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**NEW LEADER:** Shelburne and District Fire Department has welcomed veteran firefighter David Pratt as the new fire chief of the local department. Pratt officially took on the position of fire chief of the Shelburne and District Fire Department on Sept. 23. See full story on page 5.

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## Shelburne girl to be featured in upcoming TVO Kids show

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Shelburne residents young and old will need to set a reminder to turn on their televisions on Tuesday (Oct. 15) as one of Shelburne's very own makes her silver screen appearance in a new TV series geared towards teaching youth about the trades.

Akeylah James, a 13-year-old Shelburne resident, will be co-hosting an upcoming show on TVO Kids called "Trading Skills."

"Trading Skills" follows co-hosts Akeylah and Brody as they tackle a unique challenge in each episode. With the guidance of their friend Anna, they head out to meet skilled trades professionals who share their expertise with them. The duo then returns to their maker space to apply what they've learned and solve the problem using practical, hands-on skills.

The series, geared towards children aged 6 to 9, aims to introduce young viewers to the world of skilled trades, sparking early interest in hands-on careers. The show highlights a wide range of trades to showcase opportunities within the trades field.

"I didn't know anything about the trades at the beginning of this, but now I've experienced a whole bunch. It's really cool now that I get to teach other kids about the trades and I think it's really important that we get more people into them," said James.

Filming for the show began at the end of March and over the months, James has travelled to different communities in the Toronto area as well as Thornbury, Meaford and Sudbury.

"Sudbury was really cool because there's this museum that has a mine experience with all the things you'd find in a real mine and learning opportunities along the path. It was one of my most favourite places," said James.

Trades featured in the show include ironworker, Porsche auto technician, mining millwright, chocolatier, dairy herdsman, chef, arborist, steamfitter, cabinetmaker, fruit grower, horticulturist, hairstylist, elevator repair technician, and welder.

"I'm excited for them to learn about all the different types of trades there are, because I didn't even know there were so many and there's even more we haven't covered in the show," said James. "I want them to learn that you can do this for a living and see that it's such a cool career path."

Speaking with the Free Press, James said her favourite trade skill to experience during filming has been dairy herding and arborist.

"I got to take care of cows, do the automatic milking machine and also feed some newborn baby cows at the end of the episode," recalled James. "I love trees and being an arborist is all about taking care of



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**LOCAL STAR:** 13-year-old Shelburne resident, Akeylah James will be hosting a new TV show on TVO Kids called, "Trading Skills," set to premiere on Oct. 15. The concept of the show follows Akeylah and her co-host Brody as they learn about the different skilled trades.

trees so we pruned the trees and made sure they were healthy, and there was this whole park full of trees, called an arboretum – that was really fun."

The television series consists of 26 episodes with each spanning around 11 minutes long.

"Trading Skills" will premiere on Oct. 15 on all TVO Kids channels.



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# Newly renovated hemodialysis unit opens at Headwaters Health Care Centre

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Patients receiving hemodialysis treatments at Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) will now have more comfort with the recent completion of a newly renovated hemodialysis unit.

The local hospital unveiled the renovated hemodialysis unit, located in the Ambulatory Care Centre wing of Headwaters, on Friday (Oct. 4).

“We recognize the need for a more comfortable, efficient and welcoming environment to our patients. Our goal is to enhance the experience for everyone who walk through these doors; patients, family, staff and physicians alike,” said Tania Alexander, manager of Ambulatory Care and Mental Health and Addictions. “These improvements are not just cosmetic. They reflect our ongoing commitment to patient centered care. We believe that a positive environment directly contributes to better health outcomes.”

Hemodialysis is a treatment that filters the blood of a person whose kidneys are not working normally. Hemodialysis treatments are life-sustaining for patients with end-stage kidney disease. Since treatments take up to four hours and are required three times per week in a specialized treatment chair, patient comfort is a priority.

Construction on the renovated hemodialysis unit began at the start of the year. Key features of the renovated hemodialysis unit include:

- A return to its original location on the hospital’s main level within the Ambulatory Care wing. The unit will have direct access from a patient drop-off area adjacent to the hospital
- The capacity to expand to nine stations,

capable of treating up to 54 patients annually. To support the longer-term needs of the community, the unit will also have the capacity for a future expansion to 12 active stations that will serve up to 72 patients in total

- New reverse osmosis water treatment system for water purification and a technical workroom to support monitoring and maintenance of the water treatment system and the hemodialysis machines

- New medications room with a workstation for pharmacists, a nursing station with a direct line of sight to all treatment stations, and an in-floor scale, designed to be level with the floor to ensure both safety and ease of use for patients

- New ergonomic treatment chairs with customizable features for each patient such as power recline, side tables, retractable footrests and customizable lighting

Frank Walterhouse, a hemodialysis patient at Headwaters Hospital for 16 years, was at the unveiling of the new unit, representing patients who will be regularly using it.

“As you can imagine, I’ve seen a lot of changes and this is by far the best change I’ve seen. It’s wonderful to be here in this new, bright beautiful permanent space,” said Walterhouse.

During the renovation process, the patients of the hemodialysis unit were included in many of the design choices. They helped select the chairs, which have heating and massage options, the paint colour, photographic window film, and the location of many items within the department.

“This means a lot to us because we spend so much of our time here,” said Walterhouse. “This may seem like a small issue to a lot of people, but to us patients who spend three times a week, four hours at a time here, it’s



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

**NEW UNIT:** Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) unveiled its new Hemodialysis Unit, located in the Ambulatory Care Centre wing, on Friday (Oct. 4). Frank Walterhouse (centre) has been a hemodialysis patient for 16 years and was among the group of patients who helped make design choices in the unit, including the chairs they sit in while receiving treatment.

very nice to be included.”

According to Headwaters Hospital, there are currently 36 patients who are treated in the hemodialysis unit regularly.

The renovation to the hemodialysis unit is, in part, due to the growing need projected to occur in the community in the near future.

Headwaters said with the completion of the renovation, the unit is able to treat up to 54 patients with current staffing but has the capacity to treat up to 72 patients in the future.

The renovation to the hemodialysis unit cost \$3.6 million and was completely funded by community donations through the Smart

Headwaters campaign.

“This unit is another testament to the powerful impact that philanthropic support from our community has on the exceptional care provided here at Headwaters,” said K.C. Carruthers, CEO of Headwaters Health Care Foundation. “Most donations that come to the hospital foundation are from individuals and families in the community who have been touched by the care provided here, and they give for a couple of reasons. They give out of gratitude for the care they or their loved ones have received, and they give to ensure the health care team here has the vital equipment and space they need to continue providing excellent care close to home.”

# Community groups share concerns over Fiddle Park revitalization project

## Pickin’ in the Park, Haunt in the Park may need cancel in 2025

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Organizers from two well-known local events are speaking out about Shelburne council’s decision to revitalize Fiddle Park as their plans to host events are thrown into limbo for 2025.

Organizers from Pickin’ in the Park and Haunt in the Park submitted letters to Shelburne Town Council on Monday (Oct. 7), expressing their concerns about the

Fiddle Park redevelopment and asking the Town to reconsider.

The Little family, who operate the annual Halloween-themed event, known as Haunt in the Park, requested that Council consider their proposal to have the 2025 construction contained to the south side of the pavilion to allow access for the public and volunteers on the north side.

The Little family noted that parking for patrons could be moved to the back field by the dog park and a fenced walkway

could be erected to limit access to the construction zone.

