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**TAKE A TEST DRIVE:** Representatives from Trillium Ford Shelburne, Shelburne Legion Branch 220 and the community gathered on July 8 to launch the dealership's Drive 4UR Community fundraiser. The July 18 event will see Ford of Canada donate \$30 for every eligible test drive, up to \$6,000, to help fund an accessible walkway at the Legion. See Page 3 for a full story.

## Four days of Pickin' in the Park coming to Shelburne

Written By **JOSHUA DRAKES**  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Country music fans from across Ontario and beyond will once again make their way to the Shelburne Fairgrounds later this month as Pickin' in the Park returns for another four-day celebration of live music, community and fundraising.

Running from July 23 to 26, the annual event has become a summer tradition over the past 13 years, drawing hundreds of musicians, campers and spectators for a relaxed weekend centred around old-time and classic country music.

Organizer Greg Holmes said that the team behind Pickin' in the Park were inspired by other nearby festivals.

"We went to a lot of festivals, and a bunch of us, all played music, and we kind of said, 'Well, why can't we do this in Shelburne,'" he said. "We had a good CAO in Shelburne at that time, and the mayor was great, and with that support, we decided to have a festival in Fiddle Park. We had the town approval, and they helped us get things rolling, and it's really history from there."

The festival features continuous entertainment, including open mic performances, local bands, circle jams, seminars, and a Sunday morning gospel program.

Unlike many music festivals, Pickin' in the Park encourages audience participation. Mu-

sicians are invited to bring their own instruments, creating a welcoming atmosphere for performers of all skill levels.

Attendees are also encouraged to bring lawn chairs and enjoy the music over the weekend.

The festival has a surprising reach, bringing in visitors from across the country and even from the United States.

"Probably 95 per cent of our people don't come from Shelburne; they come from all over the place," Holmes said. "We got people coming from all over Ontario to it, and this year specifically, I have about 10 people coming from the states, maybe about five couples coming up from Tennessee, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan."

Although the event originally took place at Fiddle Park, organizers have found a permanent home at the Shelburne Fairground after relocating in recent years.

During its time at Fiddle Park, proceeds from the festival helped fund improvements to the site, including the construction and completion of the large pavilion and concrete floor. More recently, proceeds have been directed toward improvements at the fairgrounds through the Shelburne Agricultural Society.

The weekend also includes several community events, including a Saturday morning breakfast hosted by the fair board, a smoked pork chop dinner organized with support



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**FINGER PICKIN' FUN:** Originally held at Fiddle Park, Pickin' in the Park now calls the Shelburne Fairgrounds home, attracting hundreds of visitors every year in a weekend of classic country music and jam sessions.

from the Rotary Club, and complimentary ice cream socials on Friday and Saturday afternoons. Sunday's gospel hour will include a collection for the Shelburne Food Bank.

The festival remains alcohol-free and family-friendly, with organizers aiming to provide a welcoming atmosphere focused on music, fellowship and giving back to the community.

Guests looking to camp out throughout the weekend can purchase a pass for \$100 that comes with two wristbands, and for those just looking for a weekend pass, they are \$25 per person.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit: [pickininthepark.ca](http://pickininthepark.ca)

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# Test drive Ford vehicles to support the Shelburne Legion

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

If you have ever wanted to get behind the wheel and feel the power of a Ford Mustang or see what it's like to drive a Ford F-150 truck, you will have your chance when Trillium Ford in Shelburne hosts a test drive event.

Trillium Ford Shelburne is inviting the community to get behind the wheel for a great cause during its Drive 4UR Community fundraising event at the dealership on July 18.

For every eligible test drive completed, Ford of Canada will donate \$30, up to a maximum of \$6,000, to Shelburne Legion Branch 220.

Funds raised will help support the installation of an accessible walkway at the Legion's main entrance. This will improve accessibility for Veterans, Legion members, and visitors.

"Our dealership has always believed in supporting the communities we serve," said Len Rice, owner and managing partner of Shelburne Trillium Ford.

"Drive 4UR Community is a simple way

for residents to make a meaningful impact. A quick test drive can help create a more accessible and welcoming space at our local Legion."

The event will offer something for everyone who appreciates Ford vehicles. Guests will have the opportunity to test drive a variety of the latest Ford vehicles, including the Ford Maverick, Mustang, F-150, Ranger, Explorer, and more.

In addition to the test drives, visitors can enjoy a charity barbecue, live local music, a family-friendly atmosphere, and opportunities to support a meaningful community

project.

Community members are encouraged to pre-register online or simply stop by the dealership during event hours. While pre-registration is appreciated, walk-ins are welcome.

The Trillium Ford Shelburne Drive 4UR community event will take place at the dealership at 506168 Highway 89, just East of Shelburne, on Saturday, July 18.

The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

You can pre-register at: [trilliumford.com/news/driveforyourcommunity](http://trilliumford.com/news/driveforyourcommunity)

# Camp Molly inspires future firefighters through hands-on experiences

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Camp Molly finished up in Orangeville with strong participation, high engagement and a growing number of young people now considering careers in the fire service.

From July 2 to 5, dozens of female and non-binary youth campers came to the Orangeville Fire Hall to participate in Camp Molly, a firefighter camp meant to introduce them to the basics of the trade.

According to Orangeville Fire Chief John Snider, the camp exceeded expectations despite challenging weather, with 35 female and non-binary campers participating alongside approximately 25 to 30 volunteers and instructors.

"I'd say it was a great success," he said. "Everything went incredibly well. The campers were phenomenal. We worked our way through the heat and the challenging weather, but I think that helped bring all the girls and the campers together."

Camper Meredith Beattie said the experience was positive, filled with learning and support.

"Camp Molly provided such an empowering and rewarding experience," she said. "Learning from so many strong women who shared their knowledge was inspiring. Every day was filled with hands-on training, and I enjoyed hearing about the related professions of the fire service. The staff and volunteers were super welcoming and supportive and they pushed me to challenge myself in all evolutions."

While extreme heat forced organizers to adapt by adding cooling stations, fans and extra hydration breaks, Snider said safety remained the top priority, and campers handled themselves well.

Throughout the camp, participants rotated through a wide variety of practical and educational stations designed to showcase the many roles within emergency services.

Activities included operating fire hoses and hydrants, ladder work, auto extrica-

tion, donning firefighting gear and self-contained breathing apparatus, forcible entry exercises, fire investigation, emergency medical response with Dufferin County Paramedic Service, public education and emergency communications.

The goal, Snider said, was to expose campers to far more than the traditional image of firefighters, highlighting the many career opportunities in prevention, inspections, dispatch, and other support roles.

