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JAMMIN': The fifth and final concert held for the 2024 Fridays in the Park series came to Jack Downing Park on Aug. 30. Charlie Edward, a 20-year-old musician from London, Ont., performs to an enthusiastic crowd. The Matlocks opened the show and Terra Lightfoot closed it out. The event also featured face painting, a vendor market and a Pikachu mascot to entertain children.

Orangeville-Shelburne transit receives funding

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Dufferin County Council has approved a motion to fund the Grey Transit Route (GTR) that runs between Shelburne and Orangeville on a month-to-month basis up to the end of the year.

During their meeting on Aug. 22, Dufferin County Council discussed a letter received from Brian Milne, Warden of Grey County, regarding the discontinuation of the route as of Sept. 2.

In the letter, Milne said Grey County had made the decision to discontinue the stops in Shelburne due to over-capacity use from Shelburne residents.

"For the past several months, there have not been enough seats to accommodate everyone who wishes to use the service between Dundalk and Orangeville," wrote Milne. "Grey County made the difficult decision to terminate the Shelburne stops beginning September 2 in order to preserve seats for our residents."

The letter noted that for the service to continue for riders catching the bus in Shelburne, a second vehicle of the same size and seating, which is 10 passenger seats, would be required for Route 2 and would need to be funded by the County of Dufferin.

In July, the Town of Shelburne received similar correspondence from Grey County's Chief Administrative Officer, Kim Wingrove with the same recommendation. Shelburne Town Council voted in favour of discontinuing the service due to the financial cost of operating.

"We didn't feel as though it was a financial

burden that we could or should necessarily take on our own in terms of this being a long-term transit strategy," said Coun. Wade Mills at the meeting. "We knew from day one that this probably was going to be a limited-time opportunity and it was a bit of a stopgap from the outset. We were fortunate enough as a community to be able to piggyback on the Grey County initiative, but we kind of knew what there may be a sunset coming at some point and here we are."

According to the letter to County Council, the cost to provide the service five days per week would be \$13,500 per month plus HST and a fuel cost of approximately \$500.

The Grey Transit Route (GTR) is a rural transit service managed by Grey County and operated by Driverseat Owen Sound.

The transit service in Shelburne launched in 2020 as a weekday service funded by a \$2.3-million provincial grant received by Grey County and Southgate Township. The funding was used to implement the service of a 10-passenger van from Dundalk to Orangeville, also known as Route 2, Monday through Friday. Shelburne does not fund or contribute any cost to the weekday service.

The GTR weekday service includes two stops in Shelburne. One at Col. Philips Drive at Highway 10 and another stop at Victoria Street at Town Hall.

During the meeting, Dufferin County councillors debated whether they should fund the service until the end of the year or allow the service to discontinue.

"I'm concerned about the gap and I'm concerned we will have residents who will be left without solutions," said Coun. Gail Little.

The cost of the service in comparison to the number of riders was a common concern raised by councillors at the meeting.

In May, the Shelburne stops on the GTR's Route 2 saw 227 pick-ups and 206 drop-offs for an average of 18.82 rides per day.

In June, the total number of pick-ups was 210 and drop-offs was 195 for an average of 17.60 rides per day.

"I would be challenged to spend \$1,000 a rider right now to fill the gap because we don't have a budget allocation for that," said Coun. Lisa Post. "I do agree with Coun. Little though that we've got folks in our community who are depending on it heavily."

Councillors also expressed whether extending the service would provide enough time to begin looking for solutions for Dufferin County's transit issues.

"Essentially what we're doing then is giving these folks hope just to take it away again later, which is probably worse. I don't see us having a solution by December; I really don't," said Warden Darren White.

Following the discussion, Dufferin County Council approved a motion to provide subsidy funding for the Grey County Transit Route 2 in the amount of \$15,000 on a month-to-month basis for up to four months.

The goal of the subsidy funding is to continue the service until the County's transit task force, who are expected to meet in early September, can begin exploring the feasibility of the service and explore other options.

"This was identified four or five years ago that we should look at some sort of transit plan and we, as council past and present, have not done that," concluded Coun. Chris Gerrits.

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Small Town Big Ideas series returns with Canadian author

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

Shelburne residents will have the opportunity to listen to and ask questions about pressing topics impacting the current zeitgeist with the return of the speaker series – Small Town Big Ideas.

Launched earlier this year, Small Town Big Ideas is a speaker series hosted by the local organization CanHist and sponsored by multiple small-town groups in Dufferin County. The series looks to welcome some of Canada's most innovative thinkers to the community to speak intimately with local residents on various topics such as history, politics, environment, gender equality, and journalism.

Speaking with the Free Press, Neil Orford, co-creator of the event, said the idea for the series came from the want to bring commu-

nity members together to have discussions in-person rather than through social media and online discourse.

"In many cases [social media] forces us to think very quickly and forces us to form opinion that are presumptuous and not fully formed. To have top public intellectuals, who have a wealth of research and experience on topics, come speak to us in-person give us the capacity to reflect upon a lot of the issues and listen to one another, which is extraordinarily important," said Orford.

