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**70 YEARS IN THE COMMUNITY:** Community Living Dufferin (CLD) executive director Diana Kite (left) accepts a plaque from Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones recognizing the organization's 70th anniversary, during a celebration held at CLD's building at 065371 Dufferin County Rd. 3, East Garafraxa on Sept. 7. The celebration featured speeches, a showcase of talent from CLD's artists, interactive activities, and live music from the Campfire Poets.

## Local organizations seek funding from council

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

Shelburne Town Council recently took a first look at the local organizations seeking funding from the 2025 Municipal Grant Fund.

During their meeting on Monday (Sept. 9), Shelburne Town Council received presentations from 11 local organizations asking for a total of \$58,159 in cash and \$29,150 in-kind through the Municipal Grant Fund to support a total of 14 community initiatives.

"Not only did these presentations in my mind fulfill a practical purpose in giving us the information we need to evaluate them, but I do think it also highlights for the community the breadth and scope of important work that's being done by these civic organizations," said Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills. "It's really quite remarkable that these people are out there volunteering and the amount of work that they're doing to put back into the community."

The Children's Foundation of Guelph Wellington, an organization that runs a food security program in the high schools and elementary schools in Shelburne, was the first to present its funding request to council. The food program requested \$5,000 in

funding from the Town of Shelburne, which will be used to purchase food items and gift cards for the rising number of students accessing the program. The requested funds will also help to tackle the increase in food costs to supply the program.

Feral Cat Rescue, a not-for-profit shelter for cats that has operated in the Shelburne community since 2011, requested funding of \$3,000. The requested funds would be used to provide shelter, food and medical services for stray, abandoned and injured cats.

G.E.T. Outreachworks, a local organization focused on education and unity through diversity, particularly through Black History Month, asked to receive \$3,000 in cash to be used for event supplies, book club, summer camps, and improving the availability of cultural material.

Haunt in the Park, Shelburne's annual Halloween-themed attraction, operated by the Little Family, requested a donation of \$20,000 in kind to host the event at Fiddle Park. Last year, the event saw almost 3,500 visitors and collected 2,200 lbs of food and \$500 for the local food bank.

Pickin' in the Park, a country western festival that has been held at Fiddle Park for more than a decade, requested \$4,600 in kind from council to host the annual event

at Fiddle Park for July 2025. According to organizers, Greg and Heather Holmes, the 2024 event saw visitors from Sudbury, Fort Erie, Lindsay and Blenheim as well as internationally from Holland and Australia.

The Shelburne and District Agricultural Society requested \$1,000 to assist with the Shelburne Fall Fair, which has been a tradition in the community for over 155 years. The funding would be used for activities and prizes at the Fall Fair as well as junior fair displays and the ambassador program.

Shelburne and District Horticultural Society requested \$1,000 in cash to go towards maintaining entrance gardens, hosting their guest speaker series and purchasing plants, including trees, bulbs, material and mulch for community projects.

The Rotary Club of Shelburne brought forward applications for three of their programs – the Backpack Project, Pumpkinfest, and Hamper Program.

For the Backpack project, which provides local students with back-to-school supplies, the Rotary Club is seeking \$2,500 in order to purchase items such as reusable water bottles, backpacks and lunchboxes for the more than 175 students they support.

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# Local high school student's art featured at Shelburne Town Hall Art Gallery

Written By Paula Brown  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A 16-year-old Dufferin County artist is sharing her collection of work with the community at her debut exhibit.

Alexandra Scott, a student of Westside Secondary School in Orangeville, will be displaying her paintings at the Shelburne Town Hall Art Gallery throughout September as part of Shelburne's latest art showcase.

"It still feels quite surreal to have set up my own art gallery and getting to see my art, all up on full display for the community," said Scott, in a phone interview with the Free Press.

Scott discovered her passion for painting during the pandemic after she received an art kit for her birthday. Initially, she started with drawing but later expanded her work to include charcoal, watercolours, and eventually acrylics.

In 2022, she began to expose her pieces of art to the community by selling them at various vendors' markets.

"I thought doing the art gallery [in Shelburne] could be a way of getting my name out there and exposing my art to the world or to a different group of people than those I see at the vendors shows," said Scott.

She primarily works in acrylic paint and watercolours, which give her a wide range

of techniques and styles to explore.

The exhibit features 27 pieces of work from Scott's collection she's developed over the years. One of her favourite pieces on display in the exhibit is called "Goddess," which depicts a pink face with giant green eyes.

"It was one of my first larger size painting and it took me just over year on and off to finish it. It has a lot of emotions in it, there's a lot of myself and everything I have worked for in it," said Scott.

When it comes to creating a new piece of work, Scott pulls much of her inspiration from how a specific subject, whether it be landscapes, portraits or objects, makes her

feel emotionally in the moment. She then chooses to add abstract twists to the pieces to make them uniquely hers.

"Everything I see on a day-to-day basis and the emotions I feel when I see it, I try to all of it and put it onto a canvas for everyone to see," explained Scott. "I feel like a lot of my colour choices and texture comes from the emotions I felt."

Scott's exhibit will be on display at the Shelburne Town Hall Art Gallery until Sept. 27, with an opening reception scheduled for Sept. 14 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Those interested in seeing the show can do so Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

# Dufferin County extends Rural Water Quality Program funding for five years

Written By Paula Brown  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Dufferin County has extended its commitment to the Grand River Conservation Authorities' Rural Water Quality Program (RWQP) for an additional five years.

The Dufferin Rural Water Quality Program is a grant program for landowners undertaking projects to improve and protect water quality.

Led by the Grand River Conservation Authority, in partnership with neighbouring conservation authorities, the program helps protect the headwaters of the Credit, Grand, Saugeen, Humber, and Nottawasaga Rivers and downstream communities.

Eligible landowners can receive grants for a variety of projects through the program, including; fencing to exclude livestock from watercourses; cover crops to protect fields from wind and water erosion over the winter; crop nutrient planning; erosion control structures, such as water and sediment control basins; tree planting for wetlands and natural area restoration; and decommissioning or upgrading water wells.

According to the Grand River Conservation Authority, the program has been able to provide \$198,000 in grants to support the completion of 140 projects in Dufferin County, since 2017.

