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WARMING HEARTS: Founders of the Food For You initiative celebrated the first weekly meal on March 5 at the Trinity United Church in Shelburne. Food For You is a initiative focused on addressing food insecurity in the community by providing both meat-based and vegetarian meals to those in need every Wednesday. The initiative was founded by members Ann McAlpine (left), Sabine Rohner-Tensee (left centre), Betty Harmony (right centre), Shelley Doney (right), Sandra Gallagher and Marci Lipman (absent). See a full story on Page 2.

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Town of Shelburne approves names for three alleyways

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

Three nameless alleyways in the Town of Shelburne have officially received names.

During a meeting on Monday (March 10), Shelburne Town Council received a memo from the Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee regarding the naming of the three municipal laneways, marking the conclusion of the committee's initiative.

"This is a continuation to finish the naming [of] the back lanes. We're in the final stretch of the last three and were able to come up with a couple of names," said Coun. Lindsay Wegener, vice chair of the committee.

The committee submitted the proposed names – Townsend Lane, Sawyers Feed Mill Lane and Rose Lane – for approval from Town Council.

The laneway proposed to be called "Townsend Lane" is named after Harold and Lucy Townsend, who were married in Shelburne and were both World War II Veterans. They were founding executive members of

the Dufferin County Historical Society and were also involved with the local Fall Fair and Shelburne Legion. Harold also served on Shelburne Town Council from 1959 to 1961. The Townsends opened a John Deere Farm Equipment Dealer at 151 Victoria St. in 1942 and operated the shop for 36 years.

Townsend Lane runs parallel to the south side of Main St. E. from Victoria St. to the east side of Dufferin St.

"I've been a friend of the Townsend family for many years," said Karen Lang, who made the request for the plaque and laneway naming. "They have quite a history within Shelburne."

The proposed laneway, "Sawyers Feed Mill Lane", runs parallel to Wellington St. and Joseph St., and comes off of Brickyard Lane.

The recommended name "Sawyers Feed Mill Lane" comes from the laneway's proximity to the Sawyers Feed Mill, which operated on Adeline Street. The Feed Mill was a family-run business that started in 1957 and had three generations involved while it op-

erated. Jim Sawyer operated the mill from the early 1970s onward.

The final alley proposed is "Rose Lane," named after local resident and historian John Rose.

John Rose researched and wrote "The History of Shelburne" which was published in 1974.

The 559-page book compiles "thousands upon thousands of hours digging and delving, investigating, checking, classifying and correlating it all for compilation into readable form so that generations yet unborn may know something of our part of the country in its pioneer times" reads John Rose's "A Foreword" in "The History of Shelburne."

The laneway runs north and south, between Marie St. and Fourth Ave.

Shelburne Town Council unanimously approved the proposed names of the three remaining unnamed alleyways.

Plaques will be placed in each of the laneways sharing more information about the individuals behind the names. The Town of Shelburne will also be installing street signs.

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Dufferin OPP officer recognized for volunteer efforts over the years

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A Dufferin OPP officer has been recognized for his volunteer efforts in the community by the Optimist Club of Orangeville.

The Optimist Club of Orangeville presented Provincial Const. Jeff McLean, with the Respect for Law Program (RFL) Award during their meeting on March 5 at the Orangeville Senior's Centre.

"We're very honoured to present Jeff with the award to recognize the things he's done for our community," said Kevin MacBean, program chair for the Optimist Club of Orangeville.

The Respect for Law Program (RFL) Award is a prestigious award, recognizing individuals who make outstanding contributions to their community and the public. The award was started in 1965 following a discussion between past Optimist International President Carl Bown and former FBI Director J. Edgar.

The award is considered the fourth most popular program for Optimist International, with more than 1,500 clubs participating each year and over 250,000 law enforcement officers honoured over 50 years.

"[The award] is not just what the officer or first responder does during normal duties, but what they do above and beyond duty for the community. Jeff has been involved with numerous volunteer initiatives

since he started with the Shelburne Police Service, and he's continued those through his assignment with the OPP in Dufferin County," said MacBean.

Const. McLean was selected as a recipient of the award for his active involvement in initiatives including the Law Enforcement Torch Run, the annual Shelburne Polar Plunge and assisting with the Optimist Club of Orangeville's 2025 Christmas in the Park.

"I don't do it for the recognition, but it's always great to be recognized for the commitment I have to the community and trying to make where I grew up, where I live, and where I serve as police officer a better place," said McLean about receiving the award.

He has had a close connection with law enforcement for the majority of his life, with his mother Karen McLean working as an administrator for the Shelburne Police Service for 34 years.

"I grew up around officers and saw the impact an individual can have on the community; I fell in love with it," said McLean.

He initially started as an auxiliary police officer with the Shelburne Police Service (SPS) before being hired on as a constable in 2015 and has since continued on with the Dufferin OPP following the disbanding of the Shelburne Police Service in 2021.

In 2017, he became involved with the Law Enforcement Torch Run, a fundraiser



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RECOGNIZING HIS EFFORTS: Dufferin OPP Const. Jeff McLean was presented with the Respect for Law Program (RFL) Award from the Optimist Club of Orangeville on March 5 at the Senior's Centre in Orangeville. Const. McLean was given the award in recognition of his volunteerism in the community, including his contributions to the Law Enforcement Torch Run, the Shelburne Polar Plunge, and the Brighter Tomorrow Golf Tournament. Pictured left to right: Ian McSweeney, Insp. Michael Di Pasquale, PC Jeff McLean, Tina Clare, Det. Insp. Shawn Glassford and Councillor Todd Taylor.

for Special Olympics, followed by the Shelburne Polar Plunge in 2018 and eventually the Brighter Tomorrow Golf Tournament in 2022.

"By participating in these fundraisers and

organizations it expanded my appreciation for the community and my devotion to support," said McLean.

Through the local initiatives, McLean and volunteers have raised roughly \$275,000.

Residents voice concerns about Strada's proposed quarry during recent community meeting

Written By PAULA BROWN
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Melancthon residents have received an update on a proposed application by local aggregate company, Strada Aggregate, to quarry below the water table.

North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Taskforce (NDACT) hosted a community meeting on March 5 at the Horning's Mills Community Centre, located at 14 Mill Street in Melancthon.

