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COOKIES FOR COMMUNITY: Following the completion of the 2026 smile cookie fundraiser, the local initiative in Shelburne raised \$15,091 to support the local Rotary Club's Christmas Hamper Program, Backpack Program, and other local causes. Despite the closing of one of Shelburne's two Tim Hortons locations, local support and fundraising remained high. The Rotary Club of Shelburne extends their thanks to John Lewandowski and all of the staff at Tim Hortons, as well as the supportive members of the community who made this campaign successful.

Shelburne Home Hardware fundraiser boosts local school breakfast programs

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

In an effort to ensure local students don't attend school hungry, Shelburne Home Hardware held its annual tent and yard sale on June 7, with a fundraiser to raise capital for beleaguered school breakfast programs in town.

The weekend tent and yard sale at Shelburne Home Hardware delivered another strong boost to local school breakfast programs, raising approximately \$750 for the Kids Breakfast program.

Store owner Bill Gillam is matching the total himself, bringing the event's impact to about \$1,500 for children in local schools, in what he described as a personal mission.

"I found that in the community, the breakfast program for the kids at schools, local schools, was underfunded," he said. "So I asked the town representative what was needed in town, what was underfunded, and [the breakfast] program was very difficult to run and just needed some funding, so that's how this all got started, from that conversation."

The fundraiser was held as part of Gillam's long-running Donate a Plate initiative, which channels community donations into breakfast programs at five area schools.

Customers contribute at the till and sign their names on red and yellow plates that are displayed on the wall. Over 11 years, that approach, combined with matched contributions, has generated more than \$160,000 for the Breakfast Club of Canada.

Gillam said he takes any opportunity he can to raise more funds for the kids. While his primary fundraising season is around Christmas, other community events offer further opportunities to raise more money to send.

"Whenever we have an event during the year, and I have the ability to raise some dollars for the Donate a Plate program, kids breakfast program, then I will do it," he said. "This was an opportune weekend, for the yard and garden sale. We had some of the local school representatives, teachers and students come in and run the barbecue here, just to let everybody know that at our school, we get to go have breakfast, and this is how we come out and raise money for that."

Funds are directed through the Wellington Dufferin Children's Foundation, with the understanding that the funds will be returned to local schools to purchase food. The goal is to ensure that any student who needs breakfast can access it without barriers.

Events like the recent tent and yard sale,



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SIZZLIN' SUCCESS: Shelburne's Home Hardware held its annual Tent and Yard sale over the June 6 and 7 weekend, simultaneously holding a barbecue to raise money for the local school breakfast program. The fundraiser reached \$750, which owner Bill Gillam doubled to a total of \$1500 in total donations for the breakfast program.

along with school-supported barbecues and playful December campaigns featuring Gillam's Christmas suits as additional fundraisers, have turned Donate a Plate into a dedicated and consistent fundraiser in Shelburne.

Each new fundraiser becomes another opportunity to support local kids and keep breakfast programs running in the face of rising need.

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Boston Pizza supports Shelburne athlete's journey to France to compete in the Special Olympics Unified World Cup

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Boston Pizza staff and supporters gathered earlier this week to hand over proceeds from a June 2 celebrity server event to Shelburne-athlete Yazmine Wilson-Daponte, who's fundraising for her travels to compete in the Special Olympics Unified World Cup in Paris, France this summer.

The cheque for \$762.25 marked the culmination of a community effort that brought families, friends, and strangers together in support of the women's unified soccer team representing Canada.

Karrie Daponte, Yazmine Wilson-Daponte's mother, said she was happy to see the fundraiser's success.

"Obviously, I'm a very proud mom," Daponte said. "Yazmine thrives in the community, so it's like so great for her and all of us. She spends most of her time playing sports, so it's just amazing to see an opportunity like this."

The restaurant held a celebrity server event, which ran from 5 to 8 p.m., with 10 per cent of sales — including dine-in, take-out, and online orders — earmarked for Yazmine's travel costs. Additional funds were raised through a raffle for a donated soccer jersey and a \$5 "Balloon Pop" activity, boosting the final total.

Daponte said the money will primarily help cover Yazmine's flight, a required cost

for families joining Team Ontario, while the rest of the trip, including accommodation in the Olympic Village, is funded by Special Olympics.

The fundraising night followed weeks of quiet support from local businesses and residents, including gift cards, flags, and other items to make the trip possible.

With practices located hours away and a demanding training schedule, the cheque handover served as both a financial boost and a show of community pride in Yazmine's achievement.



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

SUPPORTING SPECIAL OLYMPICS: Boston Pizza management handed over the ceremonial cheque worth \$762.25 to Yasmine Wilson-Daponte on June 9, after a successful celebrity server event (left photo). Wilson-Daponte stands at Boston Pizza in Orangeville during a June 2 Celebrity Server Night fundraiser supporting her trip to the 2026 Special Olympics Unified World Cup in Paris, France (left photo). The community fundraiser raised more than \$760 to help cover travel costs for Wilson-Daponte.

Town of Shelburne reminds residents to be mindful of what they flush

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Shelburne is asking residents to be mindful of what they flush down their toilets, as improper waste has caused delays and damage to the town's water treatment system.

Toilets are meant to flush primarily three items: human waste of both kinds and toilet paper.

The town, however, has noticed a concerning level of improper waste being flushed down toilets, leading to issues with sewage and treatment down the line.

The town is stressing that wipes, hygiene products, food, medicine and clothing do not belong in the sewage system, yet these items are being found as they make their way to the treatment plant.

These items can slow down, clog or even damage municipal infrastructure, leading to potentially costly delays, repairs and damages.

This rule extends even to items that might be marked as flushable. Washable wipes and other items remain unsuitable for Shelburne's sewage system because they do not break down sufficiently as waste does and can still cause blockages.

The town said that each pump jammed at a Sewage Pump Station (caused by flushed clothing items) requires a human response to restore service. This creates overtime costs and requires the pump to be pulled and manually cleared at a cost of \$2,500 each time.

Last year, one sewage pump station was stopped seven times. The issues eventually necessitated the redesign and installation of an additional screening system, further rais-

ing costs for the town and its taxpayers.

These damages and blockages can do more than just rack up expensive repair bills in your own home. They can also lead to higher expenses for the whole town, as sewage rates might increase as a result. It is crucial to remain mindful of the community and your own pipes at home.

Town staff said that this damage also wears down the pumps, and one is already undergoing rebuilding due to a premature failure, which is set to cost \$20,000 to fully replace. The damage and buildup also increase the need for regular maintenance and cleaning, from an annual routine to quarterly, running up charges of \$6,000 per cleaning, which is a 75 per cent increase in frequency and cost.

