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UP CLOSE: Young fairgoers got an up-close look at some of the animals at the Shelburne Fall Fair on Sunday, Sept. 20. The 159th annual fair ran from Sept. 18 to 20 and featured agricultural displays, competitions, entertainment and activities for all ages. See full story and more photos on Page 8.

Shelburne Terry Fox Run brings community together in support of cancer research

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The community once again came together in support of cancer research as the annual Terry Fox Run returned to Natasha Paterson Park on Sunday, Sept. 20.

Participants could walk or run in support of the Terry Fox Foundation and its ongoing efforts to fund cancer research.

Organizer Taylor Wallace said the event was once again successful, with Shelburne continuing its tradition of raising around \$10,000 annually for the Terry Fox Foundation.

"It went absolutely great, we're very successful," Wallace said. "Every year is about \$10,000, and I think that that is a great milestone for Shelburne to reach every year. We're still just a small community, but it's so nice that everybody comes together."

With the most recent count, the fundraising total sits at \$10,989, though more may be counted in the coming days.

Rather than requiring participants to complete a set distance, the Shelburne event was designed to be accessible to residents of different ages and abilities. Participants could complete the full route or simply walk laps around the park's track while supporting the cause.

"The Terry Fox Walk isn't about the run itself," Wallace said. "It's about raising money for cancer research. I'm just happy if people

come out and say hi and join us. And if they want to donate, great, or purchase tickets for the raffle. Even if you can't walk it, that's why we do it at the track, so that there's more opportunity for people to not have to feel like they have to do the full 5K, but they can walk two laps on the track if they want, or however they want to do it."

Among those who came out were members of the Shelburne and District Fire Department, who participated while wearing their firefighting gear.

The run has a strong history in Shelburne, and the community reached a significant fundraising milestone in 2025. Over 35 years of local Terry Fox Runs, Shelburne surpassed \$100,000 raised for cancer research and received both a Terry Fox Milestone Award and Legacy Award recognizing its fundraising efforts and longstanding participation.

Local businesses also played an important role in making this year's event possible. Wallace expressed her gratitude to the residents, businesses, volunteers and participants who continue to support the fundraiser year after year.

"I want to thank three very important places, which are Ice River Springs, Shelburne No Frills and then also Tim Hortons in Shelburne," Wallace said. "I have always been so grateful for their donation of coffee, chocolate, snacks and water. We also want to thank all those small businesses that do-



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RUNNING FOR RESEARCH: Organized by the Wallace family, the Shelburne Terry Fox Run brought together the community for a good cause on Sunday, Sept. 20.

nate their prizes and their raffles. The raffle is a great way for us to make a little bit extra, and it really does show how big and amazing our community is.

Wallace added, "Even though we're just tiny and little, it does show how big we are in our hearts."

Donations to the Shelburne Terry Fox Run can continue to be made through the Shelburne Terry Fox Run fundraising page. Visit: run.terryfox.ca/129703



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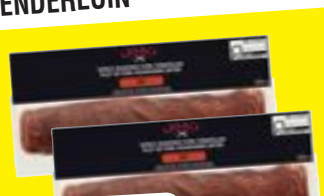

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Dufferin Autism Walk marks 10th year with return to Fendley Park

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

The Dufferin Autism Committee is marking a decade of bringing Dufferin-Caledon families together, with the 10th annual Dufferin Autism Walk on Sunday, Sept. 27 at Fendley Park in Orangeville.

Registration and activities begin at 10 a.m., followed by opening ceremonies at 10:45 a.m. The walk itself covers one to three kilometres along the park’s Alder Trails, with festivities, refreshments, a raffle and vendors continuing from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The event runs rain or shine.

This year’s walk ambassadors are siblings Brooklyn and Brexton. A Shelburne-based travel company owned by the siblings’ parents, Canadian Mous Trips sponsors the walk, which helps other autism families plan travel.

Committee founder Karrie Lynn Daponte said the milestone marks two years of the walk operating fully independently, mean-

ing all funds raised stay in the community. “It directly goes to families in Dufferin and Caledon,” Daponte said.

Registration remains free, and funds come from a day-of raffle and silent auction, vendor fees, and donations, along with pre-event fundraisers. A Celebrity Server Fundraiser at Boston Pizza took place on Monday, Sept. 14, with 10 per cent of sales between 5 and 8 p.m. going toward the cause.

Donations raised through the walk will be held by Canadian Mouse Trips and managed through the committee to create social opportunities for autism families in the community. The events funded by the committee are selected through polling and feedback from families. In the past, the committee has sponsored a family skate, movie theatre outing, pottery night, swim sessions and respite sessions for caregivers.

Daponte said the walk remains as much

about community and belonging as it is about fundraising.

“You don’t have to have a connection with autism to come,” she said. “It’s all for all ages... we open it up to community because we want that community to come out and enjoy the day together.”

She said some families who rarely leave the house with their child due to safety concerns make an exception for the walk, feeling more comfortable in a setting where those around them understand the challenges they navigate daily.

Returning vendors and community partners this year include the Salvation Army’s Emergency Disaster Services, which will supply water and juice boxes and act as walk marshals along the turnaround point on Alder Trail, and the Lord Dufferin IODE will run its Child ID Clinic offering fingerprinting and identification booklets for families. Tim Hortons on First Street is again donating hot chocolate, coffee and Timbits.

Project Lifesaver will also be present and distribute information about its program, which locates missing individuals with autism who may be prone to wandering.

The event will also include police, fire and ambulance services, face painting, outdoor games, inflatables, and demonstrations from local karate and dance groups.

The committee said it’s still looking for volunteers, particularly teens and adults, to help with setup, breakdown and supporting vendors throughout the day. Organizers are also seeking sponsors, raffle and auction item donations, participant giveaways, and contributions to an ongoing bottle drive.

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones is expected to attend, along with one town councillor. Several candidates in the upcoming municipal election have also said they plan to attend or volunteer.

Families and individuals can pre-register in advance by visiting: tinyurl.com/DufferinAutismWalk

Every Child Matters Community Day coming to Shelburne’s Fiddle Park next week

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

Shelburne residents will have an opportunity to come together for learning, reflection and community building on Sept. 30 as Active Lives Canada hosts an Every Child Matters Community Day at Fiddle Park.