"That's what the whole camp was about, is opening eyes to things that aren't maybe the Hollywood version of firefighters," he said. "That concerns the inspections and prevention and the dispatch and more. There's a lot of different opportunities that aren't on a fire truck in the fire service."

Representatives from the Ontario Provincial Police and the Ministry of Transportation also participated, providing campers with additional insight into careers in public safety.

Snider said one of the most rewarding aspects of the camp was watching participants grow in confidence throughout the program.

"It's heartwarming to see the change over time," he said. "We first started off with their fitting for bunker gear on Tuesday night, and there were a lot of quiet, intimidated and nervous campers, but they just continued to grow. From being afraid to talk to working great in a group, working with the instructors and their teammates, and all that stuff, it was just really great to see."

The experience appears to have had a lasting impact, with several campers already planning to pursue careers in firefighting



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTOS

**EXPLORING FIRE CAREERS:** For four days, young girls and non-binary youth from across Dufferin County participated in Camp Molly with the Orangeville Fire Department. Some participants came from the northern parts of Dufferin, including Shelburne, to take part in the firefighting and first-responder camp from July 2 to 5. Participants learned a variety of skills, such as first aid, vehicle rescue, breaching and ladder training. The camp is meant to give participants a chance to build their confidence, develop teamwork and learn if this career path is something they are interested in pursuing.

and some enrolling in fire pre-service college programs this fall.

The camp was also offered free of charge thanks to extensive community support. Snider credited the Ontario Fire Academy's \$10,000 donation, along with contributions from Firehouse Subs, Dufferin Emergency Management, local grocery stores, Starbucks, Tim Hortons and many other busi-

nesses that donated meals, supplies and refreshments throughout the event.

Although Camp Molly is expected to rotate to another community before eventually returning to Orangeville, Snider said the local fire service remains committed to supporting the program in the future.

To learn more about Camp Molly, go to: [campmolly.ca](http://campmolly.ca)



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# OPINION

## Holding hands in public

There were many Canada Day parties held across the nation on July 1 to celebrate this country of ours.

While everyone was waving the red and white and wearing their Canada Day shirts and hats, I hope most of you took a few moments to reflect on the values that built this country.

One of the primary values is freedom. That is freedom to assemble and associate with whoever you want, freedom to move to another town or province, freedom to build a church and practice your religion, freedom to marry who you want, freedom to choose your job or vocation, freedom to express your opinion, freedom to criticize the government without fear of reprisal, and freedom of the press to report the real news – not government controlled propaganda.

We should not take these freedoms for granted and assume they will always be there.

A few years ago, I attended a hockey game where the local team was missing half of its roster during the playoffs. All of the missing players were Russian nationals who came here for the chance to play higher-level hockey and get a good reputation in the sport.

So why would they all suddenly leave at the most important time of the hockey sea-

son?

It was because the visas that had allowed them to leave Russia to play hockey were about to expire.

If they returned after the due date, they would be detained immediately and sent to jail or the army, no questions asked.

I met a lot of those Russian players in several different towns and hockey clubs around the region. They were all nice and friendly, and they appreciated playing their sport here.

Given their age, I now wonder how many of them are now dead after being conscripted and used as cannon fodder in Putin's immoral war?

The Canada Day celebrations were attended by everyone of all ages. There were families arriving together, older people, younger people, and toddlers in strollers.

I positioned my cameras near the park entrance for the fireworks show, and hundreds of people entered and passed by my location.

I noticed a few things as I watched everyone enter – I knew a lot of people who were arriving for the show. For starters, really short skirts are apparently making a comeback.

Nothing wrong with that. I saw many teenagers arriving as couples

or in groups. Some were holding hands or sitting closely together to watch the show.

There's nothing wrong with that either.

We all experienced puppy-love and the thrill of going somewhere with your crush for the first time.

The thing is, they have the freedom to attend an event and hold hands if they want to.

In some countries, that behaviour will land you in serious trouble.

Recently in Indonesia, a man and a woman were lashed with a rattan cane in public to pay for their crime.

The crime? They were seen kissing on a TikTok livestream.

For that, they were publicly humiliated and severely beaten.

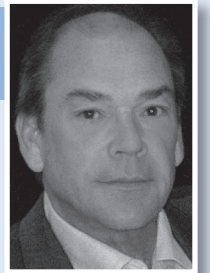
A 22-year-old local resident who witnessed the lashing was quoted as saying, "It raises awareness that such actions are unacceptable, thereby educating the public."

I'm pretty sure this guy has never actually spoken to a real woman, and would probably be scared to death if a woman actually spoke to him.

He has certainly been brainwashed from a young age to have such a medieval and backwards thought process at his age.

In these cases, usually the people doling out the punishments are the real perverts.

**BRIAN LOCKHART**  
FROM THE SECOND ROW



This really became evident when the U.S. military released a report on when they monitored website usage in some of these backward countries, and what the totalitarian leaders themselves were watching online.

In this part of Indonesia, people are routinely beaten and lashed for gay sex, gambling, drinking, men who miss Friday prayers, and women who wear tight clothing.

According to this list, just about everyone currently in Las Vegas would be getting a good beating under these archaic laws, myself included, under the gambling, drinking, and missing Friday prayers categories.

Freedom is not free. As citizens, we have to be vigilant against persons, groups, and organizations that would take that freedom away and oppress us under totalitarian laws and rule, and that includes new government hate speech legislation like Bill C-9. Modern hate speech is no more dangerous than it was 100 or 200 years ago.

We owe it to ourselves, our children, and future generations to keep our society free from outside influences that will try to force us to submit to a dangerous and oppressive regime.

## Netanyahu's remaining options

"The graveyards are full of indispensable men," said former French Premier Georges Clemenceau about a century ago, and it's still true. Israel's precisely timed surprise attack on Iran on 28 February killed Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei and seven of his closest allies in thirty seconds, but they turned out not to be indispensable at all.

"The problem is that Israel is in love with assassinations ... and we never learn that it is not the solution. We have killed all the leaders of Hamas. They are still there. It's the same with Hezbollah. The leaders are always replaced," said Israeli intelligence analyst Yossi Melman. And so they have been again with Iran.

Prime Minister Binyamin 'Bibi' Netanyahu's 'decapitation' attack went off perfectly: the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) even managed to kill forty senior leaders in other parts of Iran at the same time. And yet all those assassinations achieved

precisely nothing: the next tier of Iranian leaders just moved up, and the population did not rise up against them.

Netanyahu has been trying to get the United States to attack Iran, Israel's most powerful enemy, ever since the early 1990s. He warned each passing US president that if he didn't act right away, Iran would have nuclear weapons in two years, or three, or five. But since it wasn't true (as US intelligence agencies always said), he never made a sale – until Donald Trump.

