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**FIRST OF ITS KIND:** For the first time in Canada, Brain Injury Awareness Month has a flag, and Shelburne was the first municipality to hoist it. The new flag, unveiled last year, is dedicated to Katie Lang and the late Keaton Cook, both local residents who had acquired brain injuries. In Shelburne and Orangeville, flag-raising ceremonies attended by local mayors and officials recognized June as Brain Injury Awareness Month, and committed the municipalities to supporting local residents living with Acquired Brain Injuries. See full story on Page 2.

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## Museum of Dufferin presents awards to area photographers in Home and Heritage exhibition

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Museum of Dufferin has announced the winners of its 2026 Home & Heritage Photography Exhibition, celebrating images that explore the meaning of home, culture, tradition and community through the lens of Canadian photographers.

Presented in the museum's Silo Gallery, the juried exhibition invited photographers to submit work reflecting the theme of "Home & Heritage." Organizers encouraged artists to examine what home means across cultures, including traditions, food, family, community and place. The exhibition features selected photographs and runs through Sept. 26.

This year's Best in Show Award was presented to Carrying the Song by Johnny Gonzalez.

"I feel incredibly honoured to be given this award," Gonzalez said. "I honestly wasn't expecting it. To be chosen from so many, to have my work on display is incredible, let alone to be awarded."

Gonzalez never originally planned to get into photography. In high school, he took a photography class. At first, he wasn't serious about it, but over time he came to enjoy it. Gonzalez now shoots primarily portraits and fine art.

"I took the class thinking it was going to be an easy credit, like how difficult could it be?" he said. "I ended up falling in love with it, and I've been shooting ever since, professionally for five years now."

The Youth Photography Award was presented to Vathmee Walakulu Arachchi. She said the experience has been deeply gratifying as she is new to the photography scene.

"I'm really excited about all of it," she said. "I kind of just came into this not thinking I would even see my photography in the museum, but to get an award was really enlightening and fulfilling because I've only recently started doing photography. It's going to be great motivation to keep going with it."

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**BEST IN SHOW:** The Best in Show winner was Johnny Gonzalez and his portrait titled Carrying the Song. While he initially had little interest in photography, Gonzalez grew to love it during a high school photography class, and has continued on professionally since.

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# Shelburne and Orangeville hold first flag-raising ceremonies in Canada, marking June as Brain Injury Awareness Month

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

When the Town of Shelburne hosted a flag-raising for Brain Injury Awareness Month on June 1, it was significant in several ways.

Shelburne was the first municipality in Dufferin County and all of Canada to fly the flag. Orangeville followed on June 2.

Marked each year in June, Brain Injury Awareness Month is meant to raise awareness for those living with or supporting people with brain injuries. The campaign started as grassroots movements hoping to band together and offer mutual support when no systems existed.

This year, however, is special.

Wendy Cook, who oversaw both the Shelburne and Orangeville flag raisings, said that for the first time ever, the Ontario Brain Injury Association (OBIA), and by extension Headwaters Acquired Brain Injury (HABI) group, is raising its own dedicated flag. The goal is to send a clear message that help is available and offered locally. This flag was officially dedicated to Katie Lang, who has an acquired brain injury, and Cook's son, Keaton Cook, who also had a brain injury and passed away in 2024.

"We want families and caregivers to know, and siblings and community friends to know that there's brain injury support in this community," she said. "June is Brain Injury Awareness Month, so when you see this flag go up, you know that the community flying it

supports you."

Cook also highlighted the significance of a flag-raising for this campaign.

"This is the first time a flag has gone up for Brain Injury Awareness month," she said. "We've come a very long way from our beginnings. When Keaton came home from the hospital years ago, there was nothing, almost no support."

"Then there was one couple who had had a brain injury from a car accident who showed up at my door and said, 'Hey, we're here for you. Is there anything we can provide for you?' Eighteen years later, HABI, the Headwaters Acquired Brain Injury group, came from that knock on the door."

Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills said that the town remains committed to supporting residents with brain injuries.

"We're very happy to be out here today to fly this new flag and proclaim June as Brain Injury Awareness Month," he said following the flag raising on June 1.

"June is a busy month of awareness events, so we're happy to kick things off with this one here today, and hopefully help the community become more aware of brain injuries and the impact they can have on folks."

The sentiment was shared in Orangeville, which held its own flag-raising the following day, June 2.

Mayor Lisa Post attended the flag raising and acknowledged the importance of public awareness and mutual support.

"Like how Wendy Cook said in her remarks, it's really important that everybody



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

**FIRST IN CANADA:** Following the Shelburne flag raising on June 1, the Town of Orangeville hosted its own flag raising event for Brain Injury Awareness Month on June 2. Attended by representative Wendy Cook and presided over by Mayor Lisa Post, the ceremony reaffirmed the town's ongoing commitment to supporting and advocating for locals living with or supporting those with traumatic brain injuries.

in our community knows that there are resources, and this is a great campaign to help raise awareness about the services that we do have here in Dufferin," she said. "We are unique that way, thanks to the advocacy of lots of great people in this community, we

have services and support to offer folks who are struggling."

The flags represent an ongoing campaign that is seeing results. Support groups continue to form, advocacy gets stronger, and stigmas are reduced.

## Town of Shelburne reminds residents to review permits before starting outdoor projects

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

The Town of Shelburne wants to remind residents to think carefully before they begin their outdoor projects this summer.

The town recently published a press release regarding permits, permissions, and consultations for any outdoor projects. As warmer weather settles across town and summer becomes more lively, the town recognizes that many residents will be looking to start outdoor projects.

However, they are reminding everyone to check if their work might require permits first.

"Many homeowners are looking for ways to make the most of their outdoor space," the statement read. "Whether it's expanding a driveway, installing a patio, or adding a new walkway, the Town of Shelburne is

reminding residents to check permit and zoning requirements before beginning any project."

The town said the reality of outdoor work means that sometimes, work that looks easy on the surface might not be as simple as it seems.

Driveway widening or extensions, patios, walkways, and pathways, porches and decks, pools, sheds and other alterations to outdoor structures can have an impact on not just your property, but that of your neighbours and the town itself, which is why they all require permits before proceeding.

"Projects that may seem simple, like widening a driveway or adding a patio, can have important impacts on drainage, property boundaries, and surrounding infrastructure," the statement read. "Planning ahead helps avoid costly delays, required

rework, or potential fines."

The town said the best way to ensure all projects run smoothly is to contact them and ask questions. Contacting the planning department and town officials helps residents check in advance whether permits are needed and review zoning, minimizing the risk of unforeseen delays or even re-starts if a process is begun improperly.