The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Fiddle Park and is being held in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Throughout the day, Active Lives Canada participants, families, staff and community members will take part in a variety of accessible activities centred around learning, land, and water.

Activities will include games, art, nature-based programming and opportunities

for participants to reflect on the history and continuing impacts of the residential school system.

The core event of the day will be the Peace Garden Ceremony and Every Child Matters flag raising, scheduled for 11 a.m. to noon. Representatives from the Town of Shelburne, including municipal leaders and staff, have been invited to join Active Lives Canada participants and members of the community for the ceremony.

The Peace Garden, located north of the pavilion near the community garden, is intended to provide a lasting space for learning, reflection and conversations about reconciliation beyond Sept. 30.

The event is also designed to emphasize accessibility and inclusion, with Active Lives Canada encouraging people of differ-

ent ages and abilities to participate.

Children, families, schools, community organizations and residents are all welcome to attend, with the community particularly encouraged to take part in the 11 a.m. ceremony and flag raising.

Active Lives Canada supports people with intellectual, developmental, neurological and physical disabilities. The organization says the event will provide participants with an opportunity to play an active role in a community gathering focused on dignity, respect, listening and belonging.

“Our participants deserve opportunities not simply to attend community events, but to be part of creating them,” Active Lives said. “On Sept. 30, we want people of different abilities, ages and backgrounds standing together, learning together and showing



that reconciliation and belonging are responsibilities shared by the entire community.”

The Every Child Matters Community Day will be held Wednesday, Sept. 30, at Fiddle Park, located at 96 Fiddle Park Lane in Shelburne.

OPP charge two north Dufferin residents with impaired driving, failure to remain at scene

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers have charged two motorists with impaired driving-related offences following separate incidents on Saturday, Sept. 19.

At approximately 12:45 a.m., officers responded to a traffic complaint regarding an erratic driver in the area of County Road 15 in Grand Valley.

Officers attended the area and located the vehicle after it had been involved in what appeared to be a single motor vehicle collision.

The driver had fled the scene on foot

prior to police arrival. Officers obtained a description of the driver and subsequently attended another residence, where the driver was located.

During their interaction with the driver, officers initiated an impaired driving investigation.

As a result of the investigation, Tyler Bryan, 25, from Melancthon, has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Dangerous operation

- Fail to remain

During the same day at 2:58 a.m., officers responded to a fail-to-remain motor vehicle collision in the area of Main Street in Grand Valley.

Officers located the vehicle and, during their interaction with the driver, observed signs of impairment. Officers subsequently initiated an impaired driving investigation.

As a result of the investigation, Karl-les Liepins, 40, from Shelburne, has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alco-

hol concentration (80 plus)

- Fail to remain
- Disobey stop sign - fail to stop

The accused individuals are scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville at a later date to answer to the charges.

In addition, the individuals’ driver’s licences were suspended, and the vehicles were impounded.

None of the listed charged have been proven in court.

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OPINION

The times change, the world moves on

JAMES MATTHEWS
THE BUSTLE IN THE HEDGEROW



The world moves on, man.

The days are becoming shorter, and the light has thinned. It's as if the daylight is somehow changed by the colder air and the cotton-batting clouds that are more common now than the blue summer sky.

The sidewalks downtown where I live and walk are quieter. The usual route I take to put distance between me and the noise has fewer people now that schools are open again. The air has a different nose, especially in the evening and night. The pubs and restaurants that served patrons at sidewalk patio tables will soon be accommodating inside only. Their smells have been replaced by those from nearby chimneys that stretch over 12-hour wood stoves. More people each evening try to push away the season's change.

Even Harold is seldom seen as September inches closer to October and the more frequent nightly frost. He told me recently, on a Saturday I saw him at the sidewalk bench; he said he prefers the spring and

the summer for his walks about town. The heat and the Ontario humidity have never bothered him, he said. It's what he thinks about during the short February days as he tosses shovels of driveway snow over his shoulder in a constant stark cold.

I'm the other way. I prefer the crisp evening for a stroll when you need a sweater. Maybe a toque.

A Saturday, this was, and Harold was at the bench, the day's Globe and Mail folded to a page in his hand. The broadsheet was folded in half and then again from the fold to the paper edge, how people do when they're away from a table and a comfortable chair.

"I loved the sports section as a kid," Harold said. "I would spend so much time looking at the stats, the standings. And the articles. So many times I'd find the score a day later because the game wasn't over before printing time. The glorious overtime games."

He said he still enjoys his Saturdays that way, tucked into the Globe and Mail

weekend paper while Daphne, his mistress, prefers The Toronto Star.

"Everything else about the world has changed," he said.

I wasn't sure if he referred to the things I read in the paper.

"It moves on," he said.

It does, I said. And I told Harold that he recreated the perfect Saturday just then when he spoke about poring over sports scores on a Saturday morning. Taking his time because there was nowhere else he needed to be.

I remembered when the Globe and Mail was six columns. Specifically, I thought about back in the mid-1990s and the Saturday paper was so heavy. The Atlantic edition was flown across the gulf from Halifax, and I would get it at a gas station down the hill from where I lived in Corner Brook. If you've ever been there, Harold, I said, everywhere in Corner Brook is down a hill or up a hill.

I'd spend the day with the paper. Neil Young, The Beatles in the background.

Heavier music of the day, too. But always Mr. Young, The Fab Four, The Stampeders, some others at some point in the eight-CD random mix. Relics from a better time before, those songs. Just like how newspapers that can be smelled and hefted are relics today.

"Me and roommates nursing hangovers and, oddly, Bob Villa on the TV with the volume low, showing us how to spackle and tile a floor," I said. "I still can't spackle or tile a floor, a kitchen counter backsplash. Any job beyond the need for plumber's tape and I have to get a real man to do it. Or the wife."

Depending on my disposition, those years were the best times or the worst times. But the music was great. It's always so great when I remember it. Pretty sure they were the last years when music mattered.

And print journalism is like that too.

