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**ADVANCING ON:** The Shelburne Wolves U13 Rep team took on the South Muskoka Bears during their third playoff game of the season at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex on Saturday, Feb. 8. The Wolves won the game 7-3 to advance in the playoffs. See full story on Page 10.

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## Possible trade war alters Fiddle Park work's timeline

Written By **JAMES MATTHEWS**

Ripples from the possibility of a trade war between Canada and the United States have reached Shelburne.

Many construction materials used locally originate in the United States.

U.S. President Donald Trump levied tariffs on steel, aluminum, and other commodities from Canada. With retaliatory tariffs by Ottawa on American goods, there's a possibility for a drawn-out trade war that will hoist steep prices for goods onto consumers.

And that is concerning for municipalities about to get face-and-eyes into various capital infrastructure projects.

Shelburne has plans to change Fiddle Park drastically. Components of the draft plan presented to council in June 2023 included a multi-functional trail for walking, biking, and skating. It also included a 600-seat amphitheatre, pavilion, playground, multi-use court, community plaza, memorial forest, and an enhanced parking lot.

The \$9.4 million project was slated to take five to 20 years to complete.

Denyse Morrissey, Shelburne's CAO, said significant components for the Fiddle Park project and other recreational facilities are among the materials that come from south

of the border. Though some materials may be bought from local or Canadian suppliers, they initially come from the United States.

"At the same time, we're following fairly closely the value of our Canadian dollar and its purchasing impacts during this process," Morrissey told council during its Feb. 10 meeting. "For that reason, the project team for Fiddle Park has been meeting frequently."

Particular attention has been placed on the estimated costs for certain aspects of the park improvements. An American company quoted prices for the purchase and the installation of the park's mini putt. Those two prices were converted to Canadian dollars, she said.

"We feel that, with the situation we're in right now and how uncertain we are, it would be strategic and financially responsible to remove that component of the project at this time and defer it until a future review can be completed," Morrissey said.

The \$250,000 that was earmarked for the mini putt will be used for something else, she said.

"To ensure that the playground is not jeopardized," she said.

Some of the money will be set aside to be used as a contingency fund for other costs that may increase.

"If they don't (increase), fantastic," Mor-



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**CHANGES MADE:** Shelburne council has altered its draft plan for a redeveloped Fiddle Park as concerns grow over impending tariffs.

rissey said.

She said nothing is in stone at this point, but she wouldn't want the municipality to proceed with a request for proposals knowing that the estimated costs are uncontrollable.

"We'll protect the space, obviously," she said. "It will remain green space and then re-consider what would be potentially funded in Phase 2."

Much of the second phase is unfunded right now and will require a very strong business case showing it would be sensible for it to be a standalone operation, she said.

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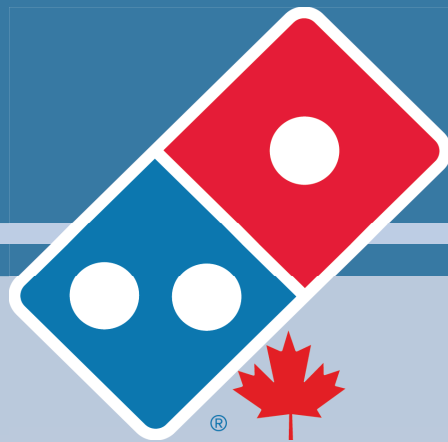
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# Dufferin–Caledon Provincial Election Debates to feature local candidates

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Four Dufferin-based non-profits have teamed up to host two local debates for the 2025 Provincial Election.

The Dufferin Board of Trade (DBOT) announced in a Feb. 4 press release that they are partnering with the Orangeville Food Bank, the Dufferin Federation of Agriculture, and the Great Dufferin Home Builders Association to host the Provincial Election Debates

for the Dufferin-Caledon riding.

“These debates provide a vital opportunity for voters to hear directly from the candidates, learn about their platforms, and make informed decisions ahead of the upcoming election,” wrote DBOT.

The debates have been scheduled for Feb. 18 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Orangeville Theatre, and Feb. 20 at Grace Tipling Hall in Shelburne from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Both debates will be open to the public to attend and all residents of Dufferin County

and the Town of Caledon have been invited to engage and participate in the democratic events. The debate scheduled in Orangeville will also be filmed by Rogers TV, with further broadcasting details to follow.

During the two debates, questions will be taken from the floor, allowing local voters to directly address candidates on the issues that matter most to them.

All candidates who have declared their intention to run in the Dufferin-Caledon riding have been invited to participate in the debates.

Candidates who are running in the Dufferin-Caledon riding include: Sandy Brown for the Green Party, George Nakitas for the New Democratic Party (NDP), Michael Dehn for the Liberal Party and Sylvia Jones for the Conservative Party.

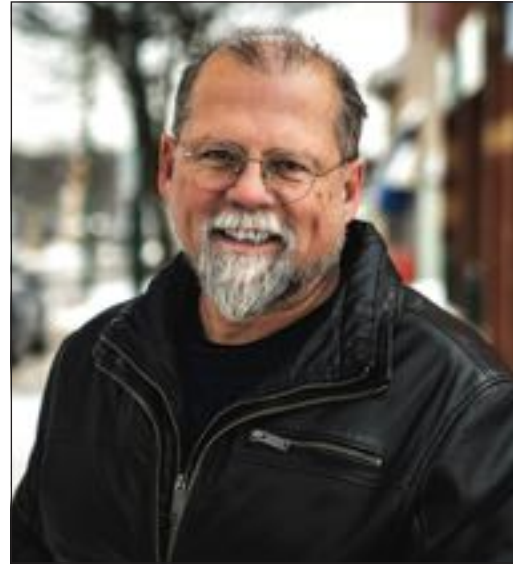
Ontarians will take to the polls on Feb. 27. Voters are encouraged to visit the Dufferin Board of Trade website at [www.dufferinbot.ca](http://www.dufferinbot.ca) to get up-to-date information on the election, details about the debates and candidate bios.



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MICHAEL DEHN,  
LIBERAL PARTY CANDIDATE



SYLVIA JONES,  
CONSERVATIVE PARTY CANDIDATE

# Shelburne to host storytellers and young innovators at Black History Month event

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES

The Town of Shelburne is set to host its yearly Black History Month celebrations on Feb. 22 at Grace Tipling Hall (203 Main St. E.). The event will run from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and admission is free.

Len Guchardi, Shelburne Councillor and DEI Chair, said that inclusivity and diversity remain firm commitments for the town.

“Black History Month is a time to celebrate Black Canadians in our community and

beyond,” he said. “Our DEI committee is committed to listening to, engaging with, and acting in the best interests of all residents, whatever their background.”

The celebration will feature two guest speakers, beginning with Joy Akinkunmi, a youth innovator from Nova Scotia.

Akinkunmi was the 2024 recipient of the Discovery Awards for developing an automatic pill dispenser. At the age of 15, she witnessed firsthand the difficulty a family

member with Lewy body dementia had in taking medication.

Inspired by this experience, she designed a dispenser capable of releasing multiple medications at different times of day at a fraction of the cost of similar devices on the market. While the device is not available for purchase currently, she plans to further develop it and release the device at a later date.

Following Akinkunmi, the spotlight will turn to Tracy Lee, a singer, speaker, and actor.

A fifth-generation Black Canadian, Lee was born and raised in Brantford, Ont., and now resides in Guelph. She has been performing since the age of three in musicals, festivals, and community events.

Her work focuses on sharing and preserving Black history in Canada through music. She will be delivering a presentation titled “And Then What Happened...” which recounts the stories of her ancestors as they traveled to Canada through the Underground RAILROAD, and will also explore

the history of early Black settlements in Canada.

Alongside the guests and performances, Guchardi said that the town is also requesting that those who come to the event bring a non-perishable food item for donation to those in need.

“We’re also asking if you are able to, please provide a donation to the food bank as something nonperishable, or a cash donation to the food bank, just as a little assistance to the community in general,” Gu-

chardi said. “It’s not a requirement, it’s just an invitation to assist if you can.” Guchardi added that while admission is free, the event organizers are requesting that those who plan to attend sign up online through Eventbrite, so they can estimate how many visitors will be in attendance.

For more details or to register, visit [shorturl.at/42VC8](http://shorturl.at/42VC8)

“The DEI committee is proud to celebrate these stories and encourage everyone to join us on Feb. 22,” said Guchardi.

# Provincial government to make fishing free over Family Day weekend, no license needed

This upcoming Family Day weekend, families can fish for free in Ontario without the need to buy a fishing licence or Outdoors Card.

If you are fishing for free during the Family Day weekend, all conservation licence catch limits, size limits, sanctuaries and all other fishing regulations and rules still apply.