The focus of the meeting was to provide concerned residents with an update on the status of the proposed application from Strada Aggregate as well as share initial findings from peer-reviewed studies.

The four main areas of study that were peer-reviewed included: blasting, air quality, noise and hydrogeology.

NDACT have received the completed peer review for blasting, noise and air quality, but

said they will not be "endorsing" the report due to "large holes" in information that need to be addressed.

Some of the additional information they're looking to obtain includes flying rocks and blasting in relation to nearby farmers as well as how westerly winds will impact noise and air quality.

"There was a lot of work put in, trying to get our peer reviewer to understand that we had a different approach to this project. We wanted them to look at the project in ways the community would and not in the ways a normal peer reviewer would," said Cosack. "Normal peer reviewers sort of check off the boxes under the aggregate resources act, and there's really no recourse for people to question it."

"In the end, all they did was review it to the minimum requirement of the aggregate resources act," said Cosack. "It's a classic approach for them."

NDACT is still waiting for the hydrogeology

results from community peer reviewer, Gary Hunter.

One point raised by residents was the amount of water that would be used daily if the proposed application for the quarry were to go through, and how it would impact the water pressure of wells.

According to Hunter, the water usage would be around 6.7 million litres a day.

"That's the water consumption above or equivalent to the average daily use for Centre Wellington Township, which is Elora and Fergus. It's three times as much as Shelburne uses and three quarters of what Orangeville uses," said Hunter. "That number is underestimated by up to two or three times by the current model."

Concerns were raised by residents regarding Strada's commitment to sticking with a signed agreement with NDACT.

In 2023, NDACT and Strada Aggregate jointly signed an agreement regarding an application to quarry below the water table. The signed agreement gave NDACT input and decision-making into Strada's quarry application prior to it being submitted.

Part of Strada Aggregate's agreement with NDACT states that they would not file their application with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) until the results of the peer-reviewed reports including the hydrogeology study were released.

In January of 2025, NDACT said they were contacted by Strada about filing the first steps of the quarry application in order to get MNR approval.

"We felt very much pushed into a corner and in the end, we decided it was most important to us that we preserve the benefits of the community engagement," said Cosack. "We asked Strada to commit, in writing, to the fact they would not do anything else, until the hydrogeology questions would be answered."

It was also noted in the meeting, that Strada Aggregate had filed an official plan amendment (OPA) and a zoning bylaw amendment (ZBA) application in January with the Township of Melancthon, which was completed in



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UPDATES: North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Taskforce (NDACT) hosted a community meeting on March 5 at the Horning's Mills Community Centre.

February.

"We only found that out when we read their site plan, and it was a bit of a surprise as to how this is working," said Cosack.

Despite the two incidents, Cosack tried to quell residents' concerns about Strada's reliability stating, "We take them at their word."

"What I know of them and how they have dealt with us, I would expect them to keep their word," added Cosack.

Strada Aggregate has been operating as an existing 360-acre above-water sand and gravel pit in the area of 4th Line and County Rd. 17 in the Township of Melancthon since 2004.

Strada initially brought forward a presentation to Melancthon Council in October of 2021, which noted their intention to submit an application for a proposed quarry.

Strada has initiated undertaking the field work and technical studies required to determine the feasibility of developing a quarry that would extract and process consolidated dolostone bedrock below the water table within the same footprint of the existing pit.

According to Strada Aggregates, the proposed quarry is being designed to ship 2,000,000 tonnes per year from the site and will continue to use the existing entrance/exits and existing haul route.

To learn more about the proposed quarry and the work being conducted by NDACT, visit www.ndact.ca. Those concerned can also submit questions by emailing info@ndact.ca.

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Working together to provide weekly warm meals to people in need

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A group of concerned residents are hoping to combat food insecurity in the community by providing weekly hot meals to those in need.

The first-ever Food For You was held on March 5 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Trinity United Church in Shelburne.

"With food insecurity being so high in this area, we felt there was a need in the community. We put our heads together and this is what we came up with," said Shelley Doney, one of the organizers of the initiative.

The weekly Food For You initiative was created by six founding members – Sandra Gallagher, Shelley Doney, Marci Lipman, Sabine Rohner-Tensee, Ann McAlpine, and Betty Harmony.

The group began planning for the initiative in January and will host a meal every Wednesday for the upcoming months.

Food For You volunteers will prepare both a meat-based and vegetarian meal, which is free to anyone who attends and requires no reservation.

"Its two-fold – you're coming for a hot meal, but also getting together with other people to share in camaraderie and the conversations that happen," said Rohner-Tensee.

ee. Ardith Dunlop, volunteer coordinator for the Shelburne Food Bank, said they've seen a 600 per cent increase in their number of clients since 2017, when they served 41 families in the community.

According to statistics from 2023, the Shelburne Food Bank has 400 files consisting of over 1,000 individuals from Shelburne, Melancton, Mulmur and Amaranth. Of those clients, roughly 73 per cent are from the Town of Shelburne.

The Food Bank also noted in 2023 they served between 325 to 350 families each month.

"It's always helpful when others step up

and do something because of food insecurity struggles as it's more recognition that this is a real and growing problem here, not only in Shelburne but all over Ontario and Canada," said Dunlop.

"It's very difficult for many individuals and families to access fresh and nutritious food on limited incomes. While this won't alleviate any of the ongoing and increasing needs at the foodbank, it will provide another weekly time that those in need can receive a meal," she added.

Food For You will be held every Wednesday, starting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Church in Shelburne.

Ramadan Food Drive in Orangeville and Shelburne running all month long

Written By SAM ODROWSKI & PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Millions of Muslims are marking the Holy Month of Ramadan worldwide, and locally, a follower of Islam is looking to give back to the community.

This year, Ramadan runs from Feb. 28 to March 29, and local resident Tricia Celik is organizing a donation drive for the Orangeville Food Bank and Shelburne Food Bank, encouraging halal and vegan items.

"I'm trying to build bridges in the community and have a face within the Muslim community at the food bank," said Celik of why she's organizing the food drive, which she's done since 2023.

"It shows support within the community that we're all here together."

She added, "There's been an increase every year since we've been doing this, with Muslims accessing it."