The Grand River Conservation Authority says the projects enabled through the grant

program not only aid in water quality but also offer additional environmental, economic and social benefits.

"They help to improve landscape resilience to extreme weather, sequester carbon, maintain healthy soils, and enhance wildlife habitat and biodiversity," reads a press release from the conservation authority.

The renewal of the Rural Water Quality Program does come with changes to grant rates and the eligibility of projects.

One specific change to the program is to the cover crop category, which will see the cost share amount increased to \$60 per acre and up to a maximum of \$4,800 per farm business.

"One thing that I have always valued is the soil," said Scott Caughill, a Melancthon cash

crop farmer and RWQP participant. "I continue to look for ways to improve the soil, to build up a better growing medium, and to preserve the land we require to produce our crops. The RWQP is designed for producers to learn more, do better, and develop longevity in protecting the soil while also benefiting water quality."

Applicants who participated in the Rural Water Quality Program previously are now eligible to re-apply.

For more information on the Rural Water Quality Program (RWQP), including how to receive program guidelines and application forms, email ruralwater@grandriver.ca or call 519-621-2763 ext. 2279 to speak with a Conservation Specialist.

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# Local organizations seek dollars from Shelburne's Municipal Grant Fund

The Shelburne Rotary also asked for \$3,000 for the Hamper Program to purchase groceries or gift cards for the holiday season recipients. Michael Conte from the Rotary Club said the Hamper Program assists over 186 local families during the constraints of the holiday season.

When it comes to hosting the third annual Pumpkinfest, the Rotary Club is requesting \$5,000 in cash and \$1,000 in kind, which will go towards utilizing Natasha Paterson Memorial Park and covering the cost of booking professional services.

Shelburne's local food bank, Shepherd's Cupboard, brought forward two funding requests from the Town of Shelburne through the 2025 Municipal Grant Fund.

The first application was for \$15,000 in cash to support the food bank's purchasing of groceries and gift cards for those in the community facing food insecurity.

According to Ardith Dunlop, the demand for the food bank has increased by 800 per cent since 2017 with more than 400 active files constituting over 1,000 people. Of the individuals accessing the food bank, 73 per cent are Shelburne residents.

New to the Shepherd's Cupboard's application this year is a request for an additional \$10,000, which will go towards purchasing a van to help increase the pick-up of stock purchases as well as do more deliveries and food rescue trips.

Streams Community Hub, an art-centred

youth-focused registered charity that is based out of Shelburne, requested \$7,500 in cash to help provide scholarships and subsidies for Shelburne youth accessing their programs. The organization also requested \$4,550 in kind to cover the cost of the rental fee for Grace Tipling Hall.

According to co-founder and executive director Juli-Anne James, Streams Community Hub has been able to serve over 1,800 youth each year and has awarded upwards of \$140,000 in scholarships and subsidies to help local youth access the arts.


The last organization to present its application was Trinity Primrose United Church, which asked for \$2,159 in funding to support its community freezer project. The

project looks to provide food accessibility for individuals who choose not to utilize the food bank.

The Town of Shelburne has allocated a total of \$42,500 for the 2025 Municipal Grant Fund as part of the 2025 draft budget.

Each of the applications for the 2025 Municipal Grant Fund will be reviewed by a selection committee consisting of three council members. The committee is tasked with choosing which organizations will receive funding from the annual grant program and how much.

The recommendations from the review committee are expected to return at a future council meeting and will be part of the Town's ongoing budget process.



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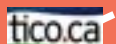
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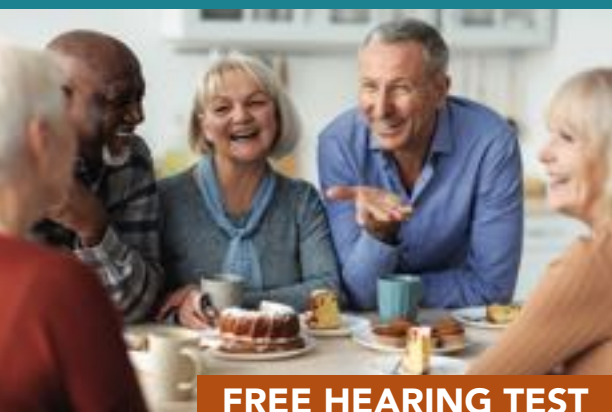
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# My gun is bigger than your gun

There are two main wars underway in the world and several other smaller ones that have been more like continuing skirmishes. The Russia-Ukraine war is the main battleground in the world today, with hundreds of thousands of casualties caused by modern weapons.

The Israeli invasion of Gaza is ongoing and has resulted in thousands of deaths.

We hear so much about military powers in the world, but the truth is, that most of the military power is in the hands of only a few countries.

Having a presence on the high seas has always been a big deal. Currently, the U.S. has the most powerful navy that has ever existed.

With 11 aircraft carriers, 68 submarines, 70 destroyers, and a total of around 475 ships, the U.S. Navy is designed to bring the fight to other shores.

In comparison, Canada, with the largest coastline in the world has a strictly defensive naval force with no destroyers, 12 frigates, and 21 off-shore patrol vessels.

While having a reliable navy is important, it is very expensive to operate a naval force.

There are 44 landlocked countries in the world. Your naval presence on the world stage is limited when you don't have access

to the ocean.

Most other countries have very limited navies. Smaller countries have only shore-line patrol boats.

Even those countries that operate a sizeable fleet of naval vessels have most of their ships docked most of the time.

It is expensive to send an entire fleet out to patrol the water if there is no threat.

Air power is a huge advantage when it comes to warfare.

If you're on the ground, the last thing you want to see is an A-10 Thunderbolt approaching. You will have no defence against it. When it unleashes 65 to 70 rounds per second at its target, those on the ground will never even hear the hum of its rotary cannon before being ripped to shreds.

The U.S. again leads the total in military aircraft with an air force of 5,190, naval aircraft at 2,626, and army aircraft at 4,397. Add to that more aircraft in their reserve forces.

The Royal Canadian Air Force is considered formidable on the world stage with around 430 aircraft including fighters and support aircraft. The new F-35A super high-tech fight will join the fleet with 88 on order. Having an air force is incredibly expen-

sive. The cost of buying a modern fighter is huge. Then there is the cost of training pilots and maintaining each airplane.

