



Canada Day is here Dufferin–Caledon!

I'm looking forward to celebrating with you again this year—starting with flipping pancakes at the Caledon Village Strawberry Festival, hosted by the Caledon Agricultural Society at the Caledon Fairgrounds (18297 Hurontario St.).

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- Deadline: 11:59 p.m. on July 1st



Winners will be announced on July 3, 2026, on Kyle's Facebook page. Good luck—and have fun!

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CPR TRAINING UPGRADE: The Shelburne Legion donated a "Crash Kelly" manikin to the Shelburne and District Fire Department on June 23. The manikin will be used to enhance training at fire department, aiding specifically in CPR training. The donation is the most recent addition to a growing list of contributions from the Shelburne Legion to the local fire department. Read a full story on Page 3.

Canadian historian Craig Baird to highlight local history at Shelburne's Grace Tipling Hall

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Craig Baird, a nationally recognized Canadian history storyteller, will visit Shelburne on July 14 as part of a two month cross-country tour designed to bring the stories of small communities to a wider audience.

The event, to be held at Grace Tipling Hall, will highlight both the broader sweep of Canada's past and the specific local history that has shaped Shelburne over generations.

"Over the course of two months, from about June 30 to Aug. 21, I'm going to be driving around Canada, exploring Canada's history and culture," Baird said. "What I do for a living is share Canada's history through social media, through my podcast, through videos, and then a radio show, and part of that is going to be in Shelburne."

His stop in Shelburne is one of several sponsored community visits along the route, arranged locally with the help of historian and educator Neil Orford. During his time in town, Baird plans to discuss his book Canada's Main Street, outline his current cross-country project, and explore Shelburne's own historical legacy.

"I'm speaking at Grace Tipling Hall, which is a great historical hall," he said. "When I'm there, I'll be looking at the railway history of

the town, Fiddle Park, then the walking tour you guys have, and a bunch of other things. I'm really looking forward to kind of showcasing that local history and getting a lot more people to learn about what Shelburne is all about."

Shelburne's selection as a stop reflects both its rich past and its changing present.

The community has experienced remarkable population growth in the last two years, with thousands of new residents calling the town home.

At the same time, Shelburne has worked to preserve connections to its roots, from its railway heritage and early settlement stories to landmarks such as Grace Tipling Hall, Fiddle Park, the town's walking tours, and local museums.

Baird's visit aims to help newer and long-time residents alike understand how those layers of history contribute to the community they see today.

"What I'm hoping to do with this project, in Shelburne and in general, is really show a lot of fascinating Canadian history, and get people to learn more and show some more pride in Canada," he said. "Not all of it is good, so we can also understand that our history can have very dark aspects to it, but it's all part of what has been built into Canada today."

Much of Baird's work focuses on amplifying

the stories of smaller places that are often overshadowed by nearby cities. Through his podcast, radio show, and growing social media channels, he has built a strong following by presenting Canadian history in an accessible, engaging format.

"I've always felt that Canadian history is extremely interesting," Baird said. "It's just how it's presented. It has often been very dry and not as interesting, but with the response that I have online with what I post, people remain interested in our history and want to learn."

His approach emphasizes lesser-known events, local landmarks, and community narratives that rarely appear in traditional textbooks.

Inspired in part by Heritage Minutes and popular Canadian history writers, Baird has shifted from earlier careers in technology and newspaper journalism to full-time historical storytelling.

Since launching his podcast, Canadian History Ehx, in 2019, he has steadily expanded into national broadcasting, publishing, and, most recently, on-the-ground video projects.

His upcoming appearance in Shelburne is intended to encourage residents to see their town as part of a larger national story, while also recognizing the unique people, places, and events that define the community.



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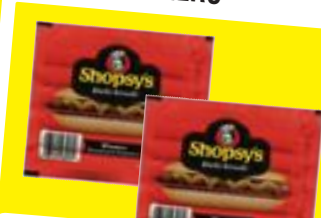
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Shelburne Legion donates training dummy to local fire department

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The sold-out fundraiser, hosted at the home of Joan and Paul Waechter, drew 224 attendees for an evening of entertainment, auctions, raffles and fundraising activities. The event marked the fourth time Joan Waechter, a founding member of the foundation and longtime Dufferin County philanthropist, has hosted the gala.

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Goss said the funds raised at the gala will help cover operating costs and support another donor event planned for the fall.

Guests had several opportunities to contribute throughout the evening.

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OPINION

I am Canadian

As Canada Day approaches, it is a good time to reflect on what it means to live in this great country.

Over the past few hundred years, Canada has been transformed from a wild, vast, untamed area into a modern, vibrant, and thriving nation with its own identity, culture, and way of doing things.

This nation was built on the backs of the strong and determined who overcame great adversity and huge challenges.

It was built on the shoulders of those people who picked up an axe to do the back-breaking work of clearing land to create a farm and use the logs from those trees to build their first home in a new place.

As part of my constant research, I am always exploring those cemeteries that are referred to as 'pioneer cemeteries.'

They are the places where the names of those early settlers are carved in stone, telling the story of people who brought civilization, built the mills, created towns, and built the churches where many of these cemeteries were first established.

Many of the names on those cemetery headstones are still alive in their descendants who still live and farm in the same

areas their great-great-grandfathers cleared and thrived.

We should celebrate our glorious past and look forward to a future based on the values and basic work ethic that created this nation.

Over the past decade, there have been 'apologists' who, for some reason, think we need to apologize for even being here. They say this while living in their condo in downtown Toronto and taking advantage of everything they've been gifted by others' time and hard work.

They want to erase names like Dundas, Ryerson, and MacDonald for supposed 'bad decisions,' when they should be celebrating our forefathers for having the vision to create a working government and to plan the course of a nation through a very difficult time in our history.

Don't apologize for being successful. Don't apologize for working hard. Don't apologize for showing leadership and creating something from nothing.

Rather, celebrate the accomplishments of this nation.

Celebrate the fact that you can actually drive across this nation from sea to sea. Celebrate the freedoms you enjoy, and

probably take for granted.

In many countries, standing in a group on a street corner or criticizing a bad government decision can get you arrested, jailed, and, in some cases, eliminated.

Celebrate the fact that it is not in our nature to be warlike; however, when the call arises, we answer.

Our defining moments as a nation came at Confederation, at Vimy Ridge, and on the beaches at the D-Day invasion of Europe.