Heather Hayes, executive director of the Orangeville Food Bank said the demographics of individuals accessing the food bank has changed dramatically in the last few years.

"With the changing demographic, we started noticing that individuals accessing the food bank had different food needs than we had seen before," said Hayes. "We've worked to ensure we have halal food in the freezer at

all times, that we have fresh fruits and vegetables because in certain cultures it's more common to make food from scratch. It's really important to make sure we have the right food so that people can stay healthy and engaged in their communities."

Celik said she's encouraging donations of perishable and non-perishable items, as the Orangeville Food Bank has refrigerated storage for products like milk, eggs and meat.

While Celik's encourages halal, vegan-friendly items to ensure food-insecure Muslims can eat in accordance with their faith over Ramadan, donations of any kind are appreciated by the Orangeville Food Bank and Shelburne Food Bank.

Some of the most needed food items at the local food bank's include dried lentils, canned pasta, cooking oils, dried beans, canned fruit, apple sauce, snack sized items, canned tomatoes and canned meats.

The not-for-profit organizations have seen a steady increase in the number of people accessing food over the last several years.

When the Orangeville Food Bank's executive director, Heather Hayes, first started in the role in 2015, there were just 380 monthly visitors. Last month, the food bank served 1,402 different people.

The Shelburne Food Bank has reported a more than 600 per cent increase in the num-

ber of clients they see on a monthly basis since 2017, when they served 41 families in the community. They now serve roughly 250 families.

Celik said she's encouraging donations of quality items that people would enjoy for the Ramadan Food Drive.

"Give as you would like to receive yourself," she noted.

Celik said her goal with the drive is to bring the community together for a good cause.

"I'm trying to lift people's spirits. If they're walking [into the food bank] at Christmas time, they're going to be used to seeing Christmas stuff all around. So maybe there's a new Muslim that's going to come here [during Ramadan] and feel welcome," said Celik of her Ramadan display at the Orangeville Food Bank.

"It builds bridges, raises awareness, and

people might feel more comfortable if they see a Muslim to ask some questions or learn a little bit."

Donations can be brought directly to the Orangeville Food Bank at 3 Commerce Rd or at donation boxes located at Orangeville Town Hall (87 Broadway) and Alder Recreation Centre (275 Alder Street).

A Ramadan table has also been set up at the Orangeville Food Bank by Celik, dawning decorations, balloons, colouring pages for kids, and donations geared towards Muslims.

Donations for the Shelburne Food Bank can be dropped off at the No Frills (101 2nd Line, RR 1) and Foodland (824 Ojibway Rd.) in Shelburne as well as the Dufferin Muslim Centre (506195 Highway 89, Unit 1)

Any inquiries about donations can be directed to Celik by email at theplace2bi-swithmrs.c@outlook.com.



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RAMADAN STATION: Tricia Celik (left) is joined by Orangeville Food Bank staff and volunteers, as they hold up donations from the Ramadan table setup at the food bank.



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SETTING UP DONATION BOXES: Orangeville council join Tricia Celik and show off some of the donations that have been placed in the donation box at Orangeville Town Hall (87 Broadway).

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OPINION

Only 3.3 million people

The 'tariff war' continues, although so far, it seems to be more of a skirmish.

There have been delays and timelines moved back, and so far, no real shots fired other than minor ones.

Although, it has produced some rather idiot comments from politicians – especially from Florida, land of the 'Florida man was arrested...' articles.

US President Trump's announcements about tariffs are largely hot air.

I said from the beginning, you just can't decide to hammer certain industries with 25 per cent tariffs and not expect a massive response from lobby groups showing up at congresspeople's offices and descending on Capitol Hill demanding fair treatment.

There are American companies that rely on foreign products to operate. If you place a tariff on those products, the company must pass on the expense to customers. Many of those customers will simply decide a project is no longer valid due to the expense.

The same goes for consumer products. If you want to make someone angry, add 25 per cent to the cost of an already expensive refrigerator. A refrigerator isn't a luxury, it's a necessity.

On top of the mass firings that have taken place in US federal agencies and

departments, you can't deliberately pass laws that will see people lose their jobs, and not expect a backlash.

I don't know why Trump has a beef with Canada and Mexico, but it seems to be almost on a personal level. I don't think he even knows how the real world operates outside of New York City.

The response from Ontario so far, doesn't seem to make a lot of sense.

It has just been announced that American products are being pulled off of LCBO shelves – no Jack Daniels for you!

The only thing this will accomplish is to possibly have a couple of people in Tennessee being laid off from their jobs because of reduced sales.

If you want to boycott a product, it should be a personal choice, not decided for you by the government.

The provincial government has also cancelled the contract with StarLink because of Elon Musk's ties to Trump. What will that accomplish other than delaying high-speed internet to northern communities?

Some US politicians have come out against the tariffs.

Some Canadians are now boycotting the US South as a travel destination. That is their choice.

However, recent comments by Florida

Governor Ron DeSantis seem to indicate Florida isn't worried. At least in DeSantis' opinion.

I guess DeSantis didn't have his 'stupid filter' working during his recent comments to lawmakers at the state capitol in Tallahassee.

Noting that around 3.3 million Canadians visit Florida every year, DeSantis said, "That's not much of a boycott in my book," considering the total number of visitors to the state every year is around 142 million. He also went on to mock Canadian hockey teams for some reason.

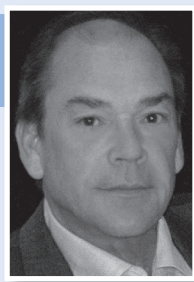
What a dumb thing to say by the guy who runs a state where the main industry is tourism.

It's not much? Maybe it's a lot to the people who rent condos and hotel rooms to Canadian tourists. Maybe it's a lot to the restaurants and attractions that appreciate those 3.3 million tourists.

Did the state tourism board send a note to DeSantis to thank him for his comments? Did the local tourism boards who try to bring people to their towns thank him for mocking those tourists?

I would think Florida tourism cringed when they heard him make a stupid comment about the people who help keep their economy alive.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



A real leader, at least one with half a brain, would have made a statement that despite the current tariff situation, Florida always welcomes and appreciates Canadian tourists who visit and spend a lot of money.

Instead, DeSantis got a standing ovation from the Florida lawmakers.