Every time a jet fighter takes off, it is a huge expense. If you are training pilots and need to fire some missiles, every trigger pull could cost thousands of dollars or more.

Many countries in the world don't have a working air force due to the expense. Some small countries maintain an air wing, but they are mostly reconnaissance aircraft used for keeping an eye on their neighbours or used for transportation.

The loss of a single aircraft is a huge disaster for many smaller countries.

During the Six Day War, the Israeli forces managed to destroy most of the Egyptian Air Force, then eliminated the Jordanian and Syrian Air Forces while they were still on the ground.

That mission gave Israel total air superiority and turned the tide of the war.

Ground forces have always been the mainstay of any nation's military. This includes infantry, armoured divisions, artillery, and transportation. It may also include support units such as helicopters.

The number of personnel in a country's army may also be misleading, as reported. Many countries report dubious numbers of

active soldiers – especially those countries that have no perceived threat.

North Korea reports 1,280,000 regular military, 600,000 reserves, and 5,700,000 trained paramilitary personnel. There is plenty of doubt if North Korea's military is effective.

North Korean soldiers who were loaned to Russia in the war against Ukraine, proved to be untrained, unmotivated, ill-equipped and most likely volunteered for service at the point of a gun.

Also, North Korea does not have the financial capability of supporting an army of that size, so who are they trying to kid?

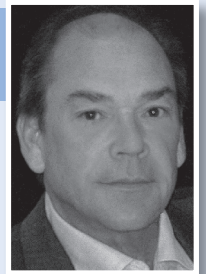
When it comes to ground-based wars, numbers usually don't mean much, other than to increase your casualty rate.

Military forces are a huge expense for any country.

It's sad to think that in this day and age, we still need an armed force.

If all that money that makes the arms dealers rich, was used for good causes, think of the advances that could be made in medicine, science, arts, culture, and just building new parks.

BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW



# Israel's Curse

Six Jewish hostages were murdered by Hamas last week just before the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) reached them, and a controversy has erupted in Israel about whether Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu should have done more to save them. But only among the ignorant and the credulous, because everybody else knew he never intended to save them.

If your child is kidnapped and you get a ransom note, do you

(A) pay the ransom if you can possibly raise the money, informing the police only after your child is safe; or do you

(B) ask the police to find and free the child, accepting the risk that she might get killed in the process; or do you

(C) write the child off, as you have other priorities that take precedence?

Most parents would choose option (A) if they could afford it and option (B) if they could not. Almost none would choose option (C). But politicians are dealing with other people's children, and the calculations are different.

When Hamas fighters from the Gaza Strip attacked Israel last October, killing 1,200 Israelis and taking 250 others back to the Strip as hostages, Israel's Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu owed the latter group a duty of care, but it wasn't

unlimited.

Option (A) was politically unavailable to Netanyahu. He could not afford to pay the Hamas kidnappers off, because their price would be the complete and permanent withdrawal of all Israeli troops from the Gaza Strip.

In current circumstances, no Israeli leader could sell that outcome to Israeli voters, Netanyahu's coalition government would crumble, there would be a general election, and he would lose.

Option (C) was also off-limits, at least as an openly declared policy. He could not publicly write off the hostages as a lost cause, because that was an emotionally unacceptable conclusion for a large portion of Israel's Jewish voters.

For public consumption, therefore, Netanyahu adopted Option (B): ask the police (or actually the army, in this case) to find the hostages and liberate them, although he must have known privately that they would be killed before they could be rescued.

This is a reality that is often ignored by the hostages' families and their supporters. The kidnappers in this case are not random criminals but trained and fanatical soldiers. They are holding the hostages in tunnels as much as twenty metres under-

ground. Of course they will kill the hostages before Israeli soldiers reach them. There is no real Option (B).

These are the facts, and they would have forced Netanyahu to write off the hostages or agree to a cease-fire even if he were a wise and honest man. He is neither, of course.

He is a man facing likely conviction in three criminal trials for corruption that have been interrupted because of the war. Conviction could carry a jail sentence, so he is in no hurry for the trials to resume.

He is a man who is playing for time, because the longer the time between last October's Hamas attacks and the date when the inquiry opens into his responsibility for not preventing that disaster, the better for him. Something else might turn up: a Trump election victory, a war with Iran that drags the Americans in, anything that changes the subject.

He is a man who, eleven months into the war, has yet to give a single hint about how he thinks the Gaza Strip should be governed when the war ends. Not even addressing the issue postpones the evil day when the reality of a cease-fire and a peace settlement must be discussed and decided.

He wants to avoid that day because his

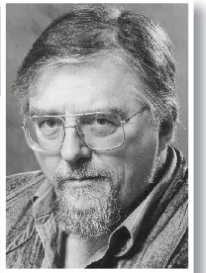
coalition is critically dependent on an extreme right-wing party which relies on the turmoil of the war to distract attention from its campaign to drive as many Palestinians as possible out of the occupied West Bank.

"Today, we have power in the government," said National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir, a leading light of that far-right group. "I'm not ashamed to say that we're using this power to prevent a reckless deal and to stop any negotiations altogether." To prevent any deal and any negotiations at all, in fact.

There were big pro-peace-fire demonstrations on the day after the murdered hostages were found, including up to 5% of the Israeli population. There was a six-hour 'national strike' by the country-wide trade union Histadrut on the following day, but they tamely shut it down when the courts ruled that it was 'political'.

Netanyahu is Israel's curse, but he and his strategy are safe at least until the US election in November, and a lot longer if Trump wins then. Nothing Joe Biden can bring himself to do or say in the meantime will change that.

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# Suspected drug overdoses increase in Dufferin-Caledon

Written By James Matthews  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter



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**RAISING AWARENESS:** In recognition of International Overdose Awareness Day on Aug. 29, an event was held by the Dufferin-Caledon Drug Strategy Committee to educate the community and decrease social stigma surrounding substance abuse, misuse and overdoses.