Before you head out, prioritize safety by checking ice conditions with local operators or anglers. Clear blue ice is the strongest, while white or honeycombed ice is weaker. Let someone know your fishing plans and wear proper gear for safety and comfort.

For more information, check out what you need to know about free family fishing in Ontario.

# OPINION

## Get out and vote

Several years ago I worked with a full crew of guys who were fun to be around.

The usual 'guy talk' was part of the day. They would talk about whatever sport was in season, and all the other things they were up to.

Occasionally politics would enter the conversation, but not too often, and if it did, it was all very civil.

Thankfully, we didn't have that one 'political guy' that a lot of groups have. That's the guy who has to come in every day and complain about the government or some other related issue and expect everyone to agree with him.

The building had one of those guys – fortunately, he worked in another department.

Usually, if a person declares they are 'politically aware,' that's just some kind of code for saying they are opinionated, rude, and close-minded.

During the usual discussion one day, one of the guys made a comment which caused me to ask him how long it had been since he voted in an election.

It turns out, he had never voted in any election – ever.

He had never cast a ballot at the municipal, provincial or federal level.

How could a grown man with two children, who pays taxes, and owns a home, never

take on the responsibility of being part of the process that elects a government?

I asked him a few more questions. From his answers, it seemed he had no idea how the political process worked, no idea what platforms the political parties had, and very little knowledge of which party might work in his best interest.

He also seemed to be somewhat intimidated by the thought of showing up at a polling station and casting a vote. He didn't seem to understand how the process works.

He was content to let others determine the next government for him.

We have another provincial election coming up in Ontario – and very soon.

Unlike the U.S., where the process takes a couple of years, in Canada, an election happens at a quick pace.

There's not much time for campaigning, and a wise voter should already be on top of the issues to make an informed decision.

We have the ability to determine who governs us, unlike many places in the world, and yet most people do not exercise their right to cast a ballot.

The figures in the last provincial election were dismal.

Voter turnout in the region:  
 • Dufferin-Caledon - 41.6 per cent  
 • Barrie-Innisfil - 39.75 per cent

• Simcoe-Grey - 43.5 per cent  
 • Simcoe-North - 46.2 per cent  
 • All of Ontario - 44 per cent  
 People use all sorts of excuses to explain why they didn't vote.

Some say they 'don't have time.' That's a bunch of nonsense. The polls are open to accommodate people all day and into the evening.

In the last election, I went in, registered, and cast my ballot, all in less than five minutes.

Quite often, I've heard people say 'There's no one worth voting for.' That's another pile of nonsense.

Candidates are vetted by their parties and have earned their place on the ballot.

There are plenty of good, hard-working candidates who do a good job representing their constituents.

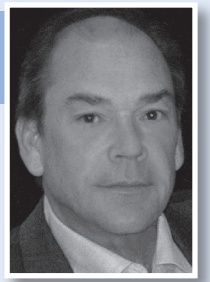
How would you know if there is someone worth voting for if you haven't done your homework and learned about the people that are running, and what their party plans to do if elected?

The system of democracy isn't perfect, but it's the best we have.

If you do vote, and your candidate isn't elected, that doesn't mean you aren't represented.

Elected officials are supposed to work

**BRIAN LOCKHART**  
FROM THE SECOND ROW



for everyone in their constituency, not just those who voted for them. Even if you do go to your local MPP's office for a meeting, you are under no obligation to tell them who you voted for in the election.

How is it that in the province of Ontario, more than half of its citizens don't bother to vote?

But it's a whiny province and many of you who couldn't be bothered to take the time to cast a ballot, complain the loudest when the government does something you don't like.

The next time I see some kind of protest about something the provincial government is doing, I would like to find out how many of those protesters actually voted.

Of course, no one at the protest would admit they didn't vote, but you can be sure half of them didn't bother to make the effort but still complained the loudest.

Your ability to vote is a right, not a suggestion.

During this upcoming provincial election, get out and cast a vote.

If you can't be bothered to be a part of the process, then be the half of us that do vote a favour, and don't complain over the next four years.

## War: Two steps forward, two steps back?

In classical civilizations, there was a continuing, unresolved debate about whether history moved forward or just went around in circles: was it linear or was it cyclical? But that debate was largely settled once human beings learned about their deeper past. It's linear.

Once every human being was a hunter-gatherer; now almost none of us are. Once nobody lived in groups more than a couple of hundred strong because bigger groups just fissioned; now most of us live in societies many millions strong. You don't have to call it 'progress,' but history certainly has a direction. Which is not to say that it's purely linear.

Just as rivers always flow downstream but may contain many eddies and whirlpools, history can double back on itself. The history of war has already done that several times. There is reason to suspect that it may now be doing it again.

Before the rise of big civilizations, battles between the little human groups of pre-history were frequent, relatively low-intensity, but cumulatively very deadly. Everybody lived on the front line all the time, and early anthropologists estimated that 30 per cent of males (and 5 per cent of females) were killed in war in every generation.

The advent of mass societies brought much bigger battles, but they were less frequent and involved a much smaller proportion of the society. (The Roman army at its peak was just under half a million men; the Roman population at that time was around 50 million.)

A lot of people got killed whenever pastoral peoples like the Mongols broke into the civilizations, but medieval warfare in Europe and its parallels in China and India stayed relatively small until the 1600s. Then Europe went crazy.

The Thirty Years War (1618-1648)

began mainly as a religious civil war in the German-speaking lands, but it ended up as the 'war of all against all' and an estimated 8 million people died. That was about 12 per cent of Europe's population at that time, and it frightened the survivors into making new rules.

Starting in the mid-1600s, existing countries became 'sovereign', and in the next century and a half no major European state was carved up except Poland. Armies became small and professional, and war in Europe shrank back down to a marginal activity that scarcely impinged on the civilian sphere.

But then came the French revolution in 1789 and the Napoleonic wars that followed, with mass armies of volunteers, ideological conflict, and whole states being dismantled. Fast forward to the First World War, 11 million dead, and all the regimes on the losing side (plus several on the winning side) driven from power.

Then the Second World War, 45 million dead, and nuclear weapons by the end. Once again, all the regimes on the losing side destroyed. Time for another go at taming the beast – and amazingly, this time it really seemed to work.

It has been 79 years since the last nuclear weapon was used in anger, and the death toll in wars has fallen from a million a month in 1945 to under 100,000 a year in the early 2020s. But now it's going back up again – just a bit, maybe half a million in 2024 – but the trend line is worrisome.

Much more worrisome is the fact that just in the past few years all the institu-

tional and legal barriers we put in place to prevent or limit the spread of war have been sabotaged or abandoned. The keystone of the system, the United Nations, was crippled long ago by rival vetoes, but now the foundations are being dug up and cast aside.

The bedrock on which the entire post-1945 system was built is the inviolability of borders. No changes to borders after that date will be accepted by the rest of the world if they were changed by force. Indeed, even attempts to change a border by force, whatever the justification, are illegal. Only voluntary, negotiated, uncoerced changes are acceptable.

That rule has enjoyed almost universal support in principle because all the players understood that this is the only way to end the endless cycle of wars. Nobody is actually obliged to go and fight some other country to stop it from breaking that rule, but their conquests will never be accepted by the rest of the world. So they might as well not do it.

That is the rule which is now being ignored by the greatest power in the system. Russia can claim that the 'old border' of the Soviet Union included Ukraine, and China can at least claim an ethnic link with Taiwan, but Donald Trump demanding to take over Greenland, the Panama Canal, Canada and the Gaza Strip is empire-building of the crudest sort.

If he gets away with that, it's back to the old ways again.