If people want to send a message by boycotting certain products, they should do so.

But having the decision made for you won't solve anything.

I hung the Maple Leaf on my garage on Flag Day on Feb. 15, to make a statement about Trump's ridiculous notion of trying to make us the 51st state. That's in addition to his equally ridiculous plan to take over Greenland.

The flag is still there and may stay there for a while unless this absurd rhetoric goes away.

I'm pretty sure the tariff situation will go away as the lobby groups representing companies and organizations that will lose money, put pressure on a naive Trump to change his thought process and get back to smart business.

Syria: Who is to blame?

"They kidnapped; they killed; they humiliated; they kicked people out of jobs," explained an Alawite writer living in coastal Syria. "One way or another, this was going to happen."

'This' is the outbreak of violence in Syria that killed 745 civilians in 30 'massacres' along Syria's Alawite-majority Mediterranean coast on Friday and Saturday, according to the UK-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights. The SOHR also reported the deaths of 125 fighters linked to Syria's new Islamist-led government and 148 'pro-Assad' fighters.

Break that down and try to make sense of it. Alawites are a Shia sect that makes up about 10% of the population in predominantly Sunni Syria. (Many Sunnis do not even regard them as real Muslims.) There are also Kurdish, Druze and Christian minorities in Syria, but for the past 50-odd years Alawites have dominated the army

and the government.

Yet Alawites are not a particularly prosperous group. France, which got Syria in the carve-up of the Ottoman empire after the First World War, deliberately recruited Alawites for its new colonial army precisely because they were an impoverished and despised minority – and therefore presumably less loyal to Syria's old Sunni elite.

Even in the army the Alawites ended up in the low-status infantry, not the better educated artillery and engineers – but after the French left in 1946 and the military coups began, infantry was exactly what ambitious officers needed. The last of those coups in 1970 brought Hafiz al-Assad to power – and he and his son Bashar then ruled Syria until three months ago.

The Assads needed reliable allies to run their tyrannical state, and Alawites needed jobs, so they ended up greatly over-repre-

sented in the lower ranks of the army and the government. (Not so much in the upper ranks, because the non-Alawite elites had to get their share of those desirable posts too).

The tragedy for the Alawites was that they were the single element of a brutal regime that the public was most likely to have contact with. The contact could involve mere harassment and bribe-taking, or jail, torture and murder – but it was too often Alawites serving the Assads who were to blame. And they didn't even get rich out of it.

Then finally, last December, a Syrian Islamist militia, the Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HST), got backing from Turkey and launched an offensive that rolled up the entire Syrian army in just a couple of weeks.

After a 14-year civil war, half the population displaced from their homes, and at least 300,000 dead, Syria was clearly ready for change and very little violence was needed. But there is no consensus on what that 'change' should involve, so the violence may just have been postponed.

There are no 'pro-Assad fighters.' There are just Alawites defending themselves from other Syrians who want vengeance for crimes committed by the old regime, and neither side is much troubled about whether they are killing the right people.

The Kurds in the northeast reject the authority of the new regime in Damascus and so do the Druze in the south. The Alawites trust the HST least of all since its Islamist leaders see them as heretics who have betrayed true Islam. Turkey, Iran, Israel, Russia and the United States all have troops or heavily armed allies in

the country. There will certainly be more blood.

Rather than march straight into that swamp, let us devote the last few paragraphs of this article to dealing with the obvious question: how did things get so extraordinarily messy in the Middle East?

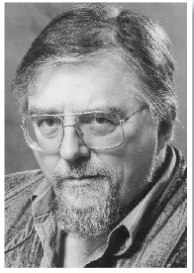
You can blame the European colonial powers for the last major redrawing of the borders in the region in 1918-20, after the collapse of the Ottoman empire. The new borders paid little heed to the ethnic and religious boundaries of the various local communities, creating new territorial grievances on top of all the old ones.

But then the Ottoman empire had erred in the opposite direction, assigning people to their specific religious group regardless of where they live in that vast domain (which at one time extended from Morocco to Crimea). You were even expected to wear the headgear associated with your particular religious identity.

The West embarked on the project of creating national identities that rose above the particulars of ethnicity, religion and sometimes even language (Switzerland, Canada, Belgium) at least five centuries ago, and it's still a work in progress.

The Middle East only set out down the same road about one century ago, and even today the project doesn't command majority support beyond the cities in most countries. This doesn't mean the region has to wade through another four centuries of bloodshed to get there, but it will take at least another couple of generations.

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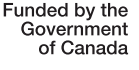

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COMMUNITY VOICES

Monthly Message: All the Arts, All the Time, For All the Kids

When we founded Streams Community Hub, we had a simple but powerful vision: to create a safe, welcoming space where children and youth could explore their creativity, discover their potential, and build confidence through the arts.

In our community, kids who love sports have plenty of opportunities to get involved, but we noticed that for those whose passions leaned toward the arts, options were far more limited. There was no real place for them to come alive creatively, to find a sense of belonging, or to develop their artistic talents. That's why we started Streams.

What We Do

Streams is a charitable arts organization that provides accessible, high-quality arts programs in theatre, music, visual arts, digital media, and creative writing for children and youth, regardless of financial background.



We started in 2017, running programs in rented school spaces during school breaks, with a vision to one day offer consistent, year-round access to the arts. That vision took a big step forward in 2022 when we moved into our own facility, allowing us to expand into after-school programs, weekend workshops, and special community events.

Today, young people can sing, act, paint, write, design, and create in a space designed just for them. From our Sing Club, where students write and record their own music, to the Word of Mouth Monologue Competition, which gives youth the chance to perform their own stories on stage, ev-

ery program is designed to inspire, empower, and give kids the confidence to take creative risks.

Why It Matters

The arts do more than spark creativity—they help children develop critical thinking, self-expression, teamwork, and resilience. For some, it's a pathway to a future career. For others, it's simply a much-needed outlet to feel a sense of belonging and purpose.

The idea behind Streams is rooted in the "third space" concept—a place outside of home and school where young people can connect, create, and grow. Third spaces strengthen communities by providing an environment where kids feel safe, supported, and seen. Whether they're picking up a paintbrush, stepping onto a stage, or learning to edit video content, they're finding a place where their ideas are valued and their voices matter.