The first season of the Small Town Big Ideas speaker series featured known global affairs columnist Gwynne Dyer and freelance political and climate journalist John Lorinc.

"We felt very buoyed by the response that we got, which Gave us the confidence to go ahead and plan for six speakers in the second series," said Orford. "We certainly felt

there was a buzz that came out of each of those evenings and that people wanted more of this kind of thing."

The second season of Small Town Big Ideas will focus on various topics presented by some of Canada's top authors and intellectuals including military history, reconciliation effort with Indigenous Peoples, environmental movements with water resource protection, Canadian journalism, and gender equality.

Elizabeth Renzetti, a bestselling Canadian author and journalist, will be the first guest speaker to kick off the second season of Small Town Big Ideas.

Renzetti is a former columnist for the Globe and Mail, where she wrote a popular opinion column and feature stories. In 2020 and 2023 she won the Landsberg Award for reporting on gender issues.

Renzetti will be releasing two new books

in 2024: Bury the Lead, a mystery novel co-written with Kate Hilton, and a work of non-fiction about gender equality called, What She Said: Conversation About Equality.

"It would be hard to argue that she's not one of Canada's top journalists and now top authors as well. She's just an amazing writer," said Orford. "What resonated with me always was the power of her voice and reasoning. She's a tremendous observer and has a great eye for what's going on and a good sensibility for how the issues are playing out in communities across the country."

The conversation with Renzetti will be held on Oct. 30 at the Museum of Dufferin (MoD). Tickets can be purchased for \$20.

To learn more about the Small Town Big Ideas series or to purchase tickets for the event visit – www.canhist.ca.

Shelburne McDonald's employee receives national recognition

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

McDonald's Canada has recognized the work accomplishments and dedication of a local restaurant manager with a national award.

Karina Martin, manager of the Shelburne McDonald's, has been presented with the 2024 Outstanding Manager of the Year award. It's a recognition that highlights her as part of the top five per cent of managers across the 1400-plus McDonald's restaurants in Canada.

"Martin works diligently beside her crew members each day to serve quality food with excellent service and a warm smile to restaurant guests across Shelburne," said McDonald's Canada in a recent press release.

Martin started working for McDonald's 25 years ago at the front counter position for

the Collingwood McDonald's. Since then, she's worked at various McDonald's locations, including Alliston, Angus, and Orangeville. She was promoted to manager at the Caledon location in 2016 before moving to the Shelburne location.

"This award means a great deal to me. It's a recognition of not just my efforts and hard work but also the entire restaurant team," said Martin.

"I hired some [of the] crew when they were just teenagers and it's so great to watch them grow and to see the whole team perform and receive this award together."

Every year, McDonald's franchisees and regional management nominate restaurant managers from across the country for the Outstanding Manager of the Year award to recognize their hard work, dedication and commitment to McDonald's Canada and its guests.

"From the very beginning, Karina had a passion for people development. She fully understood that she was only as good as her team," said Sarah Douglas, restaurant franchisee. "We speak a lot about McDonald's being 'One Team.' Karina proves it every shift she works. She coaches this motto while training her team. She serves and connects with the community understanding that they too are on her team. When she achieves results, she celebrates with the belief that it was 'One Team' who worked together that made what seems impossible, possible."

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OUTSTANDING EFFORT: Shelburne McDonald's manager Karina Martin celebrated with fellow staff members when she was recently recognized with the 2024 Outstanding Manager of the Year award.



Ontario SPCA and Humane Society encourages adoption of its 200 dogs

Written By **Sam Odrowski**

The Ontario SPCA and Humane Society has more than 200 dogs in its care across the province who are waiting for homes.

For National Dog Day on Aug. 26, the SPCA issued a press release encouraging people who have been thinking of adopting a dog, to visit SPCA animal centres or go online to the adoption site at ontariospca.ca.

[ca/adopt](http://ontariospca.ca/adopt) to see animals awaiting adoption.

"Among the dogs waiting for a loving home is Edwena, who has been waiting now for more than 280 days for her new life to start," said the SPCA in a press release.

"Currently available for adoption at the Ontario SPCA's Provincial Dog Rehabilitation Centre, two-year-old Edwena loves going on walks and playing, and she's a great cuddler. She has spent time in a fos-

ter home and thrived in a home environment where she lived with other animals. She learns quickly and would make a great companion for someone out there."

Animals adopted from the Ontario SPCA are spayed or neutered, vaccinated, micro-chipped and they go home with food from Royal Canin to help ensure a smooth transition into their new home.

"We're committed to finding these dogs

homes, no matter how long it takes," says Sonya Reichel, Vice President of Operations with the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society.

To view animals available for adoption, visit ontariospca.ca/adopt.

The Ontario SPCA is seeking foster volunteers to provide TLC to animals to prepare them for adoption. To learn more, visit ontariospca.ca/foster.

