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**RAISING AWARENESS:** Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills (second from left) and members of the community raised the multiple sclerosis (MS) Awareness flag at Jack Downing Park in Shelburne on May 5. May is MS Awareness Month in Canada and throughout the month, municipalities from coast to coast raise the flag. MS impacts an estimated 90,000 to 93,500 Canadians.

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## Nature paintings fill Shelburne Art Gallery for new exhibit

Written By **PAULA BROWN**  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Shelburne residents will be transported to the beauty of cottage country with the latest exhibit at the Shelburne Town Hall Art Gallery.

Artist Wendy Wilson is taking over the gallery from May 5 to May 23 with her solo exhibit "A Glimpse of Summer." The exhibit showcases more than 20 pieces from her collection.

"Wendy's artwork is a celebration of nature – towering white pines, shimmering waters, and the rugged beauty of the Canadian Shield," reads a press release from the Town of Shelburne. "Known for her vibrant landscapes depicting the Georgian Bay and Muskoka regions, Wendy's paintings capture the essence of summer in Ontario's beloved cottage country."

Originally trained in music at Western University, Wilson spent 25 years as a vocal and instrumental music teacher with the Peel District School Board. While always artistically inclined, Wilson embraced her love of painting 12 years ago and began studying with some of her favourite artists.

Her paintings often depict white pine trees, which are common in the Georgian Bay area where Wilson lives.



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**SCENES OF SUMMER:** Artist Wendy Wilson shows one of her works that is on display at the Shelburne Town Hall Art Gallery for her "A Glimpse of Summer" exhibit, on now until May 23.

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# Nature paintings fill Shelburne Art Gallery for 'A Glimpse of Summer' exhibit

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"They all tell a story. Some of them are reaching out to each other. Some of them are by themselves and others are with lots of family," explained Wilson. "I think about what these white pine thoughts are as they watch boaters go by and tourists visit the provincial parks." When approaching a new painting, Wilson

will start by going out and taking pictures of the white pines and other natural features in the area of her Georgian Bay home. From there she'll take the pictures and upload them to software called Procreate, where she is able to digitally change the colours on the picture and envision how she wants the painting to look. "I'll do my paintings a few times on Procreate,

figure out exactly how I want it and then I put it on the canvas," said Wilson. "A lot of the time when painting, the thinking and planning is what take me the longest."

Wilson's unique style and subject matter have earned her recognition in stores across the Georgian Bay and Muskoka areas. Her works have also been displayed in various art shows across North America and garnered col-

lectors worldwide.

"A Glimpse of Summer" will be on display at the Shelburne Town Hall Art Gallery from May 5 to May 23. Admission to the exhibit is free for all visitors.

The Shelburne Town Hall Art Gallery is located at 203 Main Street East, Shelburne. The gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

# County of Dufferin votes against replacing X social media account with Bluesky

## County councillors highlight their concerns around partisanship and reducing reach

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The County of Dufferin will continue to use X (Twitter) to get information out to residents after a motion to drop the social media site as a communication tool was struck down by County Councillors.

During their meeting on April 24, County Councillor and Mono Mayor John Creelman brought forward a motion to discontinue the use of X as a social media tool for the County of Dufferin. Coun. Creelman brought forward the motion as he says X has become an "increasingly toxic and biased online platform."

Staff recommended the social media platform BlueSky as an alternative to X.

The motion garnered mixed emotions from County Councillors, with many raising concerns about how the decision would look politically as well as the loss of communication and engagement with residents.

"I think we need to be careful about appearances of partisanship. For anyone who's kind of watching the social media landscape, we're seeing that platforms are starting to align themselves according to partisanship," said Coun. James McLean, Deputy Mayor of Melancthon. "I would just advise that in order to avoid the appearance of partisanship, we should either participate in most or all of these tools or none, but to go from a right-leaning tool to a left-leaning

one, I think sends a message that I'm not comfortable with."

A report created by Sonya Pritchard, Chief Administrative Officer for the County of Dufferin, noted that with the discourse on X, the social media platform no longer follows the County's Equity priorities or the values outlined in the County's Equity Strategic Plan.

"The County risks being viewed as inauthentic by continuing to communicate and engage on X, in turn threatening the County's communication and engagement goals and other priorities under the Strategic and Equity Strategic plans," Pritchard wrote in the report.