There's weight in numbers. And there's a particular heaviness in the numbers that indicate a stark reality, the realization of which seems to hit a person in their solar plexus. Takes one's breath away. They're numbers that indicate a social situation in which everybody should be concerned.

Such is the number that indicates the rise in suspected overdose deaths in just one year in the piece of the map that comprises the Dufferin-Caledon region.

Anybody who attended the event to mark the International Overdose Awareness Day in Orangeville Aug. 29 heard about such numbers and such a reality in our comfortable bit of geography, said Lynette Pole-Langdon, co-chairperson of the Dufferin-Caledon Drug Strategy Committee.

The committee is a coalition of local community service agencies that strongly believe in the importance of increasing awareness and decreasing the social stigma around substance use, misuse and overdoses.

"The importance of that really can't be highlighted enough," she said. "Stigma does exist out there and we all have a piece to do, to try and fix that, change that."

That's one of the key objectives of the committee, to take the wind out of the

stigma that may keep somebody in need of help from seeking that help.

The Overdose Awareness Day event this year shifted from previous years when people with lived experiences spoke and there was a barbecue and distributed information.

This year's event was held at Theatre Orangeville on Aug. 29 and showed a local video made during the height of the COVID-19 pan-

demic and the social shutdowns.

"We featured that video because we never had a chance to share it more broadly with the community because it was filmed during the pandemic," Pole-Langdon said.

Previously, the video was available only by way of some social media channels.

People's eyes were opened to certain numbers spoken about by Dr. Matthew Tenen-

baum, the associate medical officer of health for the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health Unit.

He and other public health professionals spoke about the effects of local substance use and overdoses. The region under the umbrella of the public health unit saw an overdose increase of 75 per cent in 2023 compared to the previous year.

As many as 73 people died in the region of suspected drug poisonings.

"It was quite powerful because it gave the story of what's happening locally," Pole-Langdon said. "Substance use could impact any one of us."

"How many people do we know that play sports or go in for a surgery or something happens and they end up needing to take some pain medication for treatment? Sometimes, that for some folks can be the start of a journey where they need to end up self-medicating."

And, she said, that innocence of how some people become saddled with a substance addiction is one of the reasons sharing lived experiences is important. It will go toward eroding stigma.

"Nobody wakes up one day and says I want to become a substance user, to have an addiction issue," she said. "Nobody does that. It's just people's circumstances and, for a lot of folks, it ends up being a coping mechanism."

## Three people charged with impaired driving in recent R.I.D.E. program

Written By Sam Odrowski

Three drivers were recently charged with impaired driving related offences by officers from the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).

Officers from Dufferin OPP were conducting a R.I.D.E. program in the area of First Street in Orangeville on Aug. 29, just before 2:30 a.m.

A vehicle entered the R.I.D.E. program and officers were quickly led into an impaired operation investigation.

As a result, Rebecca MATVOZ, a 35-year-old female, from Vancouver has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs

On Aug. 29, just before 11 p.m., officers from Dufferin OPP were conducting a R.I.D.E. program in the area of Townline in Orangeville. A vehicle entered the R.I.D.E. program and did not stop for officers as directed.

The vehicle and driver were located moments later, and officers were quickly led into an impaired operation investigation.

As a result, Karl SHAW, a 48-year-old male, from Caledon has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Having care or control of a motor vehicle with liquor readily available

On Sept. 1, just after 1 a.m., Dufferin OPP were conducting general patrol in the area of Townline in Orangeville. The officer noted a traffic violation and initiated a traffic stop.

Officers spoke with the male and were led to an impaired driving investigation.

As a result, Jacob DEDMAN, a 22-year-old male, from Orangeville has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Fail to wear proper helmet on motorcycle
- Operate a motor vehicle without insurance
- Novice driver - B.A.C. above zero

The accused persons are scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville, to answer to the charges at a later date in June 2024. Their driver's licence was suspended for 90 days, and their vehicles impounded for a period of 7 days.

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

"The Dufferin OPP reminds motorists to plan ahead when consuming alcohol or drugs. Use a designated driver, cab, rideshare, public transit or stay overnight," said Dufferin OPP in a press release. "Any amount of alcohol or drugs can impact your ability to make sound judgements. In a split second you could ruin your future, injure or kill others, and tear a hole in the heart of everyone who loves you."

If you suspect someone is driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol, Dufferin OPP asks that you please call 9-1-1.

Also, if you have information about suspected unlawful activity, the OPP ask that you please contact them at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or [www.crimestoppersd.com](http://www.crimestoppersd.com).

## Convenience stores now selling beer, cider, ready-mix drinks in Ontario

Life in Ontario is a little more convenient for some people as grocery and convenience stores have started selling beer, cider, and ready-mix alcoholic drinks in their stores.

The Ford government has changed the rules on who can sell these products.

As of September 5, 4,187 convenience stores across Ontario are licensed to sell alcoholic beverages, in addition to nearly 3,000 other licensed retail outlets as well as takeaway options from licensed bars and restaurants.

"The expansion delivers on our government's promise to give people in Ontario the same choice and convenience enjoyed

by people throughout the rest of Canada," said Premier Doug Ford. "With the recent announcement, we're also creating new opportunities to produce and sell world-class Ontario-made beer, wine and ready-to-drink beverages in nearly 4,200 convenience stores across the province."

The hours of sale for alcoholic products are 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., seven days a week, including holidays.

"People finally have more options to responsibly and conveniently support local Ontario breweries and wineries - or whatever their drink-of-choice may be - even closer to home, and today's announcement

is another milestone in the government's commitment to deliver more choice and convenience to consumers," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. "In addition to supporting Ontario retailers, domestic producers and workers in the alcohol industry, our vision for a better marketplace has come to life thanks to people and businesses across the province."

Liquor is excluded and will only remain available in the LCBO and its agency stores.

The government is also permanently allowing the transfer of wine and spirits between locations with the same owner and/or affiliated licensees in order to help bars and restaurants effectively manage inventory, and is allowing licensed grocery and convenience stores to display alcoholic beverages in multiple areas of a store, while maintaining small-producer shelf space requirements as well as policies that will continue to ensure the safe and responsible sale of alcohol.