Coming up in September at the MoD

The Museum of Dufferin (MoD) is holding several events through the month of September.

The museum collects and preserves the stories of the people, places and culture of Dufferin County — past and present — and shares them through engaging and inclusive experiences.

MoD features eclectic variety of experiences by way of exhibitions, events, programs and tours.

Here's a list of upcoming events at the museum:

MoD Masterclass: Cyanotypes
On Sept. 7 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the MoD will feature Jo Thomson, a photographic artist living and working in Mono, Ont., to learn a 170-year-old photographic printing process that produces prints in a distinctive blue using the sun's rays. The cost to register for the Masterclass is \$85 plus HST per participant.

MoD Studio Workshop: Glass Painting

In this workshop you will decorate your own drinking glass with a hand painted design. You will also learn about the history of glass decorating and explore historic objects from the Museum of Dufferin collection. The event takes place on Sept. 11 from

1 to 2 p.m. The cost to attend is \$25 plus HST per participant.

MoD Feature Exhibitions: Anima(lis)
From Sept. 14 to Jan. 18, 2025, visitors of MoD can explore artworks by Orangeville-born artist Stephanie Casino Esguerra in the Silo Gallery, in a series that depicts the transformations the artist has lived through, grown through, and witnessed in her life.

MoD-Tots: All About Pies

Join MoD-Tots and learn all about pies! Parents can bring their toddler for toddler-friendly pie themed crafts and sensory play on Sept. 18. Two sessions will be held. One from 9 to 10 a.m. and the other from 11 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$7 plus HST per child.

MoD Studio Workshop: Pumpkin Pinch Pots

In this workshop, kids will learn about one of the core techniques of hand building with clay by creating a pumpkin themed pinch pot and adding their own designs on Sept. 21 from 1 to 2 p.m. The cost is \$15 plus HST per participant.

MoD Studio Workshop: Tea Blending

In this workshop, you will learn how to blend your own tea and customize your own unique blends of black or herbal tea on Sept. 28 from 2 to 3 p.m. The cost is \$35 plus HST per participant.

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Who's minding the gate?

Two Toronto men, a father and son, have been arrested in Richmond Hill on terror-related charges.

The RCMP reported the men were in the 'advanced stages' of planning a violent attack.

That's right – in a Canadian city. Who knows who would have been injured or murdered in the planned attacks?

These two idiots face a total of nine charges including conspiracy to commit murder for the benefit or at the direction of a terrorist group – namely ISIS. They were arrested in a hotel room in Richmond Hill after a month-long investigation that involved multiple police services.

They also face weapons charges for having an axe and a machete which they had with them at the hotel when they were arrested. What a nightmare this would have been if the police had not discovered their intentions.

What kind of a sick mind would even consider using a machete on another person? Especially a stranger.

What kind of a sick person would encourage his son to engage in the murder of innocent people – in a peaceful country, that gave them refuge? At age 62, this guy has

ruined his life, as well as the life of his son, who will no doubt, if convicted, be spending the majority of his best years behind prison bars.

The questions regarding this case go a lot deeper with the big question being: Why are they even here?

Going even deeper, the question must be, are there more of them in this country who have slipped through the gates and planning more attacks?

Where was the failure in the process that scrutinizes who is allowed to land on our shores?

It has been revealed that the father in this case, previously appeared in a video with his terrorist friends, dismembering a prisoner.

After this, he arrived on Canadian shores in 2018 and made a refugee claim, which was accepted. Apparently, they didn't check him out quite enough.

I'd be worried, living next door to a guy who was previously involved with a terrorist group, and who enjoyed it so much he took part in a nefarious video, which showed him committing a terrorist and criminal act.

Even worse, this idiot was granted Canadian citizenship in May 2024.

BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW



I guess, the oath for citizenship, which reads, "I swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles III King of Canada, His heirs and successors and that I will faithfully observe the laws of Canada including the constitution which recognizes and affirms the aboriginal and treaty rights of First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples, and fulfill my duties as a Canadian Citizen," didn't register with him.

He failed at all of those requirements and duties.

If there ever was a case where a person's citizenship should be revoked, this is it.

It has been reported that there was an unspecified 'risk indicator' four months after he arrived in Canada, however, he was still given a work permit and allowed to stay.

The son, who is 26 years old, is an Egyptian citizen, and apparently as stupid and backwards as his father. He applied for a study permit in 2019 and was rejected. He then entered the country on a U.S. student visa and applied for asylum.

Terrorists aren't lone-wolf-type people. If this guy was living among us, there is little doubt that he has friends and associates who think the same way.

I'm pretty sure authorities are well aware

of this and are now taking a good look at who he has been hanging out with over the past several years.

It is reported that this terror plot was in the 'late stages', meaning they were ready to go ahead with it.

It could have been you, or one of your family members who got a machete across the back of your head in a random attack, or whatever these idiots were planning.

Everything reported, at this point, is 'alleged.' That's just a way of saying the charges haven't been proven in a court of law.

If there is one case that should be followed by every Canadian, it's this one. And if the alleged charges are proven in court, the punishment should be severe.