Looking Ahead

We're excited about the future. This year, we're growing our reach with even more programs, special events, and partnerships to ensure every child in our community has the opportunity to experience the arts.

Want to get involved?

One of the best ways to support our work is by becoming a monthly donor. Your contribution—big or small—helps us keep programs accessible and ensures that all kids have the opportunity to discover their creativity.

We're thrilled to be part of the Community Voice series, and we look forward to sharing more stories, reflections, and updates with you each month.

Thank you for being part of our journey—we can't wait to see what we create together.

Shelburne Polar Plunge rescheduled for end of month due to extreme weather

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A winter storm may have put a delay on the annual Shelburne Polar Plunge, but participants will still be going ahead with the cold dunk at the end of the month.

The 2025 Shelburne Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Ontario has been rescheduled for March 30 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Shelburne Fairgrounds, located at 377 William Street. The event was originally slated for Feb. 17.

"On a provincial level, the plunge is the largest fundraiser for Special Olympics Ontario and it's about raising funds in a fun way," said Const. Jeff McLean, organizer of the annual event.

The Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Ontario is an annual fundraiser that sees community members "freezin' for a reason" by jumping into a cold body of water to raise money to support Special Olympics athletes.

The money raised through the event assists the athletes in several ways, such as training and purchasing uniforms.

According to Special Olympics Ontario – Dufferin, there are more than 50 athletes registered locally, who participate in sport clubs year-round.

The local chapter of Special Olympics Ontario offers seven sports for athletes to participate in – track and field, basketball,

bocce, curling, snowshoeing, softball and swimming.

Last year, the Shelburne Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Ontario saw close to 80 "plungers" take part in the event and raised over \$18,000 for Special Olympics Ontario.

At the time of print, the 2025 local fundraising efforts for Special Olympics Ontario have garnered nearly \$20,000 in donations.

"Everybody enjoys seeing people uncomfortable doing the plunge and it gives the community the opportunity to come out and witness something they may not want to partake in, but know is a great avenue for raising funds," said McLean.

On the day of the Polar Plunge, spectators and participants are recommended to use the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex (CDRC) parking lot to enter the event to keep the Fire Hall open for emergency vehicles.

The annual Polar Plunge will feature contests for "Best Individual Costume," "Best Team Costume," and "Best Athlete Costume," as well as the awarding of the "Frozen Belt," which is given to the plunger who raises the most donations.

Registration for the 2025 Shelburne Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Ontario begins at 1 p.m. at the Shelburne Fairgrounds. Registration can also be completed online ahead of the event by visiting soopolarplunge.crowdfunder.ca.



FILE PHOTO

COOL DIP: Area residents will be taking a cold dunk to raise money for Special Olympics at the annual Shelburne Polar Plunge is taking place at the end of the month. The event was scheduled for Feb. 17 but due to poor weather, it was rescheduled for March 30 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Shelburne Fairgrounds.

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SPORTS

Junior C hockey starts semi-final round throughout Ontario

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

Junior C hockey has moved into the semi-final round of division championships after completing the quarter-finals that knocked out half of the teams in the Provincial Junior Hockey League.

There are now 32 teams playing in eight divisions.

In the North Carruthers Division, four teams remain in the quest to claim the 2025 Division Championship.

The first-place Allison Hornets are up against the fourth-place Penetang Kings.

The Hornets eliminated the last-place Muskoka Bears in the quarter-final round in a series that went four games.

It wasn't much of a contest. The Bears managed to win only 6 games all season and two of those games were from shoot-outs.

The Hornets out-scored the Bears 39-3 over that series.

The Kings won their quarter-final over the Huntsville Otters in a series that went the full seven games and wrapped up with a 5-4 Penetang overtime win on March 5.

In the other Carruthers Division quarter-final, the second-place Orillia Terriers are up against the third-place Stayner Siskins.

Orillia eliminated the Midland Flyers in the quarter-final round in a four-game sweep that ended on March 1, with a 6-3 win in the final game.

The Siskins won their quarter-final series over the Innisfil Spartans in a contest that went five games and ended on March 3 with a 5-3 Stayner win on home ice.

In the semi-final round, the Hornets are leading Penetang 2-0.

The Alliston squad won Game One on Fri-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

ENTERING FINALS: Junior C hockey in the province has now moved into the semi-final round of playoffs. Four teams are remaining in the North Carruthers Division. The Alliston Hornets take on the Penetang Kings in the opening game of their best-of-seven semi-final. The Hornets won this game 3-2.

day, March 7, leaving the ice with a 3-2 win.

They followed up with a 6-1 win in Game Two on Penetang home ice on Monday, March 10.

That series returned to Alliston on Wednesday, March 12, with results not available at press time.

The Stayner versus Orillia series was tied

1-1 after the weekend.

Game Three of that series was scheduled for Wednesday, March 12 in Orillia with results not available at press time.

Orangeville Blitz management announces early end to season in the Ontario Super Hockey League

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

Orangeville Blitz management has announced that the local senior hockey team will not continue with the rest of the season.

The Ontario Super Hockey League is now entering the playoffs.

The Blitz led the COSHL Division with a 15-6 record.

In a statement released on Feb. 25, Blitz management said, "We are writing to formally announce that the Orangeville Blitz we be resigning from participation in the playoffs and the Ontario Super Hockey League effective immediately."

The remaining teams in the COSHL division will continue to battle it out for the division championship.

The remaining teams include Madoc, Trent Hills, Richmond Hill, and The Country.

Eight teams in the League's WOSHL division have also started playoffs.

"Since taking over the team in late 2023, this journey has been filled with both triumphs and challenges that have shaped our organization," the statement said. "Our transition from the Western Ontario Senior Hockey League (WOSHL) to the Central Ontario Senior Hockey League (COSHL) was a pivotal step, bringing new opportunities for growth and development. Through

"While this marks the end of one chapter, it also signals the beginning of an exciting new era. We are thrilled to share that, starting with the 2025-26 season, we will be making changes that will position our team for continued success in a new league."

Orangeville Blitz team management

hard work and dedication, we transformed this team from a last-place finish in 2023-24 to winning the inaugural COSHL League Championship this year—an achievement we are incredibly proud of."