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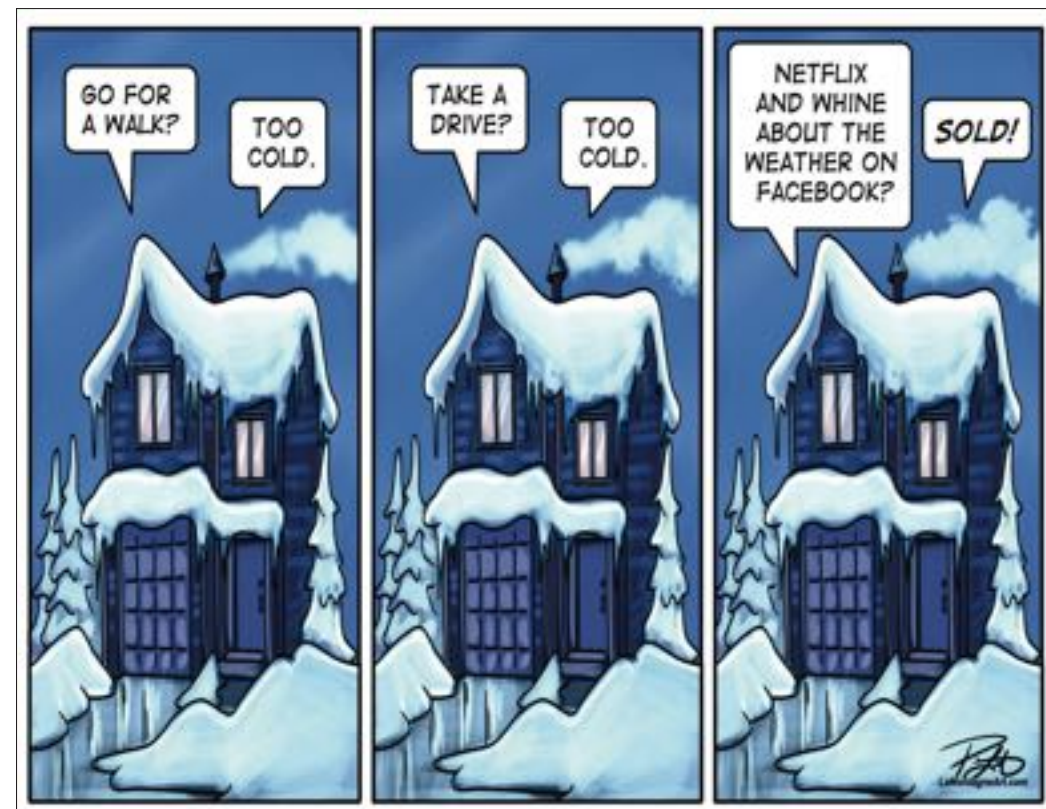
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# COMMUNITY VOICES

## A week to recognize the impact of Ontario's secret superpower

If you have ever done work for a charity or nonprofit organization, you know that they are legendary for doing extraordinary things with the scarcest of resources.

They help vulnerable people in our communities, those who are hungry, unhoused, living with addictions, or experiencing mental health issues. In crisis or careening towards it. They boost opportunities for youth, help new Canadians settle in, and support adults with special needs. They enhance our culture with arts and festivals and strengthen our communities with affordable sports and rec programs. They are everywhere and touch all our lives.

Heck, they even drive our economy. In this province alone, charities and nonprofits employ nearly 850,000 people and contribute \$65 billion to our GDP annually. That's more than many for profit industries. In addition, surveys continue to show that 4 in 5 Canadians trust nonprofit organizations.

Ontario has a secret superpower, and it is the nonprofit sector

But there are worrying signs that the sector that has consistently given us so much, year after year, and decade after decade, needs more of our love.

Ontario Nonprofit Network, in its 2023 report State of the Sector: At a Tipping Point, describes the sector as "running on fumes." While the pandemic was naturally a chal-



lenging time for nonprofits, they were called on to do more but they were also funded to do more. By 2022, these flexible financial supports for the sector had ended. Today the sector is experiencing a sharp increase in demand for services, costs, and expenses, as well as a human resource and volunteer crisis. As the report somberly states, "We are heading into unprecedented territory."

The situation is especially dire for nonprofits that meet basic needs in our communities. One food bank executive director told us that demand had increased by a whopping 35%. Staff and volunteers worked flat out soliciting and sorting food donations, assisting clients, and fundraising to meet the need.

The executive director is well-known as a dynamo and a champion for food security. She was palpably fearful of the future and how she would navigate her organization through it. "We can't stay in this building. We will need something bigger in 2-3 years if the projections for demand keep going the way they are. That means another capital campaign. And the affordability crisis is grow-

ing. How are we going to help everyone who needs it?"

Her commitment, her dedication, her intrinsic desire to make life better, this is the hallmark of the professionals who work at charities and nonprofits. Despite the immensity of what was already on her desk, she was looking to the future and beginning to map out a plan to respond.

You have to marvel at the resourcefulness and ingenuity that nonprofit staff direct towards doing good. Their search for innovative solutions is endless.

Nonprofit professionals tend to be highly educated and skilled. Despite this, they also tend to be lower paid than colleagues in other sectors. They work long hours and pour heart and soul into their jobs. They are mission-driven and the social architects of our communities. The "Invisible Champions" of our society.

This week let's show them some love. February 10-14 is Nonprofit Appreciation Week across Ontario. If you know someone who works for a nonprofit, or you are one

of the tens of thousands of people who use their programs or services, take a moment to say thank-you. A card, a call, an email, or a shout-out to someone who has made a difference on social media (#NAW2025)... All will help to make our "Invisible Champions" visible.

Recognition might seem like a small thing, but it really is meaningful, especially to a group of people who rarely receive it. Not only is it one of the keys to workplace happiness, but it also boosts morale, raises esteem and makes people feel appreciated. Recognition has a multiplier effect as well, contributing to innovative thinking and creative problem solving.

It is almost impossible to imagine our communities without the scope of the helping programs offered by nonprofits. Heroism comes in many forms. Nonprofit Appreciation Week gives us the opportunity to show gratitude to our nonprofit heroes, locally and across Ontario.

*Michele Fisher is the Executive Director of Dufferin Community Foundation, which provides a source of sustainable funding to support the critical work of our local charities.*

*Raksha M. Bhayana is the CEO and co-founder of the Bhayana Family Foundation, whose mission is to close the recognition gap for the nonprofit sector.*



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: We Must Put CANADA FIRST

Dear Editor,

U.S. President Trump's ongoing unjust and unjustified tariff threats have shown Canada cannot take anything for granted. There's no time for rest. Canada must take back control of our border, strengthen our economy, and put Canada First.

The Liberals must also put aside their partisan interests and recall Parliament now. ALL MPs need to be at work dealing

with the crisis, debating, and considering responses. Conservatives are ready to work and have proposed our Canada First Plan that will:

- Retaliate with dollar-for-dollar tariffs carefully aimed at maximizing impact on American companies while minimizing impact on Canadian consumers.
- Put all the tariff revenues into help for affected workers and businesses.
- Pass a massive emergency Bring It

Home Tax Cut.

- Immediately scrap the Liberal anti-resource law C-69.
  - Knock down interprovincial barriers to help replace lost north-south trade with east-west trade to make us self-reliant.
  - Rebuild our military & take back control of our borders.
  - Lock arms with American economic interests that favour Canada.
- We will protect our economy, defend our

sovereignty, bring home production and pay cheques, and never back down. We will put Canada First - now and always.

Conservatives have repeatedly called for Parliament's immediate return and continue to do so. Let me know if you agree with our plan by completing my brief survey at [kyleseeback.ca/canadafirst](http://kyleseeback.ca/canadafirst)

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Dufferin-Caledon

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### Candidates Debate

- **Tuesday, February 18th** - 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Location: Theatre Orangeville, 87 Broadway, Orangeville
- **Wednesday, February 19th** - 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Location: Caledon East Community Complex, Banquet Hall 6215 Old Church Rd., Caledon East
- **Thursday, February 20th** - 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Location: Grace Tipling Hall, 203 Main St. E., Shelburne

### Upcoming Town Hall Meet & Greets

- **Sunday, February 16th** - 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Location: Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex, 200 Fiddle Park Lane, Shelburne
- **Sunday, February 23rd** - 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
Location: Westminster United Church 247 Broadway, Orangeville
- **Monday, February 24th** - 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Location: 18313 Hurontario St., Caledon Village

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# DCCBA to mark 5th anniversary of Black History Month celebrations

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

The Dufferin County Canadian Black Association (DCCBA) is celebrating five years of hosting Black History Month events in Dufferin County with a milestone celebration at Theatre Orangeville (87 Broadway) on March 1.

The event gets underway at 5 p.m., and this year's theme is "Black Legacy & Leadership: Celebrating Canadian History." The theme will highlight the resilience, achievements, and contributions of Black Canadians while also setting the stage for a future of unity, empowerment, and progress.

"To commemorate this significant milestone, the event will feature an electrifying performance by Juno Award-winning re-

cording artist and actor Sean Jones, whose soulful voice has captivated audiences worldwide," said DCCBA in a press release on Feb. 12. "With a career spanning sold-out concerts, high-profile collaborations, and a unique role as WestJet's first-ever musical ambassador, Sean Jones promises an unforgettable performance."

In addition, there will be a keynote address by Warrant Officer Patrick Philippeaux, a decorated Canadian Armed Forces leader. He will share his personal journey of leadership, service, and the role of Black Canadians in shaping national history.

There will also be a special guest appearance by HRH King Nana Yaw Osam I – honouring African heritage and leadership on the global stage.

As well, the 5th anniversary event will feature cultural performances and community engagement, including vibrant African drumming, dance performances, and reflections on Black excellence.

A post-event reception will wrap up the evening in the atrium at Theatre Orangeville, catered by Soulyve Catering, offering a culinary celebration of Caribbean heritage.