It was forged on the Plains of Abraham in a battle that determined the destiny of an entire continent.

The world knows us as a place with a cold climate and a lot of snow. But we have beautiful summers, more lakes than any other country on earth, and the largest shoreline of any nation.

We have the Rocky Mountains, the Great Plains, the Great Lakes, the massive forests of Ontario and Quebec, and East Coast charm. We have more wasteland than most countries have land.

We have unique things that define our identity, like a Mountie on horseback, maple syrup, butter tarts, Nanaimo Bars, canoes, toboggans, and a toque to keep

your head warm. We have the Caesar cocktail, which apparently you won't find anywhere else.

We have large modern cities with skyscrapers and professional sports teams, and small towns where the fast lane doesn't exist, but a quality of life does.

We are home to a vast array of wildlife, including deer, bears, moose, muskox, snakes, and every small critter you can think of, and we have laws to protect them.

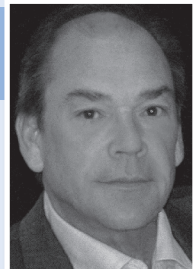
We are a leader in natural resources and supply the world with much-needed materials.

This Canada Day, don't just wave a flag and join the party; celebrate the fact that you are here and enjoy everything that is available.

While small groups in this country like to protest, wave foreign flags, and call for violence, the rest of us know the real truth.

It is our country, and it is up to all of us to revel in its past and keep it for future generations.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Of fathers and sons

My son once found a colourful marble in the loose sand of an Iqaluit school playground. Pretty sure it was one of those Cat's Eye marbles prized during games in the dirt when I was a child. I remember there were luminous yellow and warm orange ribbons inside the marble. It became his treasure.

I still see him in his Thor cap and Spiderman windbreaker, big blue eyes wonder-widened. Showing me the treasure he'd found. His arm outstretched toward me, and he looked at the treasure in his palm. The child's cheeks. Light fine hair from under his cap.

Thor was his favourite Avenger then, and I still hear how he'd mispronounced the name as Thorn. He used to choose a toy before bedtime, and he'd sleep with that car, action figure, or pieced-together bit of Lego. I'd often nod off next to him while reading a book or telling made-up stories about a giraffe we'd named Jerry. Or bits of fabricated family history, like how his uncle Chris was found as a baby floating down the Humber River in an old

boot. The boy is 20 years old now and in university. Says he wants to be a writer, and I heard my own father's voice from my mouth when I cautioned the lad about the folly in choosing to hitch his wagon to writing in an age when nobody reads. Other than social media offerings, anyway. But it seems nobody reads books anymore.

That look of wonder and pride stayed with me, an image that visits me in the moment before sleep when I'm typically touched by such memories. A moment is a minute, or it's an hour. And years seem to be eye-blinks when you're watching children become adults. Moments arranged become a life. A generation arrives as another generation passes.

A measure of a person is the people they leave behind. It goes more toward identity than professional and social metrics, the attained levels of education, and even the numbers on ATM bank slips.

The calibre of people you've influenced, how you've helped them become the

people they are, speaks about you when you're gone. It's one of the ways a person is more than the soup of chromosomes and blood and bone.

My son was so pleased with a treasure uncovered from the tundra dirt. My memory of that softens a contrary disposition that's been stoked by the world's ways over the many moments between then and now. Poets and writers flail around in the murk of metaphor and simile to describe a treasure like a simple marble in playground sand.

I have my father's name and more than a few of his mannerisms. I can't say if I've ever gone to him with a Cat's Eye marble with luminous yellow and warm orange ribbons inside. He'd remember if I did. But he died in July.

How many fathers get to save their son's life, I wonder. He did. Just by being there, as he had been many times in my life. Specifically and actually, he saved

me from a hypothermic death in the cold Arctic October water of the Sylvia Grinnell River in Iqaluit.

He wasn't even supposed to be there. About a decade ago, that was, and he showed up unexpectedly. A friend of mine, the guy I named my son after, the son who found the Cat's Eye marble, offered my father a few weeks' work. My dad retired from teaching high school. So he bounced between Ontario and Nunavut, where his sons and grandchildren were.

I can't yet talk about the details and circumstances of the river. Other than to say my father saved me that October before the ice had completely set at Sylvia Grinnell's mouth to Frobisher Bay.

The cold was brutal then. And there has been something of it during the months since Dad died.

JAMES MATTHEWS
THE BUSTLE IN THE HEDGEROW





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COMMUNITY VOICES

Family Transition Place offers education and works towards prevention

Education is one of the most powerful tools we have to prevent gender-based violence — and at FTP, it's a commitment that runs deep. From elementary classrooms to high school gymnasiums, from parent workshops to sports fields, FTP's education programs meet young people where they are, building the knowledge, skills, and self-awareness needed to foster healthy, respectful relationships.

Underpinning all of it is collaboration — with schools, school boards, coaches, mentors, and community partners — because lasting culture change doesn't happen in a single conversation or a single organization. It happens when an entire community commits to the work together.

Youth education

Youth education continues to be an important part of gender-based violence prevention at FTP. Running for more than 20 years, the program consists of three parts: an eight-week course for students in grades 5 to 8, one-off presentations in high schools, and evening workshops for parents. These programs have reached an estimated 50,000 students across Dufferin and Caledon, all delivered by two full-time staff educators. Combined, they provide interactive, age-specific programming designed to build the foundation for healthy, respectful relationships.

Each year of the grades 5 through 8 program builds on the last, guiding students through understanding stereotypes and empathy, communication and emotional regulation, and personal resilience and decision-making. These elements help students learn to identify the differences between healthy and unhealthy relationships, create positive social connections, and improve self-esteem and empathy. High school presentations cover domestic violence, sexual assault, flirting, consent, and harassment in a focused, 90-minute session while parent workshops explore topics such as bullying, social media, and children's mental health and wellness.

The strength of this program is driven as much by its relationships as its content.



Schools in Dufferin and Caledon book up to a year or more in advance, with an ongoing waitlist throughout the year. The program has also been adopted by other communities, who are now incorporating it into education programs. As it's reached more than two decades in our schools, some former students are now teachers, and still carrying their youth program keepsake cards into classrooms of their own.