Space war and other distractions

When Troy Meink, the chief of the US Space Force, announces for no obvious reason that the United States “now has on-orbit space-control weapons”, people naturally assume that something is up. Why is Meink admitting the truth now? He’s even boasting about it!

It can’t be to frighten the Chinese or the Russians, because they have long been watching US military activities in space. They regularly monitor the flights of the semi-secret X-37B ‘Orbital Test Vehicle’, the re-usable uncrewed spaceplane that the US Space Force launches from Florida but sometimes lands at Vandenberg in California (eight missions so far).

The Chinese can’t complain, because they have their own ‘secret’ spaceplane, and sometimes they even play ‘silly buggers’ in orbit with their American and British counterparts. (‘Silly buggers’ is the old naval game of high-speed manoeuvres of warships in formation, a frequent cause of collisions.)

Reuters reported a year ago on a joint US-British operation in which the US Space Force, working from a base in Colorado, directed an American military satellite to swoop in close to a British satellite just as China’s Shiyang 12-01 satellite

passed beneath it. What for? Who knows? They may have done it just because they could.

There are also the Russians, of course, but they have many fewer satellites and take a firmly pragmatic approach to the whole question of 'war in space'. They have enough ground-based rockets to take out the key satellites of their likely opponents, and that's enough.

This is not to say that people who worry about war in space are fools or that the whole business of weapons in space is harmless and irrelevant, but there is considerably less here than meets the eye. Meink's revelation was no news to America's adversaries, but it did create a hook on which articles like this one could be hung.

Meink wears two hats, as the civilian head of both the US Air Force (created in 1947) and the U.S. Space Force (created in 2019). The Air Force has been getting lots of publicity recently over the Iran war, which will keep its share of the defence budget high. The Space Force is getting almost no publicity, so it's Meink's job to create some for it (and for himself too).

Job done, you might say, but now that we have had our nose rubbed in the fact

that they have weapons in space, should we worry about it? Not much.

The 'high ground' has always been an advantage in land warfare, but that is not necessarily the same for space. It's certainly important for surveillance and communications, but the only worthwhile targets for weapons in space are other things in space. That's why there are probably not currently any nuclear weapons in space, just lasers and projectile weapons.

The Outer Space Treaty of 1967, signed by all the major powers, bans all 'weapons of mass destruction' from space, but only nuclear weapons are relevant. (Poison gas and germ warfare don't work well in vacuum.) And nuclear weapons aren't very effective in space either. Without atmosphere the blast effect is only short-range and radiation effects are quite limited.

However, the electromagnetic pulse (EMP) generated by a nuclear weapon detonated at high altitude (500 km, say), would disable most satellites on that side of the planet and damage or destroy unshielded electronics and the electrical grid on the ground over a very wide area.

Scary stuff, but since any other country with even one nuclear weapon could immediately do the same damage in

reply, it's not clear how doing that would serve anybody's interest – and anyway, creating an EMP does not require nuclear weapons in orbit. Any one of ten countries can do it just by launching a nuclear-tipped rocket to the right altitude and exploding it.

We cannot say that there could never be war in space. In any full-scale war on the ground each side would certainly target the other side's surveillance and communications satellites, but that can be done without nuclear weapons. In fact, several countries have already experimented with that tactic by targeting their own satellites.

It's just hard to imagine a war fought ONLY in space. In any war fought directly between the great powers there would be a grave risk of escalation to nuclear weapons, but all of them are on the planet's surface at the moment. Moving some of them into space would confer no significant advantage.

It's clear that some American non-nuclear weapons are now in orbit. Other countries will probably follow, on the flimsy rationale that if the Americans are doing it maybe we should too. It's deplorable and completely unnecessary, but frankly it's not very dangerous.

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Streams Community Hub marks 10 years with live telethon fundraiser

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
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Streams Community Hub is turning back the clock on fundraising as it celebrates a decade of providing arts programming for youth in Shelburne.

The local arts charity will mark its 10th anniversary with a three-hour live telethon on Oct. 6 from 6 to 9 p.m., bringing together performances, stories, prizes and fundraising as Streams looks back on its first decade and prepares for the next.

Andrew James, co-founder and chair of Streams, said that the telethon will be broadcast through Rogers Dufferin and streamed online, allowing viewers beyond Shelburne to participate in the anniversary celebration.

“This telethon is first a snapshot,” he said. “It’s a look back at 10 years of creativity and community and connection — all the amazing things that we’ve been doing over the last 10 years — from being in schools to opening this facility here, after-school programs and workshops, and all the different events that we do.”

Rather than hosting a traditional gala, Streams co-founder and executive director Juli-Anne James wanted an event that reflected the organization’s creative and youthful identity while allowing significantly more people to participate.

“We’re a creative arts charity,” she said. “We work with young people, and we serve young people, and our whole thing is the arts. So we specialize, I would say, in creativity. We always want to be different. We want to do something that people haven’t seen before, or in this case, haven’t seen in a long time. Putting a modern spin on an old sort of fundraising method.”

Juli-Anne James added, “Our organization’s identity is very youthful, very fun, very creative, and so we didn’t want to do just the mundane. We wanted to challenge ourselves to do something that would be creative, and that would put a smile on people’s faces and get them interacting with our work over the last decade.”

The broadcast will feature performances from Streams youth groups, including its Sing Club, alongside live painting, giveaways and pre-recorded segments featuring community members and alumni sharing their experiences with the organization.

A live audience is also expected at the Streams facility.

Fundraising will be a major component of the evening, with Streams working toward a goal of securing 1,000 monthly donors contributing \$10 each. The organization had reached approximately 99 monthly donors at the time of the interview.

Reaching the 1,000-donor goal would provide roughly one-third of Streams’ operating budget, creating a more reliable funding source for its programming.

“We’re asking for support and help so that we can continue to make it another 10 years and beyond here in the community,” Andrew James said. “Like Juli-Anne always says, we’re not looking for people to give more. We’re just looking for more people to give.”