“This would allow us to put the Haunt on safely, on dry footing, utilizing already open areas of the park,” wrote the Little family. “[This would cause] minimal disruption to either the plans the Town of Shelburne has for construction, and to our event that brings in so much to the Town.”

The Haunt in the Park event originally began in 1993 when Bob and Sue Little and their three then-teenage children set up a haunted house on the porch of their First Avenue home. As the family moved homes

over the years, the event moved with them until they found its current home at Fiddle Park in 2015.

Preparing for the three-day haunting requires over 1,000 hours of construction and building displays spanning four weeks. On the nights of the haunts, more than 60 volunteers, consisting of family, neighbours, students and community members dress up in characters to bring out screams and laughter for the community.

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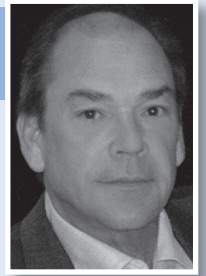
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# OPINION

## Don't shoot me, I'm only the piano player

BRIAN LOCKHART  
FROM THE SECOND ROW



"It's a hellova thing killing a man. You take away all he's got, and all he's ever gonna have."

That pretty much sums up Bill Munny's philosophy on murder in the 1992 film, *Unforgiven*.

Yes, killing a person does indeed take away everything.

There was a mass killing in South Africa a couple of weeks ago – 18 murdered. All shot dead.

The victims were all neighbours or relatives in two houses, side by side. They were gathering for a traditional ritual to mark the end of mourning for a mother and daughter, who were also murdered a year ago.

South Africa has already recorded almost 13,000 murders this year. In 2022, the country experienced more than 27,000 murders.

The country's Police Ministry claims that more than 53,000 suspects wanted for violent crimes, including murder, have been arrested in the last month.

Life – is cheap, in South Africa.

In Canada, your chances of being murdered by a stranger, are almost zero. Almost always, a murder is committed by a person who knew the victim, either closely, or through other con-

nections.

The country recorded 788 murders in 2021. Around a quarter of those were gang related. If you live by the sword, you die by the sword.

The homicide rate for Indigenous persons was six times higher than that of non-Indigenous victims.

There are around 100,000 victims of domestic violence every year, and about 90 people die annually at the hands of their abuser. That's no way to end a marriage, but it happens every week.

For the most part, you will feel safe in any Canadian city.

How do we stack up against other countries when it comes to violence?

Western Europe has the lowest murder rate in the world. Based on murder per 100,000 inhabitants, Italy, Belgium, Spain, France, Italy, Portugal, Austria, Netherlands, and Scotland, have very low homicide rates of just over one, to only .5 of population based on the 100,000 number.

On the other side of the world, a murder in Australia is a big deal. They have a rate of only .8, per 100,000 people.

By comparison, Canada's rate is around 2.2 – still very low on the world scale.

The U.S., which has a reputation for guns, both as a pastime and for mass shootings, has a rate that is actually pretty low, around 6.83.

From there, the statistics go up dramatically depending on what part of the world you live in.

Several countries in Africa are rated in the high mid-level to high range. Nigeria, Botswana, Eritrea, Eswatini, South Sudan, Lesotho, and Namibia, all have dangerous levels of yearly homicides.

When you look at Central and South America, the numbers are outright scary. In fact, so scary, I think any person would be nervous just going to the grocery store.

Jamaica has the second-highest murder rate in the world with a rate of 53 per 100,000 people. It is a country of around 2.7 million people, that had 1,508 murders in 2022. Compare that to the City of Toronto, with around the same population. Toronto had 57 murders in 2023, many of them gang-related.

Even the Bahamas with a population of around 450,000 recorded 128 murders.

In Central America, Belize, Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Honduras, had high rates from 19 up to 35 per 100,000. You probably don't want to do many outdoor activities in

Honduras.

Haiti's rate is over 40.

Even the larger countries in South America have a high rate of violence and killing.

While Chile, Paraguay, Argentina, and Bolivia, are relatively safe with ratings around 4 to 6 per 100,000, but their neighbours aren't so peaceful.

Mexico, which is still part of North America, has a rate of 26 per 100,000 – that's way too high for a modern country.

Columbia's rate is 25, with around 13,108 murders.

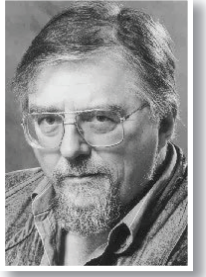
Brazil is not far behind, with a rate of just over 20, with over 44,000 murders per year.

I'm sure most of the people who live in Brazil or Columbia are decent hard working people who want to have a place to live, a decent job, and good life for their families. But it must be difficult in a place where violence is so common place.

The next time you are taking a stroll down the main street of your town, take a moment to appreciate the fact that you can do it freely without having to look over your shoulder or keep a pistol in your belt, just in case.

## Chinese commies at 75

GWYNNE DYER  
OUR WORLD TODAY



"No one can stop the wheel of history," said China's President Xi Jinping on the 75th anniversary of the day when the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) proclaimed the creation of the People's Republic of China. And the wheel is indeed still turning – but that may not be good news for the fourth-generation heirs of that revolution.

The 1950s was the time of peak Communism, when people still feared or hoped that it would spread across the whole world. That was never likely, however, and apart from Cuba and Vietnam it never spread any farther. The Soviet Union itself finally evaporated peacefully in 1991 at the age of 74, taking the rest of the European Communist regimes down with it.

At that point China suddenly became the world's oldest surviving Communist state – which had the same psychological impact on the CCP as losing one's own parents does to those in the middle generation. Suddenly your own generation is on the front-line, with personal extinction waiting for you down the road.

The Chinese Communist revolution was still only 42 years old in 1991, of course, but a chill wind began to blow as Party members realized that Communist regimes can be mortal too. From that time on, avoiding the fate of the Soviet Union has become the unwritten subtext of almost every major policy decision the CCP regime has made.

Inevitably, there were competing prescriptions for the best way to avoid that fate. By the middle 1990s two dominant strategies had emerged, espoused by two rival factions: the 'princelings,' who were the children and grandchildren of the founding revolutionary heroes, and the 'populists,' who had risen by merit.

Most 'populists' had grown up poor somewhere in the country's vast interior and were aware of the needs of vulnerable social groups like farmers, migrant workers and the urban poor. Their formula for outlasting the Soviet Union was a more generous welfare state, more open media, and more democracy within the Party.

Most of them came up through the Com-

munist Youth League and were known in Chinese as tuanpai ('the League faction').

The 'princelings,' by contrast, were born to privilege and rose easily upward through the ranks of the ruling party as they matured. They generally took a more authoritarian and centralizing approach to politics, and they regularly pointed out that it was Mikhail Gorbachev's attempt to 'reform' the Soviet Communist Party that precipitated its downfall.

However, in the nineties and the noughties (2000-2009) the Chinese economy was still growing very fast, and a choice between the rival strategies could easily be postponed. For almost three decades the two factions carefully shared power and never attacked each other in public. But then the economic miracle ran out of steam.

There was really nothing miraculous about China's 30 years of high-speed growth (10% a year). Most industrializing economies get that one-time bonus growth while the rural population migrates to the cities and provides emerging industries with almost limitless cheap labour.

Britain had that in 1850-1880, the United States in 1870-1900, Russia in 1920-1940 (cut short by the Second World War), and Japan in 1950-1980. It never lasts, and China's time was up by 2015.

Since then Beijing has been cooking the books to maintain the pretense of at least a 5 per cent growth rate, but the real growth rate is 2-3 per cent at best – and probably negative growth during the lockdown years.

