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ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Beyond the Gate owner, Freddie Chartier celebrates the five-year anniversary of his French restaurant. A party marking the milestone was held last Friday (Aug. 19).

Beyond the Gate restaurant celebrates fifth anniversary

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

When Freddie Chartier opened his restaurant Beyond the Gate, his goal was to feed the best food to Shelburne, now five years later his cooking is attracting customers from across the province.

Last week, Beyond the Gate celebrated their 5th anniversary and to mark the milestone, hosted a party last Friday (Aug. 19) evening for new and old customers, suppliers, and staff.

"That's a pretty good accomplishment. Five years ago, I didn't think I was going to make it five years, we were pretty much thinking of one day at a time," said Chartier, owner of the local French restaurant. "It's been a lot of work, challenging at times, but we've survived and here we are - we're pretty proud of ourselves."

Chartier hails from the Loire Valley of France and spent 20 years working around the globe with celebrity chefs, in Michelin star restaurants and for a Ritz Carlton. After working in the Cayman Islands and the U.S. for over six years he eventually moved to Canada, becoming a citizen in 2018.

His life long dream of opening his own restaurant came to fruition in 2017, when he opened Beyond the Gate. Initially a crepe restaurant, Chartier expanded Beyond the Gate to have more traditional French foods other than crepes.

"My idea was to feed Shelburne, but it turned out that Shelburne wasn't ready for French food so we quickly expanded to more traditional foods and the demand has become pretty high," explained Chartier. "We put Shelburne on the map and that was huge."

For Chartier food is much more than a necessity for survival, it's a culture and an experience. A part of how he expresses this idea is in the ever-changing menu which he describes as "alive".

"When you go to a regular restaurant they change the menu seasonally, that means four times a year, it's boring. I change my menu weekly. I change one or two items, depending on what sells, depending on the season and I work with local produces on what's available," said Chartier.

During the Friday party, a number of regular customers spoke with the Free Press of their experiences at Beyond the Gate.

"It's a favourite spot for us to dine out," said Ann and Jamie McAlpine. "We're so excited for Freddie and we look forward to his continued success. It's really important that you have a restaurant in town that serves really quality food and we're fortunate to have him in downtown Shelburne."

"We followed the journey of Freddie coming to town through Instagram and Facebook," said Jason Miles, who attended the event with family friends. "It's a great place to come, he's a wonderful chef and it's local; he's keeping it all about the community."

While they've seen success over the last five years, Chartier admits there have been highs and lows during that time. One of the biggest challenges for him has been bringing in clientele from Shelburne.

"Most Shelburne people don't come here and I'm still struggling with that," confesses Chartier.

But he notes optimism for the future. "We'll get there," said Chartier, confidently.

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Dufferin Community Foundation grants \$13,000 in funding to local charities

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

Dufferin Community Foundation (DCF) has provided four local organizations, who are helping the community's most vulnerable residents, with funding through their Dufferin Emergency Support Fund (DESF) grant.

The funds from the grant, which totalled \$13,000, were given to charities supporting mental health or housing programs in the community. Recipients of the grants are Choices Youth Shelter, Dufferin Child and Family Services (DCAFS), Aging Well in Caledon Dufferin, and Dufferin Community Living.

"Although we're seeing Dufferin begin to blossom again after two years of pandemic stresses, the charities in our community are still acutely aware that there are deeply rooted issues. At the top of the list, mental health and homelessness – often hidden for our view," said MaryAnn Lowry, Chair of Dufferin Community Foundation's Grants Committee.

Choices Youth Shelter will be using their grant of \$3,000 to send four full-time youth

workers (half of the permanent staff) to the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health's (CAMH) Concurrent Disorder Core training this fall. The training, which they will share with their co-workers, will allow staff to help youth at the shelter with all-around care while the shelter faces waitlists and a lack of crisis beds to provide immediate mental health and addictions support for youth.

"This funding will give our frontline staff access to vital education and training to support youth with concurrent disorders. We are deeply grateful for this grant, which will further develop our professional skills," said Erin Goodyear, the new executive director at Choices. "We know it will have a positive impact on intervention and will support our community's safety and well-being."

DCAFS will be applying their \$5,000 grant toward their pilot project – Mental Health Walk-in Intern Program. As a result of the pandemic, DCAFS has seen a higher degree of people feeling overwhelmed and experiencing anxiety about health, finances, education and other basic needs. The pilot program looks to increase walk-in appointments by 12 hours per week and provide



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MAKING DONATION: The Dufferin Community Foundation (DCF) donated \$3,000 to Choices Youth Shelter through its Dufferin Emergency Support Fund. From left to right: Erin Goodyear, new Executive Director of Choices Youth Shelter, MaryAnn Lowry of DCF, Michele Fischer of DCF and Gord Gallagher of DCF.

grounding item to clients. The information gained through the pilot period will help DCAFS expand the program

"This DESF Grant will greatly assist us to expand our mental health walk-in clinic and provide some great anxiety reducing and grounding tools that youth can leave their sessions with," said Jennifer Moore, executive director of DCAFS. "We know the need for mental health supports has increased through the pandemic and we are truly grateful to have this opportunity to be even more responsive to the needs in our community."