Team management did not give a reason as to why the team decided to step away before the end of the season, however, the statement indicates they did not like the direction the league was taking.

"After careful evaluation of the league's direction and our own future goals, we have determined that it is in the best interest of

the Orangeville Blitz to respectfully step away from the OSHL. While this marks the end of one chapter, it also signals the beginning of an exciting new era. We are thrilled to share that, starting with the 2025-26 season, we will be making changes that will position our team for continued success in a

new league."

Blitz management said they will continue to be an active part of the community, and will announce what the team's plans will be in the future once that is determined.

This was only the Blitz's second season as a senior team in Orangeville.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

PLAYOFF LOSS: Hockey playoffs are underway across the province. The Shelburne Timber Wolves U21 A Team played the Walkerton Capitals on the ice at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex on Friday, March 7. The Wolves had to settle for a 2-1 loss in this game.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

VIENNA BROWN

Playing hockey for ten years, and a goalie since she was seven years old, Centre Dufferin District High School Royals goalie Vienna Brown brings a lot of experience to the ice.

"I like the friends I make and the joy of winning. Just playing brings me so much joy," Vienna said of why likes playing the sport.

Vienna got the shut-out for the CDDHS team as a Grade 9 player when they won the District 4 championship.

Vienna says she plans to continue playing with the team through her high school career.

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'Life in the Country' exhibition at MoD showcases talented photographers

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The 'Life in the Country' juried photography exhibition currently on display in the Silo Gallery at the Museum of Dufferin platformed the work of many talented photographers in the region.

The Museum held a well-attended opening reception and awards presentation at the gallery on Saturday, March 8.

A call went out for photographers to sub-

mit their best work for the show and the Museum received a huge response from people wanting to enter a photo.

"The application process started in late January," explained exhibit curator Sarah Robinson. "We had over 500 submissions. We were really surprised – we were not expecting that many submissions. We had two local photographers who are exceptional in their field and exceptional in their careers, as jurors. They had the difficult task of narrowing it down to 30 entries."

There were several categories in which to submit photos. The show featured categories like portraits, animals, landscapes, and farming. All submissions were based on a rural theme, showing life in the region.

"We wanted to show the nuances of life in the country," Robinson said. "There's a lot of different ways to interpret it. Once we did the jury process, we printed out the photographs and everyone filled out their own description. That was equally important because they were talking about what inspired their photograph and why they felt their photograph reflected 'Life in the Country.' The photographs were judged on quality, technique, and



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

OVERALL WINNER: Dorothee Cosack's photo was awarded Best Overall in the Museum of Dufferin's 'Life in the Country' juried photography exhibition, on now in the Silo Gallery.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

YOUTH WINNER: The Museum of Dufferin is currently hosting the 'Life in the Country' juried photography exhibition in its Silo Gallery. Over 500 photographers submitted photos. Abby Devuono-Fraser was awarded the top prize in the youth division of the juried show.

originality, and also the description and what inspired them."

The photographs were all submitted digitally. The top 30 were printed out.

The photographs are all displayed in the Museum's Silo Gallery.

The Museum has held photo competitions in the past. The last competition was held in 2017 during the country's 150th anniversary,

with the theme 'My Canada.'

"Because we haven't held a photo competition for a few years, we decided to see what would happen and see if anyone is interested in it, and then we had most submissions we ever had," Robinson said. "There was an emphasis on photography in Dufferin."

The 'Life the Country' exhibit will be in the MoD Silo Gallery until May 31.

Documentary on the Northmen lacrosse organization to premiere at the Opera House

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

After four years of filming, editing, and putting it all together, a film about the history of lacrosse in Orangeville will premiere at the Orangeville Opera House in July.

The Northmen Way takes an inside look at the Orangeville Northmen with league highlights, history, game footage, and interviews with players both past and present, coaches and executives.

The film's producers, Jacob and Zach Thompson, are experienced filmmakers as well as former Northmen players.

The main theme of the film is the drive behind supporting a local sports group and what makes it possible.

There is a focus on volunteerism, the importance of local sponsorship, and former players giving back to the organization.

From a small town beginning to being voted the #1 Lacrosse Town in the World, Orangeville is known worldwide and the Northmen have gained a legendary reputation in the sport.

In addition to an outstanding minor program, Orangeville has three Junior-level teams that have produced players who went

on to have successful collegiate and professional careers in lacrosse around North America.

All this exciting history is covered in the film.

"The community support that happens to also be a backbone of Northmen's success for decades, is also what has made this film possible," the Thompson brothers said. "We're looking for sponsors for the final post-production push, for event sponsors, and for volunteers. Backers will be promoted throughout the film's marketing, on our

website, and will live forever in the film's credits. It's been a labour of love for our @bumpyroadproductions team and the many amazing people who have continued to help along the way. We can't wait for you to see it!"

There will be showings of the film throughout the weekend, which will be shared with festivities of the Northmen Alumni Golf Tournament and Minor Lacrosse 'Northmen Day.'

The film will be shown at the Orangeville Opera House on July 3 to 6.

Ticket information is coming soon.



STOCK PHOTO

As snowmobile trails close, OPP thanks local snowmobile community

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

The Ontario Provincial Police recently issued a statement regarding snowmobile trails in Dufferin County officially closing for the season.

"We want to thank the Dufferin Drift Busters, Orangeville Snowmobile Club, and Hill-sburgh Snow Roamers for their hard work in maintaining the trails and providing an excellent experience for riders this winter," said Dufferin OPP in a press release on March 11.

"Please respect the landowners and stay off the trails until they reopen next season. Additionally, the rail line trail is also closed and will reopen for ATV use on May 1, 2025, weather permitting. There is still a large amount of snow on the rail line, so we will need to wait for it to melt before the trail can be safely opened."

Throughout the snowmobile season, Dufferin OPP officers took the opportunity to conduct RIDE spot checks and radar enforcement, helping to keep the trails safe and promoting responsible riding.

"In addition, officers engaged with local snowmobile enthusiasts during their RIDE spot checks, fostering positive relationships with the community," said Dufferin OPP's media release. "We appreciate the support and cooperation from the snowmobile community in this regard."

The release added, "We look forward to another great season next year and the upcoming ATV season in May."