Canadians should be questioning who is the gatekeeper at the border? Who is keeping our country safe from criminals claiming asylum?

This should be a wake-up call to the federal ministry that controls who is allowed to arrive on our shores because in this case, they made what could have been a very fatal mistake.

New Caledonia: Pragmatism 3, Nationalism 0

With the sole exception of the 50 people on Pitcairn Island, the United Kingdom (once known as the British Empire) liquidated its holdings in the Pacific Ocean long ago. France, by contrast, has a half million citizens in the Pacific (and another two million living in other bits of its former empire on islands in all the world's major oceans).

This gives rise to much performative outrage in post-colonial countries that need grievances to bring pressure on the world's richest countries. That's only fair: the post-colonial countries are mostly poor, whereas the old imperial powers are very rich but not very generous. The ex-colonies need leverage, and colonial guilt is a good lever.

For this tactic to work well, however, the people in these remaining European overseas possessions should be groaning under foreign repression and fiercely demanding their independence. The problem is that most of them are pragmatists who are quite happy to remain colonies if the money is good.

The latest example is New Caledonia, a Belgium-sized island in the South Pacific about 1,500 km northwest of the top end of New Zealand. The population was mostly 'Kanak' (native-born Melanesians) until around 50 years ago, when various mining enterprises caused a surge in immigration

from other Pacific islands and even from France.

This is a potential grievance well worth exploiting. As a result of that immigration, the Kanak share of the population has dropped to just over one-third of the total (112,000 of the island's 300,000 people).

No doubt many Kanaks want independence – especially young, rural Kanaks who see it as a possible source of protected jobs for these true sons of the soil. However, the other, now more numerous ethnicities will oppose it for the same reason. Independence would effectively make them second-class citizens.

Do not despair. Justice will be done. Under the 1998 Nouméa Accord, France agreed to hold three referendums on independence, and to restrict the vote only to those who were already resident (still a Kanak majority at that time).

Why three referendums? Because it was already obvious that a lot of the Kanaks (call them pragmatists, if you like) didn't want independence. So to get the pro-independence Kanaks to buy into the process, they were given three chances to persuade the rest to vote yes. Win a majority in just one of those referendums, and New Caledonia becomes independent.

In the first referendum, in 2018, with all the Kanaks but only long-established resi-

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dents of other ethnicities eligible to vote, 56 per cent of the voters supported remaining part of France.

In the second referendum in 2020, with the same electorate (all the Kanaks but only about half of the total adult population), that dropped to 53 per cent in favour of staying French.

And the pro-independence party boycotted the third referendum, in 2021, ostensibly because Covid made voting difficult but really because their own soundings revealed that they would lose again. Better to walk out and keep the issue alive than to lose a third consecutive vote even though the dice are loaded in favour of the pro-independence faction.

France now regards the independence issue as closed, and last northern spring the French National Assembly moved to restore the vote to most of the people who had been excluded from the referendums. All those who have been in New Caledonia for at least ten years (i.e. 2014) will be able vote in future elections.

So what was the pro-independence Kanak faction to do? Launch a national liberation war, obviously, or at least a plausible facsimile thereof.

Last May Kanak militants put up roadblocks and made sweeping demands for independence with none of that voting nonsense. Nine people were killed, a state of emergency was declared, French

President Emmanuel Macron paid an emergency visit – and nothing much happened.

It's over, really, for the same reason that other French possessions around the world – French Polynesia in the South Pacific, Mayotte and Réunion in the Indian Ocean, Martinique and Guadeloupe in the Caribbean, and French Guiana in South America – all choose to remain French. The bribe for doing so is irresistible.

If you live in an overseas department of France, then you get a good, free education and a French level of public and social services. Per capita income in New Caledonia is ten times that in other nearby island nations like Fiji, Vanuatu, Samoa, and the Solomon Islands.

It's the same in the Caribbean, where the French islands have three times the per capita GDP of nearby ex-British islands that chose independence. Likewise in the Indian Ocean, where French Réunion has twice the per capita GDP of nearby ex-British Mauritius, and in French Guiana, which has the highest per capita GDP in South America.

Call it bribery if you like, but the more polite word is pragmatism. And if you don't have to live with the choice, don't criticize those who do.

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Derek Marshall to bring Vegas Knights concert to Theatre Orangeville

Written By Constance Scrafield

Derek Marshall is bringing his delightful Vegas Knights concert to Theatre Orangeville, for the first time, from Sept. 19 to 22 at the Orangeville Opera House.

This suave, handsome and talented Mr. Marshall brings us the days of the Rat Pack, of the crooners and the jokes so beloved through the 1950s to the 70s.

Such names as Sammy Davis Jr., Dean Martin, and Frank Sinatra, as Vegas Knights are naturally part of the show but Mr. Marshall takes us on a much fuller collection of names, to include many more of the great soloists.