While statistics tell the story of a positive, lasting impact from participation in programs like this, it's the participants' responses that bring the data to life. It's students who wouldn't normally get involved in class that are paying attention and joining in, students who share how the program helped grow their self-esteem, the stories of students who recognize unhealthy behaviours with their peers or families and begin to make changes in their own lives. Perhaps most tellingly, the families who call FTP's crisis intake after a child brought their learning home and asked whether what was happening in their house was healthy.

The program is funded almost entirely through FTP's general community fundraising, with a modest cost-recovery contribution from participating schools. The program's reach continues to grow due to collaboration with the local schools and school boards—that reach is only limited by funding and resources.

FTP's youth educators describe the program as a living, breathing organism, reviewed and refreshed each summer to reflect new trends and emerging challenges our

students face in their lives. Topics like cyberbullying and human trafficking, for example, have been added over the years as the community's needs have evolved.

Anti-human sex trafficking training in schools

The Anti-Human Sex Trafficking Training program is dedicated to challenging one of the most pervasive misconceptions surrounding human trafficking: the belief that it only happens somewhere else, to someone else. The reality is that trafficking can occur in any community, affecting young people who may be vulnerable to manipulation and exploitation.

Launched in 2023, the program brings critical education and awareness to students in Grades 7 and 10, age groups identified as being particularly vulnerable to trafficking. Since its inception, the program has reached more than 5,000 students throughout Dufferin County, empowering young people with the knowledge and tools to recognize risks and protect themselves.

Through engaging one-off presentations, students learn how traffickers identify and exploit unmet needs, build trust, and manipulate vulnerabilities. By fostering awareness, critical thinking, and open dialogue, the program equips youth to recognize warning signs, seek support, and help prevent exploitation before it occurs. In doing so, it helps create safer communities and ensures young people understand that human trafficking is not a distant issue; it is one that requires awareness, prevention, and action close to home.

The curriculum is delivered by one educator, funded by the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, who is accompanied by a mobile crisis counsellor to support students who may be triggered by the content. The discussions are impactful and meaningful, and in some cases, students have recognized they may be in a situation where trafficking could be occurring or recognize warning signs in their own relationships.

Teaching in a single-presentation format

can be challenging, especially with heavy topics like human trafficking, because it does not offer the same level of relationship-building as longer programs. The 2025/2026 school year brought meaningful validation to the program, as students who were in the first cohort of grade 7s attending the sessions were now in grade 10, attending again. Notably, these students have demonstrated an understanding of the issues, confirming that a single, intensive session can create real, lasting retention, opening the door for more in-depth conversations and questions.

Coaching Leadership Equality and Respect (CLEAR)

Shifting the behaviours and beliefs that lead to gender-based violence begins with prevention education—and that's exactly what CLEAR provides. Grant funding was made available to Interval House of Hamilton through the National Action Plan, and programming was delivered to selected organizations like FTP. The 12-week, evidence-based program trains coaches, teachers, and mentors to lead weekly conversations on respect, consent, bystander intervention, peer leadership, and more.

FTP became a certified delivery agency for the program approximately two years ago and has since been working to bring CLEAR to local school boards and sports organizations. Commitments have been established with the Shelburne Vets Lacrosse Association and the Hill Academy, with delivery planned for the future.

The goal of CLEAR is not a single conversation, but a sustained culture shift. Coaches, mentors, and teachers are uniquely positioned to make a lasting impact—they already hold the trust and attention of the young people they work with.

To learn more, including how you can support these vital programs, please contact Brennan Solecky at brennan@familytransitionplace.ca or at 519-942-4122 ext. 240.

This week's community voice submission was written by Tabitha Wells on behalf of Family Transition Place.

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Headwaters announces inaugural Tony Pringle Memorial Award recipients

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

A new scholarship program created at the local hospital honours the legacy of a dedicated community leader and champion of health care excellence.

The Headwaters Health Care Foundation (HHCF) announced the inaugural Tony Pringle Awards on June 24, established in memory of Tony Pringle, who served the community relentlessly.

Pringle served on the HHCF's Board of Directors from 2021 until his passing in 2025.

As vice-chair and a member of the finance and audit committee, he helped guide the foundation's work and played an important role in the Smart Headwaters campaign, the largest fundraising campaign in the HHCF's history.

Pringle was known for his generosity, wit, and unwavering commitment to Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC). He was a strong advocate for high-quality patient care and support for health care professionals.

"Tony had an incredible ability to see the potential in people and the impact they could have on patient care. The Tony Pringle Memorial Awards are a meaningful way to honour that belief by giving staff the opportunity to grow, learn, and bring even greater skills back to our hospital for the benefit of our community," said K.C. Carruthers, CEO of HHCF.

Established in his memory, the Tony Pringle Memorial Awards were created to complement existing nursing awards by supporting the professional development of non-nursing

staff. The awards provide funding for education, certifications and conferences that help employees build skills and advance their careers.

Tony's family said the awards reflect values that were important to him throughout his life.

"Tony cared deeply about this community and the people who dedicate their lives to caring for others. On behalf of our entire family, we are incredibly proud to see his legacy continue in such a meaningful way. Supporting education and professional development was something he truly valued, and we hope these awards will help staff continue to grow their skills and deliver exceptional care to patients for years to come," said Sandy Dayes, on behalf of Pringle's family.

The first-ever recipients of the Tony Pringle Memorial Award are Juliann McArthur (Master of Leadership), Kristy Erin Caulfield (Paramedicine), Sherry Armstrong (Dialysis Technical Assistant Certification), and Tiffany Larsen (Hand Therapist Certification).

Each recipient will use the funding for educational opportunities aimed at strengthening their skills and supporting patient care at HHCC.

"The Tony Pringle Memorial Awards reflect a shared commitment to investing in people, the dedicated professionals who deliver compassionate, high-quality care every day. By supporting ongoing learning and development, the awards ensure that Tony's legacy lives on through the continued growth of staff and the advancement of patient care at Headwaters," reads a press release from HHCF.



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HONOURING HIS LEGACY: The inaugural Tony Pringle Awards were presented at the Headwaters Health Care Centre Annual Awards Ceremony on June 23. On hand were Tony's wife, Sandy Dayes, and his three children, Anne, Bill and Drew (above). Pictured below are the ever recipients of the Tony Pringle Memorial Award, alongside the family.