The glory days are past, and the question of how to avoid the Soviet Union's fate must be faced squarely.

That's why the truce between the princelings and the populists was broken in 2012-2015, as Xi Jinping, the ultimate princeling, took over all the major offices of state: President of the Chinese People's Republic, General Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party, and Chairman of the Central Military Commission. It is decided: the future is authoritarian.

There's no surprise in that. The princelings were always a more cohesive faction, and 'reform' is seen as by most Chinese Communists as the gateway to oblivion. The question is whether repression can be a successful long-term strategy, especially when the economy is no longer growing fast and the population is going into decline.

We can't really estimate the likely longevity of the kind of high-tech total surveillance state that Xi Jinping is building in China now, because it's a new thing in history. It's more ambitious than any previous experiment in controlling human behaviour, and if it works then the regime could turn out to be immortal.

On the other hand, you just have to write that sentence down to realize how implausible it is. The Old Hundred Names have seen off a dozen other dynasties and countless invaders; they're probably not finished yet.

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# New fire chief starts role at Shelburne Fire Department

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Shelburne has welcomed a new Fire Chief to the Shelburne and District Fire Department (SDFD) as the Fire Board hires veteran firefighter David Pratt to take leadership of local fire services.

"I'm very excited to take on the role and from what I've been able to gather in my short time, the staff here are a very dedicated and well-trained group," said Pratt speaking with the Free Press. "It's been very busy, but exciting to be here and I'm looking forward to learning a lot and progressing the fire department."

Pratt is stepping into the role as Shelburne's third full-time fire chief, an experience that is not unknown to him, having previously served in the position at three other fire departments.

A more than 25-year veteran, Pratt started his career in firefighting in 1998 as a volunteer at the Halton Hills Fire Department in Acton, before taking a full-time position in 2000.

"There was a sign outside the station that said they were looking for volunteer firefighters and I thought what a great way to meet people," recalled Pratt. "Back then we did everything. I worked in communications in the call center, I worked as a fire prevention officer, a public educator, trainer, and when the tones went off; as a first responder to incidents. I got educated in every aspect about the fire department very early on."

After becoming a full-time firefighter, Pratt stayed with the Town of Halton until 2008 before moving to the City of Milton Fire Department, where he served eight years as deputy fire chief and two years as fire chief.

Since 2020, Pratt has held various positions at fire departments across the province and country including deputy fire marshal in Nunavut, deputy fire chief in North Battleford Saskatchewan and deputy fire chief as well as fire chief in Kenora, Ont.

"I've been around a while and had a few stops on the way; it's the best job in the

world. I love the fire services and the people in it," said Pratt.

While having decades of experience in volunteer-based fire departments, one major aspect of the Shelburne and District Fire Department that differs from Pratt's previous positions is the fact that the local department is operated by a fire board.

The Shelburne and District Fire Department is a volunteer-based department that serves the communities of Amaranth, Melancthon, Mono, Mulmur and Shelburne. The department consists of one full-time fire chief, one volunteer deputy fire chief and 28 volunteer firefighters.

The fire department is operated by the Shelburne District Fire Board, which is made up of two members from each of the surrounding communities for a total of 10 members.

"Shelburne is quite a unique experience for me because you report to a fire board... I'm used to municipal government reporting to the CAO, mayor and council. We're also in a county where the various munic-

ipalities are serviced by seven different fire departments," said Pratt. "There's certainly some opportunity to learn and be involved in thing I've never been involved in."

As he takes over as fire chief, Pratt said his main priorities in the coming months will be focused on administrative processes, including making sure the staff and volunteers have up-to-date training and certification in line with the provincial mandates. He'll also be working with the surrounding municipalities and other fire chiefs to update and establish regulating bylaws.

Pratt will also continue with the local department's public safety education efforts.

"I think my knowledge, skills and abilities that I have in my history will align with the services we provide here," said Pratt. "Public education is the first line of defense and if you can get out and educate the public to prevent bad things from happening, that's every fire chief's goal."

Pratt officially took over as the new Fire Chief of the Shelburne and District Fire Department on Sept. 23.

# Community groups share concerns over Fiddle Park revitalization's impact

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Last year, Haunt in the Park celebrated the 30th anniversary of the Halloween attraction and saw a historic number of attendees at the event with over 3,000 visitors. As a result, the Little family began investigating the possibility of expanding the event to include another weekend.

"There is no other venue in Shelburne that can accommodate the scale and participation that our event encompasses," said Carola Little, an organizer for the Haunt in the Park. "Whether or not we would ever be able to add an extra weekend isn't even the point anymore. It's whether or not we can put on an event at all."

Speaking with the Free Press, Little said they were given two options from the Town of Shelburne to help relocate the Halloween event, which included using the cattle shelter at the Fairgrounds or putting up a tent in the back half of Fiddle Park.

"Both options that they've presented have grass as a base and 3,000 people through a space in October with rain, sleet and snow on grass is just a disaster waiting to happen. We rely on having the pavilion here at Fiddle Park as an option for us," she said.

Pickin' in the Park organizers, Greg and

Heather Holmes, requested in their letter to Council that the \$40,000 donated to the Town of Shelburne in July to have the floor of the pavilion cemented be refunded due to "non disclosure" about the usage of the space in 2025.

"Needless to say, the representatives, volunteers and attendees of Pickin' in the Park felt betrayed [and] misled that their donation of \$40,000, which was given in good faith, would not now benefit the continuation of this event," the Holmes' family wrote in their letter to Council.

Pickin' in the Park is an annual open mic country music festival started by local residents Greg and Heather Holmes in 2013. The couple started the music event after attending similar ones outside of the community and decided to create a festival for any musician to take the stage.

Since the inception of the music festival, the event has raised over \$170,000 to bring improvements to Fiddle Park, including the existing pavilion.

The biggest factor with the decommissioning of the Fiddle Park pavilion and the trailer dump station usage in 2025 for Pickin' in the Park will be finding a space to accommodate their needs. Each year, the event sees around 600 attendees with roughly 200 of them being campers.

"We have literally been kicked out. They think that we can maybe work on a half of the park, but we bring in 200 trailers and it won't work for us at all. With the new construction there is no place to put us," said Holmes.

Without the usage of Fiddle Park, the Holmes are in the midst of making a few decisions for 2025, including whether the event could move to another location in town, moving the event outside of the community, or just cancelling it altogether.

"Everything worked perfectly for years and now we're basically starting over again," said Holmes.

In 2021 and 2022, the Town of Shelburne launched an online community survey to gather input from residents on specific activities and programs they would like to see as part of the revitalization project of Fiddle Park.

According to the Fiddle Park Plan, a total of 481 participants responded to the online survey in 2021 and a total of 113 participants gave feedback in 2022.

The Town of Shelburne has a population 8,994, according to 2021 census data.

Three concept options were developed for the project based on community input from the survey.

Components of the draft plan present-

ed to council on June 2023 included a multi-functional trail with all-season usage such as walking and biking as well as skating. It also included an amphitheatre, pavilion, playground, multi-use court, community plaza, memorial forest and enhanced parking lot.

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

"As far as the project plans, some of them might have worked with us, but this one is the worst one for us; it puts us right out because we have no room for camping," said Holmes.

Little added that while they're also concerned for the future of the events as organizers, they're not completely against the revitalization project as a whole going forward.