Trump goes all fanboy when dealing with political strongmen like Kim Jong Un, Vladimir Putin and Binyamin Netanyahu. However, even he could see that Bibi's warnings about imminent Iranian nuclear weapons were implausible, since Trump claimed that he destroyed all of Iran's enriched nuclear material by precision bombing last year.

Nevertheless, Netanyahu made the sale in the end. Trump was still high on his Jan-

uary takeover of Venezuela; he was easily persuaded that the people of Iran would revolt if he just gave the signal, and Netanyahu told him that the Iranian regime would magically get nuclear weapons in a week if he didn't act. (Probably neither man really believed that, but it helped.)

Even then, Trump balked for a moment at the end, but Netanyahu threatened to attack Iran without American help if necessary, and he gave in.

As US Secretary of State Marco Rubio put it, "We knew that there was going to be Israeli action. We knew that that would precipitate an (Iranian) attack against American forces, and we knew that if we didn't pre-emptively go after them before they launched those attacks, we would suffer higher casualties," Rubio told reporters.

Alternatively, of course, Trump could have just ordered Netanyahu not to start an illegal and foredoomed war against Iran, but that would have required a personality transplant. So the US and the IDF bombed and rocketed Iran for six weeks, killing at least 3,500 people, with no tangible effect – while Iran just closed the Strait of Hormuz and won the war.

Donald Trump can walk away from this fiasco humiliated before the rest of the world but relatively undamaged at home. People who vote for him don't follow or care about what happens in the Middle East unless the war starts up again. Whereas Netanyahu's political survival,

and maybe even his freedom, depend on his getting the war going again.

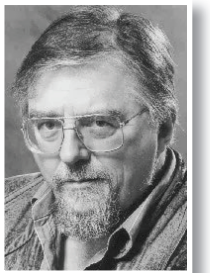
The Israeli election is due by October, and voters blame Netanyahu for failing to prevent the Hamas atrocities in 2023 and also for not winning the war against Iran. The latest opinion polls show his Likud-led coalition and the likeliest opposition coalition neck and neck, with neither winning enough seats for a majority in the Knesset (parliament).

To stay in office and avoid jail (as he faces criminal corruption charges), Netanyahu needs a military victory. For that, he needs the war to restart. And that means he must defy Donald Trump, who wants the Strait of Hormuz fully open and some face-saving deal with Iran before he has to face American voters in the November mid-term elections.

Netanyahu can't really win a new war, but he needs at least to look like he might win it when Israelis vote in October, so he's doubling down on all his scariest themes. He told Channel 14 last week that he decided to attack Iran twice (June 2025 and February 2026) to save Israel "from annihilation by atomic bombs, which were already in their possession."

That's utter nonsense, but it's all he has left. Can he really restart the war and bring Trump along, or even do it without him? Probably not, but he's certainly going to try.

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# COMMUNITY VOICES

## What a child needs in the summer: Play, growth and belonging

Close your eyes for a second and think back to a summer from your own childhood. Not a whole season, just one memory. Maybe it's the smell of a bug spray and sunscreen mix. Maybe it's a popsicle melting faster than you could eat it, or the sting of pavement on bare feet, or the sound of a screen door slapping shut behind you as you ran out to find your friends. Maybe it's a cottage dock, a campfire, a bike ride that lasted until the streetlights came on.

Whatever it is, chances are it involves a place, a person, or a feeling of being free to explore and figure out who you were becoming.

That is what summer is supposed to mean for kids. It should make room for fun, rest, play, and a little freedom.

But freedom is only half of what a good summer offers. The other half is growth, just a different kind than the classroom gives.

Think of it this way: school teaches what kids have to learn. Summer teaches what they get to discover. It's the season kids get to try things without a mark attached to them, and find out what's in them that a report card isn't designed to measure.



They are still learning. Just different things, in different ways.

The challenge is that not every child gets that kind of summer. Not every family has a cottage to disappear to for the season, or the money for a full slate of camps. Not every child has transportation, or a flexible parent. And yet the need doesn't shrink to fit the budget or the circumstance. Kids still need somewhere to belong. They still need safe adults, new experiences, and room to grow.

That access shouldn't be a luxury. It's part of why we chose to build Streams as a charity in the first place: so we could galvanize the power of community to make that access possible for kids of every background. And it's why we chose the arts as our way to connect. Art, music, drama, and creativity give kids a low-pressure door into that kind of discovery, one that doesn't require a tryout or a fee they can't afford.

This summer that looks like more than

a dozen weekly camps running from July through August, open to kids from four all the way to seventeen. Some weeks it's clay and sculpture, others it's stop motion, band, drama, or a STEAM lab. There's a camp for the kid who wants to make a mess and a camp for the teen who wants to take the stage. And because access matters as much as variety, subsidies and scholarships are available for any family who needs them.

But some of the most important people at Streams this summer aren't the campers. They're the teenagers running the room. A good number of our summer staff and volunteers came through our own camps as kids, and now they're the ones leading them. That matters more than it might seem. A sixteen year old remembers what it's like to be nine in a way most adults have forgotten. They know which jokes land, which kid is quietly overwhelmed, which activity needs five more minutes. Watching a former camper become this year's counsellor is, in a lot of ways, the whole point of what we're building.

We believe summer should offer children and youth more than something to do. It should offer them a place to be. Somewhere

they can laugh, make a mess, try something new, and be encouraged by an adult who is paying attention.

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Because a good summer doesn't just rest a child. It reveals who they are.

*This week's Community Voice submission was written by Juli-Anne James, executive director of Streams Community Hub. To learn more or get connected with Streams, please visit [streamshub.org](http://streamshub.org)*

## Shelburne seeks community input on proposed backyard chicken pilot program

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Shelburne is asking residents to weigh in on a proposed Backyard Hen Pilot Program before council decides whether to move forward with the idea.

An online survey, available through the Town's Have Your Say platform until July 19, invites residents to share their views on whether backyard hens should be permitted within town limits and what rules should apply if a pilot program is introduced.

The survey takes about three to five minutes to complete, and only responses from valid Shelburne postal codes will be included in the final review. Town officials say public feedback will play a key role in determining the next steps.

The questionnaire asks residents whether they support or oppose the concept, whether they would be interested in keeping hens themselves, and what concerns or benefits they see.

Participants are also asked for opinions on potential regulations, including limits on the number of hens, coop requirements and

possible impacts on neighbourhoods. The survey also includes space for additional comments to help shape the design of a pilot program if Shelburne council chooses to proceed.