“Doing this as an event that is a hybrid between in-person and online allows us to reach a much broader audience,” Juli-Anne James said. “We can reach potentially across Canada. We are confident that we will get to 1,000 monthly donors. We chose the specific goal because I think doing the math that represents about a third of our operating budget, and we are very much a grassroots organization. That is our core. That is our origin, and for us to be able to sustain this work for another decade, it’s going to take the power of the community.”

The telethon comes exactly a decade after Andrew and Juli-Anne founded Streams Community Hub in Shelburne.

Since 2016, the organization has grown from its early camps and programs into an established local arts hub serving young people through camps, workshops, after-school activities and other creative opportunities.

Over the decade, more than 1,800 children and youth have participated in Streams programming, a figure that the Jameses are proud of. It was their vision, achieved.

“If we didn’t imagine it, we wouldn’t be here,” Juli-Anne James said. “One of the things, though, that has been very surprising for us over the last maybe five years or so is how much people have responded in terms of finding a place of safety. For young people, especially, we set out to provide really engaging, really cool, really state of the art programming... But what we’ve heard young people say back to us is that they feel safe here, and so that has been really one of



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A DECADE OF CREATIVITY: To commemorate 10 years of community programming, Streams Community Hub will be hosting a live telethon carried by Rogers, filled with games, entertainment and stories. The event centres on Streams’ last 10 years of operations, from its first days to its most recent projects. Started a decade ago by co-founders Juli-Anne and Andrew James, Streams Community Hub offers a safe, inclusive and educational space for local youth to develop their knowledge, skills and confidence.

the things I’m most proud of.”

She continued, “When I reflect on the last 10 years, the byproduct of us setting out to do this and create this arts organization has meant that young people in this community who probably otherwise would not have been able to find it have found safety here.”

Some of the organization’s earliest participants are now returning as volunteers, facilitators and employees, creating what the founders describe as an ecosystem where young people can continue their involvement as they grow older.

The organization has also developed Town Tees, a social enterprise that provides employment opportunities for youth while helping financially support Streams’ work.

The Oct. 6 telethon aims to strengthen that foundation while introducing Streams to audiences who may not have encountered its work before.

Looking beyond the anniversary, Streams hopes to grow an endowment established with the Dufferin Community Foundation and eventually construct a purpose-built youth arts hub in Dufferin County, ideally in Shelburne.

Andrew and Juli-Anne James are also looking beyond Dufferin County, with a longer-term goal of bringing the Streams model to other rural communities across Ontario and eventually Canada.

For the last 10 years, however, the Jameses have said that they are immensely grateful to the community support that helped them launch their dream.

“Come to the Hub on Oct. 6, and continue to support us,” Andrew James said. “Thank you for the support. It has been great, great support, and it’s great to know when we look back, there are donors that have been with us from the beginning, and it just really touches our heart because they get it. They understand the value of the work that we’re doing and the impact that we’re making with the work that we’re doing.”

For Streams, the anniversary telethon serves as both a celebration of the thousands of young people who have passed through its programs and an opportunity to build the community support needed to carry that work into another decade.

For more information on Streams Community Hub, visit: streamshub.org



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SPORTS

Shelburne Curling Club holds two-day open house to encourage participation

Written By CHRIS PERROTTE

The Shelburne Curling Club opened its doors to the community for registration, signalling a brand-new curling season on Friday, Sept. 18 and Saturday, Sept. 19.

"It's a good place for people to spend their winters," said Shelburne Curling Club President Lindsey Metz. "Winters can be long in Canada so it's something to get people out of the house and stay active during the winter. We have a wide range of members. We have kids that start at seven years old and people that play till they're in their 90s so it is a wide range community and open to everyone."

Since 1926, the club has been a place where curling enthusiasts can learn, socialize, bring their kids and have something to do during the winter months.

"I love curling because you get to see the community and hang out with your friends and do a sport that's fun," said Kayla Cruikshank, who has been curling for 16 years, since she was eight years old.

As you entered the room, registration was taking place. You could hear the buzz of joy and laughter in the air, from families signing up to friends sitting around the table smiling and talking while enjoying snacks and beverages.

The club's open house ran for two days. Last year the club had approximately 160 members; this year they hope to receive the same amount or more and are on pace to do so.

It's good to see the response from the community as parents are passing along the joy of curling to their children.

"It's awesome. My parents got me into the sport, and I still curl with my dad every year and look forward to that time with him, so it's really nice to see the generational trend at the Curling Club with grandparents, parents, kids, grandkids. It's very awesome," expressed Metz.

The club offers competitive and social leagues plus kid nights throughout the week. They also host different events throughout the season outside the club, such as Yuk Yuks towards the end of November as a fundraiser event. They also hold nacho nights throughout the season with live music. More reasons why you should come out and be a part of the curling club atmosphere.

"I think it's the recreation and the community spirit, and it's a great place to be in the winter time," said Jeff Holmes, who has been with the club for many years.

Holmes also expressed why he feels this



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REGISTRATION TIME: Shelburne Curling Club President Lindsey Metz (left) helps Kayla Cruikshank (right) sign up for the club during its open house on Sept. 18.

curling club is so important for the Shelburne community.

"It's a great place to come and have some physical fitness and some social time," he said.

Anyone interested in signing up for the Shelburne Curling Club can register online at: shelburnecurlingclub.ca

New Lowell Knights claim back-to-back Strother Cup titles after defeating Bolton

Written By CHRIS PERROTTE

The New Lowell Knights successfully defended their Strother Cup title in the North Dufferin Baseball League. The team defeated the Bolton Brewers in five games and closed out the senior championship series with three consecutive wins.

New Lowell captured Game 3 by a 14-2 score last Thursday, followed with a 10-1 win in Game 4 on Saturday, and sealed the title Sunday with an 8-1 victory in Game 5. The Knights won the best-of-seven final four games to one.

Game 3 opened with the Knights scoring

five runs in the first inning, followed by one in the third, four in the fourth and four more in the sixth to end the contest by the mercy rule. Bolton managed a run in the third inning and another in the fourth in the 14-2 loss.

It was a complete team effort for the Knights, as every player in the lineup recorded at least one hit. Zack Hayward went 3-for-3 with a solo home run in the third inning, while Jake Nicholson added three hits and finished 3-for-4.