"It's not that we have a problem with them wanting to do things out there at the park, we would just be encouraging the consideration of leaving it a somewhat flexible space instead of closing it in so tight that we wouldn't have many options, going forward for other events," concluded Little.

"The parks got to change and a few things have to be added, but I think they're getting a little overboard on their plans," said Holmes.



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# Victim of armed robbery at gas station shot, faces life-threatening injuries

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

An armed robbery at a gas station in Amaranth earlier this week has resulted in life-threatening injuries for one individual.

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is now requesting the public's assistance with their investigation into the shooting and robbery.

A masked individual entered an Esso gas station on County Road 109 in Amaranth with a firearm at roughly 11:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 7. OPP officers then responded to a report of the incident around 11:40 p.m.

"The individual discharged the firearm during the robbery and a victim sustained a life-threatening injury," said Dufferin OPP in a press release on Oct. 8. "The victim was transported by Air Ornge to a Toronto area trauma centre, where they remain in life-threatening condition."

The person who committed the robbery and shooting was wearing a three-quarter length winter jacket with a fur hood, black

pants, black shoes, and a blue medical mask.

The investigation is ongoing by the Dufferin OPP Crime Unit under the direction of the Criminal Investigation Branch.

Because a firearm was involved in this incident, members of the public who see the suspected individual are asked not to engage or approach them. Instead, they are asked to call 9-1-1 immediately and advise police.

As the investigation continues, there will continue to be an increased police presence in the area of County Road 109 between 7th Line and 17th Line.

To assist in the investigation, the OPP is asking anyone in the area to check, save and secure any potential video evidence from devices at their homes or business between Oct. 7 at 11:15 p.m. and Oct. 8, 2024, at 12 a.m.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation is asked to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

Information can also be provided anonymously by contacting Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

**SURVEILLANCE FOOTAGE:** The robbery suspect's image was captured at the gas station where the offence was committed and shared by Dufferin OPP.

# Brampton man's vehicle impounded following speeding charges in Mono

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have removed and charged a Brampton resident with Highway Traffic Act (HTA) and Criminal Code of Canada (CCC) offences resulting in a three-day driver's licence suspension.

The charges came as the result of a traffic stop along Highway 10 in Mono on Oct. 7, just after 1 a.m. when Dufferin OPP officers were conducting traffic enforcement in that area.

As a result of their investigation following the traffic stop, Satrohan SINGH, a 35-year-old man from Brampton, has been charged with:

- Failure to comply with undertaking
- Speeding 1 - 49 Km/h over posted limit

The driver was transporting a boat by trailer when they were pulled over. As a result of the charges, the driver was also issued a three-day driver's licence suspension for be-

ing within the "warn" range at the roadside.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville to answer to the charges. Their driver's li-

cence was suspended, and the vehicle was impounded.

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

# Motorcycle driver incurs life-altering injuries after collision with SUV last week

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers are investigating a serious motor vehicle collision that took place in Mono last week.

Dufferin OPP officers and emergency crews responded to a serious two-vehicle collision, involving a motorcycle and an SUV on Highway 10, in Mono on Oct. 3 at approximately 8 p.m.

The driver of the motorcycle, a 27-year-old man from Cookstown, was transported to a Toronto hospital with life-altering injuries.



Highway 10 was closed, for several hours, while the OPP Technical Collision Investigators assisted with the investigation.

The investigation is ongoing.

Anyone who may have witnessed or has video/dash camera footage of the collision is asked to contact the Dufferin County OPP Detachment at 1-888-310-1122.

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8. Streetcar
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15. Greek goddess of youth
16. Popular type of device
18. Alcoholic beverage
19. Ancient Olympic Site
20. Sharpshoots
21. Tyrion Lannister was characterized as one
22. Pointed ends of pens
23. Measuring instruments
26. Midsection body part
30. Made a mistake
31. Adjusted
32. "Partridge" actress Susan
33. Yell
34. Civil rights city in Alabama
39. Young boy
42. Type of sea bass
44. To call (archaic)
46. Unfortunate
47. Separate oneself from others
49. Hero sandwiches
50. Spy group
51. Florida is famous for them
56. Irritating individuals
57. Luck
58. Hunting expedition
59. WWII diarist Frank
60. Peyton's younger brother
61. Type of wrap
62. Type of overseas tax or levy
63. Soviet Socialist Republic
64. Wake up

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Works of body art
2. Israeli politician
3. Renowned desert
4. Eat greedily
5. She didn't make it through the Fr. Revolution
6. Beat
7. Bloodsucker
8. From a place already noted
9. Counted on
10. Alberta Assn. of Baccalaureate World Schools
11. Something one can make
13. One who abstains
17. Wild ox
24. Type of student
25. Bacterial infection of the skin
26. Expresses surprise
27. What engaged couples ultimately say
28. Crony
29. Where one begins (abbr.)
35. Architectural designation
36. "Matt Houston" actor Horsley
37. More (Spanish)
38. Autonomic nervous system
40. Indigenous peoples
41. Deflections
42. Circulating life force
43. Executes with a rope
44. Natives of an island nation
45. Girls
47. Logician and philosopher
48. Nocturnal hoofed animal
49. Relaxing spaces
52. From a distance
53. Form of Persian language
54. Amounts of time
55. Mathematical designation

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

# Pine River Institute named a finalist in 2024 Defender Service Awards

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Pine River Institute has been announced as a finalist in the 2024 Defender Services Awards and the community has the chance to help them win the grand prize – a 130 Defender vehicle and \$25,000 USD.

“This is very exciting and represents a real boost to our organizations both via exposure and at the thought of possibly winning a vehicle that we otherwise could not afford as a charitable organization,” said Dan Ardis, Pine River’s senior director of operations and campus life.

The Defender Service Awards are an annual initiative that looks to recognize charitable organizations. The awards include five categories that reflect the Defender brand’s commitment to bringing a positive impact to the community through acts of service and humanitarian efforts around the world.

This year, the initiative will be awarding six customized Defender 130 vehicles to six charitable organizations in the U.S., Puerto Rico and Canada. The organizations that are selected support the communities they reside in with charitable work every day. The category sponsors will also be awarding \$25,000 USD to the six winners.

In September, Pine River Institute was announced as a finalist in the Outdoor Accessibility and Education Awards category, which focuses on supporting people who can benefit from the outdoors.

The Pine River Institute looks to help adolescents struggling with addictive behaviours as well as mental health challenges regain control of their lives through their programming. The Pine River Institute has a four-phase program for youth and their families that starts with a six to eight-week-long Outdoor Leadership Experience in Algonquin.

According to Pine River Institute, there are more than 100 teens and families on their waitlist, which they typically stay on for anywhere from six months to one year.

Heather Kelly, communications director at Pine River Institute, said the organization currently has vehicles in their fleet, which are spread across their facilities. The organization has two vehicles up north at their Outdoor Leadership Experience, one in Orilla at their transition house and five on the main campus in Mulmur.

“Our students and staff are in the wilderness 365 days a year, through all seasons so we’re hard on our vehicles – they are also one of our most expensive costs so a new vehicle would really help us a lot,” said Ardis. “It’s important to note that there are not many vehicles on the market that have passenger capacity and capabilities that we need, with offroad, and trailering as well. We need a vehicle that can pull a heavy trailer

of snowmobiles and gear, with 4WD, enough room for passengers, and stand up to a great deal of wear and tear.”

The community has until Oct. 17 to place their vote to help Pine River Institute win the 130 Defender vehicle as well as the \$25,000 cash prize.

