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Shelburne celebrates Pride Month with community flag raising

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

The Town of Shelburne marked Pride Month with a Pride flag-raising ceremony at Jack Downing Park on June 15, bringing together community members and municipal representatives in a public show of support for diversity, inclusion and equality.

Mayor Wade Mills, who attended the flag raising, said it was an important reminder of the values of inclusion and support that define Shelburne.

“The Pride flag serves as a visible reminder that Shelburne is a community that values dignity, respect, and belonging,” he said. “We want everyone who lives here, works here, or visits here to know that they are welcome and that they have a place in our community.”

The ceremony followed a proclamation issued by Mills on behalf of council declaring June 2026 as Pride Month in the Town of Shelburne.

It highlighted Pride as a positive stance against discrimination and violence directed toward members of the 2SLGBTQI+ community and an opportunity to promote dignity, equality, visibility and acceptance.

The proclamation noted that Pride Month helps to prevent discrimination, promote awareness and acceptance of every person, and encourage harmonious relationships among all members of the community.

The rainbow flag, first designed in 1978, is now recognized worldwide as a symbol of the 2SLGBTQI+ community.

While the flag raising served as the town’s official Pride Month observance, residents can also find Pride-related activities and celebrations throughout the region in June.

Celebrate Your Awesome, a Pride-themed festival, is set to celebrate Pride Month in Dufferin County on June 20, at Alexandra Park in Orangeville.

Schools across the Upper Grand District School Board have also been recognizing Pride Month through educational initiatives and Pride flag raisings, while communities across Ontario continue to host events focused on inclusion, visibility and support for 2SLGBTQI+ residents.

Through the proclamation and the flag-raising ceremony, Shelburne officially recognized June as Pride Month and joined municipalities across Ontario in celebrating diversity and belonging.



JESSICA HANZEL PHOTO

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY: Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills, joined by Councillor Len Guchardi, attended a flag-raising ceremony to mark Pride Month in the Town of Shelburne on Monday, June 15. An accompanying proclamation reaffirmed Shelburne’s commitment to being a community that welcomes everyone, regardless of orientation or identity.

Dufferin County’s long-term waste strategy stops at needs, not solutions

Written By **JAMES MATTHEWS**

Diverting Dufferin County’s garbage from landfills continues to be the best option.

The county’s Long-Term Waste Management Strategy (LTWMS) update includes 10 shortlisted options and two phases of public engagement for consideration.

The upper-tier council heard during its June 11 meeting that an assessment process evaluated each option based on social, environmental, and economic criteria. The highest-ranked options demonstrated strong diversion potential, environmental benefits, public acceptance, and relatively low implementation complexity.

Public feedback indicates residents support practical and accessible waste services that reduce waste, increase diversion, expand reuse opportunities, and improve access to specialized waste programs, according to a report to council.

Evaluation of that feedback forms the chassis that will inform the draft LTWMS, which will include implementation priorities and financial considerations.

Councillor Fred Nix, who is also Mono’s deputy mayor, asked when council will get to learn how much each of the options

would cost. Some of the ideas presented are great, he said.

“But how much are they going to cost?” Nix said.

Melissa Kovacs-Reid, the county’s waste services manager, said the consultants will complete an implementation and financial plan as part of the strategy’s final draft.

“It doesn’t mean that we’re going to absolutely do some of these things,” she said. “I means we have the road map to continue looking at them.”

To dispose of organic material, tipping fees at transfer stations will have to increase.

“So we have to look at do we want to include more items because there will be a cost and what’s the benefit from a diversion point of view,” she said.

Nix asked if it would be possible to have a financial idea of the options in time for the July meeting. If that information comes in the fall, council won’t be in a position to do anything due to the October municipal elections. It’ll be within the purview of the new county council, which will be comprised of newly elected municipal councillors.

Warden Lisa Post, Orangeville’s mayor, said the upper tier was merely considering a strategy.

“The implementation would come after the strategy based on budget requests from staff after the fact,” Post said. “This is just identifying the key needs, the identified areas we want to focus on.”

The last of the 10 waste disposal options shortlisted refers to disposal services for solid waste. And that’s something, Coun. Darren White, Melancthon’s long-time mayor and a former county warden, is well familiar with.

Solid waste disposal services are part of the long-term management strategy. He’s been hearing about it for 20 years, he said.