This landmark event is hosted in collaboration with Orangeville Public Library, Town of Orangeville EDI, Theatre Orangeville, Town of Shelburne, Town of Shelburne DEI Committee, and the International Center for Capacity Development (ICCD).

"Five years ago, we began this journey to bring Black History Month celebrations to Dufferin County, creating a space for

learning, appreciation, and connection," says Alethia O'Hara-Stephenson, Founder of DCCBA. "This year, we are honored to mark this milestone at Theatre Orangeville, reflecting on our achievements and looking forward to a future of even greater impact."

The cost to attend the event is \$20 for adults, and students are free, but registration is required.

Anyone interested in attending must register at [Theatreorangeville.ca](http://Theatreorangeville.ca)

For media inquiries, interviews, or sponsorship opportunities, please contact:

"Join us as we celebrate five years of history, culture, and leadership—and take the next step toward an even brighter future for Black excellence in Canada," said the DCCBA in a press release.

# Royal Canadian Legion makes donation to Headwaters Health Care Foundation

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES

The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command Branches and the Ladies Auxiliary Charitable Foundation made a donation of \$6,500 dollars to the Headwaters Health Care Foundation (HHCF) on Jan. 28.

The Orangeville Legion, acting on behalf of the two charitable bodies, presented a \$6,500 cheque to HHCF.

Shauna Santarossa, senior development officer of marketing, communications and donor relations at HHCF, said that donation initiatives like this one help ensure the hospital has everything it needs to serve its patients.

"The Foundation is the fundraising arm of Headwaters Health Care Centre," Santarossa said. "We raise money to ensure the hospital can continue to keep up with equipment demands in our hospital."

The foundation directly supports the hospital in acquiring funding for facility upgrades, new equipment as well as critical and long-term care.

She also thanked the Orangeville Legion for its continued support.

"We appreciate all donations made by the community," she said. "It is especially great to have such strong support from local service clubs in our area, like the Royal Canadian Legion."

The donation presented to Headwaters on Jan. 28 is going towards specialized equipment for cancer detection.

"This donation is directed towards the purchase of a colposcopy machine for the hospital," Santarossa said. "A colposcopy is

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Shauna Santarossa, senior development officer for Headwaters Health Care Foundation

a diagnostic tool that helps with early detection of women's cervical cancer."

A colposcopy machine is a vital diagnostic tool that helps detect precancerous lesions before they become cancerous. Once the tool detects these lesions, they can be treated before they develop further.

The current tool operated by Headwaters is outdated.

"The current machine we have is over 15 years old, and the imaging is not as accurate," Santarossa said.

Representatives of the Orangeville Legion met their counterparts from the Headwaters Health Care Foundation at the front entrance of the Headwaters facility to present the cheque.

The Royal Canadian Legion and its affiliated branches run yearly charitable founda-



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**DONATION:** Members of the Orangeville Legion, with Branch President Chuck Simpson (fourth from right), presented a \$6,500 cheque to the Headwaters Health Care Foundation on Jan. 28.

tions like this one to pool resources normally beyond individuals or small groups.

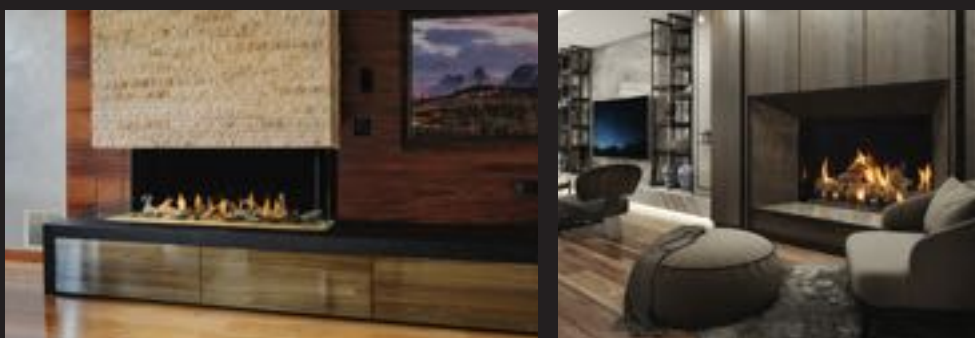
"The Ontario Command Branches and Ladies' Auxiliary Charitable Foundation, a registered charity, is a partnership of the branches of the Royal Canadian Legion and their Auxiliaries in Ontario Command," said the Legion in their 2025 Charitable Founda-

tion statement.

"Branches and auxiliaries, through poppy tagging and activities such as bingo, break open tickets, raffles and clubhouse operations, fund the foundation," they said. "Through our collective strength, we are able to fund projects, which are normally beyond the means of individual branches."



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# Nominations open on Valentine's Day for Rotary Community Choice Grants

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Is there one or more nonprofits in Dufferin County you feel deserve extra funding? Now is the chance to show some love and nominate them to receive one of five \$3,000 grants doles out by the Orangeville Rotary Highland's Club annually. Nominations for the grants open tomorrow, Feb. 14 and close on Feb. 28. Nominations can be done by emailing grants@rcoh.

ca or posting a comment on Rotary Orangeville Highlands' Facebook or Instagram pages. Once nominated, not-for-profit organizations will be invited to fill out a simple two-page application form. "All nonprofits are struggling right now. We want to hear from the community about what programs are helping them the most, what charities are most in need," said Orangeville Highlands Club President Len Meyer. The annual grant program is now in its

fifth year. It's a unique program where residents of Orangeville have a say in what nonprofits receive grant. In addition to having the public nominate local nonprofits, they also get to vote on which five will receive grant funding. Online voting of nominated charities commences on St. Patrick's Day, March 17. Each person participating can cast one vote. The top three nonprofits receiving the most votes will each be awarded \$3,000.

The final two grants will be selected from the list by Rotary members, with an eye to helping smaller nonprofits that do not have a large social media following to solicit votes. "Valentine's Day, send us your nominations. St. Patrick's Day, vote for your top choices. The voting will be open until March 24 and we will announce the recipients by March 31. It's a great way to celebrate our community," said Meyer.

# Health care partnership aimed at improving patient care for seniors in Dufferin County

Headwaters Health Care Centre and Dufferin Paramedic Services have entered a partnership with Toronto Grace Health Centre to help patients awaiting long-term care and minimize health issues for seniors living with chronic diseases in the community. The Remote Care Monitoring (RCM) program provides eligible patients with 24/7 remote care monitoring using a variety of safety devices. The devices include two-way voice

communication, fall and emergency alerts, geo-fencing, and outdoor locating via GPS. RCM utilizes both medical and non-medical monitoring to help with in-home care, including reducing slips and falls, monitoring of vital signs, preventing wandering, and providing medication reminders. "We're excited to be expanding our existing program through this partnership with Toronto Grace Health Centre," said Dufferin

in Paramedic Services Chief Gary Staples. "This is an innovative program that will make a big difference in the lives of eligible patients, allowing them to stay at home in their communities longer or while waiting for long-term care." Through the current Community Paramedic Program, Community Paramedics conduct scheduled wellness checks, safe home assessments, in-home bloodwork, and

vital sign monitoring. The additional safety devices and monitoring services offered by the RCM program will enhance capabilities, improving healthcare outcomes for seniors, minimizing the demands on institutional long-term care and reducing emergency room visits for seniors through prevention. Patients must be referred to the program by a healthcare professional or a social service agency involved in the patient's care.



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**HEALTHCARE RALLY:** The Grey Bruce, Brampton Caledon and Greater Toronto health coalitions gathered in front of Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones Constituency Office at 180 Broadway, Orangeville on Feb 8 for a demonstration. Protesters held up signs highlighting their concerns with the current state of Ontario's healthcare system, directed at Jones, who is the province's health minister. The three participating coalitions are displeased with the Ford government's record on health care cuts, closures, shortages and privatization. They seek to make healthcare a key issue in the upcoming provincial election, slated for Feb. 27.

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# Dufferin local faces seven charges including impaired operation

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers have charged a driver with impaired operation related offences following a collision.

On Feb. 9, just before 7 p.m., officers from Dufferin OPP responded to a motor

vehicle collision involving one vehicle that had driven off of the roadway. Upon arrival to the scene, located on County Road 18 near 17 Sideroad in Mulmur, officers were quickly led into an impaired driving investigation.

Tessa Wookey, a 42-year-old from Mulmur, has been charged with:

- Adult Operation while impaired-blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Adult Fail to surrender insurance card
- Adult Driver fail to give identification

• Adult Fail to surrender permit for motor vehicle

- Adult Fail to surrender licence
- Adult Fail to surrender insurance card
- Adult Driving motor vehicle with open container of liquor

# Traffic stop in Orangeville leads to multiple charges for motorist from Dundalk

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers charged a prohibited driver with multiple criminal offences earlier this week.