In the future, the town is asking residents to consider these costs and be mindful of



how they use the sewage system. If current behaviours continue and create further issues, the impact could be felt through residents' property tax bills.

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OPINION

One thousand foot soldiers

You come home after a long day at work. To relax, you sit in your favourite chair and open the newspaper or a book, or maybe turn on the television to see if Jerry and Kramer are still neighbours after all these years.

You're having a good laugh at George's latest life crisis, when BAM BAM BAM, and you hear breaking glass.

There are gunshots on the street. How is this happening in your serene and quiet suburban neighbourhood?

Then you see your wife/son/daughter/father/mother/husband lying dead on the living room floor because one of those bullets fired at your neighbour's house came right through your living room window.

This is not a far-fetched scenario. It happened not that far from where I live.

It is now reported by such reliable sources as CBC News and Global News that the so-called Lawrence Bishnoi gang wrote a letter to police in Abbotsford, B.C., claiming to have more than 1,000 foot soldiers across Canada ready to carry out extortion. The usual method is threats and shooting up businesses and private homes.

What they really meant is they have over 1,000 thugs, criminals, terrorists, and fake students living here, not 'soldiers.'

Why are these thugs even on our shores?

They have one Indian national identified as Jashandeep Singh in an investigation about an extortion network operating in Ontario, Alberta, and B.C.

The CBC report states, "Canada's Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship (Lena Metlege Diab) wants to deport Singh for organized criminality."

She 'wants' to deport him? What's the hold-up? He's not a citizen, kick him out, now.

A police officer involved in the investigation stated, "Every individual that we've identified during this investigation is a temporary foreign worker or on a student visa and relatively new to Canada."

And the Minister 'wants' to deport them?

The federal government is directly responsible for this after years of irresponsible immigration policies.

Why were these criminals not vetted? How did they even get into the country if they are involved in organized criminal activity?

Does the federal government just rubber-stamp any criminal that shows up on our shores?

The provincial government now has a

series of radio ads you might have heard.

It says the provincial government is going to build more jails and hire more prosecutors and police to keep us safe.

Common sense says you should be proactive and stop it before it starts – not wait until someone is dead, and then react.

You can throw someone in jail after the fact, but that doesn't help a grieving family who just lost someone who was shot dead in their own home in a drive-by shooting.

The Trudeau government was largely responsible for the bad immigration policies that resulted in this mess. Trudeau's policy of opening the floodgates and letting anyone, including those with bad intentions and criminal backgrounds, into the country has caused a serious backlash nationwide.

I'm sure the Abbotsford police aren't too happy about receiving a letter that taunts and mocks them, openly admitting they are criminals in our midst with the intention of committing more crimes.

These thugs don't try to intimidate people by throwing stones at houses. They try to intimidate people by firing guns at their houses.

The federal government's response is to try to criminalize some farmer who has a legally owned rifle for predator protection

and hunting, by banning more and more firearms, rather than cracking down on those criminals driving around with illegal handguns in their car.

A quick fact check shows that the majority of firearms used in crimes are illegally smuggled in from the United States. They aren't firearms legally bought and used by Farmer Brown and his neighbours.

The stats also show that 95 per cent of guns used in homicides in Canada were illegally obtained.

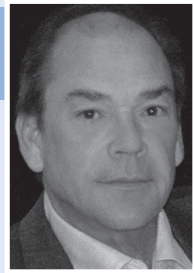
I'm pretty sure local police and agencies like the RCMP and CSIS have already figured out who these foreign criminals are – so why aren't they doing anything about it?

It all goes back to the federal government, which would rather have your house shot up than make headlines by deporting people and being called some kind of 'phobic' word by fringe groups.

The old saying, 'an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure,' makes absolute sense.

The prevention, in this case, is stopping these terrorists and criminals from ever arriving here in the first place.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



What does Bibi want?

"The war is over," US Secretary of State Marco Rubio told Congress last Tuesday, but it isn't.

In the Persian Gulf there is a sort-of ceasefire between the United States and Iran that is reluctantly observed by Israel too, but there are air strikes between American and Iranian forces around the Gulf on most days.

There is also a nominal ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah in southern Lebanon, but the reality is that the Israeli Defence Force (IDF) is relentlessly grinding forward there every day. On an average day around a dozen Lebanese civilians are killed, and Israeli evacuation orders now cover about a fifth of the country (2,000 sq. km.)

While Donald Trump's objectives in launching the attack on Iran were unclear, his desperate desire to walk away from this failed "little excursion" with something – anything – that he could portray as a success is obvious. Once or twice a

week he announces that a deal with Iran is imminent, but it never happens because the Iranians will get more if they wait.

The Israelis, by contrast, are quite happy to go on fighting. When Trump ordered Prime Minister Binyamin 'Bibi' Netanyahu to stop bombing Iran, he obeyed ("He'll do whatever I want him to do," boasted Trump) because it had become clear that further attacks on Iran would accomplish nothing. But the Israeli invasion of Lebanon is a different matter.

Bibi did what he always does: he made a minor concession to placate Trump (he hasn't bombed the city of Beirut), but he hasn't stopped the IDF's steady advance into southern Lebanon. This led to some spectacular pyrotechnics by the American president on Monday, according to the US news website Axios (usually well informed on these matters).

"What the f*** are you doing?" Trump allegedly shouted in his call to Netanyahu. "You're f***ing crazy. You'd be in prison

if it weren't for me. I'm saving your ass. Everybody hates you now. Everybody hates Israel because of this."

It certainly sounds like Trump – especially the bit where he screams and shouts, but ultimately caves in to any dictator, any powerful leader whose strength he admires (Kim Jong-un, Vladimir Putin, etc.). He is letting Netanyahu get away with it, even if it queers the deal with Iran, because he really can't help himself. Not all bullies are fakes, but Trump is.

But what does Netanyahu really want? The IDF is doing the same thing in southern Lebanon that it has already done in the Gaza Strip: empty the towns and villages with evacuation orders, then send in the engineers with explosives and bulldozers to demolish all the houses and other buildings. Leave nothing standing.

That task is more than half completed in the Strip. Netanyahu recently told the residents of Kfar Adumim, an Israeli settlement in the West Bank: "We now control 60 percent of the [Gaza] territory." Some in the crowd shouted "100 percent!" Netanyahu replied "Go in order. First 70. Let's start with that."

We know that the Israeli government's final goal is a Palestinian-free Gaza Strip because its members repeatedly tell us so. Just the day before Netanyahu's speech Defence Minister Israel Katz said that the goal was for large numbers of Palestinians to leave the Strip by what he called "voluntary migration".