CAMH Peel Dufferin's grant of \$3,000 was allocated to Aging Well in Caledon Dufferin (AWICD), and allowed for the group to be present at community events and meet older adults who may be at risk. AWICD, is a collaboration of 29 organizations serving older adults, focused on their social, mental, physical and emotional health.

"Our members will be setting up at various venues like farmers' markets, fairs and community events to raise awareness, reduce stigma, and encourage older adults to remain connected," said Jennifer McCallum, AWICD member and manager of Tele-Check. "Research has shown that a healthy lifestyle can prevent the onset or worsening of physical and mental health conditions. With this in mind, we will be engaging with

older adults and the community-at-large to promote resources and tools to help maintain an independent and healthy lifestyle."

Dufferin Community Living, has received \$2,000 for their 'Light at the End of the Tunnel' (LET) Project. The demand for staff to help people with intellectual disabilities such as doing their shopping and banking has risen from an average of 2-3 hours per week to 5-8 hours per week. Funding to the LET Project will increase health and wellness visits by 20 per cent and offer clients interest-free and forgivable loans to pay for food and housing.

"We are very grateful to Dufferin Community Foundation for the emergency grant. These additional monies will be very instrumental in assisting people living in our community during these difficult times when their employment is being interrupted by COVID, and when costs for food, housing and bills are also skyrocketing," said Robert Bingham, executive director, Community Living Dufferin.

The Dufferin Emergency Support Fund (DESF) was created in 2021 by Dufferin Community Foundation as a way to provide extra support during emergency periods such as the COVID-19 pandemic. The grants were made possible with generous donations from Enbridge Gas and the community.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dufferin marking 50th anniversary with gala dinner

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

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dufferin is celebrating 50 years of operation in the community, as they continue their mission of empowering youth to build their biggest possible futures through one-on-one mentoring.

"We feel truly honored to have reached this milestone. Many other smaller community Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies have had to close their doors over the years. Ours has survived because of the kindness and generosity of our local community," said executive director, Nancy Stallmach. "Throughout the years, thousands of children and volunteers have had life changing relationships created by our local agency."

The local Big Brothers Big Sisters agency was started in 1972 by Bill Bissell, the then principal of Princess Elizabeth Public School. With first-hand experience having been a Big Brother in Toronto, Bissell recognized that many students at the school could benefit from a mentoring program.

Initially the agency was established as Big Brothers of Orangeville and only served boys within the town. In 1977, the Big Sisters agency was started in Dufferin County as a separate agency, but by the 1990s the two groups merged to create the existing Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dufferin & District.

Today, they serve youth from across Dufferin County, Alton and Erin.

To celebrate the five-decade achievement, Big Brothers Big Sisters is hosting a gala dinner on Sept. 24 at the Museum of Dufferin (MOD). The theme of the gala is '50 Years of Changing Lives'.

The evening will begin with a cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres, followed by a dinner and dessert bar provided by Lavender Blue Catering. Guests at the gala will enjoy a silent auction, games, and other activities as well as a dance and live performance by The Campfire Poets to close out the night.

While the gala is a celebration of the agency's five-decades of operation it will also serve a larger purpose – fundraising to support the programs and services offered by Big Brothers Big Sisters.

"We're seeing a marked increase in demand for our programs as the full effects of the pandemic become more apparent. Money raised during the Gala will help us move these children off the waiting list and matched with a caring mentor," said Stallmach.

Early bird pricing of \$165 per ticket or \$1,320 per table of 8 is available until Sept. 8. Sponsorship opportunities for the event are also available.

For more information go to bigbrothersbig sisters.ca/dufferin or call 519-941-6431.

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New candidate hoping to bring fresh ideas to Shelburne council

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

First-time election candidate Jim Bates says he is looking to bring a fresh set of ideas to the next term of Shelburne Town Council.

Bates submitted his nomination papers on Aug. 19, becoming one of the twelve candidates vying for the five open seats on Shelburne Town Council.

Speaking with the Free Press, Bates said his decision to run in the municipal election came from a desire to see change in the community as well as encouragement from residents to be a resounding voice.

"I'm always about trying to make things better and trying to change, and if you don't have a voice in there, you're not going to get it done," said Bates. "My biggest interest in running is to do good for the community, that's what the whole role is about."

A life-long resident of Dufferin County, Bates grew up on a farm in the Township of Amaranth and eventually moved to Orangeville. It was around twelve years ago he made the decision to move to Shelburne.

"I find it a very good community and it's

quieter. Now to see more infrastructure going in makes me quite happy to see for the people in the community," said Bates.

Bates works for the Region of Peel as a sub foreman in the composting facility and it's his experience in construction he said could be a benefit on council.

"When things are being talked about as far as infrastructure that's where being in the trade of number of years may help other people to understand a little more," said Bates.