The consultation stems from a citizen proposal submitted to council on May 25, requesting that residents be allowed to keep backyard hens on residential properties.

Under the proposal, the pilot program would allow eligible households to keep up to four hens for personal egg production. Roosters would not be permitted, helping to reduce noise concerns.

The proposal outlines several conditions intended to minimize impacts on neighbouring properties.

Hens would have to be housed in secure, predator-resistant coops located in rear yards, with minimum setback requirements from property lines. Owners would be responsible for maintaining clean enclosures, properly storing feed, disposing of waste, and ensuring the hens do not create odours or other nuisances.

The proposal also states that hens would be kept solely for egg production and companionship. The slaughter of chickens on residential properties would not be permitted, and owners would be expected to comply with provincial animal welfare standards.

Once the survey closes, staff will compile the public feedback and report back to council, which will decide whether to pro-

ceed with developing and implementing a Backyard Hen Pilot Program for Shelburne.

Learn more and access the survey at: [haveyoursayshelburne.ca/shelburne-backyard-hens-survey](http://haveyoursayshelburne.ca/shelburne-backyard-hens-survey)

### Correction

The Free Press would like to correct information included in a story that ran on page 3 of the July 2 edition. The story, with the headline "County increases price for garbage bag tags, revenue to reach \$150,000," incorrectly stated that garbage bags placed at the curb could be black bags. Dufferin County's clear garbage bag program, implemented in 2013, requires all garbage to be placed in clear garbage bags. Black garbage bags are not permitted.

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# Shelburne launches giveaway campaign to promote e-billing

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Shelburne is encouraging residents to switch to electronic billing through a year-long campaign that pairs paperless billing with the chance to win monthly gift cards.

Running from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, the initiative is designed to increase enrollment in e-billing for both property tax and water and wastewater accounts while reducing the town's printing and mailing costs.

"By switching to e-billing, residents are helping the town reduce paper consumption, printing and postage expenses, and staff time spent preparing and mailing paper

bills," the town said. "It's a simple change that supports more efficient and sustainable service delivery, while giving residents the chance to win one of two monthly \$100 gift cards."

Residents who sign up for e-billing during the contest period will automatically be entered into the town's monthly prize draws, while those already enrolled will also be included without having to register again.

Each month, one participant enrolled in property tax e-billing will have a chance to win a \$100 No Frills gift card, while residents enrolled in water and wastewater e-billing will be eligible to win a \$100 Ultramar gas gift card.

Those who enroll in both services will receive entries into both monthly draws,

doubling their chances of winning. Winners will be selected at random and contacted by email or phone.

The campaign is part of the town's broader effort to modernize service delivery while reducing costs and environmental impacts.

According to the town, approximately 31 per cent of water and wastewater customers currently receive their bills electronically, while just 16 per cent of property tax accounts have switched to e-billing.

As a result, thousands of paper bills continue to be mailed every month, contributing to roughly \$24,700 in annual postage costs, in addition to significant printing expenses.

Town officials say e-billing provides residents with faster, more secure access to

their bills, delivering them directly by email in PDF format. The system also allows bills to be viewed, downloaded, and stored from any device, helping reduce paper consumption and the environmental footprint associated with traditional mail delivery.

Paper billing will remain available for residents who prefer it.

Residents can enroll by completing the Town's online e-billing application before the contest closes on June 30, 2027.

The Town said that participation is open to eligible residents, except for municipal employees, members of council, and their immediate family members.

For more information, visit: [shelburne.ca/living-here/paying-my-bills/e-billing/e-billing-monthly-draw-contest-rules](http://shelburne.ca/living-here/paying-my-bills/e-billing/e-billing-monthly-draw-contest-rules)

# Shelburne set to welcome back residents to new and improved Fiddle Park

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Shelburne is preparing to officially welcome residents back to a transformed Fiddle Park, with a grand opening celebration and the kickoff of the 2026 Fiddle Park Concert Series on July 12.

The event marks the completion of one of the town's largest recent parks and recreation projects, redeveloping the park into a modern, year-round community gathering space designed for recreation, performances and public events.

Jessica Hanzel, recreation program development and special events coordinator, said that the town is looking forward to seeing residents return.

"Council and the town are incredibly excited to welcome the community back to Fiddle Park," she said. "This project has been years in the making, and it's rewarding to see it transformed into a vibrant community year-round gathering space that residents of all ages can enjoy."

While portions of Fiddle Park, including the community garden, dog park and upper lands, remained accessible throughout construction, the redeveloped section has been closed since June 2025.

The redevelopment represents a significant investment in Shelburne's recreational infrastructure. The 2025 capital budget allocated approximately \$3.69 million for the project, with the construction contract awarded to TDI International Ag Inc. for \$2.67 million. The project was funded through development charges rather than municipal taxation.

Additional funding included a \$72,570 grant from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Green Municipal Fund to support tree planting, as well as \$92,500 from the Ontario Trillium Foundation for the park's new outdoor basketball court.

According to the town, the biggest challenge during construction was the weather, which extended the timeline but did not change the project's vision.

The redevelopment introduces several new features, including a tiered stone seating bowl capable of accommodating approximately 500 to 600 people overlooking the pavilion, a new outdoor basketball court with an acrylic playing surface, a modern playground with rubberized surfacing, accessible walking paths, enhanced lighting, expanded landscaping and tree plantings, and upgrades to the pavilion, including a finished ceiling.

"Rather than any one feature, the overall transformation of the park is the most exciting," Hanzel said. "Fiddle Park has changed into a vibrant, multi-use space with a commitment to accessibility that can accommodate everything from concerts and community events, to sports, recreation, and everyday use."

The July 12 celebration will feature family-friendly activities, live entertainment, food vendors, official ceremonies and the first performance of the 2026 Fiddle Park Concert Series.

The park's programming will continue throughout the summer with concerts, outdoor movie screenings and the launch of Fresh Air Fitness, a free eight-week outdoor fitness program beginning July 13 in partnership with Towne Fitness.



LEN GUCHARDI PHOTO

**REVITALIZED AND READY:** An aerial view taken a few weeks ago shows construction progressing at Fiddle Park. The park will officially reopen on Sunday, July 12, with its grand opening celebration and the launch of the 2026 Fiddle Park Concert Series.

Looking ahead, the town envisions the space serving residents year-round, with the pavilion converting into an outdoor skating rink during winter while walking trails remain open.

"We encourage everyone to come and see

the transformation themselves," Hanzel said. "The park has changed significantly, and we hope it becomes a place that residents use and enjoy every day, whether they are attending an event, or simply spending time outdoors."