'Voluntary' in the sense that many of

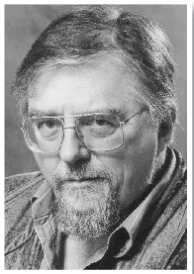
the two million Palestinians squeezed into one-third of an already overcrowded territory, living in tents or makeshift shelters in sun and rain, summer and winter, drinking polluted water and feeding their families on very short rations, might ultimately despair and accept an offer of 'voluntary' migration.

That makes perfectly good sense if you are convinced that God gave all this land to your ancestors in perpetuity 3,800 years ago, but it makes no sense to apply the same policy to southern Lebanon. It's clear that God did not give Lebanon to the Jews, and international law (what's left of it) doesn't approve of it either.

So what is Netanyahu up to? Israel occupied all this territory in 1982-2000, but finally chose to leave because of the constant drain of military casualties due to guerilla resistance (by the forerunners of the current Hezbollah organization). Does he think that it might work better this time if they systematically destroy all the houses and farms? Probably not.

It's more likely that he just wants to keep the war going until October, when he faces an election he might lose. Most Israelis want the wars against both Iran and Lebanon to continue, so that should win him some votes. But he does have a touch of the megalomaniacal about him, so you can't dismiss the notion that he really dreams of annexing southern Lebanon too.

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COMMUNITY VOICES

Monthly Message: Becoming visible through art and community

As I write this, I am sitting outside the closed doors of Shelburne's Grace Tipling Hall, surrounded by art.

Youth artwork is all around me, hung alongside pieces from artists in the community, including some of our teachers, our program coordinator, Megan, and even a few of my own. On the other side of the doors, Finding Nemo Jr. is unfolding onstage. I can hear the audience cheering from where I sit, and I am waiting for the doors to open again.

My heart is swelling with pride. I already know people will come out of that theatre thrilled by what they have just experienced. Not because every line was perfect or every note landed flawlessly, but because something deeper is happening in that room.

Young people are becoming visible. That is one of the things art does. It helps children become visible to themselves.

Sometimes that happens quietly, in a rehearsal room or at an art table. Sometimes it happens all at once, under lights, on a stage,



or framed on a wall. A child offers something of themselves, something they have made, practiced, risked, or imagined, and in the sharing of it, they begin to see more clearly what may have been there all along. A confidence. A spark. A voice.

Last week, we saw it at our student showcase, where Streams music students shared what they had been working on all year. What made the evening beautiful was not perfection. It was the atmosphere in the room. The audience created the safety required for confidence and self-assurance to germinate. They listened generously. They applauded warmly. They made space for courage.

And that matters more than we sometimes realize.

Children do not only grow through instruction. They also grow through affirmation. Through being witnessed. Through discovering that what is in them can reach other people.

That is what Streams Month is about. Yes, it is a month of events: showcases, exhibitions, theatre, fun, and open doors. But underneath all of that is something deeper. Again and again, this month, our community is being given the chance to support and affirm the creativity of young people. To be the kind of audience, neighbour, parent, teacher, donor, volunteer, or cheerleader that helps keep the stream flowing.

And by that, I do not just mean financially, though that matters too. I mean emotionally. Socially. Creatively. In the hearts of children and youth who are learning, little by little, to recognize their own capacity and capability.

So come out. Fill the seats. Walk through the gallery. Cheer the kids on. Spend some time with us. Help us create the kind of atmosphere where young people can become

visible to themselves.

You can find Streams Month details, event information, and tickets at streamshub.org/streamsmonth.

As I sit here waiting for these doors to open, surrounded by what has been made and listening to what is unfolding, I am reminded again that this work is never just about programs. It is about people. It is about possibility. It is about making room for young people to emerge.

There is something I find quietly meaningful about sitting out here, on the other side of the door. We helped build the stage. We helped find the teachers, raise the funds, and hold the space. But what is happening in that room right now belongs entirely to the young people inside it. That, I think, is exactly how it should be.

And tonight, in this hall, full of art and echoing with applause, that is exactly what is happening.

By Juli-Anne James, Executive Director, Streams Community Hub.

Dufferin Arts Council revives programming with After 5 Salon event in Hockley Village

Written By **CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD**

The Dufferin Arts Council is well and truly back, as a revitalized organization and it is inviting you to attend the first of its planned four "Salons" on June 16 at the Hockley Historical Community Hall in Hockley Village.

Running from 5 to 7 p.m., this is a pleasant couple of hours during which a short video presentation is offered by Art Conservator Alison Douglas, followed with refreshments and a chance to discuss the information in the video with its author.

A "salon" has a historical tie to a time of a less structured, more casual style to socializing, enjoyed for its relaxed yet informative approach to a subject.

The dates and venues for the additional three salons are not confirmed at this time but announcements will be made as plans come into place.

The Dufferin Arts Council (DAC) will launch its summer programming with an After 5 Salon at the Hockley Historic Com-

munity Hall on June 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. The informal gathering will feature a short video presentation by a guest speaker, followed by a relaxed question-and-answer discussion, alongside light refreshments and a social setting designed to encourage conversation and connection among attendees.

The event marks the first in DAC's summer lineup, as the organization moves forward with renewed energy after discussions last fall about its future.

"Last autumn, there was talk of shutting down the Dufferin Arts Council," said David Naim, co-chair with Signe Ball of DAC. "But there were some young people who came on board and said that we should bring new life into it and keep it going."

The mantra of the Dufferin Arts Council is to enrich the community by actively supporting the arts and artists through communication, resources, programs, and partnerships. This is partly achieved through grants and awards for post-secondary education and travel to learn new techniques and to study how art is expressed in other coun-

tries and cultures. There was every reason for the idea of revitalizing DAC.

In an interview with the Citizen last week, Naim provided some details about the After 5 Salon event.

"This is a casual conversation, starting with a video presentation by the speaker," he said. "That will be followed by a Q and A of sorts but more relaxed."

Catering with a collection of hors d'oeuvres by the local restaurant, The Goodhawk, is matched by a glass of wine from Adamo's winery or beer from one of the community's very fine local breweries.

The speaker for this first Salon is Art Conservator Alison Douglas, whom the Citizen interviewed this past weekend.

"Signe [Ball] asked me to speak at this – out of the blue," Douglas said. "She had put a feature about me in her magazine, In the Hills."

While doing a project in grade 13 at high school, Douglas learned about the fantastic 10-year cleaning of the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican. At the time, as she noted, there

were the beginnings of her feeling, "I knew I was going to do that."

Still in grade 13, she did chemistry and organic chemistry, moving on to get her Honours B.F.A. and Master's of Art Conservation at Queen's University.