In a multi-person Google get-together with the Citizen were Derek Marshall, Chris McHarge his manager/director, co-creator of this show with Mr. Marshall and much more, and Theatre Orangeville's Amanda Doerrie, head of marketing and artistic director David Nairn.

They began by talking about the five-piece band that is accompanying Derek Marshall for the show, "We brought in a couple of horns for this band," Mr. McHarge told us.

"There is a lot of flow – it's amazing how he pulls it out."

For every production they book, they call on top musicians to play "well in advance," said Mr. Marshall and they remarked how lucky they feel to have so many talented musicians that they can call.

As a lighting and sound designer too, Mr. McHarge is the man backstage and Mr. Marshall is the man on the stage. The collaboration between Marshall and McHarge in writing this show has been a dream come true for the singer. They have toured the show in Canada and the US, taking it as well overseas to Germany.

Coming up with the idea of Vegas Knights, they wanted to include such luminaries as Tony Bennett, Elvis Presley, and Bobby Darin. About Bobby Darin, Mr. Marshall had an interesting story, in 1960, Darin came to Vegas at the age of 24. He performed at the Copacabana and "crushed" the records for attendance set by all the very famous crooners and singers who had been there before.

What does it take to sing the music of so many brilliant and so famous a list of celebrities as these?

David Nairn offered humorously, "Only Derek has the ego to play them – it comes from love," he added sincerely.

Telling the essence of it, Mr. Marshall told us all that he tries to be true to the music; that it means something: "When I put it out, I have to be true to it. Then, I feel this love and think - man, we did it."

People love this music that is still a strong memory for so many. They heard the music from their parents maybe, and now even the grandchildren know the old songs and the musicians who sang them from hearing them being played at home.

The music may still be heard for generations, they agreed. It is not just the music, these were "our favourite shows" where so many of these stars sang them, as Mr. McHarge pointed out.

Derek Marshall grew up in Cole Harbour, Nova Scotia, just outside Halifax. He attended Dalhousie University for his Bachelor of Arts but wanted very much to be on stage. He liked to sing but was "pretty shy," he told us when he and Nicholas Arnold were doing "Dean and Jerry: What Might Have Been" as Theatre Orangeville's season add-on show in 2019.

Coming from Nova Scotia to Ontario, he earned his Diploma of Applied Arts in the prestigious Musical Theatre Program at Sheridan College in Oakville.

He recalled working with David Nairn in 1996 at the Oakville Summer Theatre. He was in "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum" and told us how in awe he was of the great man. "People were laughing and laughing through the show," he said.

Another old connection to Theatre Orangeville from Mr. Marshall: years ago, he was playing Dean in the Rat Pack here.

Some of the songs carry serious messages, like The Candy Man and Mr. Bojangles. He commented that when "you put people on the stage, anything can happen..." Stage performance is an exhilarating experience. So, hearing him say that when it is over and he goes off stage, there is a vacuum as though



PHOTO BY COLE BENNETT

TAKING THE STAGE: Derek Marshall is coming to Theatre Orangeville. The Citizen recently sat down with Marshall, Chris McHarge and the fine folks at Theatre Orangeville to hear about their upcoming show, Vegas Knights - airing Sept. 19 to 22 at the Opera House.

he wants to keep singing and keep the energy that has been part of the audience's reaction.

"It's through your own lens," David Nairn remarked. "Your approach to it is not impersonated. You take on Sammy – this is Derek Marshall singing – that is what is magical for me. This is timeless music."

Mr. Marshall told us he feels honoured to be back at Theatre Orangeville, and that there is something really special about Theatre Orangeville. He is looking forward to opening the show with Fly Me to the Moon - that first song – those first new notes coming from the stage to thrill the audience.

They remembered Mr. Marshall did a Valentine's special here. He informed us that Paul Anka wrote "My Way" for Frank Sinatra as a translation from the song in French.

As to why we should fill the theatre to see

this show, Mr. McHarge was clear: "This is the best music ever recorded," he declared. "By the greatest stars that ever performed." Derek Marshall promised an honest interpretation of the music.

He was supported by David Nairn, who said, "Derek Marshall is one of the finest interpreters of this show – Really it is our honour to have him doing this show here." Mr. McHarge added, "Derek understands this music. He starts with Sinatra."

Vegas Knights is this year's "add-on" to the regular season, which as David Nairn says, "is to remind people it's time to go back to the theatre." Running over an extended weekend, September 19 to 22, tickets are available at www.theatreorangeville.ca Or call the kindly folk in the Box Office at 519-942-3423.

News from Shelburne Library

Library Card Sign Up Month: Sept. 1 to 30: Starting Sept. 1, any patron who signs up for a membership will be entered into a draw for a Kobo ClaraBW (compatible with the library's digital collection). Additionally, anyone who comes in to renew their membership will be entered into a weekly draw for a \$5 gift card or a "skip the line pass." This is a great month to sign up or renew, so drop by your Library soon.