“And we have no plan currently,” he said. “I don’t see one in the short term. I’m wondering how long term are we talking? Are we talking my lifetime? My kids’ lifetime? My grandkids’ lifetime? It just seems to be getting further and further away.”

Kovacs-Reid said Dufferin County has indeed been looking at waste disposal for a long time. There are large parcels of land in Grand Valley that were considered years ago.

“But we haven’t looked at that in a while,” she said.

It was decided in 2013 that the solid waste would be exported.

“So that’s where we’re at right now,” Kovacs-Reid said. “But the reality is that the border is still open, but what’s going to happen in the future? We don’t know. It’s a big business there, so I don’t know if they’ll change that.”

What’s known is that tipping fees might increase, and that’s a budgetary issue for the county that may have to be dealt with.

“As for things in the county, this is part of the road map,” she said. “This is part of the strategy and everything costs money.”

An interest in having a facility within the county’s north means a cost, she said.

Basically, one of the facets of updating the 2018 LTWMS is determining what avenues are still to be considered.

“The reality is the landfill capacity in Ontario is dwindling quite quickly,” Kovacs-Reid said. “If the direction is to find something local, it’s going to cost more.”

And it’s going to take time to plan for such things as facilities to convert waste into energy.

Kovacs-Reid said, right now, the best way to deal with waste is by way of diversion.

“This is a long-term strategy. That’s a long-term plan,” White said. “Seems to go together to me.”

Shelburne BIA hosts first classic car show

The Shelburne BIA hosted its first – and hopefully inaugural – classic car show on Saturday, June 13.

Residents and guests from out of town were invited to take a casual walk around downtown Shelburne and enjoy a rich selection of classic automobiles brought in by car enthusiasts from across the region.

An estimated 100 classic vehicles attended the event, giving guests the opportunity to browse a diverse selection.

Accompanying the car show was a storefront challenge put forward by the Shelburne BIA. The premise was simple: decorate your business storefront with the “Canada Proud” theme, and guests will have the opportunity to vote for their favourites.

After a tough vote and extremely tight competition, The Topsy Fox took the win after roughly 120 voters cast their ballots.

Children’s events were also provided in case the kids weren’t as interested in vehicles as those who brought them. Activities were provided by Alterna Savings, Shelburne Library and the Mansfield Outdoor Centre.

To provide much-needed food for the event, the Royal Canadian Legion Shelburne Branch 220 hosted a barbecue with its brand-new barbecue, donated generously by Orangeville Canadian Tire.

With strong attendance from both visitors and car enthusiasts, the BIA Classic Car Show was a clear success, and there is hope that, if interest persists, it may become an annual event.



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A CLASSIC: The Shelburne BIA’s first Classic Car Show was a strong showing of community interest. Bringing in over 100 cars, the streets were full of retro and custom vehicles. Kids activities were also provided, along with a Barbecue hosted by the local Shelburne Legion Branch 220.



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DOUBLE CELEBRATION: The Shelburne Town Medical Clinic hosted its Grand Opening celebration on June 14, bringing together community members, local leaders, and provincial representatives. The day was twofold: to celebrate the grand opening and also raise some money for Sick Kids. Dufferin Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones cut the inaugural ribbon to officially open the clinic. Local elements of the OPP and Dufferin EMS were on site to support the opening and fundraiser, alongside local volunteers and donations coming from Chapmans, Giant Tiger, Ice River Springs and more. Fun activities were also scheduled, including martial arts demonstrations from Shelburne Taekwondo and face painting and balloon animals. While the final tally of donations has yet to be counted, last year, the clinic raised \$35,000 from other initiatives.

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More than a business: DBOT highlights the power of social enterprise

Have you heard the term social enterprise? Ever wondered what it means?

A social enterprise is a business that uses commercial activities to achieve a social, environmental, or community purpose. Some social enterprises are operated directly by nonprofits or charities, while others are independent businesses that reinvest their profits into a social mission. Simply put, they use business activities to create positive community impact.

I had heard the term before and thought it sounded like an interesting buzzword, but I didn't really understand what it meant until a conversation in 2019 with Michele Fisher, executive director of the Dufferin Community Foundation.

That conversation would ultimately set the Dufferin Board of Trade on a six-year journey of self-reflection, community research, and business development.