Members of the Dufferin County OPP were patrolling the area of Fourth Ave., Orangeville, on Monday, Feb. 1 and initiated a traffic stop due to the absence of a front license plate.

Upon approach and after an initial interac-

tion, it was discovered that a fictitious name was given to police by the driver.

An investigation revealed that the true driver of the motor vehicle was driving while prohibited.

Sanjay Bailey, 24, from Dundalk, has been charged with:

- Operation While Prohibited under the

Criminal Code

- Adult Obstruct Peace Officer
- Adult Fail to Comply with Probation Order

The accused individual is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville.

None of the listed charges have been prov-

en in court.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation or any other criminal activity is asked to contact Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

You can also submit your information online at <https://ontariocrimestoppers.ca/>.

# Dufferin OPP arrest multiple people when executing 25 Project Resolve warrants

As a result of multiple ongoing police investigations, officers from the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have arrested multiple parties in relations to several criminal and provincial investigations.

From Feb. 3 to 6, the Dufferin County OPP alongside members of the Dufferin Communi-

ty Street Crime Unit (CSCU), Repeat Offender Parole Enforcement (ROPE), and the Bail Support Team (BST), all took part in Project Resolve.

Project Resolve was created with a mission to make arrests across the County for outstanding wanted parties.

The results of this four-day mission saw 25 warrants successfully executed, consisting of the following:

- 13 - Unendorsed (four Judges Orders for persons in custody)
- 10 - Endorsed
- 1 - POA

1 - Committal

The Dufferin OPP is encouraging anyone with any outstanding warrants within Dufferin County to seek council and turn themselves in to one of its locations at either 390 C Line, Orangeville or 506312 Highway 89, Primrose.

# OPP warns of the red flags in romance scams as Valentine's Day approaches

With Valentine's Day taking place tomorrow (Feb. 14), the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is raising awareness about romance fraud, which continues to cause significant emotional and financial harm to Canadians.

In 2024, Canadians reported losing over \$58.4 million to romance fraud and \$310 million to investment fraud, according to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC).

"Increasingly, romance fraud involves or leads to cryptocurrency investment schemes, which can substantially increase victims' financial losses," said the OPP in a press release.

"Those behind these schemes are increasingly using sophisticated tactics, including artificial intelligence to manipulate victims with fake voices and images. Bad faith actors establish trust and emotional intimacy through fake profiles on social media, dating platforms and other online channels. Once trust is gained, victims are pressured into sending money or investing in fraudulent business ventures."

### How the schemes work

Romance schemes often begin through fake profiles or unsolicited messages on dating apps, social media or email. Once trust is established, those behind the schemes often make the following requests for:

- Money for travel, medical emergencies or family assistance, often claiming urgency
- Help receiving money potentially leading the victim to unknowingly participate in criminal money laundering
- Participation in a business venture, such as registering a business or opening a bank account
- Cryptocurrency investments, where bad faith actors persuade victims to transfer funds through cryptocurrency ATMs or online platforms

### Red flags to watch for

Romance schemes often can be identified when:

- Someone you've never met in person declares their love early in the relationship
- The bad actor quickly wants to move the

conversation to a private or alternate communication platform such as a messaging app or email

- They consistently provide excuses to avoid meeting in person, often claiming to work overseas
- The message is poorly written or oddly worded, or sometimes addresses you with the wrong name
- The bad actor acts distressed or angry to pressure you into sending money, often under the pretence of an emergency

• They discourage you from discussing the relationship with friends or family, attempting to isolate you from those who might raise concerns

### Reporting fraud

- If you suspect fraud, contact:
- Your local police



- OPP at 1-888-310-1122
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# Another arrest made in year-long investigation of robbery in New Tecumseth

Members of the Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Major Crime Unit have made another arrest in connection to a robbery investigation that occurred one year ago in New Tecumseth.

Officers from the Nottawasaga Detachment entered into an investigation of a robbery that occurred in the Kid Crescent area

of Alliston on Feb. 27, 2024, shortly before 3 a.m.

As a result, of the investigation, three individuals were taken into custody and a stolen vehicle was recovered.

On Jan. 31, 2025, at 7:19 a.m., another suspect was arrested on a warrant and as a result:

Israel Brathwaite, 24, from Markham, was charged with:

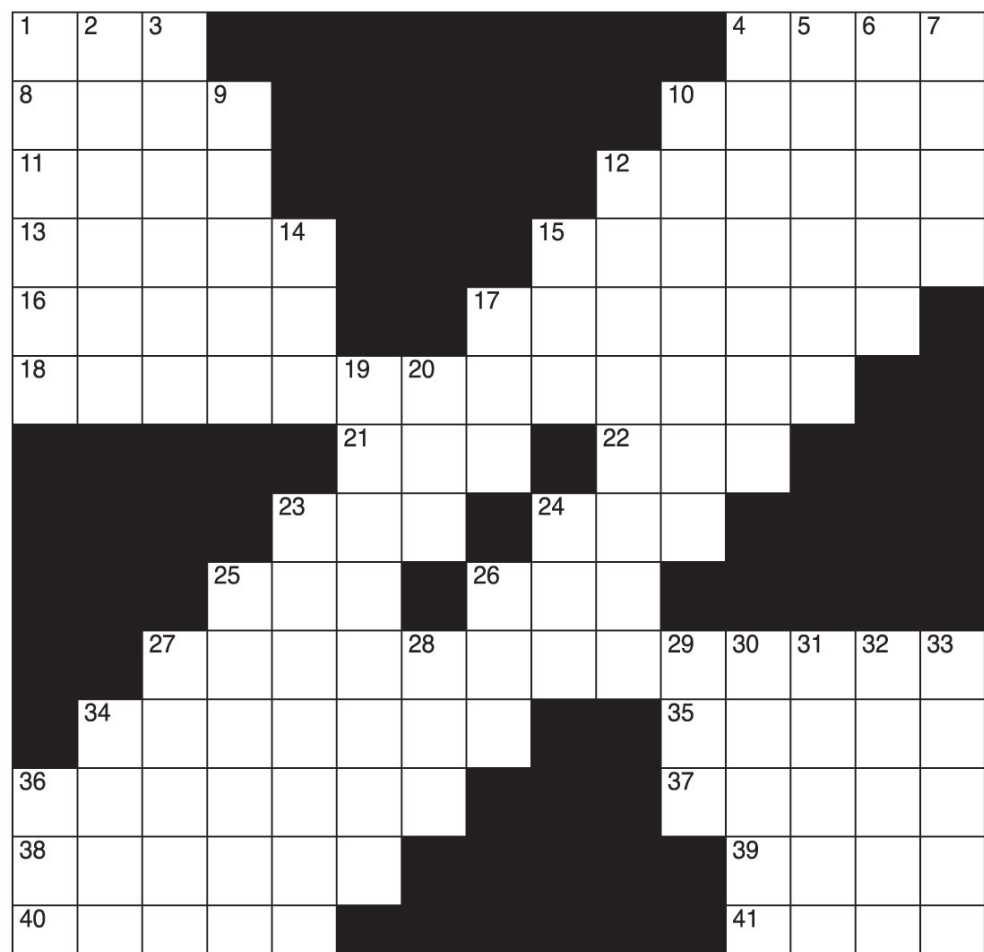
- Robbery using Firearm (Restricted or Prohibited)
- Conspiracy to Commit Indictable Offence

The investigation is ongoing by the Nottawasaga Detachment Major Crime Unit. Any-

one with information regarding this investigation is asked to contact the Nottawasaga OPP regarding report number (E240239274) at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

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### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Racquet sport group (abbr.)
- 4. Norse god of thunder
- 8. Russian industrial city
- 10. What's good for the \_\_\_
- 11. Round-ish shape
- 12. Baltimore MLBer
- 13. French modernist painter
- 15. Burned with water
- 16. Intestinal issue
- 17. Take the lead
- 18. Prove oneself worthy
- 21. None
- 22. Tax collector
- 23. Swiss river
- 24. Gymnast Raisman
- 25. Baby's dining accessory
- 26. Canadian beer distributor
- 27. Iconic American tourist destination
- 34. More expansive
- 35. Alert
- 36. Popular boots
- Doc \_\_\_
- 37. Showings
- 38. Conclusion
- 39. Share a common boundary
- 40. Shooting sport
- 41. Popular side dish
- 42. Global energy firm
- 43. Chronicles (abbr.)