# Dufferin Child and Family Services urgently seeking foster families for children in need

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Dufferin Child and Family Services (DCAFS) is encouraging more local residents to consider becoming foster families, as the organization continues to seek safe, stable, and supportive homes for children and youth in need throughout the region.

In a statement published in its latest community newsletter, DCAFS said there is an urgent need for foster families from across Dufferin County and emphasized that people from all walks of life can make a meaningful difference.

"At DCAFS, we are urgently seeking families from the Dufferin region who are willing to open their hearts and homes to these vulnerable children," the statement read. "Regardless of your background, there is a place for you in our mission to provide the hope, care, and support these children and youth deserve."

The organization noted that while becoming a foster parent involves a thorough screening and training process, prospective families are supported at every step.

"Becoming a foster family involves vari-

ous essential steps such as criminal record checks, home visits, training, and more, all of which are crucial in ensuring the safety and well-being of the children," the statement continued. "But we are here to help and provide all needed support in every step of this rewarding journey."

According to DCAFS, foster families play a critical role in helping children through difficult periods in their lives by providing stability, encouragement, and a caring home environment.

The organization stressed that every child has different experiences, strengths, interests, and needs, meaning there is no single type of family that is the right fit for every child.

Whether providing short-term care, emergency placement, or longer-term support, foster families can have a lasting impact on a child's future.

DCAFS encourages anyone interested in learning more about fostering to reach out to the organization to discuss the application process and determine whether becoming a foster family is the right fit.

To learn more, go to: [dcafs.on.ca/services/child-welfare/foster-care-adoption](http://dcafs.on.ca/services/child-welfare/foster-care-adoption)



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# SPORTS

## Long ball on display at North Dufferin Baseball League all-star games

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

There were a lot of big hits at the North Dufferin Baseball League All-Star games held at Mansfield Community Park on Sunday, July 5.

The 59th annual Senior Division All-Star game featured the North Dufferin All-Stars with a line-up of players from every team in the league in a nine-inning contest against the New Lowell Knights.

The Knights are the defending league Strother Cup champions.

The game marked the first time since 1986 that the League used this format for the All-Star game.

Fans were treated to an offensive showcase with the Knights hitting five home runs on their way to an 8-2 win.

Prior to the game, opening ceremonies highlighted the history of baseball in the area and recognized the Township of Mulmur's 175th anniversary. League secretary Scott Anderson presented certificates to Mulmur Councillor Andrew Cuning and Emerson Pendleton of the Mansfield Cubs.

A ceremonial first pitch was thrown by Jax Ragazzon. Along with Jax were his father Jesse Ragazzon and grandfather Kevin Greer – both former Mansfield Cubs players.

In the senior game, New Lowell opened the scoring in the third inning on a two-run home run by Todd Gowan. Chris Rettie followed with a solo shot in the fourth to make it 3-0.

The All-Stars answered with two runs on a double by Ryan McNeill in the bottom of the fourth.

The Knights added a run in the seventh inning, three more in the eighth, including two home runs, and another on Nic Guthrie's solo homer in the ninth.

McNeill and Eric Orser each dou-

ble for the All-stars, with Orser adding a single.

Other hits came from Blake Faulds, Aaron McCleod, Matthew Leek, Dylan Embury, Ryan Barr, Gavin Mikaczo, Gret Slater and Leo Contreras-Severino.

For the Knights, Gowan, Rettie, Guthrie, Kurt Roy, and Danny Herman all homered. Roy also added a single while Guthrie and Rettie collected two hits apiece.

Chris Greer contributed a single.

The Knights started ace Gowan on the mound. He pitched six innings, allowing two runs on eight hits while striking out seven, walking three, and hitting one batter.

Shane Duffett worked one inning on relief, allowing two hits and one walk while striking out one.

Guthrie closed out the game, tossing two scoreless innings without allowing a run and striking out four.

Matt Barr started for the All-Stars, pitching three innings and surrendering two runs on three hits while walking two and striking out three.

Liam Dupuis-Cundy pitched the next two innings, allowing one run on three hits, walking one, and hitting one batter.

Matteo Stothers worked the sixth and seventh innings, giving up one run on one hit, while walking one and striking out one.

Nolan Thomson pitched the final two innings, allowing four runs on four hits while walking one and striking out two.

Gowan was named the Knight's Most Valuable Player, while McNeill earned MVP honours for the All-Stars.

There was a crowd in attendance for the game, and the weather was great for baseball.

The Junior Division All-Star game followed.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

**ALL STAR ACTION:** The New Lowell Knights met the North Dufferin All-Stars during the league's 59th annual All-Star game hosted by the Mansfield Cubs on Sunday, July 5. The Knights won the game 8-2.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

## Mansfield Day 2026 celebrates minor baseball while raising money for local kids

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

It was a full day of baseball and fun when Mansfield Minor Baseball hosted Mansfield Day 2026 at the local diamond.

There was a full day of games planned with all divisions represented.

It got off to a late start this year as morning rain delayed them, but by noon it had dried up and they were ready to go.

The event is an annual fundraiser for the Mansfield Minor Baseball Association.

"We're raising money for Mansfield Minor Ball and celebrating all that is Mansfield Minor Ball with an all-day celebration were every team we have gets to play, from U5 to U14 Rep," explained a Mansfield Minor Baseball spokesperson. "We have two teams U9 and two teams in U11. We have nine teams all together in Mansfield."

It was a chance for teams to play other Mansfield teams they won't meet in the regular season.

"Everyone gets to play," the spokesperson said. "The U5s were able to play this morning. They did really well playing T-ball in the

pouring rain. They had a blast, they were covered in mud. We also have treasure trays here. Each team donates a basket and we raffle them off. We will raise money through the raffle and through the barbecue. We raise money to keep our registration costs low and to buy all the new equipment that we need. Baseballs are expensive - \$10 per ball, and they need at least two game balls for every game. We are trying to make baseball affordable for everyone. We have just over 100 kids playing this season."

Baseball increased in popularity this season across the province after the Toronto Blues were in the World Series last year.

It was a fun day to celebrate the sport, play some ball, and join with others in the community for a day in the park.

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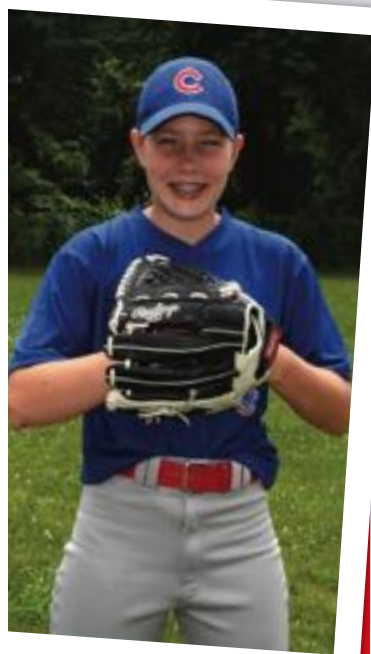
**WINNING MATCH:** It was Mansfield Day 2026 at the baseball diamond in Mansfield on Saturday, July 4. The Mansfield Minor Baseball Association held a special day to celebrate the sport and raise funds to keep the sport affordable for local kids.