Brad Greiveson earned the win for the Knights, pitching six innings and allowing two runs on seven hits and one walk while striking out seven.



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BACK-TO-BACK WINS: The New Lowell Knights won the North Dufferin Baseball League championship on Sept. 20. Pictured are, back row, from left: coach Pete Kinghan, Dale Lightheart, Caleb Lightheart, Carson Lighheart, Shane Duffett, Tristan Cabral, Todd Patton, Brad Greiveson, Mack Morrish, Chris Rettie, and Chris Esson. Front row, from left: Nixon Lightheart, Zack Hayward, Kurt Roy, Brandon Norrie, Chris Greer, Jake Nicholson, Tanner Zeggil, Todd VanLieshout and Steve Bowman.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

BROOK BAIRD

Sixteen-year-old Brook Baird currently plays the Midfield position for her Centre Dufferin Royals Field Hockey team.

What Brook loves the most about field hockey is her teammates.

Brook also enjoys playing hockey where she plays left wing for CDDHS Royals and Orangeville Tigers, rugby playing the back centre position and lacrosse where she plays defense whether on the field or in an arena.

During the summer Brook and her U17 Orangeville Northmen lacrosse team won gold at the 2026 Ontario Lacrosse Association Provincial Championships that were held at the Iroquois Park in Whitby, Ont.

TEAM: CDDHS ROYALS FIELD HOCKEY TEAM

POSITION: MIDFIELD

doubled. Caleb Lighheart collected two hits and Carson Lighheart added one.

Norrie controlled the game from the mound, allowing one run on five hits over seven innings. He walked one batter, hit another and struck out four.

Bolton starter Paul Cota worked five and two-thirds innings, surrendering 10 runs on 10 hits while walking seven, hitting two batters and striking out one.

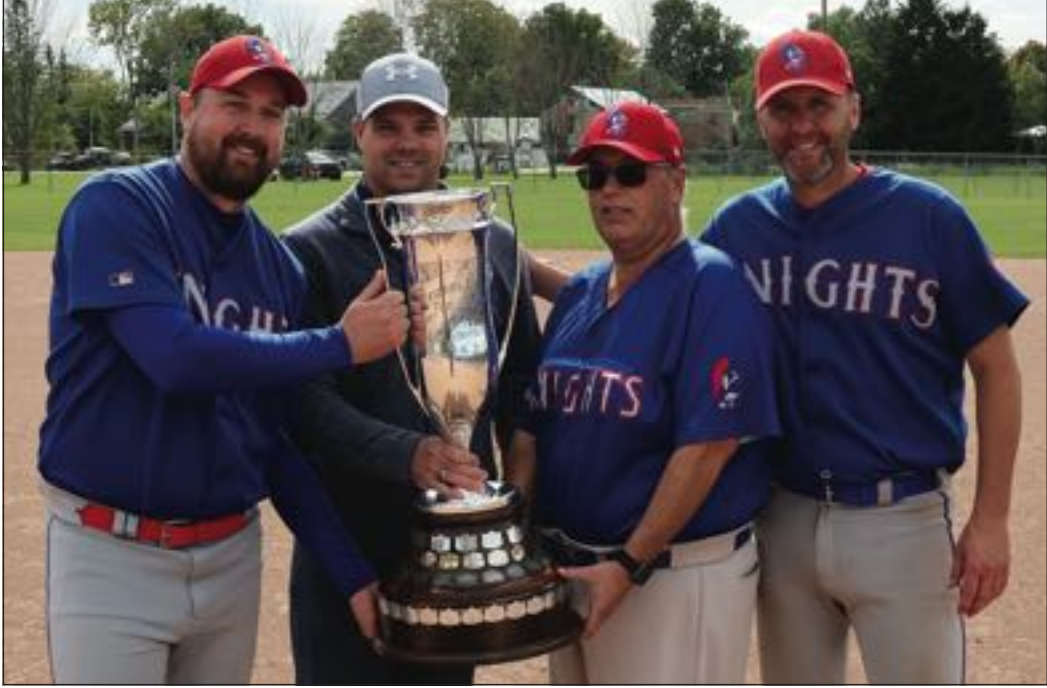
Hart recorded the final out in relief.

The Knights completed their championship run Sunday with an 8-1 victory in Game 5.

New Lowell jumped ahead with three runs in the first inning, added two more in the third, one in the fourth and two in the fifth to build an 8-0 lead.

In the sixth inning, Sterritt led off with a solo home run for Bolton's lone run of the game.

For the second straight game, the Brewers were held to five hits. Sterritt added a single to his homer, Chater doubled, and



DAVID ANDERSON PHOTO

CELEBRATING THE WIN: League secretary Scott Anderson, second from left, presents the Strother Cup to Chris Rettie, Pete Kinghan, and Dale Lighheart during a post-game presentation on Sept. 20.

Bruce Trail Day brings music, nature and hiking to Splitrock Narrows

Written By JOSHUA DRAKES
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club is inviting residents to experience the Bruce Trail in a different way this fall, with music, hiking, nature demonstrations and a free barbecue planned for Bruce Trail Day.

The annual celebration takes place Sunday, Oct. 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Splitrock Narrows Nature Reserve in Mono, located at 755437 2nd Line EHS, Mono. The event is free, with no pre-registration required.

Organizer and vice president of the Dufferin Hi-Land Club, Lorraine Campbell, said that one of the main attractions will be the return of the club's musical hike, now in its third year.

"We've got a new slate of musicians this year," she said. "There's six of them, and they include a reggae singer, a couple of guitarists, one classical guitarist, a clarinetist, and the Guelph Celtic Orchestra."

The musicians will be spread throughout the trail, giving visitors the opportunity to hear performances as they make their way through Splitrock Narrows.

A children's music circle will also be offered, providing another way for younger visitors to participate.

Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club member Don Stewart said that the musical hike was inspired by a similar event hosted by the Blue Mountains Bruce Trail Club

"We did a copycat a few years ago because Blue Mountain had done it the year prior and found it very successful," he said. "So, you know, if you get something that works, why not try it?"