While there were longings to be an artist, it was clear that conserving art was her better calling. A member of the Canadian Association of Professional Conservators (CAPC), Douglas has years of stories her work has seen, commenting, "Every piece is different."

"It really is a labour of love," she admitted. "Sometimes, it's like opening Pandora's box."

In addition to working for establishments, like the McMichael Canadian Art Collection, Douglas also offers her talent as a Conservator to individual owners, making a point to see where the work is usually displayed and then giving an estimate of what it will need to be conserved.

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Canadian Tire donation fires up community support for Shelburne Legion

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Orangeville Canadian Tire is stepping up to help the Shelburne branch of the Royal Canadian Legion prepare for summer by donating a new, large barbecue on June 5.

As the summer weather kicks into full gear, outdoor activities are popping up all across the community. The local Royal Canadian Legion in Shelburne has been planning events of its own, including an upcoming barbecue.

Deputy Zone Commander Chris Skalozub said there was just one issue, however: they needed a new grill. So he spoke to Canadian Tire Warehouse Manager Brenda Fedrigoni.

"We really needed a new barbecue," he said. "We have a puny little thing that just can't keep up with high volumes of people, and we have an auto show coming up and a barbecue, it wasn't going to work. So I went down and spoke to Brenda Fedrigoni, and I asked for a donation for a barbecue."

After approaching Orangeville Canadian Tire with the request, the store agreed to donate a six-burner barbecue with an additional side burner, significantly increasing the Legion's capacity to serve visitors and raise funds. The donation took place on Friday, June 5.

Skalozub praised Fedrigoni and Canadian Tire for their eagerness to help.

"She was fantastic," he said. "She said it wouldn't be a problem, and that she could

do this for us right away, and she did it. Boom, done. And then she gave us a deal on the cover, which is a big help for us, because we're trying to save some money."

The donation is part of an ongoing relationship between Canadian Tire and Royal Canadian Legion, which has previously seen the store support the Legion with another barbecue and space for community initiatives.

Canadian Tire has been a consistent partner for the Legion's activities, including allowing members to canvas in-store for the annual Remembrance Day program and providing indoor space during poor weather.

"This store has been fantastic for the Legion for a long time," Skalozub said. "They'll let us come down here in Canvas for Remembrance Day, collect donations, and we get to stay out of the rain. We're very grateful."

This support helps en-

sure that important commemorative and fundraising efforts can continue regardless of conditions.

The new barbecue will play a role at fu-

ture events, strengthening the Legion's ability to bring residents together, support veterans, and contribute to local causes. And of course, serve some good food.



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

GRILLING DONATION: Barbecue pictured for display only. Members of the Royal Canadian Legion, including Deputy Zone Commander Chris Skalozub and current President Dan Sample, met with Brenda Fedrigoni to receive the new, large barbecue, now bound for the Shelburne Legion to be used for special events and community activities.

County report shows more paramedics are needed to improve rural response times

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS

In keeping with the universal truth found in Beatles lyrics, rural paramedic services sometimes "get by with a little help from their friends" – or in this case, neighbours.

That's one of the takeaways from a look at Dufferin County Paramedic Services' rural response times, detailed in a report tabled at a May county council meeting.

The average response time in 2025 for all types of calls countywide was almost nine minutes. For high acuity calls, the average response time in 2025 was 07:02. The shortest average response time for high-acuity calls last year was in Shelburne at 05:32.

The longest average response time for high-acuity calls was in Mulmur at 15:11.

Councillor Chris Gerrits, Amaranth's mayor, said some of the rural response times are nothing short of amazing. Regarding Amaranth's northwest corner in particular, he said it's amazing the time it takes for paramedics

to respond there.

However, the county's boundary municipalities, Mulmur, Melancthon, and East Garafraxa, seemed to have slower response times. Gerrits asked if those areas are being served by other paramedic services.

Gary Staples, the chief at the Dufferin County Paramedic Service, confirmed that it was indeed the case.

"There are a number of calls that are being serviced by other municipalities," he said and stressed that it was because of proximity to those municipalities.

Some areas of East Garafraxa's south would be closer to Hillsburgh than to Orangeville or Grand Valley, he said. Dufferin County paramedics operate from stations in Orangeville, Grand Valley, and a third in Shelburne.

Staples said other municipalities in Dufferin County served a total of 737 calls last year.

"Some of them would be due to closeness," he said. "Some of them would be because we don't have ambulances. And some would

be because they (outside ambulance) are at Headwaters hospital. Even though we have an ambulance in town, they might be the closest one."

That goes both ways: Dufferin County Road 109 through Orangeville is technically in Caledon. Gerrits said that's one of the busier roads.

"It's considered Caledon, even though it's a Dufferin road, so we would technically respond because we are closer," Staples said.

Dufferin paramedics would respond to calls in some of the more northern Caledon centres because of proximity, he said.

"We tend to respond to those, but they are low numbers," Staples said.

In 2025, local paramedics sprang into action on 299 external calls, those from outside Dufferin County, Staples said.

Coun. Janet Horner, the mayor of Mulmur, asked whether anything could be done to reduce response time for high-acuity calls in her municipality. Mulmur recorded the longest

average response time.

There's been talk in the past about locating a paramedic substation nearby in an effort to curtail response time, she said.

Horner asked if there was anything that could decrease the paramedic response times to Mulmur.

"That is a tough question of what can be done," Staples said.

Staples said 80 per cent of calls to the service are from Orangeville, Shelburne, and the boundaries of Grand Valley.

"So we're really speaking to 20 per cent of the calls that are spread out through a large area," Staples said.

He said finances will be reviewed over the summer to better determine what next steps may be to improve those response times. He said there has been talk about a paramedic station on County Road 17.

"[If] there was dedicated staff to that station, the response times across the community would decrease as a result," Staples said.

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First-degree murder charge laid after Dufferin OPP officer struck by vehicle during arrest

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

A Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officer has died after being struck by a vehicle during an attempted arrest in northern Ontario. The incident resulted in a first-degree murder charge and prompted an outpouring of grief from police and political leaders.

Provincial Constable Tarun Bali, 29, of the Dufferin OPP Detachment, was killed in the line of duty on June 9, near Hearst, Ont., while on a short-term deployment with the OPP's James Bay Detachment.

OPP Commissioner Thomas Carrique said the incident occurred at approximately 12:30 p.m. as officers attempted to safely apprehend an 18-year-old man who had fled from a hospital where he was being assessed under the Mental Health Act.

"As officers attempted to safely apprehend the accused, our officer was struck by a motor vehicle and killed while that motor vehicle was being driven by the accused," Carrique said.

Carrique said officers from multiple detachments, along with a member of the Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service, were involved in the response and arrest.