The planning department is available and willing to help residents with any questions.

Alongside the town, residents must contact Ontario One Call before they start any digging to ensure no buried infrastructure is damaged.

For any additional questions, contact the planning department at [planning@shelburne.ca](mailto:planning@shelburne.ca)



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# Shelburne proclaims June as Pride Month, plans flag-raising ceremony

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES  
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The Town of Shelburne has officially proclaimed June 2026 as Pride Month, reaffirming its commitment to diversity, inclusion and equality within the community.

Mayor Wade Mills issued the proclamation on behalf of Shelburne council, recognizing Pride Month as a time to celebrate and support gender minorities while promoting awareness, acceptance and respect for all residents.

Pride Month is observed around the world as a celebration of the diversity that strengthens communities and as a positive stance against discrimination and violence directed toward lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and other members of the 2SLGBTQI+ community.

“Pride Month is a positive stance against discrimination and violence toward lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (2SLGBTQI+) people to promote their self-affirmation, dignity, equality rights,” the proclamation read.

“Pride Month in Shelburne is an opportunity to prevent discrimination and promote awareness and acceptance of every human person and to promote the development of harmonious relationships amongst all members of the community.”

Council also recognized the significance of the rainbow flag, the most widely recognized symbol of the 2SLGBTQI+ community since its creation in 1978.

The proclamation further emphasizes support for an inclusive and respectful community where residents can live, work and play in

a safe and secure environment.

To serve as a ceremonial declaration and visual representation of commitment, the town will hold a Pride flag-raising ceremony on June 15 at 10 a.m. in Jack Downing Park, across from town hall.

The event will mark the community’s recognition of Pride Month and serve as a public celebration of diversity and inclusion in Shelburne.

Through the proclamation and the latter flag-raising ceremony, the Town officially designates June 2026 as Pride Month.

# Museum of Dufferin honours area photographers in Home & Heritage exhibition

Continued from Front

The Juror’s Choice Award went to Sweet Pea by Rene Frost, who said she never expected to win. She credits her kids with getting her interested in photography.

“It all started with my kids really wanting to document special occasions,” she said. “I started photography after my third was born, and it just evolved from there.”

“And now, this award is just crazy. I didn’t expect for the picture to win an award, but I’m happy,” Frost added.

Selina Mazzatesta received the Emerging Photographer Award for Emerging Presence.

“It feels just great to get this award,” she said. “I worked really hard on this. I brainstormed what I wanted to do for the exhibition, and seeing everything up on the wall was extremely rewarding. It was a great experience for me.”

Mazzatesta started photography in Grade 11 as part of a graphic design course, before going to university, where her classes included photography. She credits those experiences with helping her develop a more creative side.

The broader exhibition was designed to showcase diverse perspectives on identity, belonging and heritage while highlighting both local and national stories.

Submitted photographs were required to connect to the Home & Heritage theme



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

**SWEET CHOICE:** Rene Frost won the Juror’s Choice award for her piece, Sweet Pea. Inspired by her children to take up photography to document their lives, Frost has continued to develop her skills beyond family photography.

and fall within categories such as culture and community, traditions and celebrations, food, people, or images captured in Dufferin County and across Canada.

The photographs were reviewed by a panel of peer assessors, with museum staff serving as administrators.

The Home & Heritage exhibition re-



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

**NEW TALENT:** Selina Mazzatesta took home the Emerging Photographer Award. Mazzatesta first explored photography starting in grade 11, and continued to develop her skills, and realizing her passion during her post-secondary studies.

flects the Museum of Dufferin’s broader mission of preserving and sharing the stories, people and cultures that shape Dufferin County and beyond.

Through exhibitions, educational programming and community partnerships, the museum aims to connect visitors with both local history and contemporary cre-



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

**NEW PASSION:** The Youth Photography Award went to Vathmee Walakulu Arachchi. A relative newcomer to photography, Arachchi said she has taken strongly to the field, and was deeply inspired to continue developing her skills after receiving her award.

ative expression.

The exhibition opened with an awards presentation on May 30 and remains on display at the museum throughout the summer, offering visitors an opportunity to experience a collection of photographs that examine the many ways Canadians define home and celebrate their heritage.

# Shelburne Honours Crossing Guards During Appreciation Week Flag Raising

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES  
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The Town of Shelburne marked School Crossing Guard Appreciation Week with a flag-raising ceremony at Jack Downing Park on June 2, recognizing the important role crossing guards play in keeping pedestrians safe throughout the community.

Mayor Wade Mills officially proclaimed June 1 to June 5 as School Crossing Guard Appreciation Week in Shelburne, joining municipalities across Ontario in recognizing the contributions of crossing guards and the work they do each day to ensure residents can travel safely through their communities.

Mayor Mills was pleased to see a strong turnout for the event and praised the dedication of the town’s crossing guard team.

“It is nice to see such a big turnout for the crossing guards we have in town,” he said. “These are really dedicated people, they stand out in all kinds of weather to make sure our kids get to school safely, and we’re fortunate to have them.”

“We’re really fortunate in Shelburne, as a lot of communities are, to have really top-notch quality people out there keeping an eye on our kids,” Mayor Mills added.

The event brought together town staff, local crossing guards and representatives from the Ontario Provincial Police to celebrate the dedication and service of those who help children and residents safely cross busy streets each day.

The proclamation noted that crossing guards devote their attention and energy each school day to assisting pedestrians travelling to and from school, work and other destinations. Their presence at key



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

**CELEBRATING SAFETY:** The Town of Shelburne hoisted its first-ever flag for Crossing Guard Appreciation Week. The campaign recognizes the tireless dedication and service of community crossing guards in ensuring the safety of children as they travel to and from school. Mayor Wade Mills said that the town is truly fortunate to have them.

intersections helps reduce risks for pedestrians while encouraging safe road-crossing habits among young students.

Town officials also highlighted the challenges crossing guards regularly face while performing their duties. Whether working through rain, snow, extreme cold or intense summer heat, crossing guards remain focused on ensuring residents can cross roads safely.

The proclamation further recognized the ongoing partnership between the Town of Shelburne and the Dufferin Detachment Board #2 in promoting pedestrian safety throughout the community. Officials said crossing guards play an important role in that effort by serving as a visible reminder of the importance of road safety and shared responsibility among drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.

School Crossing Guard Appreciation Week is coordinated through the Ontario Traffic Council School Crossing Guard Program Committee, of which the Town of Shelburne is a member.

The annual recognition campaign aims to raise awareness of the vital role crossing guards play in helping keep Ontario communities safe and ensuring students can get to and from school securely each day.