"Tom [Dufferin Hi-Lands President] was in a band for many years professionally, so he has all kinds of contacts in the music industry, especially up here. So he was able to make arrangements. We are not for profit, so we don't have a whole lot of money. So, to get professional musicians, some of them just came because they loved the concept, but other ones, you know, they wanted to get some remuneration for their time and effort. So we were able to make deals."

After seeing its success, Dufferin Hi-Land adopted the concept, using local connections to bring musicians onto the trail. The musical format proved popular during previous Bruce Trail Day celebrations, combin-

ing the natural setting with live performances.

Music will not be the only focus.

Visitors can take part in a guided hike, learn about the club's biodiversity work and visit its seed orchard, which is part of efforts to regenerate native plants for use along the trail. An iNaturalist demonstration led by Rod Murray will also highlight observations of nature along the Bruce Trail.

The event is designed to be accessible to people who may have little or no hiking experience. The route is less than three kilometres, and visitors can choose how much of it they want to explore. Some of the more challenging crevices can also be bypassed.

"So this is a hike that anyone can get to, anyone can do," Campbell said. "It is accessible to the youngest children, even to dogs. There are the crevices that you know you can hike down into, but you can bypass them as well. So there's absolutely no challenge to this hike. Anybody can participate."

Bruce Trail Day is held annually across all nine Bruce Trail clubs, with each section offering its own activities. The day is

intended to introduce people to the trail, encourage people to spend time outdoors and highlight the Bruce Trail Conservancy's work protecting a continuous ribbon of wilderness along the Niagara Escarpment.

For the Dufferin Hi-Land club, that conservation work is an important part of the celebration. The club's activities will showcase not only hiking, but also biodiversity and efforts to preserve the natural environment.

"When it comes to the Bruce Trail Conservancy, there are two bonds to it," Campbell said. "One is hiking, but the other, and it's just as important, is that we're a nature conservancy organization. Preserving nature is our core mission. The actual mandate is preserving a remnant of wilderness for everyone, everywhere. They're kind of the two arms to the Bruce Trail, and we're trying to address and celebrate both of them during Bruce Trail Day."

Visitors can also learn about club membership, upcoming hikes and volunteer opportunities, making Bruce Trail Day an opportunity to experience the trail while discovering ways to become more involved in the organization and its conservation work.



JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTOS

RUNNING FOR RESEARCH: Organized by the Wallace family, the Shelburne Terry Fox Run brought together the community for a good cause on Sunday, Sept. 20. The community run and fundraiser, designed for accessibility so everyone can get involved, surpassed \$10,000 in donations, maintaining a moment that carries over year after year, showcasing the dedication Shelburne holds towards cancer research.



Maple Leaves Forever to join Mulmur's 175th anniversary celebration

Maple Leaves Forever is joining the Township of Mulmur in celebrating its 175th anniversary during a special community event on Saturday, Sept. 26.

As part of the day's festivities, set against the vibrant backdrop of Ontario's autumn colours, a newly planted grove of native maple trees in Thomson Trail Park will be dedicated in memory of Ken Jewett, long-time Mulmur resident and founder of Maple Leaves Forever.

Mulmur's 175 celebration BBQ

As part of the Township's year-long celebration of Mulmur's 175th Anniversary, residents are invited to come together for a special community BBQ hosted by the township.

This free event is an opportunity to celebrate Mulmur's rich history, strong community spirit, and the people who make it such a special place to call home. Attendees can enjoy a complimentary BBQ, cake, face painting, music, and treats from the Make It Sweet Ice Cream Truck.

The event gets underway at 11 a.m. with opening remarks and speeches by Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seebach, Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones and Mulmur Mayor Janet Horner.

The Maple Leaves Forever dedication will take place at noon with remarks by Maple Leaves Forever representatives and a formal plaque unveiling.

The event concludes at 2 p.m. and provides an opportunity to reconnect with friends, neighbours, and fellow residents.

The celebration promises an afternoon of fun, community, and reflection on 175 years of Mulmur's proud heritage.

A lasting legacy

The memorial grove features native sug-

ar and red maples, a dedicated memorial bench, and educational signage. The grove stands as a lasting tribute to Ken's environmental leadership and his deep connection to the Mulmur community. It was coordinated alongside park enhancements funded through an Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) grant.

"Ken's passion for native maples has helped shape landscapes across Ontario," said Deb Pella Keen, executive director of Maple Leaves Forever. "Joining Township residents to celebrate Mulmur's 175th milestone among the peak fall colors makes this dedication truly special."

Maple Leaves Forever is a charitable foundation dedicated to promoting and supporting the planting of native Canadian maples.

Thanks to Ken's vision and determination, the foundation has supported the planting of more than 135,000 native maples across Ontario — the equivalent of over 1,250 km of roadside and laneway plantings.

Paved walking path and outdoor exercise equipment grand opening

"Thanks to funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF), the Township of Mulmur is excited to announce that the new paved walking path and outdoor fitness equipment at Thomson Trail Park in Mansfield are now open to the public," reads a press release from Mulmur Township.

"These new additions provide residents and visitors of all ages and fitness levels with a free, accessible space to stay active and enjoy the outdoors."

The release continued, "Whether you're looking to build strength, improve balance, or add movement to your daily routine, the equipment is available year-round for everyone to enjoy."

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Shelburne Fall Fair returns to the community for 159th year

The Shelburne District Fair returned Sept. 18 to 20 for a weekend of agriculture, entertainment and community, with the weather cooperating and plenty for visitors to see and do throughout the fairgrounds.

Celebrating its 159th year, this year's fair carried the theme "Harvest, Honey & Home," bringing together many of the longstanding traditions that have made the event a fixture in the local community.

Families had plenty of options throughout the weekend, with children's inflatables, a petting zoo and other activities providing entertainment for younger fairgoers.

The fair also featured a children's pedal tractor pull, bicycle races and a Power Wheels Demolition Derby.

Animals and agriculture remained at the heart of the event, with visitors able to get close to beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, horses and dogs, as well as some more exotic animals like llamas and camels.

The weekend included 4-H dairy, beef and sheep shows, an open sheep show, the Beef Cattle Show, horse pulling and other agricultural competitions.