"If this is not creating giant amounts of extra work or cost, I don't know why we would cut off one of our communication channels," said Coun. White, Mayor of Melancthon. "I get that there are concerns about inclusivity and being authentic. Our job is to communicate with residents where residents get their information...we have enough problems getting our message out to people and we shouldn't be looking to cut off any of those channels regardless of the toxicity."

The number of followers that the County of Dufferin has on X compared to other platforms was also a significant factor in councillors support of its continued use.

"It seems odd to me that we would jettison the social media tool where we have the most users," said Coun. McLean.

"I think you try to reach people everywhere and you try to reach everyone," added Coun. Philip Rentsch, Deputy Mayor Grand Valley.

According to the report presented to council, the County of Dufferin has dropped from 5,813 followers to 5,788 as of March 31. During that time the County published 51 posts that resulted in 8,368 impressions, 24 reactions and 233 link clicks.

Pritchard's report also noted that without subscribing to X Premium, the County of Dufferin cannot access the analytics that outline if the interactions are from residents of Dufferin County or County partners.

"It's not the number that are signed up, it's the level of engagement that matters and the number of occasions where you can actually see engagement between the host and those they are trying to reach," said Creelman.

"There's no way to know where those followers are from or if in fact, they're actual people or bots," said Pritchard.

The County of Dufferin uses other social media platforms to reach its audience, including Facebook (more than 3,100 followers), Instagram (1,994 followers), and LinkedIn (4,053).

The report added that these other social media accounts have continued to grow, with LinkedIn being the most rapidly growing.

Dufferin County is not the only municipality in Ontario or Canada to consider with-



drawing from X.

Other municipalities that have chosen to leave X for alternative platforms, includes Cambridge, Ont.; North Vancouver, B.C.; St. John's, Halifax; and Whitby, Ont.

The Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB) also left X at the beginning of 2025.

"We would be joining many other municipalities and public institutions in dropping what has become and very toxic media forum and I think we should do it as soon as we can," said Coun. Creelman.

Despite the report from staff indicating that the use of X is no longer effective in the County's communication outline, a majority of Dufferin County Council voted in favour of continued use of the social media platform.

While County Council struck down the motion to discontinue the use of X, the County of Dufferin is proceeding with the recommendation to use BlueSky as an additional social media platform for communication with residents.

# Telephone and internet voting approved at council for Shelburne's next municipal election

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Shelburne residents will have more than one option when they cast their ballot in the next municipal election.

During their meeting on April 28, Shelburne Town Council authorized the use of telephone and internet ballots when voting in the 2026 municipal election.

"This means they [residents] can vote anywhere, anytime," explained Jennifer Willoughby, director of legislative service for the Town of Shelburne.

The use of internet and telephone voting in the municipal election is not a new concept for the Town of Shelburne.

After experiencing a "dismal" turnout in voters during the 2010 and 2014 elections, in which paper ballots were solely used, the Town of Shelburne opted into using additional voting methods in the 2018 and 2022 municipal and school board elections.

Willoughby noted that the Town of Shelburne saw an 18 per cent increase in voter turnout when they introduced alternative methods for voting in the municipal election.

According to the report, the percentage of voter turnout in the 2018 municipal elec-

tion was 38.89 per cent, and in 2022 the election saw a 36.24 per cent turnout in voters.

For internet voting, each elector is provided with a unique credential to access the voting website from a personal computer, tablet, or smartphone.

A resident can cast their vote at anytime or from anywhere during the voting period, as long as they are connected to the internet.

Telephone voting is a secondary option if internet connectivity is a barrier. Voters can cast their ballots remotely from anywhere that has access to a phone line.

While the Town of Shelburne is re-introducing telephone and internet voting for the 2026 municipal election, residents will still have the option to vote in person.

"Most folks feel the need to attend a polling station so we will be here," said Willoughby.

"We will be open the two Saturdays before election day and we'll be open late. They'll be able to still come here to utilize an iPad for voting purposes."

The voting period for the municipal election will take place over one week, starting on October 16, 2026, through to Election Day, which will be held on October 26, 2026.



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# OPINION

## Our new government

The votes are in, and the citizens have returned a Liberal government to Ottawa.

This is not what nearly half the population wanted according to the votes that were cast during the election, but that's democracy.

It was one of the most stunning comebacks in Canadian politics over the past few decades.

Only a few months ago, Pierre Poilievre and his Conservatives had a big lead according to the polls.

For whatever reason, many people believed that Carney was the best man for the job.

Carney has a solid financial background - of that, there is no doubt. He is well-educated.