Michele explained how social enterprises were helping nonprofits and charities become more sustainable by generating their own revenue while continuing to serve their communities. She also mentioned that funding was available to help organizations explore social enterprise opportunities. As most nonprofit leaders will tell you, hearing the words "grant opportunity" tends to get your attention.

We were fortunate to receive funding through the federal Investment Readiness Program, which allowed us to do the planning, research, and organizational work needed to launch the Dufferin Biz Hub.

The Biz Hub opened as a coworking space in February 2020 — which, as it turned out, was about the worst possible time to open a coworking space. Just weeks later, the pandemic forced us to close our doors.

Like many organizations, we spent the next few years adapting. Between changing regulations, temporary closures, and the distribution of thousands of COVID-19 rapid tests, we learned a great deal about the needs of our business community.

The Biz Hub evolved from a coworking space into a broader business support hub, offering private offices, short- and long-term rentals, meeting spaces, and virtual offices.

When a second round of Investment Readiness Program funding became available, we were fortunate to receive support again. This time, we hired consultants to better understand the needs of local businesses and identify new ways our social enterprise could support them.

What we learned was clear: many businesses needed affordable business services. Looking within our own organization, we

realized we already had many of the skills needed to help. Today, through our in-house team of just two full-time staff, we provide services such as photography, videography, graphic design, administrative and human resources support. When a client's needs extend beyond our expertise or capacity, we're proud to connect them with trusted businesses from our member network.

Today, our offices, meeting spaces, and business services support dozens of entrepreneurs, businesses, and nonprofits every month.

Like many nonprofits, we receive no government operating funding. With fewer grant opportunities than just a few years ago, finding sustainable sources of revenue has become increasingly important. To keep our membership fees, rental rates, and services affordable while continuing to support local businesses, we knew we needed another sustainable revenue source.

That opportunity arrived when a local business owner and member approached us with a concern. After more than 40 years in business, he was ready to retire and could not find a buyer to keep Broadway Engraving operating.

The opportunity aligned perfectly with our mission.

In late 2025, we purchased Broadway Engraving from Bill Elliott as an expansion of the Dufferin Biz Hub. After extensive training from Bill and a volunteer-driven renovation of our basement workspace, we were ready to begin serving customers.

Today, Broadway Engraving provides custom name tags, signs, plaques, awards, trophies, promotional products, and gifts for businesses, nonprofits, schools, municipalities, and community organizations throughout the County.

For us, social enterprise is about more than generating revenue. Through the Dufferin Biz Hub and Broadway Engraving, we are able to support local businesses, provide affordable services, preserve a long-standing local business, and generate the revenue needed to continue the work of the Dufferin Board of Trade.

It's all built on a simple belief: that small businesses have the power to drive positive change in our community. That's why social enterprise matters—not just to our organization, but to the future of Dufferin County.

This week's monthly Community Voice column is from the Dufferin Board of Trade. It was contributed by Diana Morris, executive director of the Dufferin Board of Trade and Dufferin Biz Hub.

Streams invites families to friendly competition at Family Feud-themed game night

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Families looking for an evening of laughter, teamwork and community spirit will have the opportunity to take part in Streams Community Hub's second annual Family Fuse Game Night later this month.

The event will take place on June 20 at Grace Tipling Hall, running from 6 p.m. to approximately 8 p.m.

Program coordinator Megan Mare said the game is inspired by a popular television game show and will see teams of five contestants compete against one another in a series of survey-style questions and trivia challenges.

"It's our version of our Family Feud, we call it Family Fuse," she said. "Andrew

James will be the host, and the Streams team will be there as part of the audience to help ensure everything kind of goes as smoothly as possible."

Organizers have already confirmed three teams for this year's event and are still accepting registrations. Additional teams can still sign up, with space available for several more groups to join the competition.

"There is still an opportunity up until Friday, June 19, to register your team," Mare said. "So if you did want to be a contestant, you would just have to go to our website, and there's a link, either in our bio and social media or on our website, where you can register a team of five contestants, and you can actually be on stage."

While there are no prizes on the line, participants will have the chance to com-

pete for community bragging rights in what Streams describes as a light-hearted evening focused on fun and family engagement.

This year's edition promises to be bigger than last year's inaugural event.