### CLUES DOWN

- 19. Empowering
- 20. Space station
- 23. Disorder
- 24. State of fuss
- 25. Footwear for babies
- 26. Nuclear reactor (abbr.)
- 27. Drove
- 28. Affirmative
- 29. Male parent
- 30. Utter obscenities
- 31. Type of verse
- 32. Unpleasant person
- 33. One who settles down
- 34. Founder of source-based history
- 36. A way to snarl
- 1. Type of bomb
- 2. Polynesian island country
- 3. Heavenly body
- 4. Hard workers
- 5. Covered
- 6. Johns Hopkins Hospital founder
- 7. Plant of the grass family
- 9. Island person of the Bering Sea
- 10. Storehouse
- 12. Scarlet-flowered desert shrub
- 14. A pituitary hormone
- 15. Female sibling
- 17. Monetary unit of Afghanistan

*No one has more self-confidence than the person who does a crossword puzzle with a pen.*

# Several events and productions coming to Theatre Orangeville this spring

Written By **CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD**

“The Beaver Club” has been a stunning success at Theatre Orangeville as it has been in other theatres where it has played here in Ontario. Stunningly successful for a first full play by Barb Scheffler, theatres and audiences will be looking to her for more fun in the future.

Here at Theatre Orangeville, matinees for “The Beaver Club” are selling out and the evening performances are doing extremely well.

Four frankly eccentric ladies but not at all alike decide, on impulse to travel together in one car from Toronto to Dildo, Newfoundland – what could possibly go wrong?

“The Beaver Club” is running until Feb. 23.

Following the tremendous success of The Beaver Club is an extra intensive schedule over the spring months for Theatre Orangeville with recent additions to the originally posted collection of plays, from late March through to mid-May.

First up on March 27 is Drag Music Bingo coming to the Atrium of Town Hall. A great favourite at Theatre Orangeville’s Summer Arts Fest, it is being staged with all the fun and laughs, featuring Fluffy Souffle & Troy-Boy Entertainment. This is a first step to hosting and bringing the Summer Arts Fest into town and everyone is happy about this very exciting move.

Adult entertainment at its best is Drag Music Bingo, there are only 100 tickets, of which 50 are already sold. If you have not bought your tickets and you are a fan, hurry to get them now. Drag Music Bingo is presented in partnership with Celebrate Your Awesome, a local not-for-profit that holds an annual celebration of pride and diversity in Dufferin County.

Coming on March 1 to Theatre Orangeville, but as an independent production is the Dufferin County Canadian Black Association’s (DCCBA) Annual Black History Month Event. It is an evening dedicated to honouring Black legacy, leadership, and contributions to Canadian history. This inspiring event will feature distinguished speakers, cultural performances and entertainment including Sean Jones.

The DCCBA has moved this event to the Orangeville Town Hall Opera House as they are growing and looking to host more people to celebrate this annual occasion.

From the DCCBA, Alethia O’Hara-Stephenson sent a note to say, “I’m thrilled to host this special event at the beautiful The-

atre Orangeville, as we celebrate our 5-year anniversary... By hosting this event in Orangeville for the first time, we aim to ensure greater accessibility for residents across Dufferin County.”

A post-event reception, catered by Soulyve is aimed at fostering unity and reflection on the impact of Black Canadians.

Starlight Celebration will be held on Thursday, March 13, with the preview opener of “Bed and Breakfast” by Mark Crawford. This is a Theatre Orangeville fundraiser that celebrates the local community, performing arts, and their programming. A wonderful dinner with one or another of the four restaurant partners begins the evening. Moving into the theatre, where dessert and coffee await us, we have the single chance of the year to see associate artistic director, Jennifer Stewart announce the 2025-26 season.

As is tradition for Nairn, will she stand to make these announcements?

The Starlight Celebration plays a significant role in helping to raise funds to support Theatre Orangeville’s playwrights, local artists, youth programs and inclusive programming supporting the neuro-diverse community.

Then, it is time to take our seats and enjoy Crawford’s comic play about Brett and Drew deciding to move to Brett’s inherited home in a small town. When they got the idea to open a Bread and Breakfast, they could not have anticipated how their new neighbours might react. Dozens of hilarious characters played by just the two actors keep it very funny.

Running from Thursday, April 3 to Sunday, April 6 is “One Step at a Time,” written, composed and performed by Andrew Prashad; direction and dramaturgy by Scott Hurst; and music direction by Jeannie Wyse.

Subtitled “A Father’s Journey of Hope,” this show tells Andrew’s story using monologues, original songs, improvisational tap dance, and multimedia video. This is his and his wife’s personal journey of caring for a son with spina bifida and hydrocephalus while raising two daughters. This takes place all while maintaining his career as a professional actor, singer, and dancer. Andrew has been performing this intensely moving production since its debut in 2018, as an intimate piece that has “heartened audiences across the country with its powerful message of finding love, joy, and balance every step along the way.”

Friday, April 11 to Sunday, April 13, The Creative Partners on Stage (C.P.O.S.) Festi-



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**TAKING TO THE STAGE:** The women of “The Beaver Club” are excited to be performing the play at Theatre Orangeville. The cast, from left: Melanie Janzen as Radiance, Blythe Wilson as Karen, Mary Pitt as Yvette and Debbie Collins as Eunice.

val is back for the second year after its triumphant inaugural festival last year. With two shows, “Cruise Control” and “All You Need is Love.” There will also be an artisan market. The weekend will be a great treat for one and all. In a partnership with Theatre Orangeville and Community Living Dufferin, C.P.O.S. along with their support team of playwrights and directors produce plays that approach theatre with an entirely soul-warming style – all their own.

Patrons will be treated first to “All You Need is Love”; an extended intermission

will give them time to browse and buy at the market before heading back into the theatre for “Cruise Control.”

If you have never seen a Creative Partners on Stage production, do yourself a favour and get tickets for the shows over this weekend.

You will be swept away.

Details and tickets for any and all of this impressive array of entertainment and more can and should be purchased at [www.theatreorangeville.ca](http://www.theatreorangeville.ca) or you can call the charming folk at the Box Office at 519-942-3423.



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## Shelburne Wolves U13 Rep team stays alive in playoff run

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Shelburne Wolves U13 Rep team are looking good in the playoffs after winning 7-3 over the South Muskoka Bears during game three of their playoff run at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex on Saturday, Feb. 8.

The team is now 2-1 for their playoff games. In Saturday's game, the Wolves opened the scoring in the first period with 1:57 left on the clock.

It was a tie game when Muskoka evened it up with 45 seconds remaining in the period.

Muskoka took a brief lead early in the second period but the Wolves responded with three unanswered goals to lead 4-2 going into the final frame.

The Bears scored early in the third to close the gap, but the Wolves turned it up a notch and scored three more to end the game with a 7-3 win.

"We were working very hard and worked as a team," said Wolves defenceman, Ezra

Hayden, after the game. "The passing on our team was perfect today."

The team finished in the middle of the pack during the regular season, but head coach Chris Randell said he has seen a lot of improvement through the season.

"That was one of the better games we played all year," Randell said after the game. "They played well. We beared down in the second period and had a come-back. We have three more games after this, but realistically we had to win today to advance in the play-

offs. The start of the season was a little rough – we're starting to get better as the year goes on. It took a bit of time to develop the team and get them used to my system and how I want them to play. They're doing well now. They're starting to click and starting to gel as a family. We've developed tremendously over the year."

The U13 Wolves will be back on the ice on Sunday, Feb. 16, when they travel to Elmvale to take on the Coyotes.

Game time is 6 p.m.

## Annual Ice Fishing Derby at Island Lake provides mid-winter fun for all

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

When it gets cold, the lake freezes – and that means fishing enthusiasts have another opportunity to get out on the lake, literally, and try to hook a big fish at the 15th Annual Island Lake Conservation Area Ice Fishing Derby.

The event is held in partnership with Credit Valley Conservation, Credit Valley Conservation Foundation and the Friends of Island Lake.

The derby got underway on Saturday, Feb. 8, with an early morning start.

"We're looking forward to another great ice fishing derby at Island Lake this year," says Yasmine Slater, CVC's superintendent of Conservation Parks. "The derby is a great opportunity for experienced or first-time anglers to get on the lake and have fun. Our goal is to promote fishing at Island Lake, help people connect with nature and raise money for projects around the park."

Participants compete for up to \$2,500 in cash prizes in the adult category. This includes big catch prizes for the top three Northern Pike, the largest Yellow Perch, and the largest Black Crappie.

Youth prizes are available for the top three longest fish of any species.

Competitors can register online or by phone until Feb. 17. Registration will also be available at the park's rental shop until noon on Feb. 17.

The adult category is open to anyone 15 years of age or older. Tickets are \$35.

The youth category is open to those 12 years of age or younger. Tickets are \$10.

Daily admission to the park is an additional fee.

You must have a valid Ontario Fishing License to take part in the derby.

A portion of the derby falls during Ontario Family Fishing weekend on Feb. 15-17. A fishing license is not required on those days.

Ice rod and ice hut rentals are available and bait is available at the rental shop.

In addition to the ice fishing derby, Island Lake Conservation Area also hosts a summer Bass Derby.