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**ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**

**MACKLYN DOWNEY**

Playing baseball since she was at the T-ball level, Mansfield Cubs U11 catcher Macklyn Downey brings a lot of experience to her team.

"I like the feeling of digging your feet into the dirt, and having all the people here watching the game," Macklyn said of why she likes playing baseball. "I like catching and throwing. I enjoy playing it, and I like watching baseball."

When she's not on the diamond, Macklyn takes to the ice in the winter and plays hockey with the Honeywood Hurricanes.

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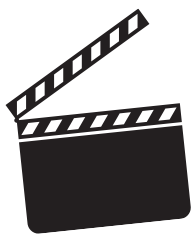


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# Arts & Entertainment



## LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Theatre Orangeville's Young Company set to premiere production 'Into the Woods'

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Theatre Orangeville's Young Company is heading *Into the Woods* this summer, bringing fairy tales and their consequences to life on the stage as they explore classic tales through song.

Running July 24 to 27 at Theatre Orangeville, *Into the Woods* reimagines some of literature's most recognizable fairy tale characters, weaving them into a single narrative. While audiences may be familiar with the characters, the production takes a different approach than the traditional fairy tale formula, exploring what happens after wishes come true and examining the consequences that follow.

Rather than ending with a conventional happily-ever-after, *Into the Woods* challenges audiences to consider the complexity of its characters and the choices they make. Throughout the production, seemingly simple stories become interconnected as characters pursue their dreams, confront unexpected outcomes and learn that every action has lasting consequences.

For the cast, that complexity is part of what made the production so appealing.

"*Into the Woods* is not like any other show," a Young Company member said. "Most of the time, musicals will have this big happy ending, and you can normally predict, alright, beginning they have an issue, they solve it, happy ever after. But with *Into the Woods*, it is very bittersweet. It's again actions and consequences... it's unlike any other show, and I think it's very special, and it should be shown as often as it can."

Performers described the musical as one that offers something different from a typical family show, with layered storytelling that allows audiences to interpret its themes in different ways depending on their own experiences. Familiar fairy tales provide an accessible starting point, but the production delves deeper into questions about responsibility, morality and the realities that follow achieving one's goals.

The music itself presents another challenge. Sondheim's intricate score is known

for its rapid-fire lyrics, demanding harmonies and carefully crafted musical motifs, requiring performers to master technically difficult material while conveying the emotional depth behind every scene.

The show's structure also gives nearly every performer a chance to shine. Instead of revolving around a single protagonist, *Into the Woods* follows multiple storylines simultaneously, allowing each character to play a meaningful role in moving the story forward.

"Every single character in this show is important in some way, shape, or form," a Young Company member said. "Whether it be following them in a lot of the scenes, or they are the one person that you might think is not really super important, but then they do something that changed the entire course of the story... I feel like *Into the Woods* is a really good show for having everyone in the cast feel like they're doing something really important, they're contributing to the show, and they are making the show better."

The approach is reflected in the casting, with several performers taking on multiple roles throughout the production. Switching between vastly different personalities - from fairy tale heroes to villains and comic characters - has challenged the young actors to develop distinct performances while helping create the production's expansive world.

The production also emphasizes ensemble work. Although individual characters each have defining moments, cast members say the musical relies on everyone working together to tell the story, making collaboration as important as any single performance.

Bringing a production of this scale to life is no small undertaking.

Preparation for the show began months before rehearsals officially started. Theatre Orangeville's production team began planning late last year, securing performance rights, assembling the creative team and developing the production schedule before moving into set, costume and design work. Once rehearsals began, the cast worked through an intensive four-week process to transform the musical from auditions into a fully staged production.

The production is the culmination of The-



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

**TELLING OF TALES:** The cast behind *Into The Woods*, the newest production by Theatre Orangeville's Young Company, takes a break from rehearsals. Featuring a medley of fairy tales, the production takes each tale, systematically breaks them down, and analyzes the values within through song, offering unique perspectives to both those familiar with the tales and those coming in blind.

atre Orangeville's annual Young Company program, which brings together performers from students entering Grade 7 through graduating high school students.

Unlike some theatre camps, Young Company is designed to replicate the experience of mounting a professional production. Participants audition for roles, work alongside industry professionals and rehearse under the same expectations found in professional theatre, all while developing their acting, singing and stagecraft.

This year's production was also shaped by the participants themselves. Organizers invited the young performers to pitch shows they were interested in tackling before ultimately selecting *Into the Woods*, recognizing both the enthusiasm for the musical and the opportunity it offered to showcase the cast's abilities.

For many participants, Young Company has become more than a place to perform. Returning cast members describe it as a welcoming environment where friendships are

formed across age groups and where experienced performers support newcomers.

"That belonging is the biggest reason why I love Young Company so much," one Young Company member said. "I keep coming back every year, because on the very first day I spent with Young Company three years ago, I remember being so scared that I was going to be on the outskirts and I wasn't going to enjoy myself, and as soon as I walked in, there was a big circle of people, and someone came and invited me, we sat and we talked in a big circle."

"From that day, this became my second home. It's so inclusive and welcoming for anybody, no matter where you're from, how old you are. Without this company, I never would have met some of my closest friends."

As opening night approaches, audiences can expect a production that combines familiar fairy tales with thought-provoking storytelling, challenging music and the collaborative energy of a cast working together to bring *Into the Woods* to life.

### Nashville Takeover brings three-day songwriter experience to Orangeville venues this weekend

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Nashville Takeover is coming to Orangeville this weekend, providing a three-day town-wide music experience bringing original songwriting, storytelling and intimate performances.

Presented by Backyard Music Co. in partnership with the Orangeville Downtown BIA, Taphouse Craft Beer & Kitchen and Barley Vine Rail Co., the event will transform venues throughout town into intimate stages featuring 15 songwriters from Nashville and Canada from July 10-12.

Unlike a traditional music festival with one main stage, The Nashville Takeover is designed as a town-wide cultural experience, with performances taking place

across multiple venues and spaces.

While there has been a shakeup in participating venues in the weeks leading up to the event, with several withdrawing, six are confirmed: Opera House, Orangeville Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall, Kelsey's Patio, Deja Vu Diner, Barley Vine Rail Co., and Josie's Taphouse.