"We actually invested in technology with a buzzer and like an actual display that mimics Family Feud," Mare said. "It's going to feel a lot more entertaining and smooth, and it should aid in the fun and laughter of the night; that's to be expected."

Streams Community Hub has invested in new technology, including a game-show-style buzzer system and an electronic display, helping recreate the atmosphere of the popular television program while streamlining the competition.

Questions will cover a mix of general knowledge topics and locally themed content tied to Shelburne and Dufferin County, giving contestants the opportunity to test both their trivia skills and their knowledge of the community.

Even those who do not wish to compete are encouraged to attend. Community members can join the audience to cheer on friends, neighbours and family members as teams battle it out on stage.

The event is designed to bring people together, encouraging families and friends to spend time together while enjoying an evening of entertainment. Streams hopes the competition will provide plenty of excitement, laughter and memorable moments while strengthening community connections.

For more information, go to the Streams website at: streamshub.org



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FAMILY FUSE: The Streams Hub Family Fuse game night, now in its second year, promises to be bigger and better than ever. A fun, low-stakes game night, families can face off against each other through trivia questions, including local Shelburne-centred questions meant to keep a local angle grounded.

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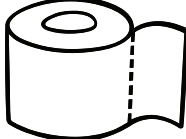
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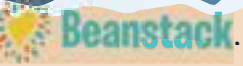
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SPORTS

Honeywood celebrates the opening of refurbished baseball diamond

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

There was a lot of town spirit and some good baseball when Honeywood celebrated the reopening of its baseball diamond on Saturday, June 13.

The Town was announced as one of the winners of the Jays Care Foundation Field of Dreams competition in May 2025. Several communities across the country received grants from the Foundation to build and refurbish baseball diamonds.

The Honeywood diamond was in dire need of some repairs after years of neglect.

“We received \$60,000 that supported the new dugouts, benches, and overhangs. There are new cement pads to put the bleachers on, and there is a new electrical connection on the pitching mound so you can plug in the pitching machine.”

Chris Wolnik,
Township of Mulmur Director of Infrastructure

Awarded \$60,000, the town built new dugouts, put in a mound, refurbished the infield, and even ran an electrical line to the mound to run the pitching machine used by younger divisions.

Recently, the sport in Mulmur has been



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME: It was a good day for baseball in Honeywood on Saturday, June 13, when the town held a grand re-opening of its newly refurbished baseball diamond. The town received a Field of Dreams grant from the Jays Care Foundation that helped fund the construction of new dugouts and a new infield. A player slides safely into home during a Mansfield Cubs U9 house league game on opening day.

centred in Mansfield as it had only one playable diamond. Now, young athletes can play the sport closer to home with better facilities.

After the re-opening ceremonies, two Mansfield Cubs U9 house league teams played a game, followed by the U11 division, which played an afternoon game.

“This is our Field of Dreams grand opening,” explained Township of Mulmur Director of Infrastructure, Chris Wolnik. “The kids have been playing here for a few weeks but

today is the day we held the grand opening. The money for this came from the Jays Care Foundation which is supported by TD. We received \$60,000 that supported the new dugouts, benches, and overhangs. There are new cement pads to put the bleachers on, and there is a new electrical connection on the pitching mound so you can plug in the pitching machine.”

Obtaining the grant requires a lot of work, and there is strong competition from other towns.

“For the grant, there are a bunch of applications to the Foundation. They score it, grade it, and compare it to what else they have coming in. One of our employees, Daniella, worked on it really hard. There were two submissions and this was our second and it was successful. A lot of the work on the diamond happened in October and November of last year.”

The diamond is now suitable for baseball, and there was a good-sized crowd watching the games on opening day.

New Lowell remains undefeated in North Dufferin Baseball League’s senior division

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

The New Lowell Knights continue to lead the senior division of the North Dufferin Baseball League after winning 5-4 over the Midland Mariners in their latest outing on June 11.

The Knights are undefeated after nine games, winning eight and tying one.

As the defending Strother Cup champions, the Knights are hoping to repeat that championship win this season.

In second place in the Senior Division, the Owen Sound Baysox have played 10 games and come out on top in seven of those games.

The Baysox have averaged nine runs per game this season.

Close behind in the standings, the Barrie Angels have also won seven games so far this season. They have taken four losses. The Angels have averaged 8.6 runs per game this year.