Running in his first election, Bates is focusing part of his platform on infrastructure projects such as the the waste water plant, improving roads, and pursuing a bypass for Shelburne trucks to help relieve stress on Main Street.

Bates also noted a focus on keeping taxes low and under control.

Speaking to his goal if elected to council, Bates said, "Just to have a voice for the people and see tax dollars spent properly, not that they're wasted, but to get the best bang for your buck for the people of Shelburne."

The municipal election is set to take place on Oct. 24.



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

COUNCIL CANDIDATE: First time candidate for the municipal election, Jim Bates has thrown his name into the running for a council position next term in Shelburne.

Fundraiser for Family Transition Place, Heidi's Walk returning in-person

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

Family Transition Place (FTP) is taking steps to raise awareness of violence against women with upcoming event – Heidi's Walk for Hope.

The 5 km walk around Island Lake is scheduled to take place on Sept. 18.

"It's something that we've been looking forward to in so many different ways," said Brennan Solecky, FTP's director of development and culture. "The last two years, by nature of the global health climate we were in, the walk had to be virtual, but we knew that wasn't our ideal. The in-person experience is something that can't be recreated. We're looking forward to having everyone together again because there's a certain energy and collective response that virtual just doesn't achieve."

Typically, Family Transition Place hosts two of their events, Heidi's Walk and the HOPE Project, separately, but this year they've thoughtfully joined the two together to create Heidi's Walk for Hope.

"It made really good sense to bring them together because they do have similar event mandates that's to raise awareness and to raise much needed funds towards ending violence

against women," said Solecky. "A lot of people believe quite naively but naturally, if you've not been expose to it, that violence can only mean abuse and physical abuse, but it is so much broader than that. Bringing these two events together, it gives us a platform in which to generate awareness about the different types of violence that exist."

Heidi's Walk is an annual memorial walk in honour of former Orangeville resident Heidi Ferguson, who tragically died on Sept. 12, 2009 following a domestic dispute with her estranged husband. The incident occurred shortly after Heidi filed for divorce.

In 2012, the Ferguson Memorial Walk (2012-2018) was started by Heidi's parents, Gus and Penny Bogner, as a way to honour their daughter's legacy. Hosted by Family Transition Place,



the event is now known as Heidi's Walk. Since it's inception in 2012, the memorial walk has raised over \$150,000 for FTP programs and services.

"A lot of folks don't believe that violence against women is as prevalent an issue as it is and I think through Heidi's story, it's almost the picture that it can be happening to anyone," said Solecky.

While the event is centred around a 5 km memorial walk it will also include guest speakers, a silent auction and raffle, a vendor's market and a restorative yoga class with GoYoga Orangeville for \$20 a person.

Heidi's Walk for Hope will not only serve as a memorial walk to raise awareness of violence against women, but will also serve as a way to raise funds for FTP's programs and services,

including their Youth Education Program.

The FTP Youth Education Program is an eight-week lesson designed to teach kids about healthy relationships to help eliminate violence. Since it's inception in 2011, the program has benefitted more than 50,000 students in over 40 schools.

"It's a prevention lens, they know how to recognize what is unhealthy or healthy or what is an effective relationship even in their peers," said Solecky. "Our goal through this programming is hopefully that in their older years they're able to recognize and support their friends, but also that they won't need our services, although they'll continue to be available for those that do."

This year, Family Transition Place has a goal of raising \$50,000 for their programs and services.

Registration is now open to take part in the memorial walk with a \$40 fee for adults and no cost for children 12 and under.

Those interested in being a sponsor or in-kind donor for the event-day silent auction or raffle can contact Kelly Lee at 519-942-4122, ext. 243, or email kelly@familytransitionplace.ca. For more information about Heidi's Walk for Hope visit www.heidiswalkftp.ca.



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Darya Dugina's death

"I am a political observer of the International Eurasianist Movement and an expert in international relations.... In this capacity, I appear on Russian, Pakistani, Turkish, Chinese and Indian television channels....The situation in Ukraine is really an example of a clash of civilisations; it can be seen as a clash between globalist and Eurasian civilisation."

That's how Darya Dugina, who was killed on Saturday evening outside Moscow by a car bomb, described herself last May in an interview with an obscure far-right Breton website, Breizh-info.com. ("Globalist" in far-right Russian circles means the United States, NATO or 'the West'; "Eurasian" is just a more expansive way of saying 'Russian'.)

The car-bomb that killed the 29-year-old philosopher and journalist was probably intended for her father Alexander Dugin, also a philosopher and sometimes called "Putin's Brain" by the foreign media because of his alleged influence on the Russian president. They had driven together to an event supporting the Russian invasion of Ukraine where Dugin spoke. He took another car home and so escaped the bomb, but they were very close.

"I have the honour of being in the same boat as my father (on the same existential

ship), being the daughter of a great scholar and author of the 24-volume work Noomachia ('wars of the mind'). The fact that we are under sanctions by the US, Canada, Australia and the UK is a symbol that we Dugins are on the path of truth in the fight against globalism."