"We're one big team here at the OPP, and he was one of our own. Everybody leans in to lend a hand," he said, adding that officers from across the province were deployed to assist in the search and apprehension.

The commissioner said Const. Bali, who served with the force for 2.5 years, had volunteered for the northern deployment from his home base in Dufferin County. Carrique described him as a dedicated officer who had "dreamed of being a police officer" from a young age.

"We know, we saw a picture when he was two years old where he stood there saluting, as in the image of a police officer," Carrique said. "This was a lifelong dream for him."

He said Const. Bali had been deployed in the region for four days at the time of the incident and had previously served in similar northern assignments.

"He's truly an officer that in two and a half years made a difference everywhere he'd go," Carrique said.

The accused, identified by police as 18-year-old Justin Veronneau of Hearst, faces charges of first-degree murder, flight from police (two counts), dangerous oper-



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FALLEN OFFICER: Dufferin OPP Const. Tarun Bali, 29, was killed in the line of duty on June 9 near Hearst, Ont., while on a short-term northern deployment.

ation causing death, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, assaulting a police officer and resisting arrest. He remains in custody and is scheduled to appear in court on June 24, 2026.

The charges against Veronneau have not been proven in court.

The investigation is continuing under the direction of the OPP Criminal Investigation Branch, with support from the Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario and the Ontario Forensic Pathology Service.

Dufferin County Warden Lisa Post said flags have been lowered to half-mast in honour of Const. Bali and extended condolences on behalf of county council and residents.

"On behalf of Dufferin County Council and staff and our entire community, we extend our sincerest condolences and thoughts to Constable Bali's family, friends, loved ones and fellow police community members," Post said.

The OPP said support is being provided to the officer's family and colleagues as the province's policing community mourns his death.

"Let's give them time to grieve. Let's pay our respects to them and show some sympathy and support," Carrique said.

County considers policy to allow memorial signs on Dufferin highways

Written By JAMES MATTHEWS

Dufferin County needs a formal policy that will allow residents to celebrate loved ones who died in preventable traffic mishaps.

That was the plea Elizabeth Mangos brought to county council when it met on May 28. Her mother was Fay Mangos, and she was run off the road on County Road 109 east of County Road 11 by a young, impaired driver in October 2010.

Fay Mangos was driving to work when she died after a 2010 Chevrolet pickup truck crossed the centre line in Amaranth and struck her car at about 5 a.m. She and her husband ran George's Family Restaurant in Grand Valley.

Elizabeth Mangos asked that the county adopt a formal policy to allow memorial roadside signage to be erected at sites where a person was killed in a preventable traffic collision.

Elizabeth Mangos told council that her mother wasn't just a beloved wife, sister, grandmother, and friend. Her mother was a deeply committed member of the Dufferin County community, she said.

Fay Mangos spent nearly 30 years in the restaurant business, and her family restaurant was far more than a place to eat.

"It was a place where people found food, advice, encouragement, practical help, and where customers often became part of an extended community around her," Elizabeth Mangos said. "She was known for hard work, generosity, compassion, and her habit of helping people without judgment."

She said her mother supported the local business community, teams in many sports streams, and helped the Grand Valley Fire Department by providing meeting space.

"And responded whenever the community needed help," Elizabeth Mango said of her mother. "When families fell on hard times, meals were provided without charge. During severe winter weather when motorists were stranded after road closures on County Road 109, Fay opened her restaurant to offer shelter and warm meals until travel was safe again."

Elizabeth Mango said a highway memorial sign would recognize a woman whose daily life reflected service, generosity, and commitment to her community and acknowledge the enduring grief caused by her violent death at the hands of an impaired driver.

Such incidents introduce disruption to

many lives, she said.

"A sign would not undo that loss, but it would provide dignified public recognition at the place where her life was taken and would stand as a visible reminder of the consequences of impaired driving," she said.

An official county policy would ensure all requests are weighed fairly and consistently.

Memorial signs should apply only to fatalities on Dufferin roads and be requested by an immediate family member or authorized representative.

County staff can review to ensure safe roads. And Elizabeth Mangos suggested a standardized format govern sign design.

Signs will be placed near the site of the highway collision and will be erected for a fixed term. And, of course, approval rests with county staff.

"This request is for a structured policy that balances compassion with safety, consistency, and administrative clarity," she said.

A standard policy would help the upper-tier council respond to future requests on a case-by-case basis.

"My mother Fay lived her life with generosity, strength, humour, and a deep sense of responsibility to others," she said. "Recognizing her with a memorial sign would honour not only the way she died but, more importantly, the way she lived and the community she helped build."

Councillor Todd Taylor, who is also Orangeville's deputy mayor, said there's a bench that memorializes his late father.

"So I get why you would want to do this," Taylor said. "It strikes a chord with me."

He suggested Mangos' idea for a highway memorial policy may be something county staff could investigate and forward a report to council.

"I love the idea," he said. "At this point I just think it would be wrong to say yes."

Coun. Fred Nix, who is Mono's deputy mayor, said he lives on a county road on which "many people have died."

"Given that's being done on county roads now, I guess my assumption is there would be nothing stopping you from doing it yourself," Nix said.

If the family were to go ahead and erect a memorial sign, Elizabeth Mangos said that weather and high winds could push it into the road and cause a traffic accident.

"I don't think I could live with myself," she said.

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Mayor Wade Mills to seek re-election in October municipal election

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

As the 2026 fall election draws closer and nominations start to come in, local leaders across the region are throwing their hats into the race to present their vision for their communities. New challengers are stepping in, while sitting leaders are preparing to campaign for reelection.

One of those leaders is Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills.

Mills announced on June 2 that in the 2026 municipal election, he will be seeking reelection as mayor. Mills said he remains optimistic about the town's trajectory and wants to continue building on that momentum.

"We've built tremendous momentum as a community, but there is still more work to do," he said. "Major projects are underway, important opportunities are emerging, and I believe our best days are still ahead of us."

Mills points to the last eight years of his leadership, where he has focused on expanding recreational amenities, such as parks, and on retail expansions across town.

The town has seen significant expansion over those years, necessitating upgrades to utilities and infrastructure. This was seen through the millions of dollars the town has received from the province for upgrades to facilities like Shelburne's water treatment plant.

Mills credits more than just the town of-

office for the developments, and said that he's proud that the community has remained committed to mutual support throughout his previous terms.

"I am incredibly proud of what we've accomplished together over the past eight years. These successes belong to our entire community – residents, businesses, staff, council members, volunteers, and community organizations who care deeply about Shelburne and its future."

Mills said that his campaign plans to focus on continuing the work from his previous terms, such as infrastructure, economic development, further expanding amenities, maintaining fiscal responsibility, and strengthening community connections.