Funds raised support projects that protect, restore, and enhance nature at the park.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTOS

**HOOK, LINE AND SINKER:** The 15th Annual Island Lake Conservation Area Ice Fishing Derby got underway on Saturday, Feb. 8, with \$2,500 up for grabs in prize money. While some anglers like to be comfortable in a fishing hut, others like to stay out in the open air to enjoy the day. The ice-covered lake was packed as people tried their luck on the frozen lake.



## Shelburne Cricket Club gears up for 2025 season with annual meeting

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Shelburne Cricket Club (SCC) held its Annual General Meeting at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex on Jan. 12, to plan for the 2025 season.

The meeting was attended by team captains and players, and chaired by club president Ahsen Siddiqui and vice president Creg Parker.

This year they're celebrating SCC's fifth season as a cricket club in Shelburne.

In honour of the milestone, the club made several announcements about the club moving forward.

The Club is expanding this year to include a new team – the Shelburne Vikings. The new team is the fifth in the SCC's house

league line-up, and will be captained by Vikas Vig.

The SCC is introducing a best-of-five series for young girls. This is designed to promote inclusivity and the importance of gender equality in the sport.

To commemorate the SCC's fifth anniversary, they launched this season's official hashtag: #UnleashTheFive – a tribute to five years of cricket, the addition of the fifth team, and the best-of-five girl's series.

The Shelburne Cricket Club will also host its annual soccer tournament this summer, with details of that event coming soon.

The 2025 cricket season will get underway in mid-May and run until October.

Early registration is now open for players.

Interested players can join the SCC by [necricketclub.com](http://necricketclub.com) or emailing [shelburne-cricketclub@outlook.com](mailto:shelburne-cricketclub@outlook.com) or visiting the Club's official website, [shelburne-cricketclub.com](http://shelburne-cricketclub.com).



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**GEARING UP:** The Shelburne Cricket Club held its Annual General Meeting on Jan. 12, to plan for the 2025 season. The Club is expanding this year and will include a fifth-house league team. Executive and players gather at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex for the annual meeting.

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**ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**

**EZRA HAYDEN**

As a lifelong hockey player, Shelburne Wolves U13 Rep defenceman, Ezra Hayden, brings a lot of experience to his team.

"I love the physical play and the roughness," Ezra said of why he likes playing hockey. "We pass a lot and that's what teamwork really is. We call out to each other on the ice and yell out names when passing."

Ezra helped his hockey team have a successful season this year.

A well rounded athlete, Ezra also plays lacrosse with the Shelburne Vets.

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**SWEEPING SUCCESS:** The Shelburne Curling Club held the Sweethearts Mixed Spiel on Saturday, Feb. 8. Held at the Shelburne Curling Club (110 O'Flynn St., Shelburne), the event had mixed teams, with attendees receiving lunch and dinner. There was also raffle prizes and other prizes available at the tournament.



## Industry Luncheon to feature accomplished entrepreneur at Osprey Valley

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

Three local nonprofits are hosting the annual Industry Luncheon on Thursday, Feb.



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**LUNCHEON:** Award-winning entrepreneur Daniel Lewis will be the keynote speaker at an upcoming luncheon held by the Dufferin Board of Trade (DBOT), Rotary Club of Orangeville and Greater Dufferin Builders Association.

27, with an award-winning keynote speaker.

Organized by the Dufferin Board of Trade (DBOT), Rotary Club of Orangeville and Greater Dufferin Builders Association, the event will take place at Osprey Valley in Caledon with award-winning entrepreneur, customer experience expert and motivational storyteller Daniel Lewis.

Lewis is the founder of two celebrated tea companies, Daniel's Chai Bar and Pekoe, and has achieved great success in the tea industry. His journey from a grassroots start-up to serving tea to King Charles III in 2017, is quite remarkable.

"With his high-energy presentations and people-first approach, Daniel will share actionable insights on how to elevate your business, empower your team, and create unforgettable customer experiences," said

DBOT in a press release.

"Don't miss this unique opportunity to gain fresh perspectives, spark new ideas, and connect with local business leaders."

The event's organizers said they aim to provide a luncheon where attendees can connect, network and feel inspired.

Lunch tickets are available online for \$135 plus HST at [t.ly/ksU03](https://t.ly/ksU03)

"Reserve your spot today and be part of an inspiring afternoon that will leave you ready to transform your approach to business, leadership, and community," said DBOT's press release.

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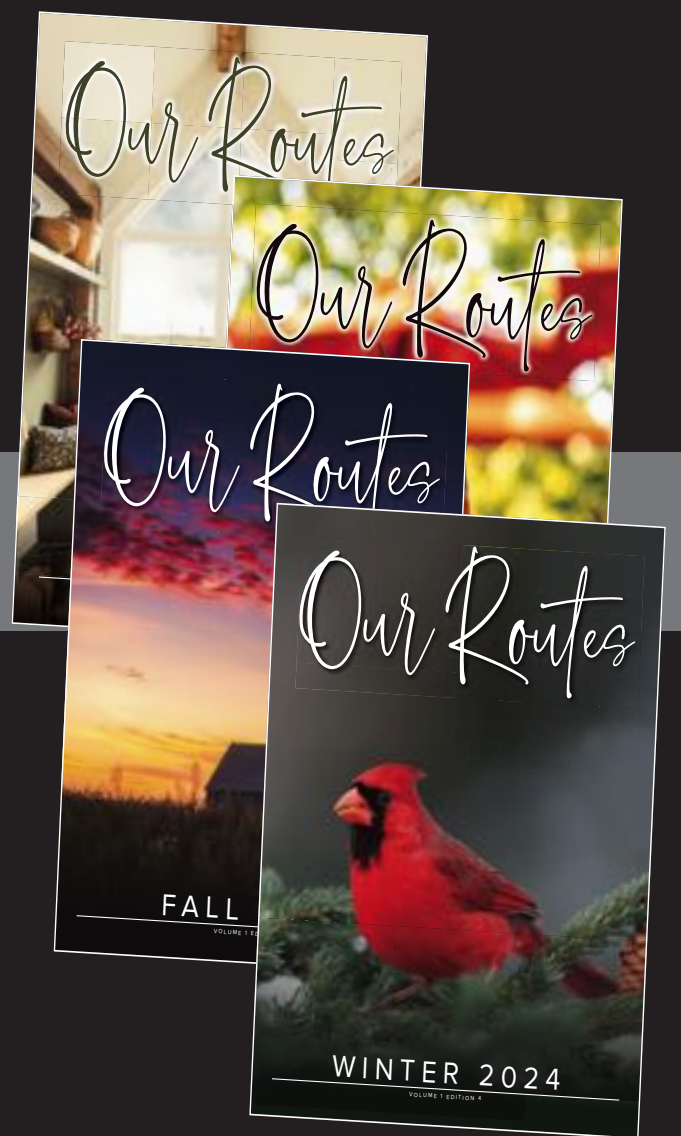
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# OPP encourages safe riding during Snowmobile Safety Week

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The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) are reminding snowmobilers that making each ride risk-free gives them their best chance of safely making it through the season.

"The risky driving behaviours that lead

to snowmobile fatalities are the same ones year after year, as reflected in the OPP's data," said the OPP in a press release.

Over the past 10 snowmobile seasons (2014-15 to 2023-24), 145 snowmobilers have lost their lives in OPP jurisdictions.

"Excessive speed, in particular driving too fast for the conditions, as well as alcohol impairment were among the leading causes or contributing factors in the fatali-

ties," said the OPP. "Driver inattention and lack of helmet use are among other factors that have cost snowmobilers their lives in the last decade."

Every year, snowmobilers take unnecessary risks on frozen waterways. With close to 40 per cent of the 145 fatalities occurring on frozen lakes and rivers, these locations account for the highest number of snowmobile deaths.

"Riders are reminded that frozen lakes and rivers carry an inherent degree of uncertainty about how safe they are and the only way to ensure one's safety is to avoid frozen waterways altogether," said the OPP.

Thanks to the hard work and commitment on the part of OFSC Snowmobile Clubs, Ontario snowmobilers have access to an expansive network of trails.

Through the OFSC Interactive Trail Guide (ITG), riders can obtain real-time trail status information to help them choose a safe, enjoyable trail for their next riding adventure.

Snowmobilers are reminded that it's against the law to access and ride on OFSC trails that are unavailable (all those highlighted in red on the ITG). View the ITG at ofsc.on.ca/trail-maps/.

"With Ontario Snowmobile Safety Week running from Feb. 10 to 17, 2025, riders are encouraged to get up to date on what they need to do to keep themselves, their passengers and fellow riders safe throughout the season," said the OPP.

For more information about the OFSC and snowmobile safety, visit: ofsc.on.ca/safety.