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# OPINION

## The results are in!

I'm thinking of doing a poll on the current political situation and related topics, and see what people generally think of how things are being handled in the country.

Of course, I'm going to use a scientific method before presenting my findings as accurate and fair.

First, I'm going to come up with a series of questions to ask people. I think five questions should do it, maybe three.

That's enough to gauge the current opinion of the average person on the street. Although I might just narrow that down to two, maybe one, to ensure brevity and consistency.

Then I'll head out onto the street with a pen and a clipboard. Remember to always carry a clipboard when doing this kind of important and scientific work.

No matter what is going on, if people see you carrying a clipboard, they will assume you are doing valuable work.

Secondly, I'll wear some kind of lanyard around my neck with an official-looking badge.

The badge must be laminated – that makes it official. If it's not laminated, people will question your legitimacy.

Also, it's nice to have your photo on the badge. Although you could also have a

photo of Albert Einstein, Charles Darwin, or Queen Elizabeth, because no one ever checks your photo to see if it is you.

I've seen seminars at some kind of science fair or technology industry meeting where every single person in the audience had a laminated badge hanging around their neck.

That badge ensures no interlopers can sneak in and hear the lecture. It's very official.

I will start my poll by visiting my neighbour Floyd at his barbershop. After an initial friendly greeting, I'll ask Floyd some important, detailed questions.

If Floyd's answer agrees with my own opinion, I'll write in the right-side column of my answer sheet.

If Floyd's answer does not agree with my own opinion, I'll use a pencil to write it in the left side column.

Next, I'll visit Emmett at his 'fix-it' shop. The same rule applies. If he gives the right answer, it goes into the right-hand column. If it's the wrong answer, it goes on the left.

Then it's off to the local schoolhouse to visit Miss Crump, the school teacher, who is on her break because the kids are all out in the schoolyard for recess.

This time, Ms. Crump provides me with

the correct answer, and it goes into the right-side column.

There's my friend Thelma-Lou doing her daily shopping on Main Street, as she doesn't appear to actually have any kind of employment. I'll approach her and ask her the same question, or questions and get her response.

I'll do the rounds and visit Andy and Barney at the courthouse, speak to Otis the town drunk, take a ride out to the Darlings' farm, and drop by to see Goober and Gomer at the filling station on my way back.

At the end of my scientific poll, I'll report the results from those who agree with my opinion as the majority, and include those who don't agree, as the minority opinion across the country.

Does that sound like a fair opinion poll? Probably not.

But that certainly seems how they do opinion polls these days.

The more polls are released before and between elections, the more I question the results.

A recent 'poll' came out saying Donald Trump's approval rating is the 'lowest in history.'

Really? Because there are millions and

millions of people who love and support Donald Trump.

It doesn't matter whether you like Trump, dislike Trump, or are indifferent; you have to admit he has a lot of fervent supporters. According to this poll, a full 30 per cent of people who supported Trump during his SECOND run for president have now changed their minds.

Maybe the pollsters did all their question asking in Oregon, because they certainly didn't pose those questions in Wyoming.

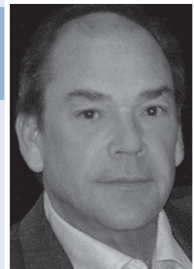
I follow the polls and the trends they try to manufacture, and it seems the poll results, at the very least, have been skewed, and at the worst, are manipulated and derived.

Prior to the 2024 US presidential election, the polls showed Trump and his opponent, Kamala Harris, in a dead heat. Yet Trump won the election with 312 electoral votes compared to Harris' 226.

It seems the polls have become nothing more than tools used to try to influence public opinion, rather than to report it.

My next stop will be to visit Aunt Bea and get her take on the situation.

**BRIAN LOCKHART**  
FROM THE SECOND ROW



## The threat of global war

A consensus has emerged, at least in Western media, that we are on the brink of a real war with the gloves off, maybe even a 'world war'.

The Russian dictator Vladimir Putin will overrun the rest of Europe as soon as he is finished with Ukraine. Donald Trump will invade Cuba even before he has finished with Iran. Israel will annex southern Lebanon, having driven out its population. China will invade Taiwan. Then someone will go nuclear, and we are off to the (final) races. Or so they say.

The first question to ask is why would they? There's no major economic or strategic advantage to be gained by conquering Ukraine: Russia is an oil state and it certainly doesn't need more land. Putin's real motive in trying to conquer Ukraine is clearly to seal his status (in his own head, at least) as Russia's greatest ever patriot. It is his legacy project.

In the unlikely case that Russia does conquer Ukraine – four years and no success so far – Putin would face a terrified

and rapidly rearming European Union that has three times Russia's population and ten times its wealth, even while half his army would still be committed to holding down a popular resistance movement in occupied Ukraine.

And yet he's going to conquer all of Europe?

Nonsense. Russian generals let Putin have his war in 2022 because they were afraid of him, and because he promised that it would be over in less than a week with no serious response from the West. They're still afraid of him, but they wouldn't let him take them down that road again – and even if they did, Russia can't conquer all of Central and Western Europe.

Even Napoleon or Hitler at their height couldn't do that, and those were times when the offensive was in the ascendant. Now it's defence that dominates, and even Finland could probably hold the Russians off for half a year.

The other country that is already starting wars, the United States, is run by a man

who attacks countries almost on a whim, but he crumbles at the sign of serious resistance (TACO). We're currently watching the psychodrama as he struggles to deny defeat in the Persian Gulf.

Some countries in Latin America, some in the Middle East, and Canada and Greenland may be in danger of a US take-over, but it wouldn't be a world war if Trump attacked another one of them, just a local tragedy.

Much the same can be about Israel, apart from fact that it is much more serious and systematic about ruthlessly eliminating all its enemies (and to hell with the bystanders.) Israel also has hundreds of nuclear weapons, but it wouldn't use them unless Israel were facing defeat in a war that threatens its existence – which seems highly unlikely at the moment.

As for China's frequently expressed will to 'reunify' Taiwan to the mainland by force if necessary, there is no deadline. The island has only been governed by Beijing for four of the past 150 years, and it is a very hard place to invade.

President Trump is currently ratting on America's long-standing implied promise to defend Taiwan from attack by China, but it was never a solid commitment. If the Taiwanese are willing to pay for serious defenses they can probably deter Beijing from invading by themselves for a long time; if not, they will eventually be block-

aded and absorbed.

Quite a menu of risks, but in fact it is no longer than the list of threats the world faced in 1962 or 1987 or 2008 or indeed any other year of the past eighty. As former US president Calvin Coolidge observed a hundred years ago: "If you see ten troubles coming down the road, you can be sure that nine will run into the ditch before they reach you."