MoD Scanning Day: Saturday, Sept. 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: The MoD Archives is looking to collect digital scans of community photographs to include in an upcoming exhibition on children and play. Community members will leave with their original photograph, leaving only a digitized copy with the MoD Archival collection. In MoD's upcoming events they are looking to collect photographs of 'children at play,' both historic and modern. MoD wants to see the moments you have captured of kids being kids. This could include playing with toys, friends and family, sports, on playgrounds, and more.

Into the Wild of Nature Photography with David T. Chapman: Saturday, Sept. 21 at 3 p.m.: In this fascinating nature photography presentation, David will focus on three exciting areas of outdoor photography. The first one being landscapes, sunrises/sunsets, autumn colours, wooded and agricultural areas as well as utilizing changes in the weather to make the same location look entirely different. The second segment will cover wildlife photography. This will be mainly focusing on both songbirds and birds of prey but also some of the exciting wildlife we can see right here in Ontario. Last, but not least, we will be looking into the highly detailed world of macro photography as we take a much closer look at the world of wildflowers and insects. Call 519-925-2168 or head over to our Linktree to register (<https://linktr.ee/shelburnelibrary>).

Shelburne Public Library Staff's Book Recommendation: "The Familiar by Leigh Bardugo" is this week's book. In the new capital of Madrid, Luzia Cotado uses scraps of magic to get through her days of endless toil. But when her scheming mistress discovers that the servant cowering in the kitchen is actually hiding a talent for little miracles, she demands Luzia use those gifts to better the family's social position. Determined to seize this one chance to better her fortunes, Luzia plunges into a world of seers and alchemists, holy men and hucksters, where the lines between magic, science, and fraud are never certain. But as her notoriety grows, so does the danger that her Jewish blood will doom her to the Inquisition's wrath.

Why Britt Recommends it: Leigh Bardugo is a staff-favourite at the library! You may have already read the Alex Stern series (Ninth House, Hell Bent), and if so, you're going to enjoy this one too. Magical realism peppered with a bit of romance makes this an enjoyable read.

One of my favourite parts of Bardugo's writing style is the depth she gives to her characters. Even characters who play relatively minor roles in the larger plot are given substantial backstories, which draws the reader in to the story. Getting to know each of the characters and the perils they face adds an element of urgency to the story.



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Bottles of alcohol seized, impaired driving charges laid

The Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has charged one driver with impaired operation related offences as the result of a RIDE program.

Officers from the Dufferin OPP were conducting a RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) spot-check in the area of Centennial Road in Orangeville on Aug. 28, 2024, just after 11:15 p.m., A driver entered the area, and officers were led into an impaired operation investigation.

A 38-year-old male, from East Garafraxa has been charged with:

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

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.

The listed charge hasn't been proven in court.



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Over 2,000 charges laid by OPP over long weekend

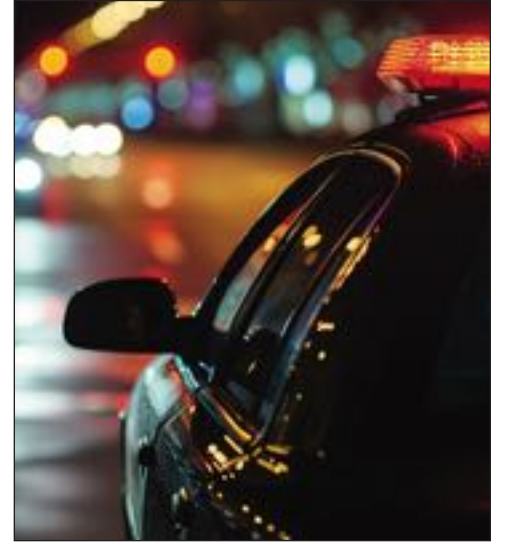
Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers across Central Region laid over 2,000 charges during Labour Day weekend traffic initiative, which ran from Aug. 30 to Sept. 2.

A total of 2,034 charges were laid across the region, with this number potentially increasing as additional reports are added.

These charges include:

- Speeding: 986
- Seatbelt Charges: 130
- Distracted Driving: 8
- Impaired Driving: 47
- Stunt Driving: 25

The remainder of the charges fall under the Highway Traffic Act, Liquor License Act, Off Road Vehicles Act, Compulsory Automobile Insurance Act and Criminal Code. Officers also issued 410 warnings.



Stop for school buses when red lights are flashing

The Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) along with area school bus drivers are reminding drivers that a stopped school bus with its red overhead flashing lights and extended stop arm requires all approaching drivers to stop.

"Drivers should also adjust their speed and be aware of extra vehicle traffic along with pedestrian traffic during school hours in school zones," said the Dufferin OPP in a press release

In response to an increase in complaints

of vehicles not stopping for school buses in Dufferin County, officers will be conducting extra patrols before and after school hours.

Drivers that are found in violation will be served a Provincial Offences Notices for "Failing to stop for a School Bus" that comes with a price tag of \$490 and six demerit points upon conviction.

Points to Remember

- Focus all of your attention on the road and put away unnecessary distractions.
- Slowdown in school zones and respect

the posted speed limit. There will be a higher-than-normal volume of students traveling between home and school by numerous methods of transportation.