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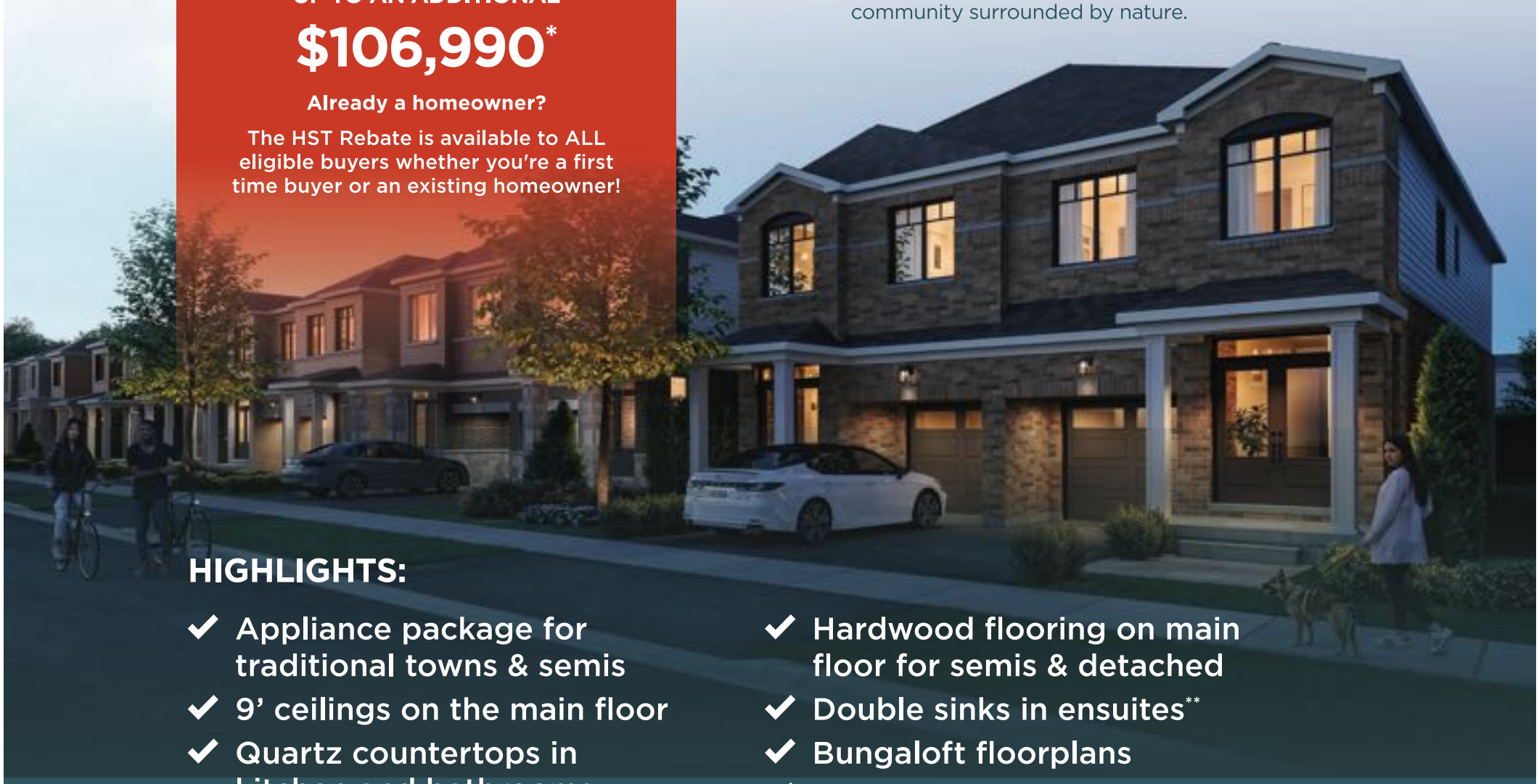
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Shelburne plans family fun, entertainment and fireworks for Canada Day

Residents will have plenty of opportunities to celebrate Canada Day in Shelburne this year, with activities beginning before July 1 for seniors and culminating in a full evening of family-friendly entertainment, community activities and fireworks.

Canada Day is rapidly approaching, and the Town of Shelburne is preparing a whole day of activities to mark Canada's 159th birthday.

Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills invites residents to attend.

"I encourage residents of all ages to join us at Greenwood Park for an evening of family-friendly activities," he said. "These shared experiences help strengthen the connections that make Shelburne such a welcoming and vibrant place to live."

Mills also said that the celebration is more than just a party. It is a real opportunity to reflect on Canadian values and the nation's legacy.

"Canada Day is an opportunity to reflect on the values that unite us as Canadians - freedom, democracy, respect for one another, and a commitment to building strong and inclusive communities," he said. "We inherit a country built through the efforts and sacrifices of those that came before us, and we share a duty to leave it stronger for future generations. Canada Day gives us an opportunity to come together in a spirit of pride, grati-

tude and hope for the future."

The festivities will get underway early on June 30 with a special Pre-Canada Day Celebration for seniors at the Mel Lloyd Centre. Running from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the free event will feature a light exercise led by Suzette Daley, a guided painting session with Tiffany McCabe, and an afternoon of cake, live music and socializing.

The gathering is designed to bring older adults together for a morning focused on creativity, wellness and community connection.

The main Canada Day celebration will take place on July 1.

Traditionally, the Royal Canadian Legion Shelburne Branch hosts a Canada Day Breakfast. The Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex will also offer free swimming courtesy of Tim Hortons for families looking to take a dip before the main events, running from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Residents and visitors are invited to come together to mark the nation's birthday at Greenwood Park.

Opening ceremonies will officially kick off the event, followed by an evening of entertainment.

The celebration is meant to appeal to all ages, offering residents opportunities to gather with friends, family and neighbours while enjoying the festive atmosphere. The town is encouraging attendees to walk or cycle to the park where



possible due to limited on-site parking.

Throughout the afternoon and evening, Greenwood Park will feature a vendor and food market, family attractions, live entertainment and community programming. Kids will have plenty to enjoy, including inflatables, face painting, balloon twisting, and interactive activities, while local performers and entertainers will take to the stage during the celebration.

Live acts are set to include a bubble

show, followed by a Gordon Lightfoot Tribute and magic show.

The day will conclude with Shelburne's annual fireworks display, marking the finale to the community celebration. Fireworks are scheduled to begin at dusk.

Shelburne has prepared a rich Canada Day celebration for 2026. With something to do for everyone, July 1 promises to be a fun, family-friendly day for all to celebrate and reflect on Canada's history, legacy and future.