Those interested in voting to help Pine River Institute can do so by going to the Defender Service Awards website, where they are listed as a finalist for the Outdoor Accessibility and Education Award presented by OUTSIDE Interactive Inc.

You can also place your vote online: [landrover.ca/en/experiences/sponsorship/defender-service-awards/vote/outdoor-accessibility](http://landrover.ca/en/experiences/sponsorship/defender-service-awards/vote/outdoor-accessibility)

The winners of each category will be announced at Destination Defender on Nov. 23.

## County invites public to celebrate Circular Economy Month in October

The County of Dufferin is inviting the public to celebrate Circular Economy Month.

Dufferin County Council proclaimed October as Circular Economy Month at its Council meeting today (Oct. 10).

Dufferin County residents are invited to do their part to help the environment this October by taking part in circular economy activities and getting creative with reusing and recycling.

### What is a Circular Economy?

A circular economy is an economic system that operates on reusing and recycling materials and products for as long as possible.

“The goal of a circular economy is to keep items that can be reused and recycled in the cycle of production and consumption, so they do not end up in the landfill,” says Melissa Kovacs-Reid, manager of waste services at Dufferin County. “Along with increased resource recovery, a circular economy has many other environmental, social and economic benefits, including clean water and water conservation, increased biodiversity and a reduction in GHG emissions, which in turn helps the climate.”

Dufferin County has many programs that help promote a circular economy, like its Green Bin program, Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste Days, Compost Giveaway Days, a Take It Back Directory, Battery Collection and campaigns around

Clothes’ing the Loop on Textiles. Residents can learn more at [dufferincounty.ca/waste](http://dufferincounty.ca/waste).

### Attend a Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste event

Need to get rid of pesticides? Recycle it responsibly at a Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste event!

Last year, residents helped keep over 120 tonnes of hazardous and electronic waste out of the landfill.

An event was already held at the Orangeville Agricultural Society Event Centre on Oct. 5 but for those who missed it, another event will be held on Nov. 9. It will take place at the Town of Orangeville Operations Centre.

Visit [dufferincounty.ca/waste](http://dufferincounty.ca/waste) for a list of acceptable items and limitations, as well as further details on the Nov. 9 event.

### Attend a Storytime Reading at your local library

Dufferin Waste staff will do a reading of “The Brave Banana” by Nathan Jessop during the Cocoa Club program with Grand Valley Public Library on Tuesday, Oct. 15. The program will begin at 3:15 p.m.

On Oct. 24 at 10:30 a.m., parents are encouraged to bring their kids to a reading of “Save the Scraps” by Bethany Stahl during the Every Child Ready to Read Storytime program with the Orangeville Public Library at the Mill Street location.

### Visit Dufferin Waste at Orangeville Farmers’ Market on Oct. 19

Dufferin Waste will have a booth at the Orangeville Farmers’ Market on Saturday, Oct. 19 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Visit us to learn more about Circular Economy Month and how you can do your part in keeping waste out of the landfill. Visitors will also have a chance to win prizes.

### Visit a Dufferin Waste Display at Alder Arena or Grand Valley and District Community Centre

If you visit the Alder Arena or Grand Valley and District Community Centre between Oct. 21 and 25, there will be a Dufferin Waste Booth available sharing information on waste reduction.

There will be resources available, such as Green Bin Guides, Take It Back Directories, educational material on food waste reduction and Clothes’ing the Loop on Textiles postcards to help people donate their unwanted textiles.

### Save the date – Winter Warmth Clothing Swap

Attend the Winter Warmth Clothing Swap event on Saturday, Nov. 9 at Grand Valley Public Library. The swap is for anyone looking for a new look this winter – free of charge. Bring unwanted winter clothing and swap it for something else. More details will be released closer when the event takes place.

## NOTICE

### Hunting in the Dufferin County Forest

All users of the Dufferin County Forest are hereby advised that October 15 to 27 is the fall shotgun/archery season for wild turkey in 2024. Wild turkey hunting may occur only from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset. During this time there will be a number of hunters using the Dufferin County Forest properties. Please use caution in the forest and wear bright-coloured clothing. There is no hunting allowed at any time in the following tracts: north portion of Amaranth, Hockley, Leening, Levitt, Little, Main, Mono, Thomson, and River Road. Suspected violations of the Fish & Wildlife Conservation Act should be reported to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry at 877-847-7667 (877-TIPS-MNR). Other inquiries should be directed to the County Forest Division at 877-941-7787.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

**LEAPING SAVE:** The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals senior boys’ soccer team take on the Westside Secondary School Thunder on the pitch in Orangeville on Wednesday, Oct. 23. Royals’ goalie Jovin Toor leaps to make a save early in the first half. The Royals took a 3-2 loss in this game. They are currently in second place in the District 4 standings with a 2-1-1 record.



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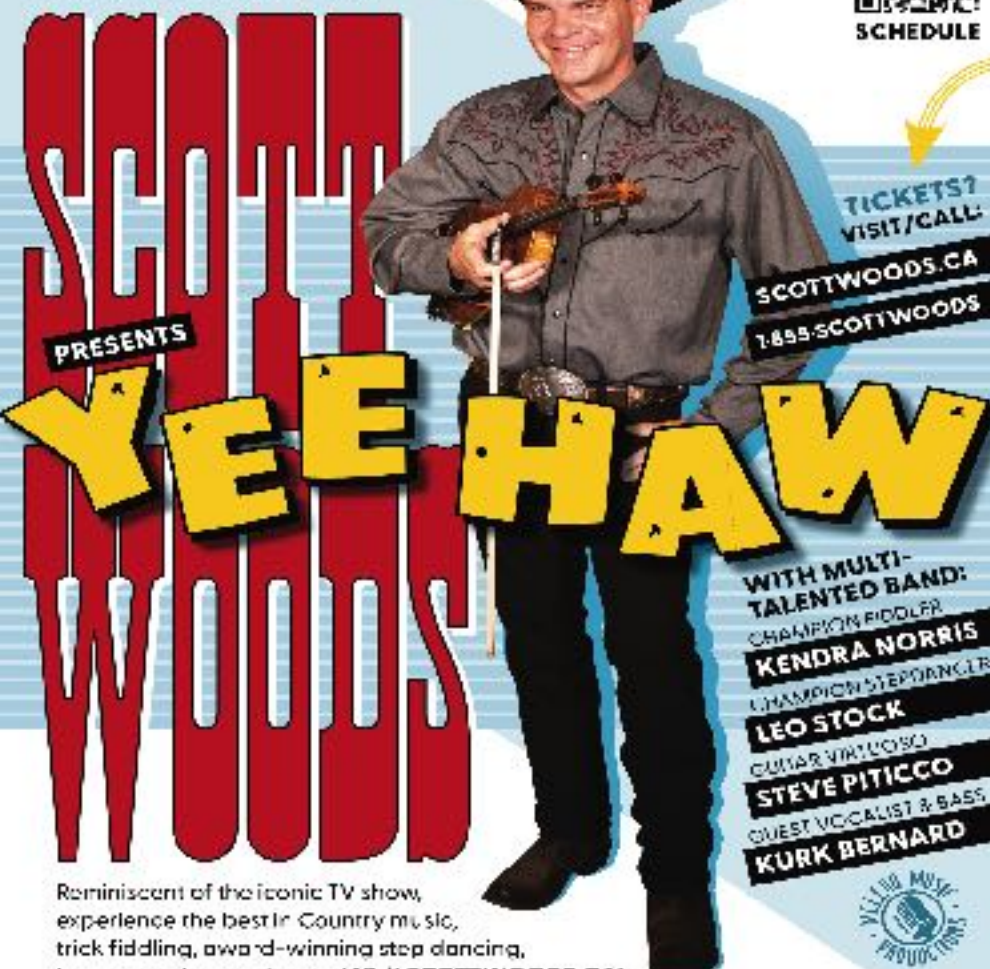
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# SPORTS

## Brighter Tomorrows Classic hosts successful annual golf tournament

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Brighter Tomorrows Classic golf tournament held in memory of Bradley Ough, took place at the Woodington Lake Golf Club in Tottenham on Friday, Sept. 27.