- Be aware of school buses with their red flashing lights activated. The fine for passing a school bus with its red lights activated is \$490 minimum and six demerit points.



Two vehicle collision in Melancthon results in death of Caledon man

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) along with Dufferin County EMS, and Fire Services attended a serious two vehicle collision in Melancthon.

Officers attended County Road 17 between the 3rd and 4th line in Melancthon following the report of a serious collision involving two vehicles on Saturday, Aug. 31, just after 10:15 a.m.

The collision resulted in one fatality.

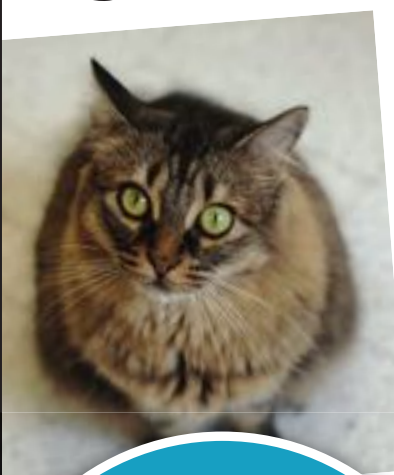
A 26-year-old, male from Caledon was pronounced deceased at the scene.

County Road 17 remained closed for several hours after the collision while the Traffic Collision Investigation (TCI) team of the OPP investigated.

The investigation is continuing and anyone who may have witnessed the collision is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP 1-888-310-1122.

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

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12. A way to disfigure

13. Positioned

14. Tall tropical American tree

15. Large deciduous trees

16. ___ and ends

17. Part of a machine

18. Brews

19. One who leads prayers in a mosque

21. Indian state

22. Partisans

27. Top lawyer in the land

28. Former Dodgers MVP

33. Title for women

34. Heated and allowed to slowly cool

36. Copycat

37. Sounds

38. One-time Israeli diplomat Abba

39. Part of (abbr.)

40. Hateful

41. Collide

44. European football heavyweight

45. One who works for you

48. Song

49. Ancient marvels

50. Bridge building degree

51. Delivery boys

CLUES DOWN

1. Continent

2. Submissive

3. There's a lot in a bowling alley

4. Sun up in New York

5. Court decision ___ v. Wade

6. Finish line

7. Young women

8. Hives of activity

9. Hyman Roth's right-hand man Johnny

10. Eastern U.S. river

11. Popular cooking ingredient

12. Greek mythological princess

14. Scent for men

17. Cost, insurance and freight (abbr.)

18. Once more

20. Irate

23. Triangular spaces above a door

24. Norwegian playwright and poet Henrik

25. Atomic #58

26. Patti Hearst's captors

29. Natural logarithm

30. Talk incessantly

31. Went by

32. Strives

35. Fall back

36. Manila hemp

38. Not easily explained

40. Former "Double Dare" host Summers

41. Mollusk

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Shelburne Cricket Club championship game this weekend

Written By **Brian Lockhart**

The Shelburne Cricket Club will host its house league championship game on Saturday, Sept. 7, when the Gladiators meet the Samurais for the 2024 title game.

The finals were decided after a semi-final game between the Samurais and the Warriors on Saturday, Aug. 30, at KTH Park in Shelburne.

The Shelburne Gladiators have already qualified for the finals.

In Saturday's semi-final, the Warriors won the toss and elected to field – a decision that initially seemed to pay off.

They struck early, taking two crucial wickets in the second over, leaving the Samurais reeling.

By the sixth over, the Samurais were struggling at 44 runs for the loss of four wickets.

Samurais captain, Harpreet Sandhu, and teammate Shivdhan stepped up. Sandhu's 36 runs, paired with Shivdhan's 20, stabilized the innings.

Manjinder contributed a crucial 16 runs, pushing the Samurais to a competitive total of 136 runs.

For the Warriors, captain Samir Patel and Maaz Patek each claimed three wickets.

When it was the Warriors' turn to bat, they struggled from the start.

Early wickets fell rapidly and they were unable to build any momentum.

Despite a valiant effort from Muhafiz Patel, who scored 26 runs, and supporting knocks from Vika Vig with 22, and Samir Patel, with 17, the Warriors were unable to chase the target. They fell short by 36 runs, handing the Samurais a well-deserved victory and a place in the finals.

Shivdhan was named Man of the Match for his impressive four-wicket haul.

The other game of the weekend featured the Shelburne Stars up against the visiting Falcons from Wingham for a special inter-league match.

The Stars won the toss and opted to bat first, but they had a sluggish start.

The Stars' innings saw a mix of patience and power-hitting with contributions from Ahsen, Samir, Razzaq, and Abhay. Their efforts helped the team post a defensible total of 111 runs.

Rakesh and Gurpreet were the standout bowlers for the Falcons, each taking two wickets.

When the Falcons came to bat, they lit up the field with some big hits.

Parth led with 44 runs, supported by Harpreet Singh's 16.