The Orillia Majors are in the number four spot in the division. After nine games this season, the Majors have a 6-2-1 record.

In fifth place, the Ivy Rangers are on the plus side with a 6-2 record. They are averaging just under eight runs per game.

In the middle of the pack, the Bolton Brewers have a 4-4-1 record and are in the number six spot.

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

The Senior Division 22 game regular season runs through to the end of July before going into the playoffs.

Junior Division

In the Junior Division of the NDBL, the Barrie Baycats have emerged as the front-runner – but not by much.

The Baycats have a 6-1-2 record after nine games.

This places them one point ahead of the second-place Orillia Royals, who have a 6-3-1 record after ten games.

In third place, the Caledon Nationals have a 4-3-2 record and ten points.

The defending champion Creemore Braves are right in the middle with a 5-5 record so far this season.

The rest of the lineup, in order, are the Innisfil Cardinals, Aurora King Jays, and the Owen Sound Baysox, who are still looking for their first win this season.

The Junior Division has a 16-game regular season schedule that wraps up in the first week of July before heading into the playoffs.

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Mavericks defeat Phoenix as Shelburne cricket season gets underway

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

Cricket season is underway, and the Shelburne Sports and Cultural Club teams are now playing regular games on the pitch at KTH Park.

The Shelburne Mavericks were up against the Shelburne Phoenix on Sunday, June 7.

The Mavericks made light work of chasing a very low score of 89 set by the Phoenix.

Phoenix made 89 all out in 14.4 with only two batsmen reaching double figures.

Phoenix batsmen found themselves in all sorts of trouble early on and were 38 for the loss of six wickets after the 9th over before

fighting a knock of 44 off 34 balls, comprised of six 4s and two 6s from the hard-hitting Mohnish Pathan, who brought some respectability to the total.

Paldeep Singh chipped in with 11 of 14 balls with two 4s and was the only other Phoenix batsman to get to double figures.

Extras were 19, with 15 of those being wides.

For the Mavericks, Keyur Patel had 3 for 12 from his two overs, and Harmandeep Panaich had 3 for 12 of 2.4 overs, who were the pick of the bowlers and received great support from their captain Hardik Modi, who picked up 2 for 9 off his 4 overs.

Mavericks made it look easy after an initial scare, losing their two openers cheaply, but Jaipal Randhawa, with 26 of 36 balls containing three 4's and Dipkumar Prajapati, with a hard-hitting 38 off of only 18 balls, made sure there were no more hiccups.

Extras were 13, all of which were wides.

Bowling for the Phoenix, Himanshu Thakur was the lone wicket taker with 2-21 off of his four overs.

Dipkumar went in to bat, and his entertaining knock may have earned him the Man of the Match, though Keyur Patel and Harmandeep Panaich would also be in contention for their excellent bowling efforts.

Soccer fever takes over Alliston as FIFA Team Panama starts training camp

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

It was an opportunity to see a world-class soccer team in action as the Panama National Soccer team started training at the Nottawasaga Resort & Conference Centre on June 8.

The team will train at the resort until June 25 in preparation for the FIFA World Cup.

Local residents had the opportunity to watch a training session as part of a New Tecumseth Community Event on Thursday, June 11.

The team took to the resort's main soccer pitch for a training centre, with a little pre-practice fanfare as New Tecumseth Mayor Richard Norcross welcomed the team to town.

The Mayor referred to the experience of having a world-class team as “something we won't see again in our lifetime.”

Hundreds of local residents turned out to see the team in action and enjoyed watching the skill on the soccer pitch.

The Nottawasaga Resort recently regrad-

ed and re-sodded the soccer pitch to meet FIFA standards. A FIFA representative inspected the pitch to ensure it met the governing body's standards.

This includes the type of sod and the pitch grade.

Before training camp, the team held a press conference.

When asked how they were enjoying staying in Alliston, Team Panama goalie Cesar Samudio said he appreciated the resort's natural surroundings.

Through an interpreter, he said he was a big fan of nature and had spent time walking around the resort, where he enjoyed the scenery and the lake.

He also said he was sure the team would play well in the tournament.

The team has some early-morning training sessions and others that start later in the day.