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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**UNDER SECTION 45 OF THE PLANNING ACT**

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

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2024**


The public meeting is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m., or as shortly thereafter as possible, and will be held in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Office (2nd Floor), 203 Main Street East, Shelburne. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the following planning application:

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

**1) Application for Minor Variance A24/02** - Llyod Hunt, the Architect for the owners of the property known municipally as 110 Adeline Street and legally described as Part of Lots 1 & 2, Railway Block, Plan 7A, Town of Shelburne has submitted an application for a Minor Variance to request relief from Section 3.15.9. of Zoning By-law 38-2007, to permit a reduction in the required parking spaces for the existing and proposed expanded office building, from 18 parking spaces to 14 parking spaces, and relief from Section 4.6.2. to permit a reduced minimum interior side yard (west) abutting a residential use, from 2.0 metres to 1.26 metres. The application is in relation to Site Plan application SPA 24/04 which was submitted concurrently with this application for an addition to the existing building.

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

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





# Mischief, shoplifting and collision keep OPP busy in recent days

Written By Sam Odrowski

## REPORT OF SHOPLIFTING RESULTS IN IMPAIRED DRIVING CHARGE FOR SHELBURNE MAN

Officers from the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a Shelburne man with impaired driving as the result of a shoplifting investigation.

Dufferin OPP officers responded to a shoplift call for service at a grocery store in Shelburne on Sept. 10, shortly after 3:30 p.m. The accused had left the scene prior to police arrival.

Officers located the driver who was operating a mobility scooter and were led into an impaired driving investigation.

Brent YOUNG, a 58-year-old male, from Shelburne has been charged with operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

The accused individuals are scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Jus-

tice in Orangeville. Their driver's licence was suspended 90 days, and their vehicles impounded for 7 days.

The impaired driving charge has not been proven in court.

## MULMUR COLLISION PUTS THREE IN HOSPITAL

The Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are currently investigating a serious collision that occurred on Airport Road, County Rd. 18 in Mulmur.

On Sept. 7, shortly before 8:30 p.m., Dufferin OPP officers along with emergency crews responded to a three-vehicle collision on Airport Road near County Rd. 21 in Mulmur.

Three individuals were transported to a local hospital and treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

One party was transported to a Toronto area trauma centre.

Airport Road was closed for several hours while the OPP continued their investigation. The investigation is ongoing. Anyone who

may have witnessed the collision or has dashcam footage is asked to contact Dufferin OPP at 519-925-3838 or 1-888-310-1122.

If you are affected by this incident or witnessed the collision and would like to speak with victim service, Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services can be reached at 905-951-3838.

## THREE MEN CHARGED WITH MISCHIEF IN DOWNTOWN SHELBURNE

Officers from the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) charged three people with mischief and alcohol related offences over the weekend.

On Sept. 7, at approximately 2:45 a.m., Dufferin OPP officers responded to a call for service in the area of Main Street and Owen Sound Street in Shelburne.

The complainant advised that three parties were observed banging on windows and damaging construction signs. Police arrived on scene and were led into a mischief investigation.

Amrat Buttar, a 24-year-old from Brampton has been charged with mischief -

destroys or damages property.

Guurveer Chohan, a 29-year-old from Brampton has been charged with mischief - destroys or damages property and being intoxicated in public place.

Maihtaab Singh, a 22-year-old from Mono has been charged with mischief - destroys or damages property.

If you have information about suspected unlawful activity, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous.



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# Assault, break and enter, impaired driving among charges in Shelburne

Written By Sam Odrowski

A Brampton resident is facing 15 charges and a man from Caledon is facing six charges related to impaired driving investigations carried out by Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers over the weekend.

Dufferin OPP officers responded to a call for service in the area of Leanne Lane in Shelburne on Sept. 6, shortly after 9 p.m.

The accused left the scene prior to police arrival but officers were able to locate the driver and were led into an impaired driving investigation.

As a result of the investigation, a 40-year-old from Brampton has been charged with:

- Nine counts of Failure to comply with release order - other than to attend court
- Uttering Threats - Cause death or Bodily Harm

- Two counts of Break, Enter a place - commit indictable offence

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs

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

- Uttering Threats - Cause death or Bodily Harm

- Assault

Later that day, shortly after 11 p.m., Dufferin OPP responded to a traffic complaint in the area of A Line in East Garafraxa. Officers located the driver and were led to an impaired driving investigation.

As a result of the investigation, a 49-year-old from Caledon has been charged with:

- Driving motor vehicle with open container of liquor

- Disobey stop sign - fail to stop

- Fail to surrender insurance card

- Fail to surrender permit for motor vehicle

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and



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drugs

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

Dufferin OPP responded to a call for service in the area of Main Street in Grand Valley on Sept. 7, shortly before 12:30 a.m.

Officers arrived on scene and noted a truck driving down the road with no lights on. Officers spoke with the driver and were led into an impaired driving investigation.

A 20-year-old, from Grand Valley has been charged with operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

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8. Curtail
10. Irish surname
11. The opposite of good
12. Got rid of
13. Central parts of a church building
15. Stylistically
16. Intestinal
17. Negative potential outcomes
18. Lived up to a standard
21. Snag
22. Time units (abbr.)
23. Ad \_\_
24. "Partridge" actress

**CLUES DOWN**

24. Principle underlying the universe
25. Distinct units of sound
26. Title of respect
27. Against
28. Foot (Latin)
29. One point east of due south
30. Concerning the blood
31. Type of pentameter
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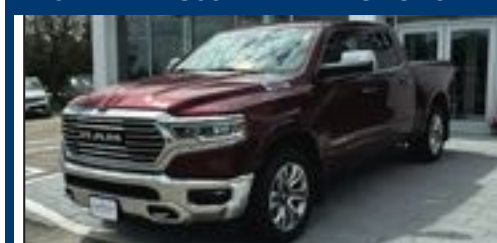
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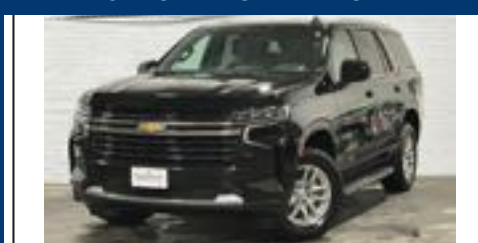
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# SHELBURNE SPORTS

## Gladiators claim first Shelburne Cricket Club championship

Written By Brian Lockhart

In a thrilling finale to the 2024 Shelburne Cricket Club House League, the Shelburne Gladiators clinched their maiden championship title during an intense battle against the 2023 runner-up – the Shelburne Samurais.