Community connections and open dialogue are key components of leadership, according to Mills.

As his campaign gets underway, he has re-committed himself to promoting community unity and cooperation.

"A mayor must be able to listen carefully, build consensus, and bring people together in pursuit of a shared vision," he said. "Over the past eight years, I've worked hard to provide that kind of leadership, and I would be honoured to continue serving the community in that role."

The municipal elections are set for Oct. 26, 2026, across Ontario's 444 municipalities.

More info can be found online at: shelburne.ca/town-hall/2026-municipal-election/.



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REELECTION: Incumbent Mayor Wade Mills announced he is seeking reelection in the 2026 municipal election this fall. He is looking to build on his past terms, which have focused on infrastructure expansion, economic development, expanded amenities, and maintaining fiscal responsibility. His tenure has seen funding secured for the wastewater treatment plant, park development and progress towards an eventual truck bypass for the town.

Blues, jazz and 40,000 people pack downtown Orangeville for annual festival weekend

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

About 40,000 people flowed through downtown Orangeville this past weekend as the Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival once again turned the town into a multi-stage celebration of music, food and local culture — despite financial headwinds behind the scenes.

Festival founder and artistic director Larry Kurtz said the lineup of over 40 bands struck a strong balance between blues and jazz, with fans able to enjoy JUNO-award-winning and nominated acts across all three stages from June 5 to 7.

"Overall, I felt it went great. We had lots of happy, smiling people throughout the downtown," Kurtz said. "The headliners on Friday, Saturday, Sunday — all three acts were excellent."

He added, "It was a thrill for me personally to have Emily-Claire Barlow come and play jazz for us on the main stage. I feel she's one of the greatest jazz singers in the country."

Other headliners included Alex Pangman & Her Alleycats, Blackburn Brothers, Miss Emily and Paul James Band.

Beyond the main stages, much of the festival's impact could be felt in the streets of downtown Orangeville itself, where crowds spilled well beyond the performance areas and into the core's shops, patios and sidewalks.

Kurtz said that atmosphere is an intentional part of how the festival is designed, with

programming structured to keep activity flowing across multiple spaces rather than centred on a single stage.

"It's a showcase for the beautiful downtown, for sure," he said. "Showing us at our best, where there's tons to do and it's very welcoming."

Even after scheduled performances wrapped on the street in the evening, the energy didn't dissipate.

Kurtz said that the pause in programming is deliberate, creating a transition point between outdoor stages and continued performances in the park.

"We plan it that the music wraps up on the street," he said. "We're hoping people come into the park, where it continues to 11 p.m."

But what stood out most, he said, was how the downtown continued to function as a gathering place even without live music as a focal point. On Saturday night, he described seeing Broadway filled wall-to-wall with people simply lingering, talking and moving through the core.

"At 8 p.m. when everything had ended on the street, it was totally packed as far as the eye could see — from Wellington all the way up First Street," Kurtz said. "No music happening, no entertainment, just people milling about and socializing."

He said that kind of gathering captures what the festival has become over its 20-plus-year history: not just a series of performances, but a shared space where the town itself becomes part of the experience.



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FESTIVAL WEEKEND RETURNS: Musicians perform and a crowd enjoys the Blues Cruise during the Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival from June 5 to 7. The three-day festival featured dozens of blues and jazz acts across multiple stages and drew thousands of people into downtown Orangeville for a weekend of music, food and community celebration.

"It was amazing to see," he said. "They're entertaining themselves just by hanging out and talking and enjoying it."

Still, Kurtz said the festival's success on the ground comes alongside mounting financial pressure behind the scenes. While attendance held steady at around 40,000 people, he said, reduced government funding has created a noticeable gap in the organization's budget this year.

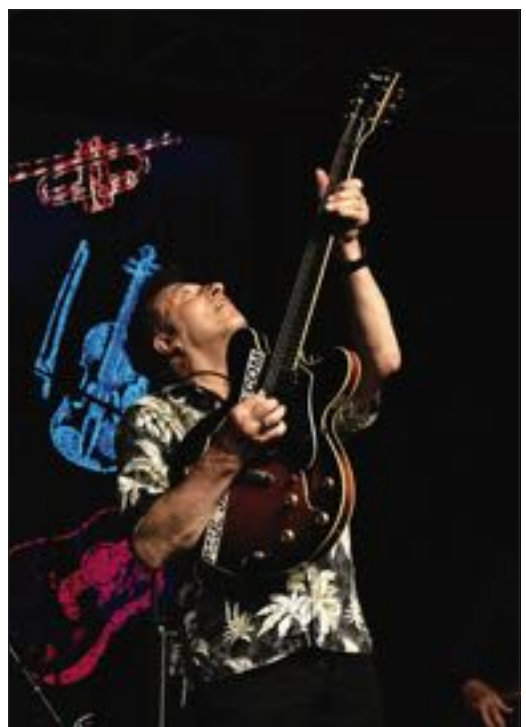
He pointed to a significant drop in grant support, including the loss of a \$50,000 Experience Ontario grant that the festival received the previous year. Heritage funding was also cut nearly in half, dropping from about \$23,000 to \$14,000. Kurtz said those reductions have forced organizers to reassess how the festival is financed moving forward.

Despite those challenges, Kurtz said the festival continues to rely on a combination of community support, sponsorship and volunteer effort to keep operations running. He noted that while local backing from the town and Orangeville BIA remains strong, replacing lost funding at higher levels of government is an ongoing concern.

"The financing of the festival... we don't know the balance sheet yet," he said. "We have to work on that and find other alternatives."

He added that organizers are already exploring new fundraising approaches, including expanding a 50/50 draw introduced this year to generate additional revenue.

For Kurtz, the music may draw the crowds, but it's the shared social experience that defines the festival's success.



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SPORTS

Mansfield Cubs U14 Rep A/AA team remains undefeated early in the season

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

The Mansfield Cubs U14 Rep A/AA team are looking good in the early season, going undefeated in their first four games.

The Cubs were up against the Orangeville Bengals on their home diamond in Mansfield on Monday, June 8.

It was a fairly even game in the first few innings, with the game tied at three in the third inning.

The Cubs got the bats moving in the middle innings, started bringing in the runs and had success stealing bases.

They kept up the pressure for the rest of the game.

The Cubs left the field with a 13-4 win, their fourth consecutive win of the season.

“We hit well off the second pitcher,” said Cubs second baseman Bennett Tupling. “When they brought in the second pitcher, he threw a lot harder but we hit a lot better. On defence, we got the ball in front of us and threw the ball well.”

Teammate Finn Armatage thought the team played a good game.