He worked at an investment bank, Goldman Sachs, then as the Governor of the Bank of Canada where he was credited for playing a major role in helping Canada avoid the worst impacts of the 2008 financial crisis.

He then went on to become the Governor of the Bank of England - the first non-Briton to be appointed to the role since 1694.

However, he has no political experience. Prior to the federal election, he had never been elected to office and was not sitting

in the House of Commons at the time of his appointment to the position of Prime Minister.

Being good with money doesn't mean you're going to be good with everything else that goes along with running a country.

I've met people who were geniuses at their job, both in finance as well as in the computer industry, but try sending them out to Tim Horton's for a coffee run and it's a disaster.

Carney has already admitted, in a round-about way, that the Liberal government of the last few years has made some major mistakes.

He said he plans to 'unite' the country. Does that mean the former Liberal government fragmented the country? Well, yes they did.

He said he plans to increase military spending and buy new submarines. That certainly would be welcome in military circles after the tough time they went through during the Trudeau era.

If you have a military, you have to support them - otherwise, people get killed.

Carney has a rather ambitious house-building plan in the works. He plans to build 500,000 houses per year.

However, he does not address why we

have a housing shortage in the first place - and that was a failure of the previous Liberal government.

If you think developers are going to start selling houses for less just because they are allowed to build more, you're mistaken. Housing prices are not going to go down.

Carney is also in favour of building houses closer together, allowing more high-rise buildings, and eliminating parking minimums.

That's an easy thing to say from a guy who doesn't have to live jammed on top of his neighbour and apparently has never driven a car.

Turning our cities into a Moscow-type situation where everyone lives in run-down apartments, is not a good thing.

As for standing up to Donald Trump, don't forget Carney spent several years in the U.S. as a student, rather than going to a Canadian University, then spent 13 years working at an American Bank headquartered in New York.

During that time, I'm sure he made many American business allies. That's something to consider.

Here's the thing to remember when it comes to politicians.

They don't work only for the people who

voted for them or those who contributed to their campaign to make it a success.

They work for all the constituents in their riding.

If you have a problem with what the government is doing or have a problem with a policy, make it known.

There is nothing to stop you from having your voice heard. You can either call your MP's office or send an e-mail. If you have friends who are equally concerned about the same issue, have them call as well.

You're MP will take notice when groups of people start sending in correspondence about a particular issue.

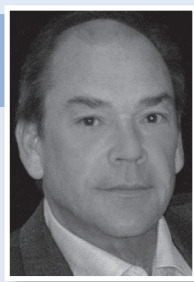
The Trudeau era policies created a lot of issues with many people across the country. Unfortunately for them, they did not get the mandate they wanted in this election.

But again, that's democracy.

Hopefully, the new PM will follow through on his policies. We will know in a couple of years whether he was honest about his campaign promises.

In the meantime, jamming thousands of people into a square mile and calling it 'housing' is still not a solution.

**BRIAN LOCKHART**  
FROM THE SECOND ROW



## Indo-Pak nuclear war would hit whole world

India and Pakistan have had several shooting matches since they carried out a total of nine underground nuclear weapons tests in 1998. However, they don't make Putin-style thinly veiled threats to use their nukes (around 170 nuclear warheads each at the moment), and they do understand that escalation from smaller, 'conventional' wars is the real danger.

For example, Islamabad did not retaliate to Indian air strikes on Pakistan in 2016 and 2019, didn't even admit that they had happened in order to damp down domestic pressure for a tit-for-tat escalation. India has also worked to keep the level of violence down, even though the basic relationship is one of mutual hatred with religious overtones.

However, the relationship between the two countries is fundamentally unstable, because Pakistan has only one-sixth of India's population and one-tenth of its wealth.

'Conventional' wars are basically wars of attrition, which means that Pakistan would almost certainly lose a non-nuclear conflict. By contrast both countries would be destroyed in a nuclear war, so threatening to escalate a war to the nuclear level would give Pakistan a weird kind of leverage.

The two countries have not strayed that far into the swamp of nuclear deterrence theory yet, but they will probably get there in the end. Yet the rest of the world pays almost no attention to these 'local' calculations, because other countries doesn't feel threatened by a nuclear war between India and Pakistan. They believe it would largely stay within South Asia.

They are wrong about that, which is why the present confrontation between the two is far more dangerous for the world than the Ukraine war or any other current conflict.

The trigger for the India-Pakistan crisis this time was a terrorist attack in the Indi-

an-controlled part of Kashmir on 22 April by four gunmen who stepped out of the woods at a well-known tourist site and machine-gunned a group of Indian tourists, killing 26 of them.