The Exhibit Hall offered a different look at the community's talents, with entries show-

casing homecrafts, baking, flowers, photography, needlecraft, arts and crafts, antiques, roots and vegetables and junior fair projects.

Food was also a major part of the weekend, including the Friday Night Food Frenzy, which brought food vendors to the fairgrounds. Vendors and community organizations added further opportunities for visitors to browse, shop and connect.

More events included the Fair Ambassador competition, scavenger hunt, tractor and stoneboat pulling, the Demolition Derby and a 50/50 draw.

The Shelburne District Agricultural Soci-

ety, which organizes the annual event, has been promoting agriculture and rural life through educational displays and competitions for generations.

The organization dates back to 1867, making it one of Shelburne's oldest continuing organizations, predating the incorporation of Shelburne itself by several years.

This year's fair once again brought those traditions together with family entertainment and community participation, giving residents a chance to enjoy a fall weekend while celebrating the agricultural heritage of Shelburne and the surrounding area.



FALL FUN: The Shelburne Fall Fair returned for its 159th year, from Sept. 18 to Sept. 20. Guests of all ages and backgrounds could enjoy activities throughout the fair, from a petting zoo and animal shows to bouncy castles, kids' activities, and exhibits featuring local arts and home-crafted displays. Farming remains a focus of the fair, stemming from its organizing body, the Shelburne Agricultural Society, and its original focus as an agricultural event for farming communities.



Rotary preparing for annual October Food Drive with CDDHS students

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

The Shelburne Rotary Club is preparing for its long-running October food drive, once

again partnering with students from Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS) to support the Shelburne Food Bank at one of its busiest times of the year.

The annual initiative, now in its 35th year, is

scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 3. Timed around Thanksgiving, the drive is designed to help restock food bank shelves as demand increases heading into the fall.

Rotary Club Food Drive organizer Sandra Gallagher said that the need for support rises after the summer months.

"We do this around Thanksgiving because the food bank has always needed more food at that time of year," she said. "The summer tends to be light, but once they get into the fall, they're needing more food. It's a good time because it's Thanksgiving, so people are more generous at that time."

The food drive relies on a coordinated effort between Rotary volunteers and CDDHS students. In the week leading up to collection day, students deliver flyers and bags to every home in Shelburne, informing residents of the pickup date and time.

On the day of the drive, Rotary members and volunteers begin collecting filled bags from porches across town starting at 9:30 a.m.

Those who miss the porch pickup will still have an opportunity to contribute. Donations can be dropped off at Natasha Patterson Park during Pumpkin Fest, which begins at 12 p.m.

on the same day.

This dual approach helps ensure as many contributions as possible reach the food bank.

The drive focuses on non-perishable, shelf-stable items such as boxed foods, canned fruits and vegetables, canned fish, peanut butter, cereal, pasta sauce, pancake mix, syrup, bagged lunch items for children, and hygiene products including shampoo and toothpaste.

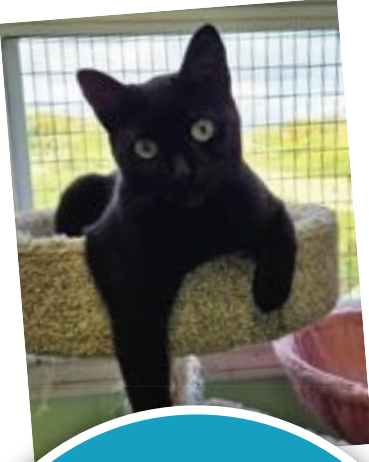
Organizers ask that donors not donate frozen or refrigerated foods, as they are difficult to manage during the collection.

As Shelburne's population has grown, the Rotary Club is seeking additional volunteers to help cover the expanded routes and increased volume of donations.

"As the town has grown, we need more bags, and we need more volunteers," Gallagher said. "When we first started, I'm sure the town was like 700 people, and now it's 10,000 plus. It's grown a lot. So we certainly need as many volunteers as we can get."

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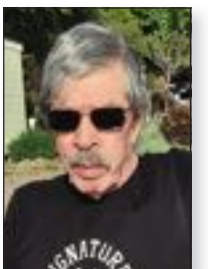


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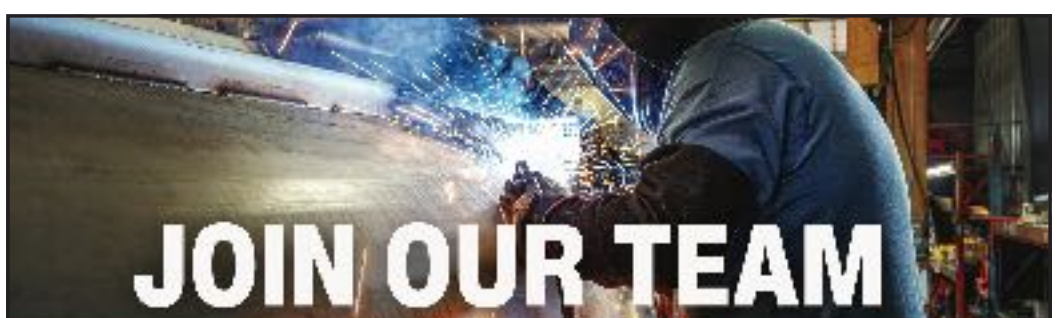
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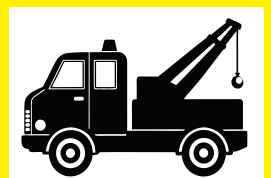
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The Correspondent by Virginia Evans – recommended by Shannon

I loved this story. It is not easy to pull off an epistolary novel (written as a series of letters), and to discover that this was Virginia Evan’s debut made it that much sweeter.

Seventy-three-year-old retired lawyer Sybil Van Antwerp is miserable and spends her days writing letters to family, friends, famous people, and one special person for whom she writes the most personal letters but never sends. Through these letters, we learn about Sybil – the mistakes she’s made, the relationships fractured and forged, the life she lived and the life she wants to live.

This is a beautiful and tragic story of one woman’s journey of self-reflection. At first, you might dislike her, but you will likely grow fond of her, and you might even see yourself in her.