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Ardith Dunlop and Shelley Doney served a full English tea, featuring finger sandwiches, a variety of scones with jam and clotted cream, other bakery treats and several types of tea which wowed the over 30 community members in attendance. Alice's books were flying off the shelf, the proceeds of which being donated to The Shepherd's Cupboard Foodbank in Shelburne.

**Upcoming Events**

Our Seed Library is seeking donations. Help our seed library grow by donating spare, viable seed. Seed donations can be dropped off at the Main Circulation desk during open hours. Please label your seeds with the variety, date it was harvested, and the location it was grown

— for example: Snow Peas, harvested Fall 2024, Shelburne.

Our Seniors Tech Tutoring appointments are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays (5 p.m. to 7 p.m.). It's the perfect opportunity to ask your tech questions in a non-judgmental environment. Call 519-925-2168 to book an appointment.

**Recommended read**

"A Remarkable Life: the Journey of Alice Porter Medical Missionary" by Joseph D. Driskill: Chronicling the life of Alice Porter and her journey as a medical missionary, readers will learn the true depths of Alice's generosity in time and expertise. Filled with photos from her life, you'll get to see the people and places Alice impacted.

**Why Rose recommends it:** The stories of local authors are always gems within the library stacks, but the reading experience is always a bit more special when you've known the author for years. This was my experience when reading Alice's book; while reading the stories it was easy to imagine Alice sitting beside me recounting her tales.

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**INCREDIBLE PRICE SAVE \$10**  
**29<sup>99</sup>**  
**Boneless, Skinless Chicken Breasts**  
 8-12 BREASTS 1.36 kg/3 lb  
 Other size available, 4-6 BREASTS 680 g/1.5 lb \$16.99 **SAVE \$6**  
**Seniors Day Every Tuesday 10% Off Regular Priced Items!**

**PREMIUM MEALS**

**NEW!** Braised Beef Pappardelle Pasta 850 g **SAVE \$5**  
**14<sup>99</sup> each**

**NEW!** Loaded Perogy Bake 907 g

Butternut Squash Ravioli Bake 907 g  
 Supreme Stuffed Peppers 4 PIECES 907 g  
 Also available, Gourmet Meatballs in Tomato Sauce 907 g Stuffed Pasta Shells 1.02 kg \$14.99 each **SAVE \$5**

**19<sup>99</sup> SAVE \$6**  
**TOO TALL® Cakes**  
 Choose from:  
 • Tuxedo Truffle Cake 1 kg  
 • Strawberry Shortcake 1 kg  
 • Lemon and Cream Cake 1 kg  
 • Country Harvest Carrot Cake 900 g  
 • White Chocolate Raspberry Cake 1 kg  
 • Brownie Chunk Cream Cake 865 g **GLUTEN FREE**  
 • Chocolate and Cream Cake 900 g **GLUTEN FREE**

**18<sup>99</sup>** Battered Haddock 6-9 PIECES 680 g  
**21<sup>99</sup>** Breaded Haddock 7-10 PIECES 907 g  
**SAVE \$5 each**  
**M&M SUSTAINABLE**

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**  
**SURF AND TURF**

**Garlic Shrimp** 340 g **SAVE \$2**  
**14<sup>99</sup> each**

**Herb and Garlic Shrimp Skewers** 4 SKEWERS 365 g **SAVE \$5**  
**14<sup>99</sup> each**

**Bacon Wrapped Beef Filet Mignons** 4 STEAKS x 170 g/6 oz  
**22<sup>99</sup>**  
**49<sup>99</sup> SAVE \$10**

**Other size available, 6 STEAKS x 113 g/4 oz \$49.99 SAVE \$10**

**LOBSTER TAIL SKEWERS** 4 PIECES 200 g **SAVE \$7**

**DINNER: PLANNED**

**Deep Dish Chicken Pie** 907 g **14<sup>99</sup>**  
**SAVE \$3 each**

**Stuffed Potatoes** 4 PIECES 560 g **10<sup>99</sup> SAVE \$2**

**NEW!** **Pork Schnitzel** 5-7 PIECES 650 g **12<sup>99</sup>**  
**SAVE \$3 each**

**Extra Thick Cut Frenched Pork Chops** 2 PIECES x 340 g/12 oz **17<sup>99</sup>**  
**save \$7 LIMITED TIME ONLY**

**Cauliflower Gratin** 500 g **10<sup>99</sup> SAVE \$2 each**

**Broccoli Gratin** 500 g **10<sup>99</sup> SAVE \$2 each**

**Gingered Beef** 975 g **19<sup>99</sup>**  
**SAVE \$2 each**

**Sweet & Sour Chicken** 975 g **15<sup>99</sup>**

**Mussels in White Wine Sauce** 454 g **9<sup>99</sup> SALE**  
**LIMITED TIME ONLY**

**Chicken Fried Rice** 680 g **9<sup>99</sup> SAVE \$2**

**Mushroom Risotto** 454 g **8<sup>99</sup> SAVE \$2**  
**STEAM IN THE BAG**

**STOVETOP KITS** 840 g - 1.05 kg **READY IN UNDER 20 MINUTES**

**SAVE \$3** **16<sup>99</sup> each** **19<sup>99</sup> each** **SAVE \$3**

Lemon Herb Chicken and Pasta  
 Chicken Fajitas  
 Beef Lo Mein  
 Creamy Rosé Chicken and Pasta  
 Beef Teriyaki  
 Chicken Stir Fry  
 Sweet and Spicy Shrimp and Scallops  
 Beef Stir Fry **WHILE QUANTITIES LAST**

**SINGLE SERVES** 275 g - 340 g **4<sup>99</sup> each**

**SAVE \$1** Six Cheese Tortellini  
 Fettuccine Alfredo  
 Three Cheese Pasta Bake  
 Spaghetti Bolognese  
 Lasagna  
 Macaroni & Cheese  
**NEW!** Sesame Japchae Noodles

**Chicken Strips** 27-33 PIECES 1.36 kg/3 lb **27<sup>99</sup> each**  
**SAVE \$6 each**  
**Breaded Chicken Fillets** 15-25 PIECES 907 g/2 lb **27<sup>99</sup> each**  
**SAVE \$6 each**  
**GLUTEN FREE**

**SAVE \$1.50**

Butter Chicken  
 Cabbage Rolls  
 Shanghai Style Beef Noodles  
 Chicken Teriyaki  
 Chicken Pad Thai  
 Sweet Sriracha Chicken & Noodle Bowl  
 Classic Beef Stew  
 Chicken Parmesan  
**NEW AND IMPROVED RECIPE!** Homestyle Shepherd's Pie  
 Cheese and Spinach Cannelloni  
 Chicken Lasagna  
 Shrimp & Scallop Pasta  
 Homestyle Tuna Casserole  
 Sesame Chicken Noodles  
 Beef Chili

**SOUPS** 255 g - 400 mL **SALE**

**ONLY \$5 each**

Wonton  
 Loaded Potato  
 Tomato and Grilled Cheese  
 Broccoli Cheddar  
 French Onion



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# ON FEB 27 VOTE TO PROTECT ONTARIO

**President Trump's threats are putting hundreds of thousands of jobs at risk. Doug Ford needs a strong mandate from the people for his plan to protect Ontario.**



## Building Ontario's Economy

We've secured over \$45 billion in new investments in the first electric vehicle and battery plants in Canada, creating thousands of jobs. We're investing more than \$200 billion in our plan to build roads, highways, transit and other infrastructure projects. We're investing \$2.5 billion to train more than one million people for better jobs and bigger paycheques in the skilled trades. We're putting more of your money back in your pocket with \$200 taxpayer rebate cheques.



## Protecting Workers

President Trump's tariffs will devastate Ontario's economy. We'll do whatever is necessary to protect people's livelihoods, including by investing tens of billions of dollars to keep people working. We'll provide funding for impacted businesses to retool so that they can attract new customers and meet payroll. We'll invest more in building infrastructure to create jobs and retrain workers to find new opportunities.



## Keeping Us Competitive

We're fighting the job-killing Liberal carbon tax and urging the federal government to cut red tape and streamline approvals to get big things built, including speeding up construction of new and upgraded nuclear power plants and critical mineral projects in the Ring of Fire region in Northern Ontario. We'll keep lowering the cost of doing business to make Ontario the most competitive place to invest and create jobs.



## Cleaning Up Our Streets

We're protecting families and children by banning drug injection sites near schools and daycares and clearing out encampments from public parks with new investments in shelters. We're cracking down on violent and repeat criminals and building new jails to keep them behind bars.



## Delivering Better Care

We're investing \$1.8 billion more to connect everyone in Ontario to a family doctor and primary care, alongside \$50 billion to build 50 new and upgraded hospitals. We're leading the largest medical school expansion in a decade to train more doctors. We've made it more convenient to connect to care, with over two million visits to local pharmacies for common ailments, saving you time.



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