The event will feature songwriter rounds, one-off performances, and late-night experiences where audiences can hear the stories behind the songs, while connecting directly with the artists.

"We're excited to bring the Nashville Takeover to town and partner with an incredible group of local venues to create a one-of-a-kind weekend built around a curated songwriter experience," said Scotty

Grieve, Nashville Takeover founder and organizer. "Our goal is to help guests discover new favourite venues, support local businesses, and create meaningful connections through great songs and great company."

He added, "We can't wait to welcome everyone for an unforgettable weekend."

Following successful takeovers in Port Stanley and Collingwood, the Nashville Takeover is now happening in 13 towns. Orangeville was selected from hundreds of communities across Canada based on its cultural identity, downtown core and community spirit.

Organizers say the event is focused on intimacy and discovery, giving attendees the chance to experience performances just feet away from the artists while hearing the

inspiration and stories behind the music.

The lineup of performing artists is intentionally unreleased until closer to the event, with organizers emphasizing that the weekend is about discovering emerging talent rather than following a traditional festival lineup. Performers from Nashville and Canada are expected to bring a mix of country, Americana, pop and folk music, with a focus on original songwriting and storytelling.

Organizers say the weekend will also feature after parties, bar hops and exclusive experiences designed to connect performers, attendees and local businesses.

The full schedule and venue details are released to ticket holders ahead of the event.

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# Upper Grand District School Board approves nearly \$530 million 2026-27 budget

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

The Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB) has approved a \$529-million budget for the 2026-27 school year.

The budget reflects priorities outlined in the UGDSB's Vision 2026+ multi-year plan. These include student achievement, lifelong learning, health and well-being, equity and access, foundational education, and sustainability, said the board in a June 30 press release.

"Since launching our Multi-Year Plan in 2022, we have worked to build a strong foundation for student success," said UGDSB CEO Peter Sovran.

"This budget reflects that journey. With every decision, we remained focused on protecting the programs, supports and learning

opportunities that have the greatest impact on students. It demonstrates our commitment to delivering on our vision while planning responsibly for the future."

The board said the approved budget reflects the financial realities school boards are facing throughout Ontario. These challenges include declining enrolment, rising operational costs, inflationary pressures, and increasing demand for specialized student supports.

"Developing a balanced budget in today's environment requires disciplined planning and a clear understanding of priorities," said Scott Keys, UGDSB's Chief Financial Officer.

"By using zero-based budgeting and grounding our decisions in the board's strategic priorities, we have developed financial estimates that are aligned, balanced, and

compliant while ensuring resources are directed where they can have the greatest impact for students."

Both zero-based budgeting and the UGDSB's Let's GO! Methodology was used to create the board's 2026-27 spending plan.

The methodology is a planning framework that guides budgeting, operations and student achievement. It breaks down the board's strategic priorities into measurable outcomes and uses data to monitor progress.

"As trustees, we have a responsibility to ensure every dollar entrusted to us is invested thoughtfully and responsibly," said Ralf Mesenbrink, UGDSB chair. "This budget reflects careful stewardship of public funds while remaining firmly focused on student learning and well-being. We are confident this budget positions the UGDSB to continue

delivering high-quality education and meaningful opportunities for every learner."

The board said the 2026-2027 budget invests in evidence-informed literacy and mathematics interventions, strengthened human rights and equity initiatives, proactive mental health supports, and innovative sustainability projects. These projects are aimed at improving operational efficiency while reducing environmental impacts.

Approximately 97 per cent of the UGDSB's operating budget supports students, with funding allocated to areas including teaching and learning, school operations, transportation and student services.

The UGDSB's 2026-27 financial estimates include funding for teaching and learning, student services, school operations and transportation, according to the board.

## Shelburne Public Library offers variety of programs for patrons through the summer

The library is the place to be this summer with programs and events for all ages!

### Programs for Kids

Join the TD Summer Reading Club (TDSRC), where you can win prizes for reading! TDSRC is Canada's biggest, bilingual summer reading program for kids ages 3-12 of all reading interests and abilities.

This free program is co-created and delivered by more than 2,000 public libraries nationally to celebrate Canadian authors, illustrators and stories.

The program offers something for everyone, including children with print disabilities, preschoolers, school-age children, and their families.

Research shows that children lose significant knowledge in reading and math over summer break, which results in subsequent

skill loss throughout the year as they try to catch up. A 2020 study by NWEA found students in Grades 3 to 5 lose an average of 20 percent of their school-year gains in reading and 27 per cent of their gains in math during the summer break.

The TD Summer Reading Club is a proven tool to help bridge the two-month gap and maintain academic achievement in literacy while having a blast all summer long!

### Programs for Teens

Our Teen Advisory Board hosted an after-hours Nerf battle last month and looks forward to hosting more events with library staff this summer, including game and movie nights, book talks, and more. Connect with the library to learn how your teen can earn their community service hours for planning fun events.

### Programs for Adults

In addition to our regularly scheduled programs and our annual reading challenge, save the date for one of our favourite literary events – Authors in the Hills of Mulmur! Join best-selling authors Terry Fallis, Linwood Barclay, and Heather Marshall on Sunday, August 23, at 1 p.m. at the Foley Barn.

Tickets are \$40 and are available at BookLore and the library.

Psst... The Ask an Archivist program with the Museum of Dufferin is coming back this Fall! Stay tuned for more details.

### Recommended Read

The Shelburne Public Library's staff pick this week is *The Essential Cottage Cookbook* by Andrea Buckett, selected by Brittany.

Buckett has vacationed at her family's cottage countless times since she was a

child, inspiring this cookbook's collection of flexible, flavour-packed recipes. Everything is developed for minimal kitchen tools and equipment, so you can easily whip up a filling meal and still have time to relax.

Chapters are divided by meals for every cottage experience under the sun (or rain, or snow!)

Why Brittany Likes it: Everyone knows I love camping and spending time up North. I recently borrowed this cookbook and loved the personal stories that were sprinkled throughout the recipes. My family and I tried the campfire beaver tails while camping in May, and they were a lot of fun.

*This column was written by Shannon McGrady, CEO of the Shelburne Public Library, with credit to the research and advocacy of the Urban Libraries Council.*

## Grand Valley Public Library receives \$20,000 for Library of Things initiative, programs

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Grand Valley Public Library will expand its newly launched Library of Things initiative after receiving a \$20,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

Sarah McTaggart, program and outreach manager for the Grand Valley Public Library, said the funding will allow the library to add more resources for residents of all ages.