Their aggressive approach paid off as they chased down the target in just 14 overs, securing a commanding victory.

Abdul Razzaq was named Man of the Match for his outstanding bowling performance, taking four wickets.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

INTER-LEAGUE PLAY: The Shelburne Stars take on the Wingham Falcons on the pitch at KTH Park in Shelburne on Saturday, Aug. 31. This was a special inter-league game. The Falcons came out on top in this match. The Shelburne Cricket Club will hold its house league championship game at the Park on Saturday, Sept 7.

Both North Dufferin Baseball League series tied after opening games

Written By **Brian Lockhart**

The North Dufferin Baseball League Senior Division playoffs have entered the second round of competition.

Both series are tied after two games.

The Bolton Brewers are up against the Ivy Rangers in this best-of-five, or first to six points match-up.

Bolton came to the playoffs as the first-place team in the league this year finishing the regular season with a 17-5-2 record.

Ivy finished the season in fifth place with a

14-9-2 record and 30 points.

Game 1 of their series got underway on Sunday, Aug. 18, in Bolton.

That first game ended with a 2-1 Brewers win. It was a low-scoring game that ended when Stephen Warden hit a two-run walk-off single that brought in the winning runs.

The second game of the series took place on Tuesday, Aug. 20, in Ivy.

It was a huge game for Ivy when they left the diamond with a 10-0 win. This was the second time this season the Brewers have been shut out. On July 4, they took a 5-0 loss

to the New Lowell Knights.

Highlights of Game 2 include a two-run home run from Riley Davies and a solo home run from Adam Vanderheyden.

The series continues this week.

The other second-round series has the second-place Owen Sound Baysox up against the third-place New Lowell Knights.

This series is also tied after two games.

Game 1 of the series got underway on Monday, Aug. 19, in Owen Sound.

The Baysox took an early lead in the series leaving the diamond with a 7-2 win to start

things off.

The Knights responded in Game 2, on Tuesday, Aug. 20, at their home diamond in New Lowell and evened the series with a narrow 5-4 win.

A highlight of the game was a two-run home run from Owen Sound's Bryan Post.

The series will continue this week.

The two remaining teams from these two series will compete in the Strother Cup best-of-seven 2024 NDBL championship series.

The final series is scheduled to get underway on Sept. 7.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

MOHAMMAD RAZA

"I've been playing cricket for as long as I can remember," said Shelburne Samurais player, Mohammad Raza.

He began playing the hardball version with the Shelburne Cricket Club two seasons ago.

"I like the teamwork and the confidence of the game," Mohammad said of why he likes playing the sport. "I like enjoying the game with family and friends. I like scoring runs and getting lots of hits."

When he's not on the cricket pitch, Mohammad plays basketball with the Centre Dufferin District High School Royals as well as club basketball.

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New pickleball courts ready for play

Written By **Brian Lockhart**

The Township of Mulmur unveiled its new tennis and pickleball courts in Mansfield on Aug. 28, and they are now ready for public use.

The courts are located at Thomson Trail Park.

Made possible by a \$150,000 Capital Grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation that was first awarded in 2023, tennis and pickleball are sports that can be enjoyed by a variety of residents.

Sylvia Jones, MPP for Dufferin-Caledon, was in attendance for the grand opening of the new facility.

"The Ontario government has provided this investment through the Ontario Trillium Foundation to construct new tennis and pickleball courts in the Township of Mulmur," Jones said. "This investment means community members will be closer to home

and have more local opportunities to stay active."

The grant will help the Township of Mulmur to diversify recreation opportunities for residents by funding the construction of this project which includes four new tennis and pickleball courts at the park.

As a growing community, residents are seeking new opportunities to be active, regardless of age or fitness level. The new courts can be used for recreational or organized play.

Pickleball is one of the fastest-growing sports in the province and is especially popular with people over the age of 50.

Last year, the Ontario Trillium Fund invested more than \$110 million into 1,044 community projects and multi-sector partnerships.

Projects aim to enhance economic well-being, foster more active lifestyles, and support child and youth development.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

SWINGIN': Two local residents enjoy the new tennis and pickleball courts at Thomson Trail Park in Mansfield on Thursday, Aug. 29. The courts were made possible by a \$150,000 Capital Grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

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Pam was born on October 13th, 1946 in Emsworth, England, moving to Canada when she was only five years old. She spent her early years in Woodbridge, Ontario and went on to attend Lakeshore Teachers' College. Pam began her teaching career in North York, and then continued in Dufferin County until her retirement in 1998.

In her retirement, Pam and Don moved to Vancouver Island. This move not only brought her closer to her family, but also the ocean, which she dearly loved. She became active in her Qualicum Beach community, volunteering for the Cancer Society and Community Meals programs. Pam and Don also volunteered for BC & Alberta Guide Dogs, where they fostered and trained 16 dogs to support veterans.

But more than anything, Pam was devoted to her family and friends. She loved spending time with those closest to her, sharing stories, making memories and building traditions.

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