The 'path of truth' they were both on was Neo-Platonism, a style of early Christian mysticism so abstruse and absurd that I will not try to explain it here beyond saying it was big on ideal forms and not so keen on matter. It remained fashionable in parts of the Orthodox church, and has recently found favour with Russian ultra-nationalists.

But Darya Neoplatonova (Dugina's pseudonym as a writer) was not murdered for saying "The main line of thought in late Neo-Platonist political philosophy is the development of the idea of a homology of the soul and the state and the existence of a similar threefold order in both." Her father was not targeted for his dangerous ideas either.

I never met Darya Dugina, but I did once interview her father about a dozen years ago, when he was still believed to be close to Vladimir Putin. (He certainly isn't now, and has even lost his job at Moscow State University.) My Russian was pretty rusty by then, so I took an

interpreter along to the interview in his modest flat.

Alexander Dugin proceeded to expand in great detail on the wrongs inflicted on the Russian soul by wicked foreigners and the need for an "existential politics" to counter them, but there were few concrete policy ideas amongst the shower of abstract nouns.

I also noticed that the translator was leaving out quite a lot of what he was saying. I thought he was just going too fast for her, but when I asked her afterwards she said she had been too embarrassed by some of what he said. He wasn't ranting, exactly, but the nationalist paranoia was unrelenting and overwhelming.

The point is that neither father nor daughter was an important target in terms of their influence on Russian policy, which pretty much rules out any Russian motive for killing either of them. Darya Dugina was an enthusiastic supporter of the attack on Ukraine – she even visited the conquered city of Mariupol – but she was just another cheerleader.

So who planted the bomb? Almost certainly somebody Ukrainian who was part of that country's extensive intelligence network in Russia, or some Russian underworld figure paid by the Ukrainians. (There are about two

million Ukrainians living in Russia.)

Was either Alexander or Darya a legitimate target? Neither of them was an entirely innocent bystander in the conflict, but they were certainly unarmed civilians so most people would say that the bombing was a crime.

Was it terrorism? Yes, in the very specific sense that its motive must have been to show that Ukraine could strike anywhere in Russia with impunity, and thereby terrorise Russians into abandoning their invasion of Ukraine. (It probably won't have that effect, but that's the only plausible motive.)

Will it harm the Ukrainian cause in terms of public opinion elsewhere? A little bit, maybe, because blowing young women up is never a good look, but probably only for a short time. It's a war, and on the same day Russian shelling wounded twelve civilians, including four children, in the Ukrainian town of Vosnesensk.

What's the difference, apart from the fact that the Russian gunners didn't know the names of their victims, and the Ukrainian who planted the bomb that killed Darya Dugina didn't wear a uniform?

GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY



Go west young man!

In the two or three years after I graduated high school, there was a mass exodus of Ontarians heading west.

Thousands of people from the province decided the grass was greener at the foothills of the Rockies.

I'm not really sure what started it all, although at the time, the local economy was pretty bad and jobs were scarce.

Where I grew up, I recall factories and business putting out signs that said "we are NOT taking applications for employment."

Several guys I knew told me you could go to Alberta and make big bucks working in the oil fields. Working on a dirty drilling rig had no appeal to me at all. But thousands of people headed west.

Plenty of people from my high school made the trip and tried to make a go of it out there. They mostly went to Calgary with some going further north to Edmonton.

I finally decided to head out there myself to see what was going on. My plan was to visit a friend and stay for a couple of weeks.

When I got off the plane in the middle of January at the Calgary airport, I was expecting some pretty cold weather, however it was around 60 F, degrees. There was a Chinook Wind blowing down from the Rockies that made Calgary rather balmy considering the season. I wore only a light jacket for the first week that I was there.

The second week, things were back to a more normal temperature.

I was impressed with the city. It's big and

modern, and there is a lot of things to do.

One night I decided to go to a local club to see a band. The waitress came to my table, and she was a girl I had gone to high school with.

The next day, I was walking along a downtown street and met another girl I knew from my hometown.

One friend of mine was visiting the city and he saw a newspaper advertisement that said a band from our home town – five guys we all knew – were playing at a local venue, and he decided to go and see them perform.

When he arrived, he said it was like being at a high school reunion. Many people from my high school, now living in Calgary, had turned out to see the band.

I'm not sure how many of those people stayed out west, and how many came back. The guys that I knew well, all stayed out there and still live in Calgary and Edmonton.

One friend returned a couple of years ago when his mother passed away. I went to the funeral and spoke with him for a few minutes.

He said that after living there for so long, the town he lived in was now home to him. He also married a girl from Edmonton, so he had made a lifelong commitment.

Now, Alberta is calling Ontario again. There must be a labour shortage or declining population, because Alberta is now advertising in Ontario asking residents to pack up and move west.

A Toronto radio station is currently running the ads.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



One advertisement features a guy saying how life is so great out there, with plenty to see and do, great restaurants, and plenty of space.

The other ad I heard has a guy talking about making the move from Ontario and how it is more affordable and how he bought a house for only around \$400,000.

Alberta is a big place with lots of open land and a population of around 4.5 million – less than Metropolitan Toronto.