“On offence we hit well. Overall it was a pretty solid game,” Finn said. “We fielded well, and our pitcher was really good today.”

Coach Chester Tupling has been with the team for several years and thinks they have gelled into a solid unit.

“We’ve had a great start to the season. The boys are working hard and practising hard,” Chester said. “We haven’t had a lot of games yet, just because of the weather. They have done better in every game. They are a good, hard-working team. The majority of these kids we’ve had since U9. We added a couple of new players this year, but the heart of this team has been together since 2020. They’ve been to the OBA’s the last three years in a row and won the YSBA’s the last three years in a row.”

The Mansfield Cubs 14U A/AA will be back on their home diamond in Mansfield on June 15, when they will host the Muskoka Hornets.

Game time is 6:30 p.m.

BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

STRONG SEASON: The Mansfield Cubs U15 A/AA team take on the Orangeville Bengals on the diamond in Mansfield on Monday, June 8. Base runner Brody Trott slides safely into home plate to score. The Cubs won the game 13-4 and are undefeated this season.



New Lowell remains undefeated, leading the NDBL senior division

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

The defending Strother Cup champion New Lowell Knights are having a stellar season, so far undefeated and leading the North Dufferin Baseball League senior division standings.

The last time they were on the diamond, they picked up an 8-1 win over the Creemore Padres on June 2.

After eight times on the diamond this season, the Knights have won seven games and tied one.

They are the only undefeated team in the league this season. Surprisingly, most of the wins have been close games decided by one or two runs.

The Knights are having a strong season, but that doesn’t mean they don’t have some good competition with a few teams trying to chase them down.

In second place in the senior division, the Barrie Angels are having a good season with six wins and three losses after nine times on the diamond.

The Angels are leading the ‘runs for’ column this year, having scored 87 runs over those nine games.

The Ivy Rangers are in third place in the

standings. The Rangers have only played six times, but they have won five out of those six games.

They lost their second game of the season to the Barrie Angels by a single run back on May 8.

In fourth place in the division, the Owen Sound Baysox have a 5-3 record.

They are followed by the Orillia Majors, Bolton Brewers, and the Caledon Cardinals.

The senior division has a 22-game regular season schedule before heading into the playoffs.

Junior Division

In the Junior Division of the NDBL, the Barrie Baycats have emerged as the front-runner, but have a few teams right behind them for some good competition in the division this season.

The Baycats have a 5-1-1 record so far this year. They have averaged almost ten runs per game this season.

The Creemore Padres are close behind in second place in the division with a 5-3 record, and have averaged over six runs per game this season.

In the number three spot, the Innisfil Cardinals are having a good season, but had a couple of early games postponed due to in-

clement weather.

In the middle of the pack, the Orillia Royals had a 3-3-1 record.

They are followed by the Caledon Nationals, Innisfil Cardinals, and the Aurora King Jays.

In the basement, the Owen Sound Baysox are still looking for their first win this season.

The junior division has a 16-game regular season schedule before heading into the playoffs.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

SAFE AT SECOND: There is a lot of action on local diamonds as baseball season gets underway for the summer. A Mansfield U11 Cubs player makes it safely to second base during the first inning of a game against the TNT Thunder held in Tottenham on Monday, June 1. The Cubs left the diamond with a 14-9 win in this game.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

JILLIAN BROOKS

Playing rugby for four years, Jillian Brooks brings a lot of experience and skill to the Centre Dufferin District High School girls' rugby team.

Jillian started playing rugby in a club setting when she was in Grade 7.

“I feel like I had a lot more experience coming into high school rugby,” Jillian said of playing with a club team. “It’s all about teamwork, it’s not an individual thing. In rugby you all have to work as a group.”

As a Grade 10 student, Jillian is looking forward to two more years with her high school team.

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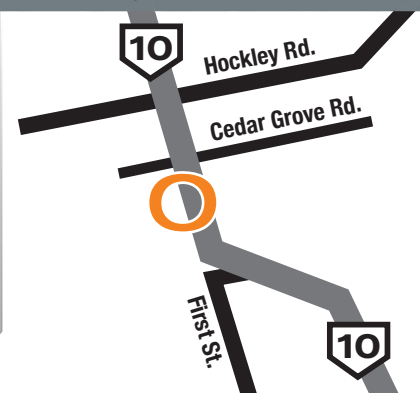


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GLEN RODGER PHOTOS

BULLS, BOOTS AND BARRELS: Cowboys and cowgirls compete during the Headwaters stop on the annual RAM Rodeo Tour at the Orangeville Fairgrounds on June 6 and 7. The two-day event featured bull riding, barrel racing, saddle bronc riding and other rodeo events, alongside family entertainment and fundraising in support of TUFF Therapeutic Riding in Mono.

Headwaters Region gets a new tourism campaign centred on local breweries

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Headwaters region is introducing a new tourism initiative designed to showcase its growing craft beverage scene while driving traffic into local downtowns.

The Headwaters Crafted Journey, curated by Central Counties Tourism, brings together eight breweries, cideries, and wineries across Caledon, Erin, and Dufferin County in a passport-style experience that rewards exploration over time.

Chuck Thibeault, executive director of Central Counties Tourism, said that the journey begins with a passport.

"It looks like an actual passport," he said. "As the person travels from brewery to brewery, they get a stamp in their passport, and when they've completed and gone to each of the stops, they take a picture of their stamped passport and upload it to a contest page, and then in the fall, we'll be doing a random draw to give away some prize packages, which are gift certificates for each of the producers."

The format is designed to benefit both visitors and locals. For out-of-town guests, the journey provides a clear, curated path through the region, turning a day trip into a broader tour of small towns, countryside, and main streets.

Rather than travelling for a single attraction, visitors are given multiple reasons to stay longer, spend more, and return. For residents, the passport offers a structured way to discover breweries and attractions they may not have tried before, keeping more spending within the local economy. Every community working together is the best way to keep people visiting the wider region, Thibeault said.

"When it comes to destination development and tourism, the visitors don't see walls between the towns," he said. "We don't want people to do everything in a day. We want them to come back multiple times, to explore these initial businesses, and explore the historic downtowns across the Headwaters as well. It's a great opportunity to get people to spend more time and more money in each of the communities that Headwaters has, be-

cause now, you're not just coming up here for one thing, you have a list, there's so many places to see."

Thibeault said that the initiative is a true collaboration between townships and businesses. He added that only by pooling resources together to promote the region can they punch above their weight. Most contacts were receptive to the idea, so getting organized didn't pose a large challenge.

"It really wasn't a hard sale to get everyone on board," he said. "The idea is to get visitors to come up, go to the wineries, breweries, and cideries, but then also go and explore the downtowns, which is exactly what the businesses and the communities want as well. It's a great journey to follow and win-win for everyone."

