lagrasta. Dear mother of Zachary Armstrong, Kaine Armstrong (Jamie), Alexander Lagrasta & Claudia Lagrasta. Cherished grandmother of Hayden & Tate. Loving sister of Laura Gurski (Mark) & Shylo Wydmann (Chris). Treasured daughter of Robert Critch & Ruth Hare. Dear sister-in-law of Carmela Orlando (Sergio). Lisa will also be greatly missed by other relatives and many friends. Visitation will be held at the *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre*, 21 First St., Orangeville on Sunday, August 14, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Funeral Service will be held in the Chapel on Monday, August 15, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. Memorial donations to Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. A tree will be planted in memory of Lisa in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. 20th Annual Dedication Service will be held on Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com

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