The only drawback I can see when it comes to moving west is the winter weather. I'm not sure I want to live in a place where you have to plug your car in when you go to work to make sure it will actually start when it's time to go home.

It seems a lot of people are moving out of

Ontario. Many are heading to the east coast where houses are cheap – well, cheap compared to Ontario – or maybe west to the wide expanses of the prairies.

More people live in the strip of real estate between Windsor and Ottawa, than anywhere else in the country. There's still a lot of wide open space out there.

Maybe for some younger people who see a bleak future in a province where housing prices have made home ownership almost an impossible dream, a trip west might be worth it.

The thing is, our province shouldn't be operating on a trajectory that makes people want to leave.



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High speed Internet expanded in rural Dufferin

Written By Sam Odrowski

Over 630 families, businesses, and farms are now connected to fibre optic Internet, thanks to a \$538,000 investment from the federal and provincial government.

The investment provides the communities of Laurel, Salem and Camilla with high-speed Internet infrastructure, installed by Northern Frontenac Telephone Company (NFTC)

The broadband announcement was made at Dufferin Veterinary Services in Laurel last Friday (Aug. 19) with MPP Sylvia Jones, Brampton East MP Maninder Sidhu, representatives from NFTC and several municipal leaders in attendance.

Deputy Mayor of Amaranth, Chris Gerrits, who spoke at the announcement, said the issue of poor Internet connectivity has really impacted residents in his town and the improvements will go a long way in supporting them.

“In Amaranth, I know of a couple of people there that are retirees, they live in low line areas where line of sight [Internet] service is not available at all,” said Gerrits.

One resident impacted is a widow, who’s kids and grandkids live overseas. She has to sign out a hotspot from her library once a week and schedule calls to speak with them.

“That’s the only way she can communicate with family, so having high speed fibre will be life changing for her,” Gerrits said.

He also highlighted the significance of having fibre optic infrastructure for attracting investments from the private sector.

Amaranth has 250 to 300 acres of lands zoned for commercial industrial that have sat undeveloped for 30 years. Now there is a commercial development coming, but the developer needed to know high speed Internet was available or on its way to make their decision.

“We’re looking at a development there that is probably going to double the tax base of the township, just based on the 250 or 300 acres of commercial developments,” he noted. “That’s huge for our rural municipality, and that doesn’t even factor in the home-based businesses or the people that are now working remotely, either partially or fully.”



BEST ON FIBRE: Staff from Northern Frontenac Telephone Company (NFTC) were at Dufferin Veterinary Services in Laurel last Friday (Aug. 19) to mark the completion of their broadband infrastructure project for Laurel, Camilla and Salem.



SAM ODROWSKI PHOTOS

CONNECTING THE COMMUNITY: Representatives from Northern Frontenac Telephone Company (NFTC), and all levels of government, including local municipal leaders, gathered at Dufferin Veterinary Services in Laurel last Friday (Aug. 19) to announce a \$538,000 investment in broadband infrastructure.

The \$538,000 investment in fibre optic infrastructure in Dufferin is in partnership with Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) Inc., a municipally led non-profit broadband expansion project. It’s goal is to connect underserved communities and rural areas in southwestern Ontario to high-speed Internet. Both the federal and provincial government are currently contributing \$63 million to SWIFT as part of Ontario’s \$4 billion commitment to

bring broadband to every region of the province by 2025. More than \$225 million has already been invested by the private sector and both levels of government to bring high speed Internet to over 63,000 households and businesses in southwestern Ontario through SWIFT.

“Access to high-speed Internet is essential to ensure that farms, rural residents and businesses have the ability to run their business, attract new customers and

employees, and stay competitive in a growing marketplace,” said MPP Jones.

Since the pandemic hit in March of 2020, work-from-home has been on the rise, highlighting the need for reliable, high-speed Internet in rural or underserved areas.

“When people started working remotely, when children were trying to complete their homework remotely, there was lots of keen interest on making sure that they had that reliable use,” said MPP Jones.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

BUILDING SKILLS: Suzette Daley, owner of Mini-Intel Tutoring and a literacy advocate, hosted a literacy event for local youth at Natasha Paterson Memorial Park on Aug. 14. Daley stresses the importance of reading throughout the summer by reading to your child or having them read to you as a way to avoid reading loss. Struggling with reading herself as a child, Daley’s literacy advocacy aims to make sure students do not worry about facing reading challenges. Mini-Intel Tutoring can be contacted at mini2intel@gmail.com or purchase the Guide to Early Literacy at www.Knowledgebookstore.com.

Nomination period for municipal candidates closes

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The nomination period for the upcoming fall municipal election closed as of Aug. 19, and a number of candidates are vying for a seat on Shelburne Town Council.

Wade Mills will be acclaimed as Mayor after running unopposed for a second term.

Mills was initially elected as mayor in 2018, after his opponent dropped out of the election race. Prior to his mayoral run, Mills served one term as a town councillor. In December 2021, he was voted in as the 145th Warden of Dufferin County.

Three names have been entered into the race for Deputy Mayor.