All the dead but one were Indian Hindus. The terrorists have been identified as Kashmiri Muslims or Pakistani citizens of Kashmiri origin, and the Indian government has declared that they were supported by the Pakistani government. That is possible, but India has offered no evidence and a home-grown Kashmiri group is an equally plausible alternative.

Kashmir was India's only Muslim-majority state, and since Prime Minister Narendra Modi's sectarian Hindu and ultra-nationalist regime ended its special status in 2019 it has been boiling with resentment and is effectively occupied by the Indian army.

Matters have now got worse, with Modi suspending the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960 that regulates the sharing of the six rivers' water between India and Pakistan. The water is important for India but utterly existential for Pakistan, where it irrigates 80% of the land on which the country grows the food for its quarter-billion people.

In no previous war has India suspended this treaty, but Modi's party almost lost its parliamentary majority in the last election and the quickest way to rebuild its support among Hindu nationalist voters is to have a huge crisis with Muslim Pakistan.

Many other countries have leaders just as reckless, but few of them have nuclear weapons. And Modi is playing with far more lives than the others: not just the 20 million 'prompt' dead expected from blast,

fires and fall-out in a full-scale Indo-Pak nuclear war, but the 200 million to two billion dead predicted elsewhere in a ten-year 'nuclear winter'.

A nuclear winter is a long period with conditions cold enough to cut global food production. It would start with hundreds of firestorms in cities hit by nuclear explosions that boost enormous amounts of soot in the stratosphere. The soot blocks much of the incoming sunlight - and it stays there for years because there is no rain in the stratosphere to remove it.

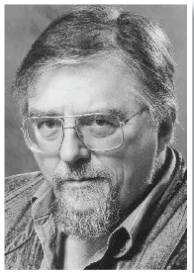
The original calculations were done in the 1980s for an all-out nuclear war between the US and the Soviet Union, but a decade ago a team led by Professors Alan Robock and Brian Toon of Rutgers and Colorado Universities redid the calculations for an Indo-Pak nuclear war on fast modern computers with a huge data-processing capacity. The results were horrifying.

Several hundred burning cities in India and Pakistan provide the initial boost of soot into the stratosphere over South Asia as before, but we now know that prevailing upper-altitude winds would carry most of it east and north until it blankets most of the northern temperate zone as well.

Countries south of the equator would fare somewhat better, but countries in North America, Europe, the Middle East and East Asia would not be spared. Famine conditions would prevail worldwide for about ten years.

Go on worrying about Ukraine, Gaza, Iran, Taiwan and so on, but the big threat is a nuclear war between India and Pakistan.

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# COMMUNITY VOICES

## Monthly Message: Streams shares why safe spaces still matter

In a world that's noisier, faster, and more overwhelming than ever, kids are feeling it. Especially teens. The pressure to perform, to conform, to keep up — it's constant. Anxiety is rising. Friendships feel fragile. And finding places to just be is harder than it should be.

That's why safe spaces still matter. And not just physically safe, but emotionally and socially safe too — spaces where young people don't have to hide parts of themselves or pretend they're fine. Where they can laugh without looking over their shoulders. Where they don't have to change who they are to fit in.

At Streams Community Hub, we've created that kind of space — not by accident, but by design. Our arts-based programs are structured, yes, but they're also soft around the edges. They leave room for big feelings, silly moments, quiet voices, and emerging confidence.

We hear things like:

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"This is the only place I can really be myself."

"I feel safe here."

And those quiet truths mean everything.

### Prevention over repair

When people talk about youth mental health, the focus often lands on what happens after the crisis — therapy, emergency care, school accommodations. All important. But at Streams, we sit earlier on the timeline. We do the work that helps prevent things from spiraling in the first place.

That doesn't mean kids don't come in with hard stuff — they do. But in a space that consistently offers connection, creativity,

structure, and belonging, we've seen what's possible. Confidence grows. Anxiety lessens. Emotional language develops. And kids begin to believe, sometimes for the first time, that they're not alone.

It's quiet work. Unflashy. But absolutely critical.

And it needs support to continue.

### Let's keep it going

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. It's a reminder to care for one another, speak up, and invest in real solutions.

At Streams, we believe that means sowing into the places and spaces that are doing proactive, preventive work with care and consistency.