Bradley was a Special Olympics athlete from Caledon who won silver in floor hockey in Korea.

“We’re raising money for Special Olympics Ontario [through the golf tournament] as well Community Safety Partners,” explained the event’s organizer Jeff McLean, Dufferin OPP Detective and Constable, who’s also a representative of the annual Police Torch Run. “It falls under the Torch Run umbrella, but it is organized as another event for us.”

There were 176 golfers on the course this year, up from 157 the previous year, and 74 the year before as the tournament has become more popular.

With so many golfers, they have a shotgun start, meaning foursomes spread out at different holes to start the game.

Special Olympics Ontario is part of the global organization that provides athletes with intellectual or physical disabilities op-

portunities to compete in sports while promoting respect, acceptance, inclusion, and human dignity.

“We had championship hole because we were playing on two courses,” Jeff explained. “There was a single-hole play-down where the top team from each course played-down on the one hole. That way we could crown the winner of the tournament. We had a dinner after the tournament, speeches, and a live auction as well as a silent auction. The funds raised assist with coaching, training, uniforms, and travel”

The final tally raised hasn’t yet been finalized, but it is going to be over \$25,000.

The main sponsor, Refined Restorations, has a connection to the tournament and Bradley Ough.

Refined Restorations owner, John Murray, became a sponsor almost by accident.

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“Jeff was in there chatting to them about looking for sponsors,” John said. “I happened to overhear, and I said, I just moved to town, I would love to help out.”



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**SWINGING SUCCESS:** The Brighter Tomorrows Classic golf tournament was held at Woodington Lake Golf Club in Tottenham on Friday, Sept. 27. The annual tournament raises funds in support of Special Olympics Ontario and Community Safety Partners.

It happens, that John bought his business from Bradley’s father, and his brother Chris, still works for Refined Restorations. Sponsorships are the main contributor to a charity golf tournament’s success.

## Junior C hockey underway across the province with 63 teams playing in eight divisions

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

Small-town hockey is underway across the province with 63 Junior C teams playing in 8 divisions representing regions around Ontario.

The Provincial Junior Hockey League (PJHL) is the world’s largest junior hockey league.

Locally, the North Carruthers division is looking different this year as the executive at the PJHL realigned divisions last year to even things out.

The Schomberg Cougars and Caledon Golden Hawks have been moved to the East Orr Division.

New in the North Carruthers division this season are the Muskoka Bears. The Bears are a brand-new franchise playing out of Bracebridge.

Also competing in the North Carruthers division this year are the Alliston Hornets, Stayner

Siskins, Penetang Kings, Midland Flyers, Innisfil Spartans, Orillia Terriers, and the Huntsville Otters.

The Division season got underway on Sept. 13.

It’s still too early to see how the standings are shaping up, however, the Stayner Siskins have moved into first place in the early going after playing seven games and winning six of them.

The Orillia Terriers have a 5-1-1 record so far – good for 11 points – and are now in second place.

The Alliston Hornets are undefeated after five games and have slotted into the number three spot in the division.

In fourth place, the Penetang Kings have a 3-4 record. They are followed by the Innisfil Spartans who also have a 3-4 record.

The Huntsville Otters have been on the ice six times, winning only two of those games.

In the basement, the Midland Flyers have one game after six times on the ice this year.

There is a 42-game regular season scheduled that goes until mid-February before teams head into the playoffs. After division champions are determined, the division will

playoff against each other with hopes of making it through to the provincial championship Schmalz Cup final.


The Lakeshore Canadiens are defending Schmalz Cup champions from the 2023-2024 season.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO


**BACK ON THE ICE:** Junior C hockey is underway across the province as 63 junior teams representing their towns take to the ice for a 42-game regular season schedule. The Alliston Hornets host the Orillia Terriers on the ice at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre in Alliston on Friday, Oct. 4. The Hornets won this game 7-3, and are now in second place in the standings.

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**LAUREN SMITH**

Lauren Smith is now playing her second year of field hockey at Centre Dufferin District High School.

“I got into it because of the coaching staff and also because I know all of the girls that play on this team,” Lauren said of her start in the sport. I really like the team culture – we really have fun with it.”

Lauren is a skilled athlete and valuable asset to the team.

Lauren also plays hockey with the Mississauga Hurricanes as well as rugby both at school and on other teams.

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# Theatre Orangeville presents first play of new season, Tip of the Iceberg

Written By CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

Could an iceberg be the fountain of youth? Or at least reinvigoration? These are the questions posed by Archie to his pal of 70 years, Gordon, in Theatre Orangeville's first play of its 31st Season – Tip of the Iceberg. The production opens Oct. 17 and runs to Nov. 3.

The problem is, even if a person lives in a small fishing village in Newfoundland, as do Archie and Gordon, where icebergs are commonly seen as they float by at a safe distance, they still present a danger to ships and boats that risk going near them.

Not until Archie decides from his research on the internet, that he can restore his aging body to a younger version does the idea of drifting up close to an Iceberg sound like a good one. Archie's source for this wonder comes from the waters of an iceberg.

As luck would have it, there is one available for such a venture well within sight. Friends in all things, Gordon opts to join Archie for the venture and they make their plans.

The whole play basically takes place in their dory, a dear little boat only accustomed to fishing, but now must be a brave conveyance to dare the waves ahead.

For his debut here at Theatre Orangeville, Sweeney MacArthur plays the role of Archie and Stephen Sparks, a great favourite here, returns as Gordon.

Yet, for such a tale of magic as Tip of the Iceberg is, three is best and the story is rounded out by musician and one of the playwrights, Chris Rait. Mr. Rait travels in the dory with the other two, a one-man band, so to speak, a store of musical instruments in his pack, bringing folk songs and sea shanties. Audiences may well sing along!

The Citizen joined a virtual meeting with these three gentlemen and the play's director, David Nairn, who told us early in the conversation, "The fourth character in the show is the boat."

The authorship of the play is shared by three, Chris Rait, Mark Williams and Jean-

ine Bouw.

"The story was Mark's idea," Mr. Rait told us. "We met every Thursday for a year and a half and just wrote for a few hours. It was fun."

First and foremost, perhaps, for Stephen Sparks was to acquire the Newfoundland accent which seems to have gone well. Stephen Sparks has trod the Theatre Orangeville boards many times, including Norman Bray in the Performance of his Life; the Gentleman Clothier and Screwball Comedy. Both he and Sweeney MacArthur have had roles in Murdock Mysteries, to which every Canadian actor aspires, so we have been told.

David Nairn commented there is a large Newfoundland community in Orangeville and said, "We hope they will come and see the show."

Of the play's characters, Mr. MacArthur remarked, "These two are good salt-of-the-earth, hard-working men. They have been best friends all their lives in a village that is a close community."

"The boat is a full sized dory, an amazing piece of engineering," Mr. Nairn informed us but the cleverness of it was not revealed.