Incumbent, Steve Anderson, is seeking re-election as he runs against candidates Kuldeep Verma and Shane Hall, who has served as a council member for the 2018 term.

Twelve local residents have submitted papers to claim one of the five open council positions.

Looking to return for another term on Town council are current councillors Walter Benotto, Lindsay Wegener, Lynda Buffet, and Kyle Fegan,

Joining the race are candidates Len Guchardi, Marcus Bennett, Alethia O’Hara Stephenson, Randy Narine, Daniel Sample, Vincent Lee Sterling, James (Jim) Bates and Sophia Geddes.

The municipal election is set to take place on Oct. 24.

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- Put in order
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- Low grade
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- Manner
- Conductor’s colleague
- Strange
- Took off
- Tribal medium
- Geisha’s garb
- Airshow maneuver
- Stop
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- Daybreak
- Boor
- Steep flax
- “The Ten Commandments,” e.g.
- Race, as a motor
- Ballerina’s short skirt
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- Somewhat wet
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- By any chance
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- Smell, e.g.
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- Part of a circle
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- Indian’s abode
- Like a popular hot cereal
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- Physique, for short
- Favorable trait
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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Mansfield trailing Creemore by one game in junior championship series

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Mansfield Junior Cubs are one game back in their best-of-five North Dufferin Baseball League championship series with the Creemore Padres.

Game four of the series was supposed to get underway in Creemore on Monday, August 22, but rain forced a postponement of the game.

The Padres are leading the series 2-1, after winning game one, 7-3, then following up with a 3-0 win in game two.

The Cubs were back in the series on August 18, when they pulled off an 11-6 win in game three.

Mansfield took an early lead in the game going ahead 6-0 in the second inning.

Solid Cubs defensive work in the third inning stopped Creemore from getting on base.

Mansfield was up by seven when Bryce Cameron hit to the right field fence to drive in a run.

The big moment of the game was in the third when pitcher, Aidan Pain hit a grand slam home run to bring in four runs and make it a 10-0 game.

Creemore challenged big time in the fourth inning when they got the bats moving and brought in six runs.

The Padres followed up with a solid sixth inning bringing in two more runs to make it a 10-8 game.

Jake Armstrong batted in the final run of the night in the bottom of the sixth.

The game was called when low light levels made it too difficult for the umpire to call the balls crossing the plates.

The Cubs had the bases loaded and one out when the game was called, but they got the 11-8 win to keep the series alive.

Note: Just before press time the Free Press learned that the series ended on Tuesday night in Mansfield when the Padres won the championship with an 11-10 win in game four. A full game report will be in the next edition of the Free Press.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

YOU'RE OUT! A Mansfield Cub player is out by a split second at first base during game three of the Cubs North Dufferin Baseball League Junior championship series with the Creemore Padres on Thursday, August 18. The Cubs won this game 11-8. The series ended on Tuesday, August 23, with the Padres winning the championship in a final game that ended with an 11-10 final score

Shelburne Cricket Club plays first women's match over weekend

Written By Brian Lockhart

One of the objectives of the Shelburne Cricket Club (SCC) for this season was to bring women back into the game of cricket.

SCC hosted its first ever Women T10 exhibition game on Saturday, August 20, at KTH Park in Shelburne.

The game had sponsorship from Shelburne Trillium Ford and the Dufferin Muslim Centre.

A 10 over match was played between the Shelburne Valkyries and the Shelburne Angels - SCC's two fully registered women teams.

The Valkyries won the toss and decided to bat first.

Led by Maira Quraishi, the team scored a total of 54 runs in ten overs with Opal Dyer making the highest runs at 11.

The Angels, led by Urooj Tabish came in strong to bat but couldn't chase the total and gave all their wickets in 44 runs.

Lisa Broussard from the Valkyries was awarded the woman of the match title because of her wonderful performance of seven runs, three wickets and a few assists.

Deputy Mayor Steve Anderson and Dufferin Muslim Centre's management team, Althaf

Nagal and Irfani Baig were there to hand out medals to the participants.

A women T10 Champions Cup was presented to the Valkyries which was sponsored by Ford Trillium. Keeping in mind the huge interest women showed in cricket, SCC is planning to make this an annual event / series starting next year.

In the men's division of the SCC, the weekend was a double header for the Shelburne Warriors.

Their first match was against the Shelburne Knights. The Knights won the game from 57 runs with Suresh Sudhakaran being the man of the match.