The Club organized a grand closing ceremony prior to the match with the teams marching onto the field proudly carrying flags of their countries of origin under the unifying Canadian flag. The display of best behaviour and discipline reflected the core principles that the club stands on.

In the final game, the Samurais won the toss and chose to bowl first.

The Gladiators, led by openers Hisaan and Rajmohan, started their innings on a steady note. Hisaan's composed 34 runs, supported by Rajmohan's 23, gave the Gladiators some early stability.

However, the team struggled to build on the foundation as wickets started falling after the first breakthrough in the 12th over.

Despite Captain Jajbir's 15-run contribution, the Gladiators could only muster 102 runs before being bowled out.

The Samurais' Ravi Gill and Pardeep Sidhu proved to be the wreckers-in-chief, each claiming three wickets.

The Samurais faced an early onslaught from the Gladiators' bowling attack.

Four of their top-order batsmen were sent back to the pavilion within the first five overs, leaving them reeling at four for 23.

Just when the match seemed to be slipping away, Captain Harpreet stepped up for the

Samurais and launched a counter-attack. His half-century, scored in just 26 balls, revived the Samurais' hopes.

With only 21 runs needed in 12 overs, it appeared as though the Samurais were on course for a dramatic comeback.

Gladiators' Skipper, Jajbir, leading from the front, returned to bowl his final over and delivered a decisive blow.

Harpreet, the man of the moment, attempted a big shot but was caught by Hisaan – a catch that shifted the momentum of the game.

The remaining Samurais batsmen crumbled under the pressure and were unable to chase down the remaining runs. They were bowled out for 88 runs, falling short of the target and handing the championship to the Gladiators.

The Shelburne Cricket Club takes immense pride when the youth of the club shine and make a significant effort for their team. Hisaan, one of the club's promising young talents, displayed remarkable composure as he opened the batting for the Gladiators, contributing a vital 34 runs. His crucial catch to dismiss Harpreet in the final overs proved to be a turning point in the game. The determination and skill shown by the youth players reflect the bright future of the club and the sport.

In the end, the Gladiators stood tall, lifting the trophy for the first time and etching their name into the history of the Shelburne Cricket Club. It was a match that will be remembered for its intensity, dramatic twists, and the Gladiators' perseverance in the face of adversity.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

**STANDING TALL:** The Gladiators take on the Samurais during the Shelburne Cricket Club House League championship held at KTH Park in Shelburne on Saturday, Sept. 7. The Gladiators came out on top to win the 2024 title.

## NDBL senior championship series tied after weekend games

Written By Brian Lockhart

The North Dufferin Baseball League Championship series is tied at one after the opening games over the weekend.

The Owen Sound Baysox and Ivy Rangers are battling it out in a best-of-seven series for the NDBL Strother Cup.

Owen Sound arrived at the championship after finishing second in the regular season.

In the second round of competition, they eliminated the New Lowell Knights.

Ivy is the dark horse entry in this year's championship. The Rangers finished in fifth place in the regular season, then went on to knock out the Creemore Padres in the first round of playoffs.

They went on to eliminate the first-place Bolton Brewers in the second round. That series went five games and wrapped up on

Aug. 29, to move Ivy to the championship series.

Both Ivy and Owen Sound have a lot of talent on their teams.

Game 1 of the championship series got underway on Saturday, Sept. 7, in Owen Sound. On their home diamond, the Baysox managed to squeeze out a one-run win to take the game 5-4.

Game 2 of the series took place in Ivy On Sunday, Sept. 8. This time the Rangers came out on top, shutting out the Baysox 3-0, to tie the series.

The NDBL senior division had a successful season this year after playing a 24-game regular season schedule.

The season got underway the first week

of May, and wrapped up at the end of July, before heading into the playoffs.

The Bolton Brewers finished in first place with a 19-5 record. They were followed by the Owen Sound Baysox, the New Lowell Knights, the Creemore Padres, and the Ivy Rangers.

The playoffs started on Aug. 6, with eight teams in competition.

The championship series will continue this weekend with Game 3 scheduled to take place in Owen Sound on Saturday, Sept. 14, at 8 p.m.

Game 4 of the series will take place the following day, Sunday, Sept. 15, with that game also taking place in Owen Sound.

Game time is 2 p.m.

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**ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**

**JAGBIR SRAN**

Playing cricket since he was a child, Jagbir Sran brings a lot of experience to his team – the Shelburne Gladiators.

"I like playing both soccer and cricket, but cricket is more for me because I can both bowl and be in the field," Jagbir said of why he likes the sport.

He plays every weekend with the Shelburne Cricket.

Jagbir said he plans to play the sport as long as he can.

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# Shelburne Cricket Club wraps up house league season with closing ceremony

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Shelburne Cricket Club ended its house league regular season with a championship game and a closing ceremony on Saturday, Sept. 7.

In the final game, the Gladiators were up against the Samurais for the 2024 title.

The Club had a successful season and celebrated with a flag-filled ceremony to mark the occasion before the start of the championship game.

The championship trophies arrived on the playing field by truck with two motorcycle escorts driven by club members.

While house league play has now finished, the Club will also be putting teams together to play against teams from other towns for the remainder of the season.

"Today is our 2024, T25 league finals," explained Shelburne Cricket Club president Ahsen Siddiqui. "For one of the teams it will be their first time to win this championship. Today's game is going to be 50/50 as to who is going to win. They both have good batting and good bowling."

The Club had a successful season, although several of the games were played in less than ideal conditions after a summer of cool and wet weather.