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6:15 p.m. - Bubble Show
7:15 p.m. to 8:00 PM - Live Music: Gordon Lightfoot Tribute
8:05 to 8:50 p.m. - Magic Show (Lofty the Magician)
8:55 p.m. - Gordon Lightfoot Tribute Continues
Dusk 10 p.m. - Fireworks Display (Funded by Government of Canada)

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Canada Day remains a celebration of unity, history and national pride for veteran John Flannery

For Dufferin County resident and veteran John Flannery, Canada Day represents the most significant national celebration on the calendar.

More than a holiday, he views it as a reminder of how Canada became a nation and an opportunity for Canadians to recognize and celebrate their shared identity.

He believes the day serves as an important connection to the country's history and stresses the importance of ensuring younger generations understand the significance of Confederation and the values that helped build the nation.

"Canada Day is the biggest day for the country, bigger than May 24, which is Queen Victoria's birthday," he said. "I think, for the country, we have to make sure that young folk are taught in school why we celebrate Canada Day, and really understand the history behind it."

Flannery sees Canada Day as an opportunity for Canadians to stand together and take pride in what the country has accomplished.

He believes celebrating Canada is important because the nation has grown through the efforts of generations of people from many backgrounds who helped shape it into the country it is today. Rather than taking that legacy for granted, he feels Canadians should actively recognize it and demonstrate their pride through community celebrations, displays of the national flag and participation in local



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PROUDLY CANADIAN: Veteran John Flannery believes that Canada Day should be celebrated as a moment of national pride and unity, and a celebration of the rich diversity that makes up Canada's population. After serving overseas for many years with the military, Flannery remains convinced that Canada is the greatest country on earth, and one worth fighting for in the face of an aggressive U.S. President and an uncertain world. He wants to see more education in schools to teach about the history and sacrifices made by generations past that built the country we live in today.

events.

"We came from great parents, if you want to put it that way," Flannery said. "The British Empire - we were a colony at one time, and then we've made our own

way here. We've accepted immigrants from all over the world and built the country the way it is right now. We are very special that way, and it should be seen."

What makes Canada special, in Flannery's

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HAPPY CANADA DAY Celebrating Together

Flannery's view, is its diversity and ability to bring together people from different cultures, traditions, and backgrounds under a shared national identity. He points to Canada's history of welcoming newcomers from around the world and its ability to maintain unity despite regional differences.

"Canada Day is really the result of all of us working together from various backgrounds," he said. "Evolving from a colony in the British Empire to our own independence... The provinces we now have from sea to sea is just something unique in the world. We are a unique country, and we shouldn't take that for granted."

Flannery's perspective was shaped by decades of military service that took him across Canada and around the world. He served four tours in Germany, participated in United Nations and NATO operations, spent time in Egypt's Sinai Desert and Cyprus, and completed multiple assignments in northern Canada.

Experiencing other countries firsthand reinforced his appreciation for Canada. While he encountered many interesting cultures and places throughout his career, he came away convinced that Canada offered an exceptional quality of life and remained, in his opinion, the best country in the world.

His military experiences also highlighted the importance of protecting Canadian values and maintaining a strong sense of national identity.

Flannery believes Canada Day celebrations have evolved considerably over the years. While national pride has always existed, he feels celebrations today

are larger, more visible and more colourful than they were during his early years of service.

"I believe there are bigger days than we used to have in the military, although we did honor our national days, it wasn't to the same scale, per se, to what I see now," he said. "It's noticeable for someone like myself who saw it before, as opposed to now. National holidays, Canada Day, now are more flamboyant, the word would be."

Closer to home, Flannery is happy with how Dufferin County recognizes Canada Day and other national commemorations. He points to the strong presence of the Shelburne Legion, the involvement of veterans and cadets, and ongoing efforts to keep Canadian history visible within the community.

"They're doing pretty good, as far as I'm concerned," Flannery said. "The branch is well known there, it's in a good location. I would suggest perhaps to make it better known, we could do something more in regard to our holidays, whether it's a Canada Day or Remembrance Day, in the big new plaza, but they're doing good work right now."

While he sees opportunities for additional outreach and expanded celebrations in some of the town's newer public spaces, he believes Shelburne continues to demonstrate a strong commitment to honouring Canada's history and celebrating the country it has become.

Flannery is anticipating the upcoming Canada Day celebrations and remains a fierce patriot as he works to rally more Canadians into treating Canada Day as a powerful moment of unity.

Ten unique facts about Canada

Celebrating our national holiday day on July 1, gives us a time to remember some things that are very unique about this country.

1. We are the second-largest country in the world with a total area of over 9.9 million square miles.

2. Canada has the most lakes in the entire world, numbering around 879,800. This accounts for around 60 per cent of the total lakes in the world larger than .1 square kilometres. These lakes were largely formed by glacial activity during the last Ice Age. Because of this, Canada ranks in the top three countries in the world with the most fresh water.

3. Canada has the largest coastline in the world. Bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the east, the Pacific Ocean to the west, and the Arctic Ocean to the north, the entire coastline stretches 202,000 kilometres.

4. While the second largest country in the world, Canada is the twelfth least densely populated nation. With a population of around 41 million, this can be compared to the Japanese city Tokyo, which has an estimated population of around 37 million.

5. There are around 16,000 polar bears in Canada. The polar bear population is divided into 19 sub-populations with 13 of those in Canada.

6. Canada is world's leading producer of maple syrup. Maple syrup is produced only in Canada and the US. Quebec produces around 72 per cent of the world's maple syrup.

7. The Caesar cocktail is entirely Canadian and almost unknown outside of the country. Invented in Calgary in 1969, the cocktail is widely enjoyed in Canada, but not really known anywhere else.

8. The butter tart is uniquely Canadian. The recipe dates from a 1900 version of the Women's Auxiliary of the Royal Victoria Hospital Cookbook, entered by Mary Ethel MacLeod.

9. Another all-Canadian treat is Nanaimo Bars. There are several theories of who invented Nanaimo Bars, but they all originate in British Columbia. The bars are named after the city.

10. Canada has a population density of 4.2 people per square kilometre. The Quebec City to Windsor corridor is home to nearly 50 per cent of the entire country's population.



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SPORTS

Phoenix stage a comeback to defeat the Mavericks by 14 runs

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

Shelburne Sports and Cultural Club cricket action produced an exciting game over the weekend when the Phoenix and Mavericks battled it out at KTH Park on Saturday, June 20.