Patrons will have to see the show to appreciate the workings of the dory, born of the stunning ingenuity of Theatre Orangeville's creative team. While the premise and the play are very funny, it is extremely touching and an amazing story.

"I think the play embraces these two older men who have lived their lives and tell some stories of a life lived," Mr. Sparks said.

The Citizen learned that the play has a local connection, for Chris Rait comes from Adjala and has family there. He is a singer-songwriter who was the lead singer with the folk-rock group The Treeline. With them, Mr. Rait has performed in festivals not only in Canada but also as far away as the Whare Flats Folk Festival in New Zealand.

During the writing of the play, one influence was that the writers knew each other's stories. The challenge was when



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**ICY OPENER:** Actors in Theatre Orangeville's new play, Tip of the Iceberg, Stephen Sparks (front), Sweeney MacArthur (centre) and Chris Rait are getting ready for their adventure on their "dory" to an iceberg. They are searching for the secrets its waters may hold. Tip of the Iceberg opens Oct. 17 and runs to Nov. 3.

COVID-19 kept them from going to each other's homes, they had to meet online.

"I asked my friend, Derek, [Ritschel, formerly artistic director of Lighthouse Festival Theatre] if he would read the play," Mr. Rait told the Citizen. "He wanted to do the show but there was reading and editing to do. A lot of the stories are from Newfoundland."

"It's a first time for an iceberg experience in the theatre," Mr. Sparks commented. "Chris has really captured the essential feeling of it."

As for Mr. MacArthur, he has played in many Canadian theatres and has globe trotted to theatres in the U.K. and on a tour with The Rocky Horror Show in Germany.

Premiering at the Lighthouse Festival Theatre in Port Dover to another production at the Globus Theatre in Bobcaygeon, Chris Rait is excited to be bringing Tip of the Iceberg to Theatre Orangeville.

The storytelling is like sitting around the "kitchen table with mugs." Why will we fill the theatre to see this show? It is fun and Mr. Sparks promised, "It is a remedy from the dark days of Covid we're still coming out of. They are thinking about their lives and maybe there's something to add, to re-invigorate."

For tickets and more information go [www.theatreorangeville.ca](http://www.theatreorangeville.ca) or call 519-942-3423.

You can also purchase tickets at the Opera House's Box Office (87 Broadway).

## Several fall family events happening throughout Dufferin County to discover

Fall is here, and as the leaves begin to change, the County of Dufferin is ready to welcome residents and visitors alike to explore everything Dufferin has to offer.

The county is encouraging people to explore Dufferin's beautiful back roads and take in the gorgeous fall colours, including the scenic drive along Highway 89 to the Dufferin Museum.

"Not only is the Museum situated on a picturesque property with a learning garden and breathtaking views both inside and out of its Silo Gallery, but its year-round offerings of programs and exhibits feature something for everyone. This fall, try tea blending, create a fall centerpiece, bring the family to the Halloween Storybook Scavenger Hunt and more, while exploring Dufferin's history and art,"

said the County of Dufferin in a press release.

"Take a road trip through Amaranth during the month of October to see the creative side of local farmers, residents and other bale artists through decorated bales and bale sculptures across the Township, then spend the day wandering through the picture-perfect Dufferin Rail Trail or exploring Mono Cliffs Provincial Park or Island Lake Conservation

Area."

Fall farm memories are ready for the making in Dufferin. Whether you're looking to get lost in a corn maze, pick the perfect pumpkin for carving or stock up on apples to bake a mouth-watering pie, Dufferin farms is the place to be.

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# Several fall family events happening throughout Dufferin County to discover

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Here is a list of events happening in Dufferin County this fall.

### Pumpkinfest happening Oct. 12

Located at Natasha Peterson Memorial Park in Shelburne, A family event to give back to the community with lots of fun things to do and see for all ages.

### Boo! on Broadway+ happening Oct. 19, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Boo! On Broadway is coming to 87 Broadway, Orangeville, back and we're celebrating Halloween all month long in Downtown Orangeville. With Eerie Alexandra Park & Spooky Sidewalks, Trick or Treating & Witchy Scavenger Walks, Great Pumpkin Pop-up & a Fangtastic Farmers' Market, it's going to be spooktacular! Free freaky face painting, a petting zoo and live kids entertainment will make the day even more memorable for your sweet little monsters.

### Haunt in the Park | Oct. 25, 26 and 31 happening Various times

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**BOO ON BROADWAY IS BACK:** Broadway in Orangeville is again filled with ghouls, goblins and scary sights for the Halloween season.

Road 11, Fiddle Park, Shelburne, Haunt In The Park is a 6,000 sq. ft. pavilion at Fiddle Park, filled to the brim with monsters and mayhem. The event is volunteer-run and

free to attend. However, organizers happily accept donations for the Shepherds Cupboard Foodbank in Shelburne. Over 3,000 people came out last year for the thrills and chills – and let's not forget the candy at the end.

### Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club 25 Km Challenge Hike | Oct. 26, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This event takes place in the Parking Lot at 716599 1st Line East, Mulmur, and is a "challenge" hike. Can you hike a 25-kilometre trail through mixed terrain and environments maintaining an average 3.5 kilometre per hour walking speed? Are you up to the challenge? Challenge yourself, or challenge a friend. Give it a try!

### Mono's Children's Halloween Party happening Oct. 27, 3 to 5 p.m.

Located at the Mono Community Centre, 754483 Mono Centre Road, this event allows the public to bring out their little ghosts, goblins and witches to enjoy a fun afternoon of crafts, entertainment, snacks, and prizes. Don't forget to wear your costumes! Pre-registration is required.

### Horning's Mills Halloween Supper happening Oct. 31, 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Happening at 14 Mill Street, Melancthon

Horning's Mills, there will be a Halloween Supper at Horning's Mills Hall. A light supper will be served before trick or treating on a haunted trail, which is included in the event's ticket price of \$10.

### Monora Pumpkin Trail happening Nov. 1, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The Pumpkin Trail is located at Monora Park Trails, 500 Monora Park Drive, Mono. Visitors can explore Monora Park trails by the light of Halloween jack-o-lanterns! Drop off your carved Halloween pumpkins at Monora Park between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and then come and hike the trails via the light of your pumpkin that evening. It is a great opportunity to see how creative people can be with their carvings and enjoy a family hike at the same time.

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 1. October 1 to November 3, November 9 to December 1 and December 10 to 31 are the archery only seasons for deer in 2024.  
 2. Oct. 1 to 31 is the archery only season for wild turkey in 2024.

During this time there will be a number of hunters using the Dufferin County Forest properties. Please use caution in the forest and wear bright-coloured clothing. There is no hunting allowed at any time in the following tracts: north portion of Amaranth, Hockley, Leening, Levitt, Little, Main, Mono, Thomson, and River Road. Suspected violations of the Fish & Wildlife Conservation Act should be reported to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry at 877-847-7667 (877-TIPS-MNR). Other inquiries should be directed to the County Forest Division at 877-941-7787.



## News from Shelburne Library

Thank you to all who signed up and renewed their library cards during Library Card Sign Up month! Congratulations to our weekly winners, Brodie, Mareena, Gregory, and Ann! Congratulations also to our Grand Prize Winners, Wayne and Louise, who won a new Kobo!

**Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 7 p.m.** – Coffee, Conversation & Books with local author, Mike Bonikowsky

Mike will tell us about his new book, The Shepherd of Princes, as well as his writing and publishing experiences. Registration required.