Excitement around town has been growing since it was announced that the team would be staying locally, and now that they are here, many young fans who are also soccer players turned out to watch the session.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

BROOK BAIRD

“I love the contact, running, and being physical and being able to hit people,” said Brook Baird of playing rugby with the Centre Dufferin District High School Royals girls' varsity rugby team. “You can't do this sport by yourself - we have an amazing team and we all work together.”

Brook has been a key player on the CDDHS Royals team.

A well rounded athlete, Brook also plays volleyball, hockey, box lacrosse, field lacrosse, and field hockey.

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Island Lake Fishing Derby to return with more than \$7.500 in prizes

Written By **SAM ODRowski**

Anglers are invited to reel in a big catch and compete for prizes at the annual Island Lake Bass Derby, taking place July 11 and 12 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The two-day catch-and-release event is hosted in partnership by Credit Valley Conservation (CVC), the Credit Valley Conservation Foundation (CVCF), and Friends of Island Lake (FOIL), a volunteer sub-committee of the foundation. Proceeds support conservation, recreation and enhancement projects at Island Lake Conservation Area.

“Island Lake’s Annual Bass Derby is a highlight of the summer and a fantastic way to bring our community together outdoors,” said Gordo Slater, chair of FOIL. “Whether

you’re an experienced angler or trying fishing for the first time, the derby is a chance to get out on the lake for a day of fun and compete for great prizes. Most importantly, participants are making a real difference because everyone is supporting improvements at Island Lake.”

Up to 300 participants are expected to take part over the weekend. More than \$7,500 in prizes will be awarded, including top-catch prizes for the 10 largest bass, as well as categories for pike, perch and crappie. Youth divisions for anglers 15 and under will also be featured, with daily trophy presentations.

Registration includes daily park admission and access to the boat launch.

Participating anglers must have a valid Ontario fishing licence and a live well that

is aerated. Paddle craft rentals and worms are available for an additional fee at the park rental shop.

Early-bird registration is open until July 2. Registration is available online until July 10, or in person at Island Lake Conservation Area up to the day of the event, space permitting.

The derby is part of a broader \$1-million fundraising campaign supporting long-term planning, infrastructure upgrades and visitor experience improvements at Island Lake Conservation Area.

Funds raised through the event directly support projects aimed at improving recreation, enhancing conservation assets and strengthening public access to nature. FOIL has contributed more than \$2.6 million in

cash, in-kind labour, materials and fundraising support toward improvements at the park to date.

“The Island Lake Bass Derby is a wonderful example of how community investment can create lasting impact,” said Dayana Gomez, executive director of CVCF. “Every registration, sponsorship and volunteer contribution helps enhance Island Lake Conservation Area for current and future generations.”

“We are grateful to the Friends of Island Lake for their leadership and to Sunshine Landscaping, this year’s presenting sponsor, for their commitment to conservation, recreation and community stewardship.”

For more information on registration, sponsorship and prizes, visit www.island-lakederby.ca.

UGDSB and Dufferin OPP respond to social media threat, 12-year-old arrested

Written By **SAM ODRowski**

The Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB) and Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) say there was no immediate risk to student safety following a reported online threat involving a 12-year-old student at a public school in Orangeville on June 12.

School administration became aware of concerning social media content the morning of June 12 and contacted police. A threat assessment was initiated, where school staff worked with board staff and OPP during the response.

Police were on scene and determined that a hold-and-secure was not required. The OPP has said officers assessed the situation quickly and concluded there was no immediate

risk to students or staff. The 12-year-old student was later arrested and charged with two counts of uttering threats to cause death or bodily harm under the Criminal Code. Under the Youth Criminal Justice Act, the identity of the accused cannot be released.

In a statement, the school board said that, based on information available at the time and in consultation with police, additional measures such as a hold and secure were not deemed necessary. Families were informed the same day and provided with information about supports and resources, the board said.

“Based on the information available at the time and in consultation with police, it was determined that there was no immediate threat within the school and that additional measures, such as a hold and secure, were

not required,” the school board said in a statement.

The OPP said officers responded quickly to reports of a video posted to social media that suggested a potential threat involving individuals at the school. Police have said the incident is considered isolated and that there are no ongoing safety concerns.

“Officers acted swiftly, and it was determined there was no immediate risk to students or staff,” the OPP said in a statement. “Incidents like this are rare and often isolated, but they are always thoroughly investigated.”