After winning the toss, the Phoenix posted a competitive total of 148/8 in their allotted 20 overs thanks to valuable contributions throughout the batting order.

Opener Preet Patel laid the foundation with 27 off 34 deliveries, while captain Onkar Sharan anchored the middle order with an unbeaten 23 from 24 balls.

A late flourish from Harmanjot Singh, who struck 22 runs off just 13 balls, helped Phoenix to a strong finish.

The Mavericks responded during the chase.

Openers guest player Maninder (44 off 38) and Tushar Thakur (17 off 28) built a solid platform, guiding their side to 69 with-

out a loss, putting significant pressure on the Phoenix.

At that stage in the game, the Mavericks appeared to be firmly in control.

However, the match took a dramatic turn in the second half.

The Phoenix struck with a crucial breakthrough when captain Onkar Sharan dismissed Maninder at 44, triggering a collapse that changed the complexion of the game.

Mavericks lost wickets at regular intervals and were unable to recover from the sudden shift in momentum.

The defining performance came from Preet Patel, who delivered an impressive spell of bowling with figures of 4 overs, 1 maiden, 9 runs and 3 wickets. This dismantled the Mavericks' middle order and stopped the chase.

Patel was well supported by Harmanjot Singh (2 wickets), Himanshu Thakur (2 wickets), Onkar Sharan (1 wicket), and Mohnish Pathan (1 wicket).

Despite aggressive cameos from Pargat Singh (22 off 10) and Harmandeep Singh Panaich (17 off 10), the Mavericks were eventually bowled out for 134 in 18.5 overs, falling 14 runs short of the target.

The win showcased the Phoenix's resilience and ability to fight back under pressure.

The Man of the Match was Preet Patel (Phoenix) with 27 runs, 3 wickets for 9 runs.

Patel's all-round performance proved decisive in one of the most entertaining matches of the SSCC T10 League season.

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SEMI FINAL PLAY: The Shelburne Sports and Cultural Club cricket league held two matches over the weekend on Saturday, June 20 and Sunday, June 21. Shelburne Mavericks player Hardik Modi was named the Man of the Match after Sunday's game between the Mavericks and Spartans.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

GRATEFUL: The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals girls' varsity rugby team had a stellar season, making it all the way to OFSAA. The rugby team from CDDHS has qualified for OFSSA for five years in a row. This year the team won the Antique Bronze. The team dropped by Domino's Pizza in Shelburne to thank them for their sponsorship and for helping defray the cost of competing at the provincial level. Domino's raised \$1,168 in support of the team through pizza sales.



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New Lowell dominates senior division of North Dufferin Baseball League

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The New Lowell Knights continue to lead the North Dufferin Baseball League (NBDL) senior division, remaining undefeated so far this season.

They are the defending Strother Cup champions.

Going through the regular season, the Knights have won nine games this year and tied one.

Even though they are winning, the Knights have to play hard to stay on the plus side. Most of the games they have won have ended in close scores, with four of those games decided by a single run.

The close games demonstrate how com-

petitive the league's senior division is this year.

The only team they haven't beaten is the Orillia Majors, who they tied 5-5 on May 21.

They will get another chance when they meet Orillia again this week. Although Orillia will be arriving with the intent of handing the Knights their first loss of the year.

Orillia is in second place in the senior division with an 8-2-1 record. They have scored 93 runs over those 11 games.

In third place, the Ivy Rangers are doing well with an 8-2 record. With 93 runs scored over eight games, the Rangers are averaging over nine runs per game this season.

The Owen Sound Baysox are in fourth place in the division with a 7-3 record.

In the number five spot, the Barrie Angels have won seven games after 12 times on the diamond this year.

The Bolton Brewers are in the middle of the pack with a 6-6-1 record so far this year.

The rest of the line-up in order are the Midland Mariners, Caledon Cardinals, Creemore Padres, Lisle Astros, Clarksburg Blues, and the Mansfield Cubs.

The senior division has a 22-game regular

season that wraps up on July 26, followed by the playoffs.

Junior Division

In the Junior Division of the NBDL, the Barrie Baycats are leading with a 6-2-3 record and 15 points.

The Baycats have averaged almost eight runs per game this year while averaging only 3.2 runs against over 11 games.

The defending champions over the past two years, the Creemore Padres, are in second place with a 7-7 record.

In third place, the Orillia Royals have a 6-3-1 record and 13 points.

The Innisfil Cardinals 1 team, which made it to the final championships series in the last two seasons, have a 6-4-1 record.

The rest of the line-up in order are the Caledon Nationals, Innisfil Cardinals 2 team, Aurora King Jays, and the Owen Sound Baysox, who are yet to win a game this season.

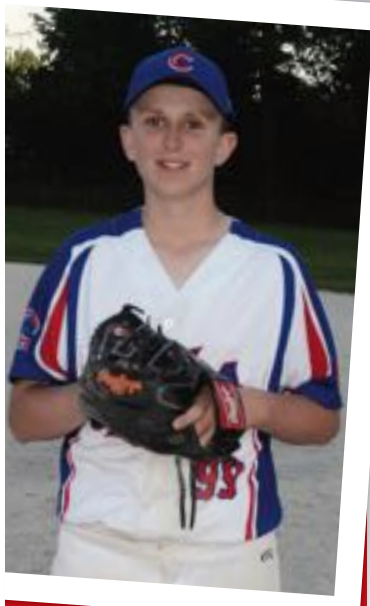
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The regular season will finish on July 7 before going into the playoffs.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

BENNETT TUPLING

Playing baseball since he was just three years old, Mansfield Cubs U14 rep player Bennett Tupling brings a lot of experience to his team.

"I love the game, I like the excitement," Bennett said of why he likes the sport. "Everyone has to be one big team that plays well together. You can't have just one player doing it all."

When he's not on the diamond, Bennett plays hockey in the winter with Clearview Canucks.

TEAM: MANSFIELD CUBS
U14 REP A/AA
POSITION:
SECOND BASEBALL



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

SAFE AT SECOND: The senior division of the North Dufferin Baseball League is really starting to tell a tale of how this season is shaping up. The New Lowell Knights are in first place and undefeated after 10 games. An Orillia Majors player makes it safely to second base as the throw comes a second too late during a game against the Mansfield Cubs in Mansfield on Wednesday, June 17.