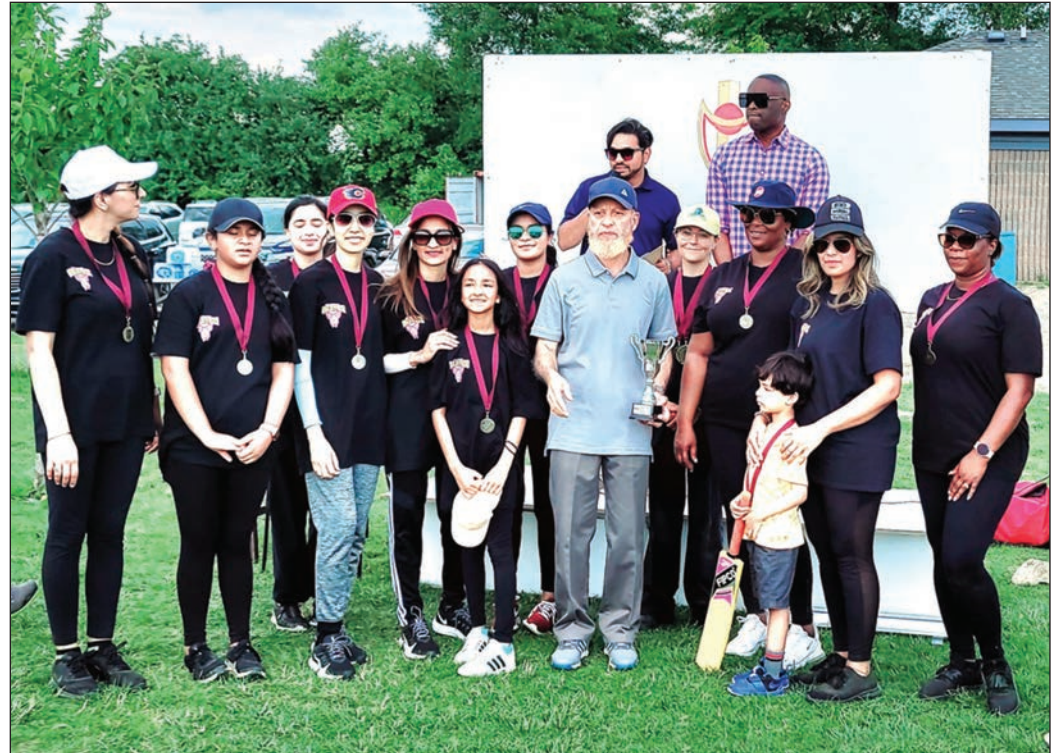
The next day the Warriors faced Shelburne Gladiators.

Warriors players, Jajbir Sran, and, Abdul Razzaq, scored 53 and 97 runs respectively.

The Gladiators tried to chase but fell short by 83 runs with Ahsen Siddiqui making 42 runs.

With this loss, the Gladiators have not qualified for the SCC Finals.

The final game of the league will be played on Saturday, September 3, weather permitting between the Warriors and the Knights.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

WOMEN'S MATCH: The Shelburne Cricket Club played its first ever women's cricket match at KTH Park in Shelburne on Saturday, August 20. A game between the Shelburne Valkyries and the Shelburne Angels resulted in a win for the Valkyries. The team receives the championship trophy.

Shelburne Minor Hockey hosting equipment swap meet and sale

Written By Brian Lockhart

Hockey is the great Canadian game, but it's also an expensive sport to play.

By the time you are fully suited up, pay your club registration fees and factor in travel expenses for a rep team, a family can

spend a lot of money to keep their child in the game.

Shelburne Minor Hockey is hosting a hockey equipment sale and swap to help suit up players for this coming season and help alleviate the cost of buying all the equipment needed to get on the ice.

The idea is to help parents, along with the help of their older kids, friends, and parents of teammates, sell and swap equipment that no longer fits their young hockey players. This is an opportunity to find used, but still good quality and in good condition, equipment to outfit a hockey player for the new season.

If you would like to be a part of the swap, collect the equipment you want to get rid of and bring it out. Please make sure it is in good and usable condition and has been cleaned.

You can register for the swap by visiting the Hockey Association social media on Instagram at Shelburne.wolves, on Facebook at SMHA Wolves Hockey, or by e-mail at kevin-hillsmha@outlook.com.

You can bring your equipment to the arena the day of the event. If you can't make it the day of the swap, you can drop off equipment

at the arena on Monday, August 22, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., or Monday, August 29, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Tags will be provided on the day of the event so you can fill out the size and desired cost, if any.

The event will take place at the Shelburne arena - Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex, on Saturday, September 10.

The sale and swap will start at 9:00 a.m. and go until noon.

Main Street Family Dental will be on site at the arena on the day of the swap hosting a custom mouthguard clinic. The cost is \$10, with all proceeds being donated back to Shelburne Minor Hockey Association.

This is a great opportunity to save some money for the upcoming season as well as to get rid of the old equipment your child has out-grown.

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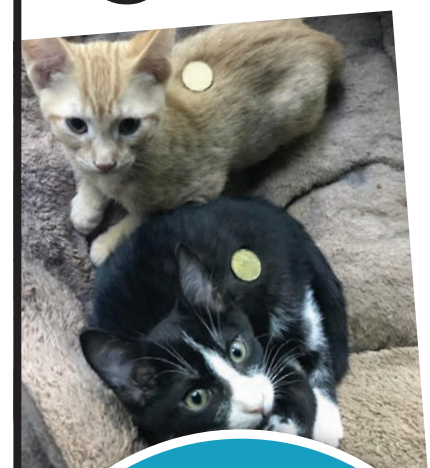
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RIDING THE BULL: Always popular event, bull riding saw competitors try to last the longest on top of the animal as it bucks last Saturday and Sunday (Aug. 20-21) for RAM Rodeo.