The initiative grew out of a discussion between tourism leaders and local craft producers about how to better link individual businesses with regional destination marketing.

"I was talking with Phil from GoodLot," Thibeault said. "We were wondering about what we could do to help (drive up tourism),

and he actually proposed that we could start a route for people to take."

From that conversation, a route-based passport was proposed. One organizer took on the task of rallying producers, while another approached municipalities and business improvement areas for financial support.

"I said, if you can get all the producers, all the different businesses involved, I'll reach out to the communities, the municipalities, the BIAs. Phil went to work, and he got everyone on board from all eight different businesses."

Participating businesses now include Adamo Estate Winery, Badlands Brewing Company, Caledon Hills Brewing Co., GoodLot Farmstead Brewing Co., Grand Valley Brewery, Mono Centre Brewing, Sonnen Hill Brewing and Spirit Tree Estate Cider.

With eight producers and several municipalities across the region on board, the program is off to a strong start with plans to review results in the fall and explore expansion for future seasons.

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Compass Run for Food looks to raise \$80,000 to fight food insecurity

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The 13th annual Compass Run for Food is returning on June 13 and organizers are hoping to raise \$80,000 to combat hunger.

Hosted by the Compass Community Church in Mono, the run will get underway at 9 a.m. with opening ceremonies, followed by staggered starts for each group of participants.

The event brings the community together in support of local food banks, school nutrition programs and other food initiatives across Dufferin County.

Five-kilometre and 10-kilometre routes are available, as well as a Team Challenge and KIDS Challenge, to encourage participation across all ages and fitness levels.

As of press time, nearly \$48,000 has been raised through pledges to race participants.

"We are very passionate about what we do, and our race executive understands that there are many hungry people in our community," says Steve Coburn, race executive for Compass Run for Food. "That's why we continue to set ambitious goals year after year.

Whether it's supporting school breakfast programs or helping local food banks meet increasing demand, every dollar raised stays local and helps families who truly need it."

The Compass Run for Food has raised nearly \$600,000 since 2014 and the need for funds is stronger than ever before with local food banks seeing record levels of usage.

Funds raised from the Compass Run for Food directly support the Orangeville Food Bank, Grand Valley Food Bank, Shelburne food initiatives, school breakfast programs, and other local efforts focused on improving access to nutritious food.

The Orangeville Food Bank alone now serves nearly 1,600 individuals every month, including close to 600 children. While more than 56,000 pounds of food are distributed monthly, donations currently account for less than half of that amount. Similar increases in demand are being experienced throughout the region.

"School nutrition programs also continue to play an important role in supporting student health, learning, and overall well-being by ensuring children have access to healthy meals throughout the school day," reads a



FILE PHOTO

FOOTSTEPS FOR FOOD: The 13th annual Compass Run for Food is set for June 13 in support of local food banks and other food initiatives across the community.

press release from Compass Run for Food.

"Organizers encourage the community to get involved by registering for the race, donating, volunteering, or becoming a corporate sponsor. One hundred percent of regis-

tration proceeds are directed toward local food insecurity initiatives."

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Recommended Read

The Shelburne Public Library's staff pick this week is *The Unselected Journals* of Emma M. Lion by Beth Brower, recommended by Brittany.

"I've arrived in London without incident. There are few triumphs in my recent

life, but I count this as one. My existence of the last three years has been nothing but incident."

The Year is 1883, and Emma M. Lion has returned to her London neighbourhood of St. Crispian's. But Emma's plans for a charmed and studious life are sabotaged by her eccentric Cousin Archibald, her formidable Aunt Eugenia, and the slightly odd denizens of St. Crispian's.

Emma M. Lion offers up her *Unselected Journals*, however self-incriminating they may be, which comprise a series of novel-length volumes. Armed with wit and a sideways amusement, Emma documents the curious realities of her life at Lapis La-

zuli House.

Why Brittany recommends this series: During my busy seasons, I need a bit of a "Brain Break," which means my reading habits turn towards more lighthearted and comical novels. I had heard about the Emma M. Lion series online and thought I would give them a try, as each audiobook was only 4-5 hours long. These books have been quirky, fun, and very reminiscent of the *Bridgerton* Series. So far, I am on book four of eight! The audiobook version of this series is available for instant download on Hoopla.

This weekly article was submitted by the team at the Shelburne Public Library.

Dufferin Arts Council revives programming with After 5 Salon event at Hockley Community Hall

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Her base for the last 23 years has been with the McMichael, where there are the realities of the work, as well as putting together shows for galleries across Canada and into the US. Diligence is required for every detail needed for safe arrival and handling of the pieces shipped, to be hung and admired and then returned.

Douglas wanted to emphasize that conservators cannot do their job without the

contribution of the team that works with them. "A whole team have to work together, an entire crew making the work look as beautiful as we can."

David Nairn has always and still does aver and insist that "there is no other community in the country more passionate about art than this most vibrant arts community. Our goal is to promote the work of the artists - the creators.

"This was not a Salon, but rather a curated day trip."

He went on to say there will be an art show in Alexander Park in the summer, and comedian Michael McCreary will be on stage at the Orangeville Opera House early in the fall.

Staging fresh events to attract young artists, with the Salons and awareness pieces, begins the plans.

"To share a love of art with a wider palette, the support of grants; announcing this at the end of the school year, there was a ground swell of renewed energy," Nairn was

enthusiastic to say.

A new Board of Directors is established with co-chairs Signe Ball and David Nairn, who are passionate about people joining. There will be a list of all members on the DAC website, so when there is a need for talent, there will be a hub of information about artists and creators.

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16 PIECES 384 g

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Cauliflower Bites 450 g

Sausage Rolls
26-28 PIECES 500 g

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15 PIECES 279 g

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14 PIECES 252 g

Bistro Chicken®
114 g
Choose from:
• Ricotta & Spinach • Swiss

Stuffed, Breaded Chicken 142 g
Choose from:
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Pot Pies
225 g - 250 g
2 Varieties

Quiche 170 g
3 Varieties

Omelette Bites
4 PIECES 227 g
2 Varieties

Deep Dish Pizzas 160 g
Pepperoni

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MIX AND MATCH

SOUPS
255 g - 400 mL

French Onion

Loaded Potato

Broccoli Cheddar

Wonton

Tomato and Grilled Cheese

Sirloin Beef Meatballs
60-70 PIECES 907 g

SAVE \$5

14⁹⁹ each

Chicken Nuggets
33-40 PIECES 907 g

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1.81 kg

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17⁹⁹

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12⁹⁹

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