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Decades of art 'unleashed' at Town Hall Art Gallery until end of month

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Three decades of art is being "unleashed" into Shelburne Town Hall for spectators to see.

The Shelburne Town Hall Art Gallery recently opened its latest exhibit, "Art Unleashed," featuring the works of award-winning mixed media artist and marketer Anthony Fenech of Fenech Designs.

"It's exciting for sure and I appreciate the interest," said Fenech, who resides in Grand Valley, about the opening of the show. "When you do an art show or a showcase of your abilities it creates such a sense of vulnerability that can be stressful but also rewarding. It's a bit of a roller coaster to put yourself out there and you can't hide behind anything."

The exhibit displays nearly three decades of Fenech's accumulated work and is aptly called an "unleashing" with countless pieces of multi-media art showcased in the space.

Fenech has worked as a professional

artist for over 30 years and is known for his diverse artistic practice that spans a wide range of mediums including signage design, carving, graphic design, painting, photography, videography, and web design.

His artistic career started in high school at the age of 16, when he began drawing portraits and selling framed finished pieces. From there he delved into photography and eventually became a professional videographer at 18 years old.

"Drawing was so tedious, meticulous and detailed and the return took a while, but with a photo I felt I could do a little quicker and get more gratification by turning more out," explained Fenech.

Fenech's drive to expand his artistic knowledge continued to grow, taking him into avenues of digital print, graphic design, and web design.

The exhibit at Shelburne Town Hall marks a milestone in Fenech's career, being the first official showcasing of his work in a gallery.

Some of Fenech's favourite pieces showcased in the exhibit include a cedar carv-

ing of a seahorse, affectionally referred to as "Cecil"; a scaled down version of a 15-foot mural of the Uptown Movie Theatre, which he was commissioned to paint at Alder Arena in Orangeville; and a wearable wooden bowtie he sports on special occasions.

"I am not one for repetition, no two pieces are the same," said Fenech.

"Art Unleashed" will be on display at the Shelburne Town Hall Art Gallery until March 28.

The exhibit is open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

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UNLEASHED: Local artist and marketer Anthony Fenech launched an exhibit of his work at the Shelburne Town Hall Art Gallery on March 10, titled "Art Unleashed". The exhibit features pieces of work spanning his 30 year artistic career and showcases his exploration of multi-media including drawings, digital art, murals, photography, and wood working. "Art Unleashed" will be on display in the Shelburne Town Hall until March 28.



Dufferin police issue warning on fraud trends impacting residents in the region

The Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is issuing a warning to residents about ongoing fraudulent activities in Dufferin County.

Fraudulent schemes are becoming more prevalent, and it is important to remain vigilant.

Here are some common fraud types currently circulating in the area:

Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) Scams/Fraud

- The caller claims to be a CRA agent.
- You may be told that you have outstanding balances or owe taxes from previous years, or that there is an issue with your social insurance number.
- The caller will request your personal information and may threaten arrest if you don't comply immediately.

Bank Scams/Fraud

- The caller pretends to be a bank official.
- You may be asked to help with a local bank investigation.
- The caller will request that you withdraw money from your personal account to assist in the so-called investigation.
- The caller may ask to meet in a private location to obtain the cash.

Emergency Scams/Fraud:

- The caller impersonates a loved one claiming to be in an emergency.
- The caller may pose as a police officer or lawyer representing your loved one and urgently requests financial help.

Romance Scams/Fraud

- Suspects use social media or dating platforms to create fake profiles and establish quick, emotional connections.
- They work hard to gain your trust, ultimately asking for money with broken promises in return.

Contractor Scams/Fraud

- The contractor requests large deposits upfront and may promise the world while refusing to pull the necessary permits.
- The contractor may claim that additional funds are required to start or complete the job.
- The contractor may offer "great deals" on leftover materials from another job, pressuring you to pay more or the Ontario Provincial Police.

Residence Location Scams/Fraud

- The scammer may contact you with photos of your residence, stating that they know

where you live and can see your property.

- This tactic is designed to intimidate and manipulate you into responding or taking action.

- Important: Do not click on any links in unsolicited emails or messages, especially if you are not 100% certain that they are legitimate.

Scammers are also using deceptive phone calls to mislead people into sharing personal information or making fraudulent payments.

Fraudulent callers are using spoofing technology to manipulate caller ID information, making it appear as though a local number, business or government agency is calling. The scammers goal is to create a false sense of trust and pressure the recipient into responding.

Many of these calls rely on Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) technology, which allows individuals to make calls over the Internet while disguising their real phone numbers.

Common Caller ID Spoofing Tactics

- Neighbouring: The caller ID is altered to match the first six digits of the recipient's phone number, making it seem like a local call.
- Mirroring: The recipient's own phone number appears on the caller ID to encourage

them to answer.

- Impersonation: The caller ID is changed to appear as a trusted organization, such as a financial institution, police service or government agency.

How to Protect Yourself

- Don't trust caller ID: Numbers can be manipulated to appear legitimate.
- Let unknown calls go to voicemail: If it's important, the caller will leave a message.
- Never provide personal or financial information: Legitimate businesses and government agencies will not ask for sensitive details over the phone.
- Hang up and verify: If unsure, contact the organization directly using a phone number from its official website.
- Report suspicious calls: Contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501 or report online via the Fraud Reporting System.

Dufferin OPP is urging residents to be cautious and skeptical of unsolicited calls, messages, or requests for money. Always verify the legitimacy of any individual or company before making financial commitments.

For more information or to report suspicious activity, please contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501 or the Ontario Provincial Police at 1-888-310-1122.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO EXPROPRIATE LAND

Form 2

Expropriations Act, R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 363

IN THE MATTER OF an application by the Upper Grand District School Board for approval to expropriate the following land:

Fee Simple: All Right, Title and Interest in the land

Part of PIN 34108-0068 (LT)

Part of Lot 9, Concession 7 East of Hurontario Street, Part 1 on Registered Plan 7R-2750, Township of Mulmur, County of Dufferin, and more particularly identified as Part 1 on the attached reference plan dated December 5, 2024.

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(b) in the case of an owner who is not a registered owner, within thirty days after the first publication of the notice.