Once in a while, of course, the tenth will get through, and it might even kill you. There is no permanent safety. Why not?

Our ancestors for 300,000 years were all hunter-gatherers who lived in small groups (rarely more than a hundred people) and were frequently at war with the other hunter-gatherer groups around them. Constant warfare shaped their ideas and their behaviour, and it still has a profound influence although we now live in societies millions strong.

Human beings had to change many of their behaviours as they built their new 'civilizations', but they didn't change their attitudes about war because it was still profitable for those societies that were good at it. That ceased to be true around the time of the First World War, and ever since we have been collectively striving to dismantle the old beliefs and structures.

It has only been one century, so I'd say that we're making fairly good progress.

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# COMMUNITY VOICES

## Monthly Message: How local growing nourishes Shelburne

At the Shelburne Food Bank, we see every day how much fresh food matters.

While non-perishable items help us keep the shelves stocked, it's the fresh produce, like the carrots, greens, apples, and seasonal vegetables, that often make the biggest difference to the families we support. It's also the hardest to consistently provide. Fresh food depends on donations, timing, and availability, and there are many weeks when we simply don't have enough.

That's why local growing efforts mean so much to us.

In Shelburne, we are fortunate to have strong community support behind this idea. The Shelburne Community Garden, located in Fiddle Park, is one example of how people come together to grow food not just for themselves, but for others. The garden is maintained by the Shelburne Horticultural Society, whose volunteers put in the time and care to keep it running throughout the season.

It's not just about gardening, but about neighbours sharing time and effort to grow something that benefits the whole community. Fresh food doesn't always come from large systems; sometimes it comes from a backyard garden, a shared growing space, a few pots on a balcony, or a neighbour who just simply has more than they need and decides to share it. Small-scale growing may not seem like much on its own, but when it happens across a community, the impact becomes much larger.

Some members of the community regularly bring in fresh produce, and it always makes a difference. Wayne Hannon, a member of the Shelburne Horticultural Society, has even created a larger garden at his home

in Melancthon and donates what he grows. Efforts like this go a long way in helping us provide fresh options to the families we serve.

There is something powerful about food grown and shared locally. It carries a different kind of value. It represents time, care and attention. It is someone deciding to plant extra seeds, knowing they could be helping someone else.

We see the impact of that generosity when fresh produce is donated to the Food Bank. A bag of freshly picked vegetables can change what a family can cook that week. Fresh herbs can turn a simple meal into something even more comforting. Even small amounts help us offer a better variety and are always received with appreciation.

But what stands out most is how accessible this kind of impact really is.

You don't need a large space or experience to contribute. A small patch of soil, a few containers or even a single planter can grow more than most people expect. Leafy greens, tomatoes, beans, and herbs can all thrive in small spaces with basic care and while not every harvest will be large, even small amounts can make a difference when shared.

We also continue to be encouraged by how often this effort becomes shared. Neighbours exchange extra vegetables. Families planting a little more than they need. First-time gardeners trying something new with intention. These are everyday acts of care that quietly strengthen the community.

There are also simple ways to get more directly involved. Those interested in volunteering with the Shelburne Community Gar-



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**GROWING DEMAND:** Shelburne residents are being encouraged to grow and donate fresh produce to the local food bank. Fresh produce helps the food bank support the nutritional needs of people in the community who are food insecure.

den can contact Brad Reid at [naturalair@brighterfuture-homes.co](mailto:naturalair@brighterfuture-homes.co) through the Shelburne Horticultural Society. Even a few hours of time can help maintain a space that gives back to so many.

At the Food Bank, we are always grateful for any donation, but fresh produce carries a unique kind of impact. It helps us better support the nutritional needs of the people we serve, and reflect the kind of community we are fortunate to be a part of! Initiatives like "Grow 2 Give" are great ways to set aside a small portion of what you grow specifically for donation (more information can be found on the Shelburne website).

As we move through another growing season, we are reminded that food security is not just about large donations. It is also about connection. It is about what happens when people decide to grow a little extra, share a little more, or think beyond their household.

We are thankful for everyone who contributes to that effort, whether through gardening, sharing produce or simply supporting the Food Bank in whatever way they can. It all adds up. And together, those small actions help ensure that fresh food continues to reach the tables of those who need it most.

## School bus driver charged with travelling 100km/h in posted 50 km/h zone

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers have charged a school bus driver from Beeton with stunt driving after she was observed travelling 100 km/h in a posted 50 km/h zone.

On May 26, just before 4 p.m., Dufferin OPP officers were conducting traffic en-

forcement in the area of County Road 17 and Prince of Wales Road in Mulmur when they observed a school bus travelling at a high rate of speed.

Officers initiated a traffic stop and spoke with the driver regarding the excessive speed, particularly given that children were on board the bus at the time of the offence.

As a result of the investigation, a 56-year-

old female from Beeton has been charged with:

- Speeding 50+ km/h over posted limit
- Drive motor vehicle - perform stunt - excessive speed
- Driver fail to surrender licence

This incident is particularly concerning given the location. Just over five weeks ago, the same intersection was the scene of

a fatal two-vehicle collision. Incidents such as this highlight the importance of safe and responsible driving, especially when transporting children.

The Dufferin OPP remains committed to road safety and will continue proactive enforcement efforts throughout the county to ensure motorists are operating safely and within the posted speed limits.

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# Elysian Crossing offers a personal touch to pet cremation services

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A local Amaranth couple are on a mission to make end-of-life services for pets local, affordable and empathetic.

Elysian Crossing, a small pet cremation business operating on a rural property in Amaranth, was born from personal loss and a desire to offer grieving pet owners a more compassionate, affordable option close to home.

Kevin and Ruth Solski, who started the business, are lifelong pet owners and have experienced the pain of saying goodbye. Those experiences made them acutely aware of how costly end-of-life services for animals have become, and how overwhelming it can be for families dealing with grief.

"We've been pet owners for such a long time, we've gone through those losses," Solski said. "We saw the need for there to be a more affordable option that has compassion and works with owners."

Solski said that they saw a gap between what corporate providers were offering and what local residents actually needed: a ser-

vice grounded in dignity, personal care, and affordability.

"We want to be very cognizant, very aware that our clients need to be treated with dignity and compassion, and that their pets, as an extension of that, will be treated with the same compassionate afterlife care," she said.

"We work one on one with all of our clients, we personally handle every pet from the time we pick them up to the time we drop them off. You know exactly who has your pet from when you drop them off to when you pick them up, every step of the way."

Elysian Crossing's operations are entirely based on the owners' 6.5-acre countryside property, which they describe as peaceful and familiar to many in the area.