Streams Community Hub to host annual Open House Summer BBQ

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

Streams Community Hub will welcome residents to its third annual Open House Summer BBQ later this month, offering an afternoon of food, entertainment and information about upcoming programs and opportunities for local youth.

Program Coordinator Megan Mare said that the free community event will take place at Streams Community Hub from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on June 26 and is once again being sponsored by Town Tees.

"This will be our third year running our annual open house and free barbecue," Mare said. "It is sponsored by Town Tees, which is affiliated with Streams. Andrew James is also a founder of Streams Community Hub, and his business, Town Teas, is a youth enterprise, and so a way that his company gives back is sponsoring this barbecue each year."

A highlight of the afternoon will be a barbecue prepared by Chef Jex of Transcend by Jex, a local business known for Caribbean-inspired cuisine and meal preparation services. Visitors will also be able to enjoy face

painting, music and a variety of family-friendly activities throughout the event.

Beyond the food and entertainment, the open house offers residents an opportunity to learn more about Streams Community Hub and the programs it offers throughout the year. Staff and volunteers will be available to answer questions about upcoming initiatives, summer programming and ways community members can become involved.

The barbecue will also spotlight the organization's extensive summer camp lineup. This year, Streams is offering eight weeks of camps with a wide variety of activities for all ages.

"We have over 24 camps available to choose from," Mare said. "We offer camps for ages five to 17, and there's something for every age, so even for your older preteens are included. We have some fun things like stop motion photography, and even cardboard creations, where the challenge is you make larger-than-life items all out of cardboard, and learn the ins and outs of the medium."

This summer, Streams will also welcome co-op students who will help support the organization's social media and marketing

efforts. The initiative is intended to provide practical workplace experience while helping young people develop digital and communications skills that can be applied in future careers.

Organizers say the barbecue is intended to be both informative and enjoyable, providing residents with a chance to discover what Streams Community Hub has planned for the months ahead while enjoying a free community gathering.

The event will also offer opportunities for donations and sponsorship support to help fund materials and programming throughout the summer season.

For more info, go to Streams' website at: streamshub.org



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COMMUNITY BBQ: Now in its third year, the annual Summer BBQ and Open House is Streams Hub's way of educating interested locals about the many programs and services it offers. Whether it's summer camps, community events, or more, Streams has remained committed to offering something for everyone.

Community gathers to celebrate 10-year anniversary of Mono Pollinator Garden

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

The patch of land that is now the home of the Mono Pollinator Garden started as a barren field originally used for farming – fast forward 10 years, and it's now a thriving garden for pollinator species from across the region.

The Town of Mono held an afternoon celebration on June 21 to recognize the garden's 10-year anniversary, with Mono Mayor John Creelman in attendance to congratulate the volunteers on their work.

"I can't emphasize enough our appreciation we have as a town and as a town council for the work of the volunteers here today," he said. "The foresight of 10 years ago to start work on the results that you all can see here today is a labour of love."

"It's just spectacular, and it's perhaps one of the biggest volunteer efforts in our town on an ongoing basis. For that, we thank you," Mayor Creelman added.

The festivities included guided tours throughout the pollinator garden to learn about its ongoing mission, locally sourced food and drinks, with some sourced from the garden itself, informational booths, homemade crafts and a performance courtesy of the Ukuladies & Ukuladdies.

The garden has come a very long way in the last decade, according to volunteer and Mono Councillor Ralph Manktelow.

"This area is one acre, and it originally started as an abandoned hay field that was owned by the Town of Mono," he said. "A couple of councillors approached the town about 11 years ago, and asked if we could have the property to use it to create a pollinator garden. The reason for this was that pollinators, which are primarily bees, sometimes flies and butterflies and other birds, are in decline."

Manktelow added, "There's been a tremendous amount of growth here. All the trees here, the plants, were just very small. It was quite amazing seeing that change over time."

After acquiring the land, the entirely volunteer team got to work in 2016, retiling the land, planting local pollinator-friendly species, and introducing pollinators to the area.

Now the pollinator garden serves two important community roles, the first is providing a healthy space for pollinator species to survive, including bees, butterflies, birds and more.

The second role, Manktelow said, is education.

"The value of pollinators is probably not well enough understood," he said. "I didn't understand it when I was a young person, so our goal is to educate all of our residents around here about the importance of pollinators, valuable plants that they can plant to support them, and the danger that pesticides present."

The garden hosts educational programs with local schools, bringing in young students to explore the garden, learn more about the life that lives here, and how they can help protect natural ecosystems.

Supporting these conservation initiatives, maintaining the garden, and handling general operations is a purely volunteer team of local residents.

They are responsible for all garden upkeep, including weed control, maintenance, and plant care. The garden is always looking for new volunteers.

With a decade of dedicated care behind them, the team behind the Mono Pollinator Garden remains committed to seeing the next decade be just as successful.

For more information on the garden and to volunteer, go to: townofmono.com/mono-pollinator-garden



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

BUZZ WORTHY MILESTONE: Staffed entirely by volunteers, the Mono Pollinator Garden is an important local conservation and education project, offering both a sanctuary for declining pollinator species like bees, butterflies and birds, and a center for education, teaching visitors about the importance of biodiversity, pollination and the dangers of pesticides. The garden celebrated its 10-year anniversary on June 21, with guided tours, food and music.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SHELBURNE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING UNDER SECTION 53 OF THE PLANNING ACT

Take notice that the Committee of Adjustment of the Corporation of the Town of Shelburne will hold a public meeting on:

MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026

The public meeting is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m., or as shortly thereafter as possible, and will be held in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Offices (2nd Floor), 203 Main Street East, Shelburne. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the following planning applications:

1) Application for Consent B24/03 – Glen Schnarr & Associates Inc. (GSAI), on behalf of the owner, Shelburne Commercial II Developments Limited, have submitted an application for Consent for a property located at 801 – 821 Ojibway Road. The subject property is legally described as Block 217 on Registered Plan 7M79. Block 217 is a commercial block within a registered Draft Plan of Subdivision (DPS 18/01) which was approved in 2021 and is partially developed for a commercial plaza in accordance with an approved site plan (File No. SPA 24/01). The phased development of the land is governed by a site plan agreement.