The Book of Small by Emily Carr – recommended by Brittany

“The legendary Emily Carr was primarily a painter, but she first gained recognition as an author. She wrote seven popular, critically acclaimed books about her journeys to remote Indigenous communities and

about her life as an artist — as well as her life as a small child in Victoria at the turn of the last century,” writes Goodreads.

“The Book of Small is a collection of 36 short stories about a childhood in a town that still had vestiges of its pioneer past. With an uncanny skill at bringing people to life, Emily Carr tells stories about her family, neighbours, friends and strangers as well as an array of beloved pets. All are observed through the sharp eyes and ears of a young, ever-curious and irrepressible girl, and Carr’s writing is a disarming combination of charm and devastating frankness.”

I find this book particularly important this month as it clearly portrays the values and prejudices that children were being taught in the 1870s. As always, reading historical books is valuable as long as you recognize historical flaws without approving them.

I have always been obsessed with pioneer women in Canada, wilderness adventure, and recently have been loving short stories — Emily Carr’s books tick all of those boxes.

It’s fascinating to dive inside the mind of someone so linked to Canada’s culture and past. From the stories of a little girl, all

the way up to a woman adventuring on her own. You need to read one of her memoirs.

Whistler by Ann Patchett – recommended by Trudy

Ann Patchett is an acclaimed, prize-winning #1 New York Times bestselling author, but I chose this book because of the cover painting by artist Noah Saterstrom. I was captivated from the first page, although contemporary fiction is not my usual genre. Patchett’s writing style is graceful and compassionate, with complex characters.

Set in New York City, the story begins at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Whistler probes the profound and bitter-sweet relationship between Daphne and the man who was briefly her stepfather when she was nine, and their chance meeting years later. Haunted by past traumas, the characters are intriguing and complicated.

There is a wonderful quiet humour throughout the book that sustained me when other heartbreaking subjects became the essence of this story. I found Whistler insightful and thought provoking on many topics that are of interest to me.

Everything was Beautiful and Nothing Hurt by Ben Reeves – recommend-

ed by Amy

Travis is death in the modern world. His job is to visit people in their final moments of life, offering them small comforts before dutifully shepherding them into whatever happens next. But something new starts to unfold when Travis finds himself enmeshed in the lives of his neighbour, Dalia, and her spirited eight-year-old daughter.

This book is a powerful reminder of how beautiful life is, in all its mundane moments, and how precious our time here really is. The writing is so lyrical and astute that I found myself pausing to re-reading many passages, letting the words and images soak in more deeply.

If you are looking for a poignant, life-affirming read, this is it.

“Here we are, doing small things, nothing really, just talking, watching television. And yet, in the nothingness there is a life more real than any wedding or christening or birthday party. In these tiny moments, when the spectacle is stripped away, when there is no reason for the day, what’s left appears to be something true, something fundamental to being a person.”

Dufferin OPP encourages the public to Safeguard property as winter approaches

As the fall colours begin to change, the Dufferin County Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is reminding residents to take steps to secure their homes and seasonal properties before the colder months arrive.

Whether you are closing a cottage for the season, leaving a weekend getaway unattended, travelling for an extended period, or simply looking to improve the security of your year-round residence, taking a few preventative measures can significantly reduce the risk of theft and property crime.

The OPP encourages residents to make property security a priority and remain vigilant throughout the fall and winter months.

Tips to help protect your property

Before leaving your home or seasonal property unattended, consider the following:

- Ensure all doors and windows are locked and secured.
- Install quality deadbolt locks on exterior doors.
- Use window locks and secure sliding doors with secondary locking devices.
- Install motion-activated exterior lighting around entry points, garages, sheds, and

driveways.

- Consider installing security cameras or a monitored alarm system.
- Post security signage indicating your property is protected by cameras or an alarm system.

Ask a trusted friend, family member, or neighbour to periodically check on your property.

- Let trusted individuals know when you will be away and when you plan to return
- Arrange for mail, flyers, newspapers, and parcels to be collected.
- Keep valuables out of sight and maintain a record of serial numbers for important items.
- Use timers on interior lights to create the appearance that someone is home.
- Keep landscaping trimmed to eliminate potential hiding places around your property.

OPP crime prevention programs

The OPP offers programs that can assist residents in protecting their property and support police investigations when incidents occur.

CAMSafe is a voluntary registry that allows homeowners to register the location

of security cameras on their property. In the event of an incident in the area, investigators may contact registered participants to determine whether their cameras captured relevant footage that could assist an investigation.

Safeguard Ontario is a property security program designed to help prevent property crime and reduce the risk of repeat victimization. Through this initiative, specially trained OPP members and Auxiliary officers conduct property security assessments for homes and small businesses, providing practical recommendations to enhance security and deter criminal activity. The program focuses on identifying vulnerabilities and promoting effective crime prevention measures to help keep properties safe and secure.

Residents interested in learning more about CAMSafe and Safeguard Ontario are encouraged to visit the OPP website or contact their local OPP detachment.

Report suspicious activity

Community members play a vital role in maintaining safe neighbourhoods. Residents are encouraged to report suspicious activity, including:

- Unknown persons loitering around homes, cottages, or other properties.
- Individuals checking door handles, windows, vehicles, or outbuildings.
- Vehicles driving slowly through neighbourhoods without an apparent reason.
- Unusual activity at residences or seasonal properties that are typically unoccupied.
- Anyone attempting to gain unauthorized access to a property.

If you observe suspicious activity, report it promptly. Information provided by the public can help prevent crimes before they occur and assist police in identifying offenders.

For emergencies or crimes in progress, call 9-1-1 immediately. For non-emergency incidents, contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

The Dufferin County OPP reminds residents that community safety is a shared responsibility. By taking proactive security measures and reporting suspicious activity, residents can help protect their homes, cottages, and communities throughout the fall and winter seasons. If you see something suspicious, report it.

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TONIGHT'S BEST CATCH



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12-13 PIECES 340 g

SAVE \$3
26⁹⁹ Breaded Haddock
7-10 PIECES 907 g

SAVE \$5
19⁹⁹ Shrimp Platter
61-70 SHRIMPS 624 g

SALE
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