Setting it up was a multi-year process. Before they could accept a single client, they had to secure land-use permits from the Township of Amaranth and Dufferin County, followed by provincial environmental approvals.

Local officials were notably supportive. From the initial idea to opening their doors, the process took about three years.

"The township and the county were actually really, really good to work with," Solski said. "They wanted to see small businesses in the area, and they were exceptional in helping us get up and running. The mayor of Amaranth even wrote a letter to Sylvia Jones to try and expedite the process for us on the provincial side."

Elysian Crossing has now been operating for roughly a year. Business has grown slowly and organically, primarily through word of mouth and online reviews.

The Solskis do not have formal partnerships with veterinary clinics, which often have established corporate providers, but they do see some informal referrals and repeat clients who return when another pet passes away.

A key distinction of their service is that they only provide individual cremations. Every family receives their pet's ashes back, typically in a simple tin, with the option to purchase a range of urns through their website.

"Other companies offer communal and joint cremations as well, at a lower price point," Solski said. "We made the decision

that we were going to try to offer only individual cremations, but trying to kind of get it down to that price point that you would see for communal cremations."

While many of the standard urns are sourced from outside the region, the couple is actively working to bring more local craftsmanship into their offerings. They offer custom urns from an Owen Sound artisan and memorial jewelry incorporating ashes from a maker in Orangeville.

Elysian Crossing is also exploring partnerships with local artists for pet portraits.

Guided by their faith and a belief in caring for all of creation, the Solskis frame Elysian Crossing as both a business and a calling: a way to walk alongside residents during one of the most difficult moments of pet ownership, and to ensure those animals are treated with dignity from beginning to end.

"We really sincerely do care," Solski said. "We've been there, and nothing eases the pain of the loss of a pet, but if we could make that journey a little bit easier, alleviate some of that strain, that's what we're here for."

For more information, go to: [elysiancrossing.ca](http://elysiancrossing.ca)

## Fore DCAFS 2026 Golf Classic to be held at Shelburne Golf and Country Club

Written By CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

When a grandmother raising three autistic grandchildren needs a break, or when parents of a child with exceptional needs haven't slept in days, the Dufferin Child and Family Services (DCAFS) is there to help. And that is barely the beginning of what DCAFS does for those in need of help with their children, who need careful, focused guidance, in this community.

The trips to special camps for special needs kids, providing a specific infant formula not available at food banks for a tiny baby, and providing crucial child support via an allotted \$1,500 are all part of DCAFS's mission and purpose. All of it costs more than those parents can afford, and the path to funding the services DCAFS delivers is through raising funds in various ways, including, at this time of year, golf tournaments.

On June 11, Dufferin Child and Family Foundation (DCAFF) is hosting a tournament at the Shelburne Golf and Country Club. People are signing up, and there are still spaces for more golfers to register. Registration on the day of the event opens at 8 a.m., and it starts at 9 a.m.

In an interview with DCAFS CEO Jennifer Moore, she explained that DCAFF pro-

vides grants to people receiving services through DCAFS under three main priority areas: Youth Futures, Health & Wellness, and Social Growth & Development.

Perhaps, with so many services, it would be difficult to include all their details in this feature. Better to let the focus be on the success of this tournament, which is to raise funds for Respite. That means time away for children for a given day to learn and develop social skills under the watchful attention and guidance of qualified staff.

This also allows parents and caregivers time to do whatever they need or wish, while knowing their children are safe.

The upcoming fundraiser is a Best Ball tournament with a shotgun start, welcoming players of all levels. Even so, Moore was happy to tempt golfers to come for a chance to win prizes from the "two hole-in-one sponsors."

"One is \$50,000 towards a brand-new vehicle through the Brackett Auto Group. The other is a \$10,000 shopping spree at Shelburne Home Hardware," said Moore.

"Crewson Insurance is our eagle sponsor."

For other examples of how funding is used and why it is important for the funding to be available, Moore offered two more stories.

With a fundraising investment of \$2,340, the benefits of the Early Learners Group (ELG) have proven to be a remarkable stepping stone for a young child with exceptional needs. The child made big strides in their ability to engage with peers and participate in group activities. The child is now adept at following simple instructions and actively engaged during various classroom activities, which are significant achievements.

The family saw real improvements in the child's ability to express their needs. More than simply therapy, ELG is a nurturing environment where such skills are developed, allowing the child a path to greater independence in school and within the community.

Moore summed it up, saying, "This journey of growth is exciting, and with continued practice – and the support of our generous donors – the sky's the limit for this young learner."

Beginning with, "We're incredibly proud to share...", this final story tells of \$2,000 in donations used to purchase essential workshop tools for a dedicated youth who has been able to participate in an Auto Mechan-

ic Apprenticeship. This crucial support directly equips them for success in their demanding program.

Now, well into their third year of the apprenticeship, having demonstrated exceptional commitment and skill, the hard work has paid off tremendously. This youth has recently secured a position at a local car dealership! Such an exciting milestone marks a significant step in their professional journey and highlights the profound impact of our community fundraising efforts on fostering promising careers.

The June 11 Golf tournament at the Shelburne Golf and Country Club has all the treats and joys such an event and its participants deserve. Golf carts are included with the registration for two golfers per cart.

A pre-ordered box lunch will be delivered by Moore herself on the course, and there are plenty of prizes in addition to the top prize for a hole-in-one, all presented at the 19th hole, with a delightful charcuterie board to enhance the day's end.

To register for the Fore DCAF 26 Golf Classic, visit <https://dcafs.on.ca/golfpackages/>

## County celebrates June as Seniors Month

June is Seniors Month in Ontario – a time to celebrate the older adults who help shape families, neighbourhoods and communities every day. Dufferin County is proud to wish seniors across its community and those who support them a very happy Seniors Month.

Seniors Month is all about recognizing the contributions of older adults, supporting health and social connection and continuing to build age-friendly communities where everyone can thrive.

In Dufferin, Dufferin County Community Support Services (DCCSS) helps older adults and adults with disabilities remain in the comfort of their own homes and stay connected to their community with practical, compassionate support and programs for community members. DCCSS is funded by Ontario Health and operated by the County.

"If you or someone you love could use a little extra support, Dufferin County Community Support Services is always here to help," says Marissa Marr, supervisor of Dufferin County Community Support Services. "Whether you or someone you know needs a meal, a ride to a medical appointment, a regular check-in, or help accessing the right supports, our programs are designed to make everyday life a little easier and help seniors live safely and independently."