The Applicant is proposing to sever the subject property to create two (2) parcels. The proposed severed parcel, located on the north portion of the property, will have an area of approximately 0.56 hectare, while the retained parcel on the south portion will have an area of approximately 0.90 hectare. The application also contemplates the establishment of servicing and access easements to support the proposed lot configuration.

A map showing the location of the subject property is provided below.

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PRIDE CELEBRATION: The 2026 Celebrate Your Awesome Festival in Orangeville drew hundreds of attendees from the local community and the surrounding area. Featuring drag shows throughout the afternoon, as well as dance performances, comedy and more, the event reinforced Pride Month's message of inclusivity, confidence and mutual support. Local organizations, businesses and non-profits also set up booths with swag, information packages and more to support the event.



Shelburne Public Library encourages the community to attend upcoming local events

Save the date for these engaging events!
TD Summer Reading Club Kick-off Party – Friday, July 3 from 11 to 3 p.m.

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Grand opening of Fiddle Park- Sunday, July 12 at 6 p.m.

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Authors in the Hills of Mulmur - Sunday, August 23 at 1 p.m. at the Foley Barn

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Recommended Read of the Week

The Shelburne Public Library's staff pick this week, selected by Molly, is *Hooked* by Asako Yuzuki

Look, we all know friendship can be a minefield. Growing up, you may have found the social rules to affect you in at least one of three ways: comforting, an absolute mystery, or utterly arbitrary. This is the experience conveyed in Asako Yuzuki's *'Hooked'*, where two women, professionally successful in their own ways, cross paths thanks to what else: the internet. A little on the whimsical-sociopathic side, this story exaggerates tropes and truths we can see every day in our interactions with others, particularly if we are women.

Ms. Yuzuki's prose has the concrete minimalist style of Hemingway, where characters seem to arrive all at once, and the reader can easily see themselves or others mirrored in that characterization. A fast-paced, modern thriller, *Hooked* also takes a few pages to wax poetic on a particular fish species, which mirrors her observations on human behaviour. Cinematic descriptions, excellent menus, and all the varying beauty Japan has to offer round out this powerhouse of a story.

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

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Off-road vehicle riders must obey the law, says Dufferin OPP

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers are reminding off-road vehicle (ORV) riders to operate responsibly and only in areas where they are legally permitted to ride.

Dufferin OPP continues to receive complaints involving dirt bikes and other off-road vehicles being operated on private property without permission. Recent incidents have resulted in damage to golf courses, residential lawns, community parks, agricultural land, and trails throughout the county.

These concerns are not limited to traditional gas-powered dirt bikes. The growing use of electric dirt bikes and other electric off-road vehicles is also contributing to increased complaints. Regardless of how a vehicle is powered, all ORVs are subject to the same laws and must only be operated in permitted areas.

“Public roadways are not trails and should not be used for recreational riding or ‘exploring’ with dirt bikes or ORVs unless specifically authorized by the local municipality. Riders must also ensure they hold the proper driver’s licence and, where applicable, have valid registration and insurance,” reads a press release from Dufferin OPP.

“Operating an off-road vehicle on private property without the owner’s consent is illegal and can result in charges, fines, and liability for damages.”

The Dufferin OPP is also reminding the public that stickers or manufacturer labels indicating a suggested minimum age for operation do not replace legal requirements. Riders and parents are strongly encouraged to do their own research to ensure they understand the laws in their area before operating or allowing the use of these vehicles. The Dufferin OPP is reminding parents

and guardians of the important role they play in ensuring young riders understand and follow the rules and responsibilities associated with these vehicles. Before purchasing a dirt bike or off-road vehicle, residents are encouraged to familiarize themselves with where and when they can be legally operated. Allowing youth to operate these vehicles without proper supervision or understanding of the law can lead to serious consequences, including property damage, injury, and legal liability.

Dufferin OPP will continue to investigate complaints and conduct enforcement initiatives where necessary. Residents are encouraged to report illegal off-road vehicle



activity and provide as much information as possible, including descriptions of the riders, vehicles, and locations involved.

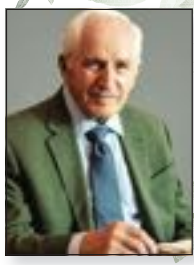
Anyone wishing to report illegal off-road vehicle activity is encouraged to contact the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122.



OBITUARIES - FOREVER IN OUR Hearts

In Loving Memory of DIMITRIOS DIMAKOS

MAY 27, 1937 - JUNE 22, 2026



It is with deep love and profound sadness that we announce the passing of Dimitrios Dimakos, who left us peacefully at home on June 22, 2026, surrounded by the warmth and love of his family.

Born on May 27, 1937, in Kalivia Sohas Greece, Dimitrios lived a life defined by devotion, hard work, and an unwavering love for his family. In 1967, he married the love of his life, Antigoni. Shortly after, the newlyweds made the brave journey to Canada to build a new life together and pursue their shared dream of opening a restaurant.

Dimitrios was a man who led by example. Alongside his brothers, he worked tirelessly day in and day out, pouring his heart into his work. Every sacrifice he made was driven by a single, powerful motivation: to provide a beautiful life and a bright future for the family he cherished above all else.

To those who knew him, Dimitrios was a gentle and soft-spoken soul. He possessed a quiet strength and a heart so generous that he would truly do anything for anyone he loved. His family was his pride and joy, and his gentle presence was the anchor of their lives.

Dimitrios (Jim) was the proud oldest of five siblings and is now reunited with his beloved parents, Klimentini and Stelios Dimakos, as well as his cherished siblings, Ilias (Louie) Dimakos, Efstratios (Steve) Dimakos, Kanela Sousani, and Panagiotis (Peter) Dimakos.

His legacy of love, integrity, and hard work lives on through his devoted wife, Antigoni; his children, Stelios Dimakos, Panagiotis (Peter) Dimakos, and Klimentini (Dini) Dimakos; and the many lives he touched with his kindness. He will be deeply missed, but his spirit will live on forever in our hearts.

Friends and family will be received at the Jack & Thompson Funeral Home on Sunday from 4-8p.m. Funeral Service in the funeral home chapel on Monday, June 29, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. Interment to follow at Shelburne Cemetery. If desired, donations to Diabetes Ontario or the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated. Online condolences may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com

Remembering your loved one

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An obituary becomes a lasting tribute, preserving memories, values, and accomplishments for future generations. Most of all, it invites a community to remember together, to grieve, and to offer comfort and connection during a time of loss.

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