The school board said a formal threat assessment process was initiated in line with board procedures, and that supports remain available for students and families who may require assistance following the incident.

“As this matter involves a youth and remains subject to legal and privacy considerations, we are unable to comment on specific details related to the student, the investigation, or evidence that may have been reviewed by police,” the board said.

The OPP has encouraged parents to speak with children about responsible online behaviour and to report any threats to schools to the police immediately.

Following any significant safety-related incident, the board said it reviews its response and procedures to ensure safe learning environments for students and staff.

The 12-year-old charged with two counts of uttering threats to cause death or bodily harm will appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on a future date.

Police recover thousands in stolen property after executing search warrant in Melancthon

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers have arrested seven individuals following the execution of a search warrant at a residence in Melancthon as part of an ongoing property crime investigation.

During the spring of 2026, police received numerous reports of thefts from rural properties throughout northern Dufferin County and southern Grey County. The incidents involved a variety of high-value property, including machinery, equipment trailers, farm implements, power tools, and other items.

On May 30, as search warrant was executed a result of the investigation by the Dufferin Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU), with assistance from Dufferin B Platoon and C Platoon.

The search warrant was for a residence on the 6th Line NE in Melancthon.

Officers recovered a significant quantity of property believed to be connected to the reported thefts. Seven individuals were located at the residence and taken into custody. Investigators also discovered that some of the suspected stolen property was in the process of being dismantled and prepared for scrap metal.

Police have charged seven people following an investigation into allegedly stolen property.

Charged are:

- Eloise McGonigal, 67, of Melancthon
- Wayne Mills, 56, of Cambridge
- Joanne Mulvihill, 49, of Durham
- Richard Nethercott, 61, of New Hamburg
- Tara Tait, 52, of Dundalk
- Gordon Winslow, 34, of Maxwell
- Giuseppe Biase, 61, of Melancthon

Each is charged with:

- five counts of possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000 in Canada
- mischief interfering with the lawful use, enjoyment or operation of property over \$5,000

Police seized the following items:

- a galvanized vehicle hauler/trailer valued at about \$10,000
- a zero-turn lawn mower valued at about \$7,500
- two custom farm trailers valued at about \$7,500 each
- a large quantity of Milwaukee and DeWalt power tools valued at about \$5,000

Gordon Winslow was held for a bail hearing, while the remaining individuals were released on undertakings and are scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in

Orangeville at a later date.

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

This investigation remains ongoing, and investigators believe additional individuals may be involved. Anyone with information related to this investigation is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP and reference incident number RM26146264.

The Dufferin OPP encourages residents to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity. Anyone with information, dash camera footage, or security video that may assist investigators is encouraged to contact police.

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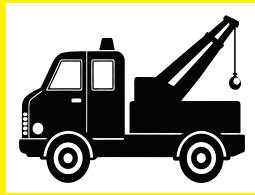
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Celebrate Your Awesome returns to Orangeville for annual Pride celebration

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Celebrate Your Awesome will return to downtown Orangeville on June 20, transforming Alexander Park and Second Street into a full-day Pride and diversity celebration.

June is Pride month in Canada, a time to show support and acceptance for the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, and to come together to celebrate diversity, inclusion, and

mutual support. Here in Dufferin County, Celebrate Your Awesome in Orangeville will be the centrepiece.

Jim Waddington, one of the founders of Celebrate Your Awesome, said that the free, family-friendly festival centres on welcoming residents of all ages, backgrounds, and identities to share in a safe, inclusive space.

“The idea behind our event is to promote diversity, inclusion, and to highlight Pride Month and Pride in Dufferin County,” he said. “Specifically, we want to allow people the opportunity to show their colours, be who they are, feel comfortable in their own space, as well as provide a safe space for people to come out and have a good time.”

Running from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. this Saturday, Celebrate Your Awesome features live music and entertainment throughout the day, two drag shows in the afternoon and evening, food trucks, and a retro theme that invites participants to dress in disco, neon, or other colourful outfits.

What began on Mill Street with a few hun-

dred people and modest infrastructure has grown into a major local event that now attracts thousands, supported by multiple levels of government, community organizations and local banks.

Volunteers, sponsors, donors, and vendors are still welcome.