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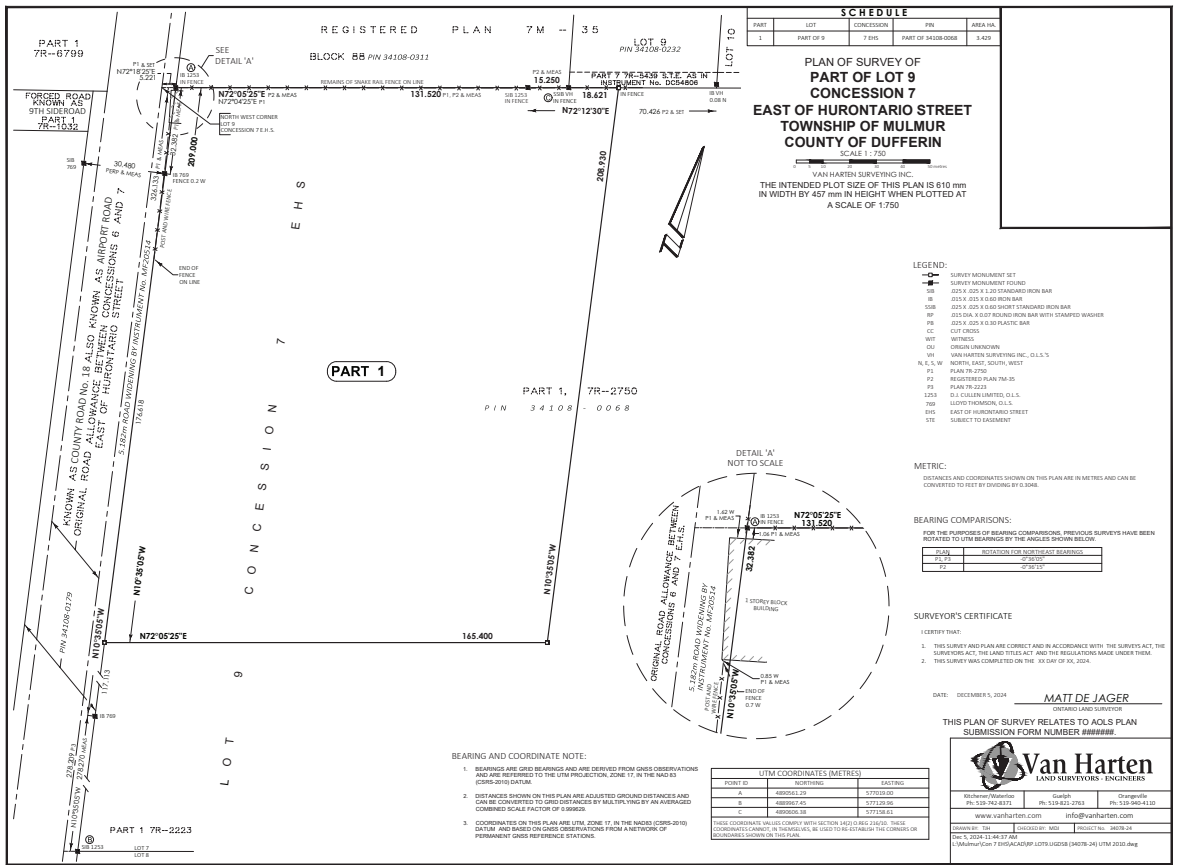
Name of expropriating authority:

Upper Grand District School Board

Peter Sovran, Director of Education and CEO
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Shelburne Public Library shares upcoming events, recommended read

Upcoming Events

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Seedy Saturday: The countdown for our

Seedy Saturday event is on! On Saturday, March 22, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., you'll be able to stop by the library and select five packages of seeds to kick-start your growing season.

You'll also be able to connect with many other community partners interested in growing and food scarcity, like representatives from the Town of Shelburne's Community Garden, members of the Shelburne

& District Horticultural Society, volunteers from the Shelburne Food Bank, Jen from the Erin Seed Lending Library, and more.

Our Seed Library is still seeking donations – help our seed library grow by donating spare, viable seeds! 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.

Recommended read

The Newfoundland Lunch Party by Sonia Day: The Sisters of the Soil meet up again for fun times and good food – this time in Newfoundland – where Hannah, from the U.K., makes an extraordinary find outside Rhodo's saltbox house by the sea. She insists it's worth a fortune. But is she

right? The Sisters dig around for the truth – with shocking consequences. Along the way, they get to sample some traditional Newfoundland dishes (recipes are included in the book) and explore a wild, beautiful part of Canada which may contain an exciting secret.

Why Rose recommends it: What a surprising gem of a book. The Sisters of the Soil are avid gardeners from all over the world; though not related by blood, their interest in gardening and common circumstances bring them together like family. Each Sister of the Soil is unique and we get a glimpse into her life (and garden!) which is a treat as winter seemed determined to stay for us.

You have the chance to meet the author, Sonia Day, at our next Coffee, Conversation & Books event on Wednesday, April 16 at 7 p.m. in Grand Valley. Details to follow.

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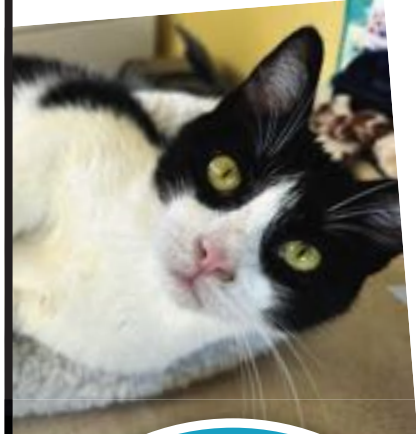
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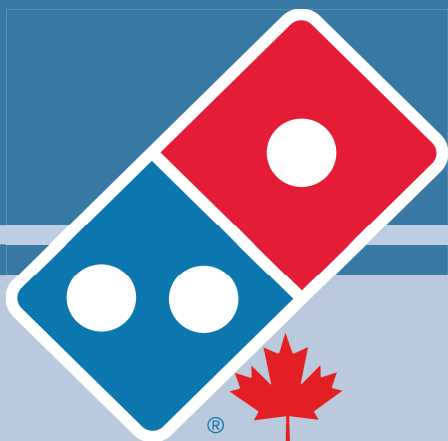
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