Services available for seniors and people with disabilities in Dufferin include:

- Meals on Wheels
- Transportation to and from medical appointments
- Friendly visiting
- Home maintenance
- Home respite

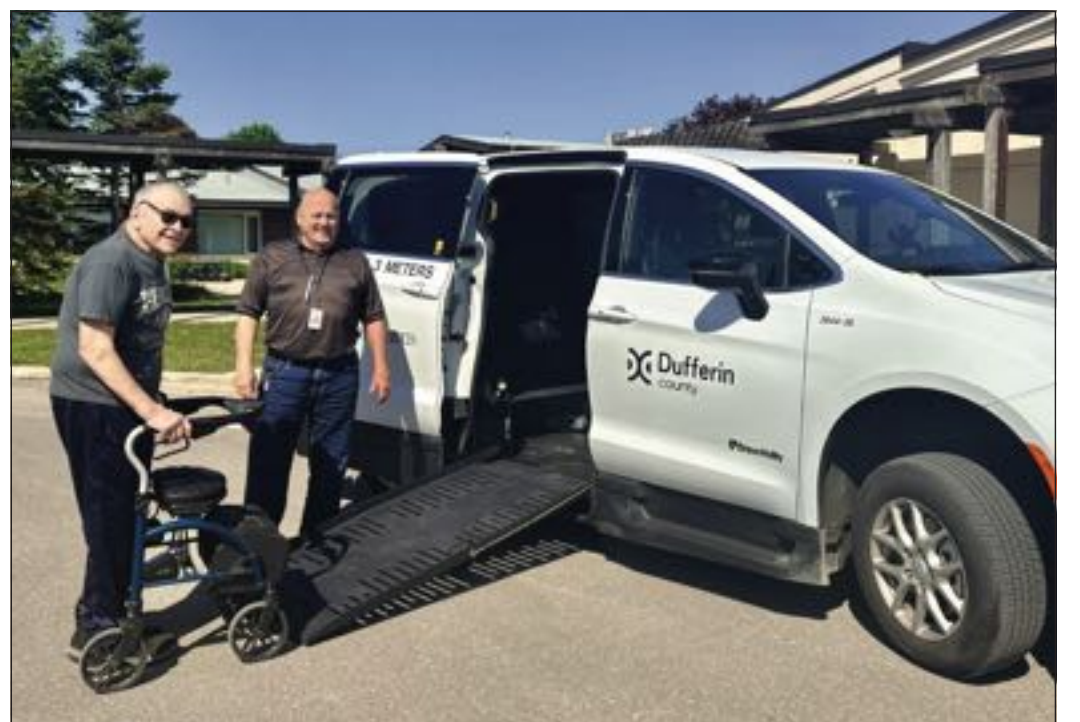
- Home help
- Congregate dining
- A bathing program, and;
- An adult day program.

There is also an important role for the wider Dufferin community to play to help support seniors in the community. Community members can volunteer in a variety of positions to help support seniors through programs like friendly visiting, transportation and the adult day program.

Volunteering is a meaningful way to give back, build connections and help ensure older adults in Dufferin County feel supported, valued and included. Interested community members can celebrate seniors by exploring volunteer opportunities on the County's website at [www.dufferincounty.ca](http://www.dufferincounty.ca). Applications can be submitted on the County's website, by fax to 519-925-3742, email to [dccss@dufferincounty.ca](mailto:dccss@dufferincounty.ca) or in person at 167 Centre Street, Entrance "E", Shelburne.

"Seniors Month provides a great reminder that no one must navigate aging alone. Whether you're a senior, caregiver, family member or a friend, now is a good time to learn more about what is available through DCCSS," says Marissa. "A conversation this month could mean the right supports to make a meaningful difference tomorrow and beyond."

Dufferin County Council proudly proclaimed June as Seniors Month in Dufferin County. Dufferin County Council, staff and volunteers celebrate the older adults who enrich the community with their time, knowledge, care and experience. Happy Seniors Month to all seniors across the county—and thank you for all you do.



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SUPPORTING SENIORS: A senior with a walker is assisted by a Dufferin County Community Support Services (DCCSS) driver beside an accessible Dufferin County van during Seniors Month in June. DCCSS provides transportation to medical appointments for seniors and adults with disabilities across Dufferin County.



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# Centre Dufferin revives musical theatre with 80s-themed musical

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Centre Dufferin District High School is stepping back into the spotlight for the first time in more than a decade, as students and staff prepare to stage *The Wedding Singer Musical*, a full-scale production built around newly upgraded performance facilities and months of rehearsal.

The production was chosen for its upbeat tone, nostalgic appeal and broad audience reach.

Drama teacher and director Jessica Morris said that they were looking for a production that was fun and accessible to the wider community.

"We were just really looking for a production that really focused on something upbeat, positive, nostalgic," she said. "The *Wedding Singer Musical* is based on the film with Adam Sandler and Drew Bar-

rymore, so it just felt like a really good choice for our school. If you love a good romance story, if [you] love a great comedy, if [you're] looking for big hair and rock music and love triangles, this is for you."

Planning for the musical began last school year, with licensing finalized in September and auditions and rehearsals starting in October. The play will be performed from Thursday, June 4 to Saturday, June 6, with evening shows starting at 7 p.m. and matinee shows starting at 1 p.m.

Since then, students involved in both cast and crew have been meeting multiple times a week. However, a major renovation of the cafeteria, including an overhaul of the lighting and sound system, delayed the cast and crew's access to the stage.

"We actually didn't get on stage until two weeks ago," Morris said.

Despite that tight turnaround, the pro-

duction has grown into a large collaborative effort.

The show features a cast of about 20 students, supported by a tech and stage crew of roughly 15, several senior music students performing alongside the tracks, and a team of 10 to 15 staff members handling direction, stage management, lighting, sound, costumes, set construction and front-of-house duties.

The musical also serves as an important entry point for many first-time performers, with the cast spanning multiple grades.

"We actually have quite a variety in our cast," Morris said. "We have a lot of younger students who've actually never done a show before, so that's been a really great opportunity for them. Our male lead... he's a Grade 12 student, and he's been involved in our music program all throughout high school. This year was

his first year taking a drama class, and he really enjoyed it, and he's never been involved in drama before this, so he's super excited about that."

Beyond the immediate run, organizers see the musical as a statement about the role of the arts in a small-town school still recovering from pandemic disruptions and education cuts.

The hope is that a lively 80s romance, big hair, rock music and an enthusiastic student company will help rebuild momentum, spotlight local talent and remind the community that live theatre is very much alive.

With a dedicated staff, an excited cast, and a hardworking behind-the-scenes team, Centre Dufferin District High School's *The Wedding Singer* promises to be a fun and endearing blast from the past.