Those interested in supporting the festival are encouraged to visit the Celebrate Your Awesome website at celebrateyourawesome.ca/get-involved/ for information on volunteering, sponsorships and online donations.

Shelburne Public Library invites families to mark Father’s Day on the Bruce Trail

Celebrate the fathers in your life with a family walk on the beautiful Bruce Trail in

Mulmur this Sunday, June 21, at 10 a.m. Call the library or visit our website to register.

Summer reading challenges are open for pre-registration in Beanstack! We have challenges for children, teens and adults, and there are lots of prizes to be won. Download the Beanstack app, search for Shelburne Library, register, select the challenge for your age, and begin recording your summer reads as soon as your challenge opens. Adult summer reading opens on June 22, and the chil-

dren and teen challenges open on July 3rd.

Recommended Read of the Week

The Shelburne Public Library’s staff pick, selected by Trudy, is *Her Last Breath* by Taylor Adams

Taylor Adam’s new stand-alone novel is a heart-pounding thriller that plunges you into the suffocating darkness of a cave where two friends embark on what becomes an ill-fated afternoon. Tess finally decides to join her adventurous friend Allie on a caving expedition

and confront her claustrophobia.

This story leads you on so many twists and turns that you wonder what could possibly happen next. Which girl will survive the menacing stranger they meet and tell a suspicious detective what actually happened? Was the act truly random? Is the danger over or still closing in? I’ve read each of Taylor Adams thrillers, and this one doesn’t disappoint. I thought I had everything figured out... till the end.

In Loving Memory of

BARB LENZ

JUNE 23, 1946 – JUNE 12, 2026

Barb passed away on June 12, 2026, surrounded by the love of her family.

Barb is deeply missed by her husband, Walter, and always remembered by her children, Jennifer (Greg), Stephen (Don), Bryan, and grandson Justin.

Barb and Walter lived at various times in Toronto, Brampton and at Highway 9 and 50 and finally for 54 years in Shelburne, Ontario.

In her younger days, she was an avid horsewoman, showing various horses at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto.

After marrying in 1967, the couple moved various times, finally to Shelburne. She spent 23 years as a crossing guard at the corner of Gordon St. and Fourth Ave. in Shelburne.

She will be missed by Walter’s extended family in Saskatchewan, brothers Ken (Helen) and Greg (Lynn), George Chilvers and their families in Ontario, and friends and neighbours in Shelburne.

Barb passed away just 11 days shy of her 80th birthday (June 23, 2026).

A celebration of life will take place later this summer.

Online condolences may be left on the website of the Jack and Thompson Funeral home in Shelburne. Donations in Barb’s memory may be directed to Headwaters Healthcare Centre in Orangeville or Brampton Civic Hospital.





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NANCY MARLENE WELTZ

SEPTEMBER 7, 1951 - JANUARY 1, 2026

After a brief struggle with cancer, Nancy passed away on January 1, 2026, at home, in the loving arms of her son Todd and his wife Kate. Nancy was the loving mother of Todd and loving mother-in-law to Kate, who were both with her constantly from the moment of her diagnosis. She was the loving grandma of Kathleen Tilcox (Dan Smith) and Jamyz Tilcox, great-grandma to Noah Smith and loving mother of her other son (who wishes his name to be excluded).

Loving sister to Ron Campbell (deceased) and his wife Sheila, Joan and Arnold Wilson (both deceased), Colleen Cavanaugh, Jim Campbell (deceased) and Julie Thiers, Darlene and Cliff Bricker. Loving aunt to many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Special family friend to Glenn and Debbie Sheardown and their wonderful crew. Best friend and travel buddy to Mary Lou Weavers.

As an expression of sympathy, donations to Orangeville Foodbank would be appreciated, as that was where Nancy felt there was the most need.

Family and friends are invited to join us in celebrating Nancy Weltz on June 20 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM in the multi-purpose room at Monora Park Pavilion, (500 Monora Park Dr, Mono, ON.)

Please feel free to drop in anytime. We hope to spend the afternoon sharing memories, smiles, stories, and remembering the many happy moments Nancy brought into our lives.

Online condolences may be made at www.imfunerals.com

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If you would like to place an obituary in the Shelburne Free Press, or one of our affiliate newspapers, contact Debbie at debbie@lpcmedia.ca or 519-925-2832



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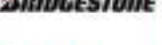
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