"This is the final game of our league, but



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

**END OF A SEASON:** The Shelburne Cricket Club held a season-ending ceremony prior to the start of the championship game on Saturday, Sept. 7, at KTH Park in Shelburne. The championship trophy was given a motorcycle escort onto the field. The Gladiators and Samurais met before the start of the final game.

we still have three or four more games coming up," Ahsen said. "There's the Dufferin Cup and the Stars (Shelburne All-Star Team) will have games against who ever wants to come up and play. This year, the season's theme was 'feel the heat' because the competition level was very high. We've had a lot of records broken this year. We have a lot of

new players from Shelburne and Dufferin County. Over the last four years, this was the best season. Next year, we are adding a fifth team called the Vikings. We're going to give a youth the chance to be captain of the team so he can develop his captaincy and leadership skills."

The Club also has plans to have women's

cricket next year. They had women's cricket last season, but personal obligations kept many players away this year.

They're hoping for a good turnout next year.

The Shelburne Cricket is well organized and Ahsen and his team are very dedicated to promoting the sport in the region.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

**SWIFTLY SAFE:** An over-throw allows a Rebels player to make it safe on third base during a game between the Relics and the Rockets during a weekend Shelburne three-pitch tournament on Saturday, Sept. 7. The winner of this game advanced to the next level of the tournament.

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# Dufferin County holding events for Emancipation and TRC Day

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

Dufferin County residents have been invited to commemorate Emancipation Day and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation at two upcoming events.

Dufferin County will be hosting two events, called “The Paradox of Slavery and Freedom in Colonial Canada: Acknowledging Our Past to Understand Our Present” and “Past Promises, Present Realities” throughout September.

The goal of the events is to give Dufferin County residents the opportunity to learn, inspire and create change through thought-provoking conversations.

“Dufferin County is working to become a more equity-informed organization where

every employee is given the opportunities, resources and support that they deserve, and where every community member can thrive,” said Darren White, Warden of Dufferin County. “We invite residents and County partners to join us in September for these evenings of learning, inspiration and change. Through meaningful and thought-provoking conversation, we can create a more equitable and inclusive community, together.”

The first event, “The Paradox of Slavery and Freedom in Colonial Canada: Acknowledging Our Past to Understand Our Present,” will be held at the Monora Park Pavilion on Sept. 19 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Led by Dr. Natasha Henry-Dixon, the discussion will focus on Canada’s participation in the institution of the enslavement of African

people and the contemporary ways the legacy has manifested into systemic anti-Black racism.

The conversation will touch on dispelling the myth that enslavement didn’t occur in Canada and how anti-Black racism is a part of institutions in structural ways such as policies, procedures and cultural norms.

The second event, “Past Promises, Present Realities”, will be held at the Monora Park Pavilion on Sept. 26 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

During the event, Dr. Taiaiake Alread will discuss Truth and Reconciliation, with a focus on past commitments, present realities, and pathways toward true reconciliation between Canadians and First Nations.

The discussion will provide attendees with

a First Nations perspective of the Indigenous-State relationship and how the County of Dufferin and Canadians can contribute to reconciliation.

“Dufferin County continues to provide opportunities for employees, residents and community members to access programming and resources to meaningfully reflect as we work towards understanding the intergenerational harm and injustices that have been perpetuated against marginalized communities. We are proud to host these events in September and look forward to listening and learning together with our community,” said Dufferin County CAO Sonya Pritchard.

Residents are required to register for the events prior to attending and can do so on Eventbrite.

## News from Shelburne Library

**Library Card Sign Up Month:** Running September 1 to 30, any patron who signs up for a Shelburne Public Library membership will be entered into a draw for a Kobo Clara-BW (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:** On Saturday, September 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:** On Saturday, September 21 at 3 p.m., the Shelburne Public Library will host a fascinating nature photography presentation. David T. Chapman 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>).

**Book Recommendation of the Week: The Lost Letters from Martha’s Vineyard by Michael Callahan:** This novel is about two women bound by blood but divided by a long-buried secret and about the island that holds the key to the fateful summer that changed everything forever.

**Why Rose Recommends it:** Sometimes I need to dive into a book that is a bit lighter in nature, but still has a great plot, and *The Lost Letters from Martha’s Vineyard* certainly fits the bill.

Told in dual perspectives, this is a historical mystery with modern day ties, brought to light when Kit discovers her grandmother’s fame while cleaning out her attic. Unable to quell her curiosity, Kit starts researching her grandmother’s life. Between the chapters of Kit’s modern day pursuits are the chapters detailing her grandmother’s life in the past. This is one of my favourite ways to unveil the links between characters, and keeps me invested in the story. Pair that with some romance and a bit of suspense, and you’ve got a great, light read! This would be a good choice for those who like Barbara Delinsky or Rachel Hawkins.

## The Beer Store now sells snacks, energy drinks as part of new chapter

Written By **Brian Lockhart**

With convenience stores now selling beer and coolers, The Beer Store – Ontario’s long-standing place to buy beer – has decided to expand its business and add a little convenience store atmosphere to its outlets.

Walking into The Beer Store in Alliston, there is a large display featuring potato chips right by the front door.

For years, The Beer Store had a monopoly on the distribution of brewed alcoholic beverages in the province. However, recent legislation changed the playing field. First, grocery stores were allowed to sell beer, cider, and ready-mix alcoholic drinks. Starting on Sept. 5, some convenience stores were given the green light to sell those products and several local stores now stock them.

“In response to government changes to the marketplace, The Beer Store is pleased to announce partnerships and investments that will now bring new offerings to consumers and help us serve the province of Ontario in new ways,” The Beer Store said in a statement.

Those offerings include products that naturally go along with having a beer on a sunny day.

“Customers can now shop convenience items such as salty snacks, meat snacks and energy beverages from our partners including Old Dutch, Frito Lay, Jack Link’s, Great Canadian Meat and Red Bull.”

the statement went on to say. “Items vary by retail store location and are also avail-

able online with eCommerce orders. The Beer Store will launch a new campaign to showcase its commitment to the customers of Ontario with a new media campaign. The campaign delivers a message of how The Beer Store serves the people of Ontario with choice, speedy service and a world-renowned commitment to the environment through our bottle return program. These investments will allow The Beer Store to successfully compete in the marketplace while maintaining its position as the socially responsible and the best source for beer in Ontario.”

The Beer Store was founded in 1927 as Brewers Retail, before changing its name to The Beer Store in 1985, to reflect the commonly used phrase to describe its locations.