For more info, and to get tickets, go to: [ugdsb.ca/o/cddhs/article/14993](https://ugdsb.ca/o/cddhs/article/14993)

# Community-focused café to bring local flavour and partnerships to Dufferin Oaks

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A new community-focused café and bakery is preparing to open inside Dufferin Oaks in Shelburne, aiming to blend scratch-made food with support for local makers and social enterprises.

Destined to Bake Café will operate out of the long-vacant on-site café space, offering residents, staff and the wider public a quiet, light-filled spot for coffee, baked goods and light meals.

Owner Destinie Gonyea's goal is twofold: to build a sustainable baking business rooted in her culinary training while creating a welcoming hub where community members, local vendors and long-term care residents can connect.

"I feel like it's a good opportunity for me to work alongside the community," she said. "If I could create a space to bring the community and everyone together, like families, residents, people from just the area, locals, even maybe people passing by, I feel it would be great not just for me, but for the town."

The café's menu is designed to be simple but thoughtful, featuring hot or cold coffees and teas, fresh lemonade, five-bean vegetable chilli, weekly artisanal sandwiches and soups, grilled cheese made with locally sourced bread, and an assortment of muffins, scones, cookies, loaves, and single-serve cakes.

Soups will be supplied by The Raw Carrot, a nonprofit social enterprise that creates employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

Partnerships with local businesses are also central to the concept. Vendors such as Polar Press Designs and RÖKIN Creative will offer products on consignment, while local entrepreneurs will have space to display business cards.

The goal is to give residents greater exposure to the wider community, help small businesses gain visibility, and position the café as a gathering place in a growing town where many newcomers are still discovering what exists beyond the main street.

Gonyea's journey to opening the café has been gradual and hands-on.

She first explored culinary arts in high school, motivated by a desire to move beyond the boxed and processed meals she grew up with. Restaurant co-op placements led to several years in professional kitchens, including helping open a Moxie's location in Mississauga.

Graduating at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic made finding work difficult, but positions at a co-operative bakery and later as a pastry chef at Greystones in Orangeville helped refine her skills. A subsequent role at Pine River Institute, a treatment centre for youth struggling with addiction and mental health challenges, deepened her focus on nutrition, practical cooking skills and community support, reinforcing her belief that food can be both nourishing and empowering.

A chance stop at Cole Country Market was the turning point. Gonyea was introduced to a family-run, community-minded business that became an important mentor as she learned the realities of operating her



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO

**FRESH OFFERING:** Dufferin Oaks in Shelburne will soon welcome Destined to Bake Café, which is set to open June 9. The café will offer food, coffee and baked goods while creating a welcoming space for residents, staff and the wider community, with products and partnerships from local and social enterprise vendors.

own venture.

"This company... Cole Country Market, they're family owned, and they're really family oriented, but community focused as well," Gonyea said. "They realized I had a really strong skill set that they could utilize in growing their company, but in return they also helped me along the way as well, by being able to give me a lot of information for running my own business, like more hands on, more behind-the-books things."

That support, combined with experience selling at local markets in places such as Elora and Dufferin Oaks, eventually led to the opportunity to take over the café space at the long-term care home.

With a heart for helping others and a vision of bringing people together through food, Gonyea is looking forward to serving the community.

Destined to Bake Café officially opens June 9.



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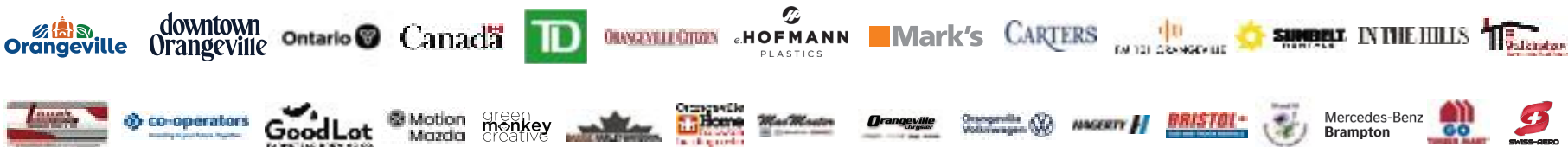

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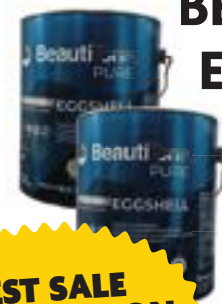
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# SPORTS

## Centre Dufferin varsity girls win 5th consecutive CWOSSA championship

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals varsity girls rugby team is a repeat champion after winning the 2026 CWOSSA rugby title on their home field on Wednesday, May 27.

The Royals' recent win marks their fifth consecutive CWOSSA championship.

The Royals had an outstanding year, going 5-1 in the regular season and averaging just over 42 points per game.

Leading up to the championship game, the Royals played qualifiers on Monday, May 25.

In those games, they won 32-10 over North Park CVI from Brantford. They followed up with a 29-19 win over Kincardine District Secondary School.

In the final game, the Royals were up against Paris District Secondary School.

They won the final with strong defensive posturing and relentless offence that resulted in a 57-0 victory.

Scorers were Ava Dresar, Téa Bosiljevac, Alyssa Gee, Abi Wilson, Ella Taylor, and Iley Hutterer.

Jill Brooks and Brooke Cunnington made six conversions combined.

The win clinched the top CWOSSA seed for the A/AA OFSAA competition for the fifth consecutive season.

"Our team was led by a very strong group of senior athletes that have participated in four regional championships now, and will be representing CDDHS for one last time at OFSSA," said Royals coach Adrian Brown.

"We have also had the benefit of exceptional young athletes that have learned the game in the past couple of months and



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**SEMI FINAL PLAY:** The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals varsity girls rugby team are the 2026 Central Western Ontario Secondary Schools Association (CWOSSA) champions after winning the final game on home turf at Centre Dufferin on Wednesday, May 27. In the final, the Royals won 57-0 over Paris District Secondary School. The Centre Dufferin team will now go on to compete at OFSAA in Stratford on June 4-6.

made an immediate impact on the field. We are often playing against schools and regions that have a significant club support and more opportunity for involvement outside of the school team, which makes the achievement of the athletes even more in-

credible."

The Royals varsity girls team has a strong core of senior players who welcomed new teammates and helped teach them the nuances of the sport.

"The community support for the team

has been outstanding this year," Brown said. "We couldn't get to where we are without the commitment and involvement from parents, supporters, and athletes."

OFSAA A/AA rugby competition takes place in Stratford from June 4 to 6.

## New Lowell Knights remain undefeated after seven games in the North Dufferin Baseball League

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The New Lowell Knights have moved to the top of the North Dufferin Baseball League (NBDL) standings after going undefeated in their first seven games of the season.

The record also includes one game that ended in a tie.