**Saturday, Oct. 19 at 10 a.m.** – Seed Saving 101 with Kim Delaney from Hawthorn Seeds

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**Sunday, Oct. 20 at 2 p.m.** – Ontario's Natural Serenity with David T. Chapman

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**Thursday, Oct. 24 at 6 p.m.** – Meet an Archivist  
 Our favourite archivist, Laura, will be at your library with some spooky tales from Dufferin County.

Don't forget we have Seniors Tech Tutoring appointments available

on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. 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 of the Week: Till Death Do Us Part by Laurie Elizabeth Flynn

Years ago, June's beloved husband drowned on their honeymoon, his body never found. Now, a decade later, June is finally ready to move on. She owns a natural wine bar in Brooklyn and is engaged to a patient, supportive man named Kyle. She's excited to finally begin a new chapter in her life and start a family. But out of the blue, she sees him—Josh, her first husband. Is this just a hallucination from the guilt June carries about finally moving on, or is it possible that her husband never died in the first place? June secretly flies to Napa for answers. But she's not prepared for all the secrets she's about to unlock because everything she thought she knew about her first love is a lie.

**Why Rose Recommends it** - If you're looking for a fast-paced steamy and suspenseful read, look no further than Till Death Do Us Part. June is a character that readers will sympathize with, so when the truth about her first husband starts unravelling you'll feel compelled to keep reading. The plot is intricate, the setting is stunning, and the psychological thrills will keep you guessing until the end. This is a great choice for those who like Megan Abbott, Lisa Jewell, and B.A. Paris.

## HOLIDAY INTERRUPTION FOR WASTE COLLECTION

Collections for the day of the holiday and the rest of the week will be shifted to one day later.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 6	October 7	October 8	October 9	October 10	October 11	October 12
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- Monday ZONE
- Tuesday ZONE
- Wednesday ZONE
- Thursday ZONE
- Interruption no collections

### Happy Thanksgiving!

Due to the holiday on Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, garbage, Blue Boxes and Green Bins will be collected **one day later** that week. Regular collection will resume the following week.



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Winners must be willing to make a batch of 12 cookies that can be used in photographs for the magazine. Submissions can be emailed to: [contactus@ourroutes.com](mailto:contactus@ourroutes.com) Deadline to enter is October 18, 2024 at 5p.m.



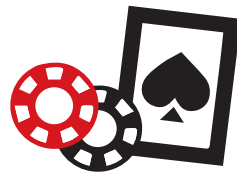
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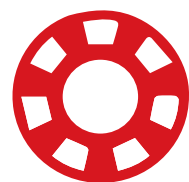
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OBITUARIES

### KATHLEEN "KAL" GALLINGER

November 20, 1934 – July 29, 2024

Kal Gallinger went home to be with her Saviour Jesus on July 29, 2024, at Wellington Terrace Long Term Care Home in Fergus, ON. She was 89 years old. She was predeceased by her loving and devoted husband of 63 years, Ken, in 2021. Kal has left a rich legacy of faith and unselfish living to her son Tom and daughter Diane (Tom Klubi). Mom, we loved you so much and deeply miss your presence in our lives. You weren't just our mother; you were our friend. We were so blessed to have you and we thank you for everything you did and sacrificed for us. We are so proud of you and all you stood for.



Kal was born in 1934 in Fort William (now Thunder Bay), Ontario. She was predeceased by her beloved parents Gladys and Arthur Sinfield. She is survived by her brother and sister-in-law Don and Sandy Sinfield of Thunder Bay, her sisters-in-law Margery Gallinger, Bettie Armstrong and Shirley Williams, her cousin Joy Matis, and dear nieces and nephews Tom, Jennifer, Jessica, Jim, Bill, Scott, Diane, Brad, Jaquie, Cindy, Peter and Kathy and their spouses and children.

Kal graduated as a nurse from McKellar Hospital in Fort William. Her empathy for others showed through early in her career with an award for best bedside manner. She served for many years as an emergency room nurse in Brampton and Orangeville. In later years, she worked alongside Ken after they established Tristar Business Forms in 1987.

Mom and Dad gave us a rich legacy of family life together. Kal had a tremendous mother's heart, but she didn't limit it to her immediate family. Mom lived a life of unselfish giving. If anyone modelled the life of the Good Samaritan, it was her.

Kal was gracious, kind, and sacrificially generous. She never stopped being a nurse at heart. She was a courageous woman of faith who spared no effort to help others or show hospitality to those who were sick or in need. Kal and Ken were givers of time, prayer, encouragement, compassion and finance when it came to helping others. Many times, the family home and business became places of refuge, help and healing. Kal was a long-time volunteer with Highland Youth for Christ's satellite youth mission, The Door, in Shelburne. She and Ken spent many cold winter nights parked in a cube truck, offering hot chocolate and a caring place to meet for Shelburne's young people when few such opportunities existed in the town. What a wonderful legacy of love and service she has left for us.

Kal combined compassion with genuine strength of character. She was resilient, practical, hard-working and realistic in the face of hardship. Kal had the strength of her Christian convictions and would not compromise what she knew to be morally right to gain the approval of others. If anyone needed prayer or a listening ear, they always knew where to come.

We are deeply thankful to Dr. John Stickney and all the wonderful staff of Cedar Gorge wing at Wellington Terrace for their exceptional care over Mom's final year. You really blessed us. We also thank Dr. Ken Derksen for his many years of understanding care and Mom's wonderful PSW's Cassandra Williams and Blessing Osamuyi. Thank you, Pastor Carol McLean, of Jehovah Jireh Christian Ministries, for all your love and support.

A joint Celebration of Life will be held at 12:00 p.m. for Ken and Kal on Saturday, October 26th at Jehovah Jireh Christian Ministries, 20554 Hurontario St., Caledon. Visitation begins at 11:00. A reception will follow at the church, with interment afterwards for both Ken and Kal at Forest Lawn Cemetery. For those unable to attend in person, the service will be live streamed on the church's website, www.jjcm.ca.

A tree has been planted in memory of Kal in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville.

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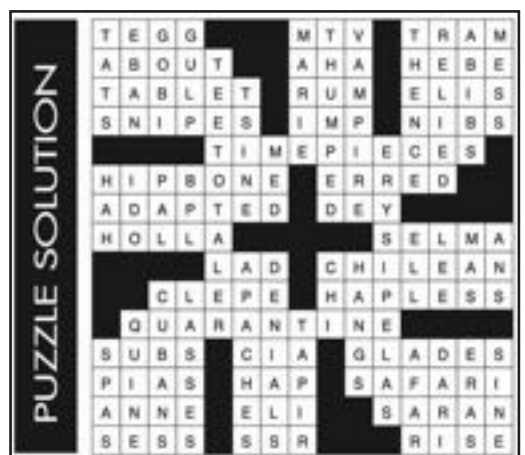
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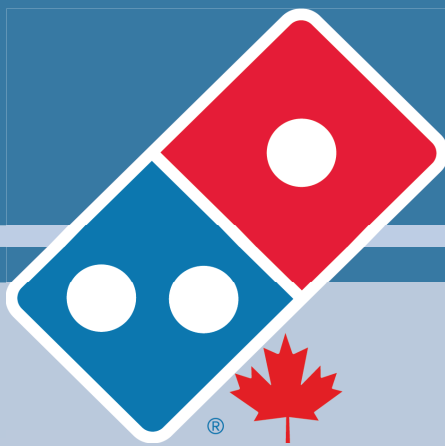
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