Many people thought The Beer Store was a government-operated outlet like the LCBO. However, The Beer Store has always been privately owned by major brewing companies.

The store has received criticism over the years because it was the only source of beer in the province, which raised concerns about a monopoly and unfairly shutting out smaller breweries.

“Bring it on – we’re ready,” said Roy Benin, President of The Beer Store. “We see this as a new chapter for The Beer Store and we’re excited to compete. All of our channels – from distribution to retail to deposit return will continue to deliver for Ontario.”

The Beer Store recently opened a new state-of-the-art distribution centre in Bolton, Ontario.



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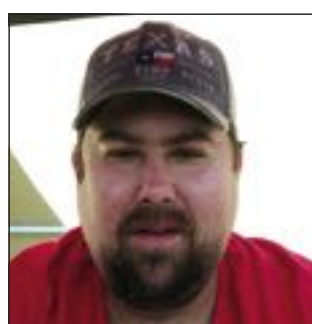
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OBITUARIES

### GÜNTER ERNST (ERNIE) SCHNEIDER

MARCH 9, 1935 - SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

Passed on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at Matthew's House Hospice in Alliston in his 91st year.

Ernie was born in Berlin, Germany on March 9, 1934.

He immigrated to Canada in 1953 and met his wife of 54 years in Toronto, Elsie May Bunting (predeceased 2010). They had three children Lloyd (Donna), Heide (Jason) and Shaune (Shelly). 6 grandchildren Alicia (Scott), Krista, Aundrea, Jason (Danielle), Zachary and Brody. 5 great grandchildren Noah, Shaun, Evan, Eloise and Malcolm.


Loving partner to Linda Bowman for 13 years from Dundalk, ON.

Ernie will be greatly missed but never forgotten by many friends and extended family.

Thank you to the nurses at Louise Marshal hospital in Mount Forest and Mathew's House Hospice in Alliston.

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### BETTY DOREEN WALLACE (NEE CUNNINGHAM)

Passed away peacefully at Headwaters Health Care Centre on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at the age of 88. Devoted wife of the late Maurice "Moe" Wallace. Loving mother of Susan (Richard) and John (Susan). Proud grandmother of Annabella and Charlotte. Dear sister of the late David (Eleanor), John (the late Bernice) and the late Jean (the late Neil). She will be lovingly remembered by her nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her infant daughter Diane.

The funeral service was held on Saturday, September 7, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. in the Jack & Thompson Funeral Home Chapel, Shelburne. Interment at Shelburne Cemetery. A reception was held at the New Horizons Room in the Mel Lloyd Centre, 167 Centre Street, Shelburne. If desired, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated. Online condolences may be placed at [www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com)



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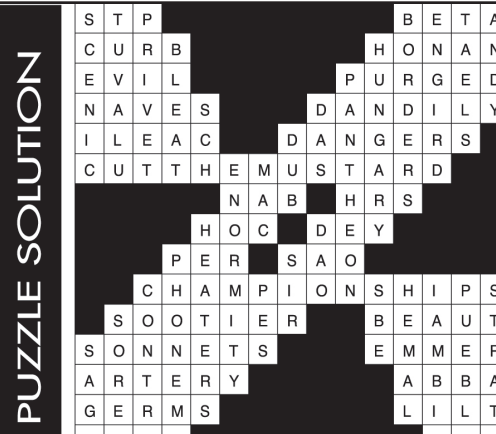
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# Shelburne Fall Fair to return for 157th edition this weekend

Written By Paula Brown  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Summer is in the rearview mirror for another year and Shelburne residents are gearing up to welcome in the cooler months with the return of the Shelburne Fall Fair.

The Shelburne Fall Fair will be making a return to the community from Friday, Sept. 13 to Sunday, Sept. 15.

"We're excited because the weather is going to be good, we've turned it into a two-day event and we're bring back a lot of events we didn't have last year," said Shelburne District Agricultural Society President Murray Crawford. "The Shelburne Fall Fair brings people together and gives the community something to do. Come out to support and enjoy your community."

The 2024 Shelburne Fall Fair will kick off on Friday with the Ambassador Competition.

Visitors will enjoy a variety of shows, competitions and activities starting on Saturday, including a pancake breakfast, bicycle race, horse pull competition, baby show, dog show, tractor and ATV pulls, and a pie eating contest.

Families will also get to participate in farm games including the potatoes sack, egg spoon, wheelbarrow and family round bale

aces.

The festivities will continue on the Sunday with a beef cattle show, sheep show, Dad's stroller race, wood carving and the penultimate event – the demolition derby.

This year, the Shelburne District Agricultural Society, which organizes the annual fall fair, will be introducing a children's category to the demolition derby. Children ages 3-6 and 7-10 will be able to sign up to take part in the event on Sunday at 12:30 p.m.

"We thought we'd bring something new for people to come see and bring a different group of people in to the event," said Crawford.

Part of the goal of the Shelburne Fall Fair is to promote and share the importance of agriculture through educational displays and competitions.

"A lot of people don't understand how much agriculture generates income in the community and how many farms are around the area and what they provide," said Crawford.

The Shelburne Fall Fair is the longest standing annual event in the community, even dating back to before the Town of Shelburne was officially established. The first Shelburne Fall Fair was held on the roadside in Masonville in October of 1868 as a one-day event. In 1888, Simon Jelly, the older



FILE PHOTO BY PETER RICHARDSON

**FALL FAIR FUN:** The Shelburne Fall Fair returns this weekend to the Shelburne Fairgrounds with tons of fun for the whole family including the ambassador competition, baby show, pie eating contest, pancake breakfast and so much more.

brother of William Jelly and one of the original family members to settle in town, gave 16 acres of his farm, which to this day serves as the location for the Fairgrounds.

In 2017, the Shelburne District Agricultural Society celebrated the 150th anniversary of the fair.

The 2024 Shelburne Fall Fair will be held from Sept. 13 to Sept. 15 at the Shelburne Fairgrounds, located at 377 William Street.

For a complete schedule of the events and their specific times at this year's fall fair, visit the Shelburne Fall Fair website at [www.shelburnefair.weebly.com](http://www.shelburnefair.weebly.com).

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