New Lowell is the defending NBDL Strother Cup champions, having claimed the title in 2025.

The Knights also won the championship in 2019, 2022, and 2023.

In second place, the Barrie Angels have also played seven games with one loss.

The Angels have had an outstanding year on offence. Over those seven games, they averaged 11 runs per game while allowing just over five runs against.

Barrie is just one point behind the Knights in the Senior Division standings.

In the number three spot, the Owen Sound Baysox have a 5-3 record. The Baysox have also had a good year on offence. The squad has averaged just over seven runs per game in this season's competition.

In fourth place, the Ivy Rangers have had a good start, winning four out of five times on the diamond this season.

The Midland Mariners are in fifth place in the Senior Division.

The Mariners are batting .500 this year and currently have a 3-3 record.

The Senior Division has 12 teams competing this year.

### Junior Division

The Junior Division of the NBDL is also seeing a lot of good action this season.

The defending champion Creemore Padres are in first place. Creemore also claimed the title in 2022 and 2024.

Creemore has a 5-1 record and 10 points after six games.

Close behind in second place, the Barrie Baycats have been on the field six times

this year. They have four wins, one loss, and one tie behind them – good for nine points.

The Innisfil Cardinals are in third place in the division with a 3-0 record.

The Cardinals reached the final series last year but lost to the Padres.

In the number four spot, the Caledon Nationals have played five games so far this season.

They currently have a 3-2 record, placing them in the middle of the standings.

The Orillia Royals are in fifth place and battling to get on the plus side. The squad has a 3-2-1 record so far for this season.

The standings are rounded out by the Innisfil Cardinals, Aurora Kings Jays, and the Owen Sound Baysox, who are looking for their first win this season.

Junior Division action has eight teams in the lineup this season.

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## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

### TA'MYAH SAUNDERS

As a third year rugby player, Ta'myah Saunders brings a lot of skill to the Centre Dufferin District High School girls' varsity rugby team.

"I really like contact sports. I like hitting things and getting my aggression out," Ta'myah said of why she likes playing a rough sport like rugby. "I like the rugby community. Everybody is nice and welcoming."

When she's not on the rugby field, Ta'myah stays in shape practising Muay Thai martial arts.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

**SEASON STARTER:** The cricket season has started in Shelburne with the first game of the Shelburne Cricket Club regular house league season taking place over the weekend. The Shelburne Samurais played the Shelburne Gladiators in the first game of the season on Saturday, May 31. The Samurais won the game by 23 runs.

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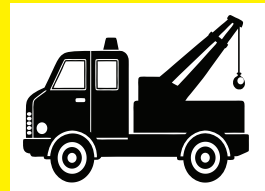
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# Get ready to groove: Orangeville Blues & Jazz Festival kicks off Friday

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

The streets of downtown Orangeville will soon come alive with the sounds of blues and jazz as the largest festival in town returns this weekend.

The Orangeville Blues & Jazz Festival runs from Friday, June 5 to Sunday, June 7, with over 200 musicians performing across three stages, with seven of them being JUNO winners or nominees.

The festival features a free stage on Broadway and ticketed stages at the Opera House and Alexandra Park. There will be additional performances on the streets and across nine locations made up of local restaurants and event venues.

The festival is expecting approximately

40,000 attendees over the three days it runs.

Here's an overview of what to expect over the weekend in terms of road closures and operations.

## Friday – Blues Cruise

- Second Street will close to traffic at 7 a.m. on Friday and will host food and craft vendors throughout the weekend. It will reopen at 11 p.m. on Sunday.

- Broadway from Fourth Street to Wellington Street will close at 10 a.m. on Friday and reopen at 9:30 p.m.

- Broadway from Wellington Street to First Street, as well as Mill Street, will close at 10 a.m. on Friday and remain closed throughout the weekend. They will reopen at 11 p.m. on Sunday.

- Classic cars will begin arriving around 1

p.m.

- Live music on Broadway and Mill Street will run from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Music on the TD Main Stage in Alexandra Park will continue until 11 p.m.

## Saturday – Downtown Ramble

- The Orangeville Farmers' Market will be relocated to Broadway between First and Second Streets and will operate from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- BIA businesses and vendors will be set up along Broadway

- The Hometown Market will be located on Mill Street and will operate from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., with Mill Street businesses also participating.

- Live music on the street and TD Broadway Stage will run from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

- Live music on the TD Main Stage in Alexandra Park will run from 1:45 p.m. to 11 p.m.

## Sunday – Blues & Bikes

- Motorcycles will begin arriving around 11 a.m. and will depart by 5 p.m.

- Live music on the street and TD Broadway Stage will run from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

- Live music on the TD Main Stage in Alexandra Park will run from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

- Festival teardown will begin at 5 p.m. and continue throughout the evening.

- Broadway, Mill Street, and Second Street will reopen at 11 p.m.

All times are approximate and subject to change. For the most up-to-date festival information, please visit: [orangevillebluesandjazz.ca](http://orangevillebluesandjazz.ca)

# Shelburne Library and Mansfield Outdoor Centre staff to hold pollinator-themed activity

The Shelburne Public Library will be at the classic car show happening downtown in Shelburne on Saturday, June 13. The staff from the Mansfield Outdoor Centre will join library staff for a special pollinator-themed activity and a fun scavenger hunt. We will also be launching a new pass!

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## Recommended Read

"The Infinite Sadness of Small Appliances" by Glenn Dixon is this week's staff pick, recommended by Beverly.

She said, the first review of this book I read described it as the "Animal Farm" of the 21st century. I disagree. I think it is more

the "1984" of the 21st century. There are hints of this in the book itself, so you will have to discover that on your own.

The unexpected hero of this book is "Scout," the sentient Roomba vacuum cleaner in the household of Harold and Edie Winters. Harold collects rare first editions, and Edie's piano sits in the front room. Scout has a penchant for "To Kill a Mockingbird," which Harold frequently reads to Edie (with Scout listening in) and a deep fascination with Human emotion.

As Big Brother was to 1984, The Grid is to this book. Every home in the City is run by a group of sentient appliances — from Wellington Refrigerator to Clock, Watch, and Auto. They watch over their Humans, en-

suring that all their needs are met and their days run smoothly. But everything is overseen by the Grid. Remember the phrase "Big Brother is watching you"?

But when Edie becomes ill and then dies, Scout and her fellow appliances discover they can't protect their Humans from everything—The Grid seeks to take their valuables and evict Harold from the home, threatening to upend all their lives.

I found this to be an absorbing read, especially with the advent of AI seemingly creeping into almost everything we do. We should be paying more attention to AI, or this book will be a cautionary tale.

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

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