"The library is over the moon excited to be able to provide this to the community," she said. "This is a great way in which we can provide affordable, equitable resources to the community of all ages. We have a few items in our Library of Things already, but this has just expanded it, and we definitely have heard from

community members that they would really like to see more accessible items for them."

During the grant reception ceremony on July 2, public officials attended, including Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones and Grand Valley Mayor Steve Solomon.

Mayor Solomon recognized the tremendous accomplishment of securing this grant and thanked the Ontario Government for its continued support.

"The Ontario Government, they have been very good to this town," he said. "This was a one-in-a-million opportunity. It's good that we have a good rep over at Queen's Park; she seems to think we're in need of some things and gets them delivered. So, thank you."

The Library of Things is a relatively new initiative that allows libraries to provide free ac-

cess to sports equipment and large-scale games that library patrons can take out with their library card.

The library already has several options available, such as oversized Connect Four, Tetris, and Jenga, along with several sports options, such as the popular Pickleball and Spikeball. With the new funding, even more activities are expected to be added in the near future.

McTaggart said that the Library of Things specifically offers kids and their families the chance to have fun without the need for technology.

"The nice piece about it is that it gives families and kids something to do that's completely different from a normal routine," she said. "Sometimes parents will find themselves thinking, we don't want them on a screen, so Tetris,

instead of being on a screen, for example, is right here in physical form."

McTaggart said the expansion reflects the changing role of libraries in communities.

"We have known for several years that libraries are definitely becoming so much more than just places for books," she said. "We are working each and every day to become more inclusive, welcoming, and allowing people so much more access to other things than just books, from technology, entertainment and more."

With this extra funding secured, the library will continue to focus on what it does best: providing a welcome, well-stocked community space that lets local residents access cutting-edge technology, education programs, entertainment options, and, of course, good literature.

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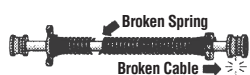
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**Jalapeño Wontons**  
12 PIECES 223 g

**SALE**

**Spanakopita**  
12 PIECES 340 g

**SALE**

**Vegetable Egg Rolls**  
10 PIECES 570 g

**SALE**

**Breaded Calamari Rings**  
340 g

**SALE**

**Chicken Spring Rolls**  
6 PIECES 432 g

### MAINS

**12.99 each**

**SAVE \$2**

14 VARIETIES TO CHOOSE FROM

**Butter Chicken**  
907 g

**Chicken Pad Thai**  
907 g

**Cabbage Rolls**  
907 g

**Creamy Chicken Lasagna**  
907 g

**Homestyle Tuna Casserole**  
907 g

**Spicy Sesame Chicken & Rice**  
907 g

### DESSERTS

**7.99 each**

**SAVE \$2**

**Portuguese Style Custard Tarts**  
6 PIECES 450 g  
2 Varieties

**Cake Pops**  
6 PIECES 216 g  
2 Varieties

**Mini Chocolate Torte Duo**  
2 CAKES 160 g

**BUY 1, GET 1 50% OFF**  
Regular price \$19.99 each

**Sausages**  
8-9 PIECES 900 g

**SAVE \$10**

**MIX AND MATCH**

**Frankfurters**  
18 PIECES 1 kg

**BUY 1, GET 1 50% OFF**  
Regular price \$14.99 each

**Jalapeño Cheese Sticks**  
13-16 PIECES 454 g

**SAVE \$7.50**

**MIX AND MATCH**

**Mozzarella Sticks**  
15-21 PIECES 454 g

**INCREIBLE PRICE**  
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**Chicken Strips**  
27-33 PIECES 1.36 kg

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20 SKEWERS 500 g

Also available, **Chicken Satay with Peanut Sauce 20 SKEWERS 500 g \$12.99 SAVE \$7**

**SAVE \$5**

**Italian Style Beef Meatballs**  
85-95 PIECES 907 g  
Other size available, 130-140 PIECES 1.36 kg **\$21.99 SAVE \$9**

**SAVE \$5**

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**Chicken Nuggets**  
33-40 PIECES 907 g

**SAVE \$3**

**Turkey Meatballs**  
78-83 PIECES 750 g

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**SAVE \$2**

**17.99**

**Bacon Wrapped Chicken**  
4 PIECES x 142 g/5 oz

**SALE**

**11.99**

**Maple Butter Pork Chops**  
4 PIECES 500 g

**SAVE \$4**

**28.99**

**Bacon Wrapped Beef Top Sirloin Steaks**  
4 STEAKS x 142 g/5 oz

**SAVE \$3**

**19.99**

**Bavette Steaks**  
2 STEAKS x 170 g/6 oz  
3 Varieties

**DINNER DONE IN A FLASH** **19.99 each** **SAVE \$2**

**MEAL KITS** 840 g - 1.05 kg

**Chicken Stir Fry**

**Beef Lo Mein**

**Lemon Herb Chicken and Pasta**

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**UNDER \$5**

**SALE**

**4.99 each**

**Pot Pies**  
225 g - 250 g  
2 Varieties

**SALE**

**4.99 each**

**Quiche**  
170 g  
3 Varieties

**SAVE \$2**

**7.99 each**

**SOUPS** 255 g - 400 mL  
5 Varieties

**SALE**

**4.99 each**

**Classic French Style**

**UNDER \$10**

**SAVE \$3**

**9.99**

**Popcorn Chicken**  
680 g

**SALE**

**8.99**

**Mini Franks in Pastry**  
15 PIECES 279 g

**SAVE \$3**

**9.99**

**Pepperoni Pizza Rolls**  
8 PIECES 460 g

Also available, **Cheesy Pizza Rolls** 8 PIECES 460 g **\$9.99 SAVE \$3**

**UNDER \$15**

**SAVE \$3**

**14.99**

**Sweet & Sour Chicken**  
900 g

**SAVE \$2**

**NEW! 12.99**

**Pork Osso Buco**  
600 g

**SAVE \$3**

**14.99 each**

**Seasoned Breaded Cod**  
4-5 PIECES 400 g

**SAVE \$3**

**9.99**

**Gratins**  
500 g  
2 Varieties

**SAVE \$3**

**9.99**

**North Atlantic Salmon**  
142 g

**SAVE \$3**

**9.99**

**Broccoli**

**SAVE \$3**

**9.99**

**Pepperoni Pizza Rolls**  
8 PIECES 460 g

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Regular price \$19.99 each

**Sausages**  
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**Mozzarella Sticks**  
15-21 PIECES 454 g

**BUY 1, GET 1 50% OFF** Regular price \$12.99 each **SAVE \$6.50**

**Gourmet Double Pepperoni Flatbreads**  
460 g - 515 g  
5 Varieties

**MIX AND MATCH**

**NEW! Gluten-Free Margherita Pizza**  
330 g



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