FANCY TRICKS: The audience at RAM Rodeo over the weekend was shocked and wowed by the tricks performed by horseback riders at the Orangeville Fairgrounds.



HANGING ON: Open saddle bronc riding saw cowboys and cowgirls catch some hangtime while competing in their sport for the RAM Rodeo. Owen Sound's Gideon Stutzman won the open saddle bronc.



KICKING UP MUD: Barrel racers took some sharp turns to get the best time during RAM rodeo. PETER RICHARDSON PHOTOS

Dufferin County rodeo fans raise \$15,000 for charity

Written By **James Matthews**
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Threats of rain from a heavy sky did little to deter Dufferin County rodeo fans last weekend.

The RAM Rodeo again had a tremendous turnout at the Orangeville Fairgrounds last weekend, despite calls for rain through the week, said Ross Millar, president of Ross Millar Entertainment Group, which promotes the RAM Rodeo Tour.

Rodeo fans took in some of the most harrowing interaction between human and beast

in front next to the Calgary Stampede.

Both Saturday and Sunday featured some of Canada's top cowboys and cowgirls who tested their mettle in standard events like barrel racing, bronc riding, pole bending, and bull riding.

"Fans and competitors came out and put on a great show," he said. "The rodeo has been very popular in Headwaters and helps raise needed funding for community groups."

Local cowgirl Patsy Wells had a tremendous 16.2 second barrel race to take honours, while Ontario's Brett Timmermans won the bull riding. Fourteen-year-old Emilee Langford won

the ladies pole bending as well as the junior barrel racing, while rookie Chase Strongman won the novice broncs.

Owen Sound's Gideon Stutzman won the open saddle bronc. Ben Hoogers won the junior bull riding event.

Millar said about \$15,000 was raised for Ontario's Tuff Therapeutic Riding Foundation and 85 Tornado Royal Canadian Air Cadets Squadron of Grand Valley.

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 LGBTQ+ youth.

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

Participating youth are provided the opportunity to learn basic horsemanship and riding skills.

Grand Valley air cadets were on hand to help ensure spectators' vehicles were parked safely.

"Headwaters is definitely known in central Canada as the centre for rodeo," Millar said.

The 2022 rodeo tour will culminate with the RAM championships in Ancaster Oct. 14-16.

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#1 Register for the Swap. The signup can be done through our website / SMHA EXEC or social media platforms.

#2 Create equipment tags. The organizer(s) will send a printable tag that can be used to create tags for each piece of equipment for sale. The tag includes cost, size, and description. (Extra tags will be available the day of)

#3 Clean the gear. It's more likely to sell if a piece of equipment is in the best shape possible... and smells good.

#4 Bring the gear to the swap day. If you can't make it the day of the swap: contact: kevinhillsma@outlook.com to arrange a time for equipment drop off.

Proceeds of equipment will be returned to seller either on pick up or e-transfer which can be finalized on drop off.

Main Street Family Dental will also be hosting a custom mouthguard clinic that day \$10 - All proceeds will be donated back to Shelburne Minor Hockey Association.

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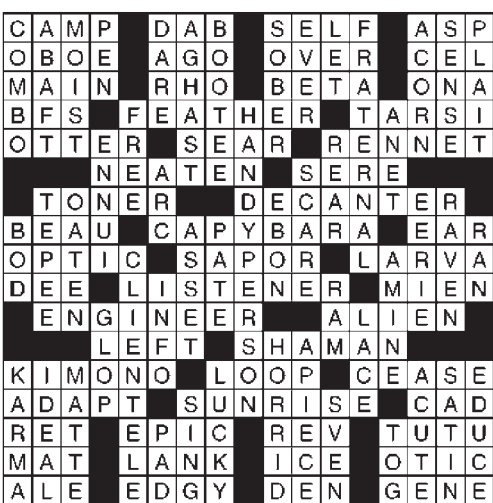
Passed away peacefully at Matthew House Hospice on Monday, August 22, 2022 at the age of 56. Loving wife of Reg. Devoted mother of Jeffrey (Masa) Mino, Jason Minnick (Bobbie McMullin), Daniel Breadner, Beth Breadner (Jordan Miller), Nicky Watt (Adam Hutchings) and Vanessa (Chris) Belford. Proud grandmother of Lucas, Brynlee, Price, Mason, and Allie. Cherished daughter of Betty and the late Butch Mino. Dear sister of Richard (Nancy) Mino. Julia will be lovingly remembered by her nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

The family will receive friends at the Jack & Thompson Funeral Home on Monday, August 29, 2022 from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. The funeral service will follow in the funeral home chapel at 2:00 p.m. Interment at Shelburne Cemetery. If desired, donations to Matthews House Hospice, Headwaters Oncology Department or to the trust fund in place for Daniel's education would be appreciated. Online condolences may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com

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