Streams is a homegrown, charitable, safe space right here in Shelburne. Through arts-based programs, mentorship, and a strong sense of community, we've walked alongside hundreds of children and youth — not just as

they discover new skills, but as they discover who they are.

If you believe safe community spaces are vital and you want to help us keep this space available for generations to come, we'd love it if you would consider becoming One of 1000. A small monthly gift — just \$10 — helps ensure that what we've built together continues. You can learn more and join us at [streamshub.org/oneof1000](http://streamshub.org/oneof1000).

And looking ahead: June is Streams Month — a time when our young people take the spotlight and share the talents they've been nurturing all year. Find out more about all the events lined up for June at [streamshub.org](http://streamshub.org). We invite you to come out, cheer them on, and see firsthand what safe, supported creativity looks like.

Because safe spaces still matter. This article was written by Juli-Anne James, the executive director of Streams Community Hub.

## When mom played 'Refrigerator Tetris'

If we had video games in our youth, our mother probably would have become the undisputed Tetris champion of the world.

For those unfamiliar with Tetris, it was created at the Soviet Academy of Sciences in Moscow by Russian software engineer Alexey Pajitnov. Originally intended as a test for a new Russian computer, Tetris is a simple stacking game where you have a limited amount of time to stack different shaped blocks (known as "tetrominoes") into a matrix (playing board). The goal is to minimize gaps and fill the matrix completely, causing the blocks to disappear and earning points for your success. Released on June 6, 1984, Tetris quickly became one of the most popular and addictive video games worldwide.

When we were growing up, Dad's job would pay him on Friday, and so like many other families, grocery shopping for our

family was usually done on Saturdays. Mom didn't drive yet, so Dad would take Mom and us kids into town on Saturday mornings to do the shopping for the upcoming week. Mom would go into the grocery store to shop for the family, and Dad would usually take us kids along with him as he ran his errands around town so Mom wouldn't be disturbed while grocery shopping. When we got home after finishing the weekly shopping, Mom would usually enlist us kids to help her bring the groceries into the house and put them away.

Once the car was unloaded and everything was in the house, Mom would tell me to begin to put the cold stuff away in the refrigerator while she began to put the other stuff away in the cupboards. I would try my best, but I always seemed to run out of space in the refrigerator before all the cold items were put away.

Usually, I would end up telling Mom there was no room left in the refrigerator for all the cold stuff that was still sitting on the table. When she was done putting everything else away, she would come back over to the refrigerator and, with an exasperated sigh, tell me to "stand aside" so she could show me how it was done.

And with me watching in amazement, she would take the remaining cold items from the table and begin to play 'Refrigerator Tetris'.

I watched as she would stand this on its side, stack that up and down, turn this around so it would fit lengthways, put that in the crisper with the vegetables, put this on top of something else on the middle shelf, put that on one of the shelves on the door, put this in with the eggs, place that on top of the cheese and the butter, jam this between jugs of juice on the door, and

slide that in on top of everything else in the last remaining bit of space on the top shelf.

Somehow, she managed to fit everything in the refrigerator before anything began to melt or spoil.

I couldn't believe how she managed to fit all that stuff in the refrigerator. She maximized every square inch of space on a weekly basis, and nothing cold was ever left out on the table.

If the Tetris matrix on the video screens ever looked like the inside of a refrigerator, our mother would have been a world Tetris champion. To this day, I have never seen anyone else able to stack a refrigerator like our mother did when we were young.

And she is still stacking strong to this day! Happy Mother's Day!

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# Dufferin Food Share provides choice to clients with new 'shopping model'

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Clients of the Grand Valley Food Bank will have the opportunity to shop as if they are in a real grocery store the next time they visit, as the local food bank introduces a new distribution model.

Dufferin Food Share celebrated the launch of their innovative "shopping model" at the Grand Valley Food Bank, located at 17 King St., on May 1.

The shopping model uses a system where points are awarded to food bank clients based on their household size. Clients are then able to shop the food bank aisles and

choose the foods or items they need or prefer using points.

"This change empowers clients to select their own items, fostering dignity, choice, and flexibility in their shopping experience," reads a statement from the Orangeville Food Bank.

In 2023, the Orangeville Food Bank and Grand Valley Food Bank amalgamated their services to create the Dufferin Food Share. The shopping model was previously implemented in the Orangeville Food Bank in 2016.

Heather Hayes, executive director of the Orangeville Food Bank, said the move resulted in a 30 per cent drop in their food distribution as clients only took the food that worked for them.

"It's a really great system that effectively and efficiently uses the donations that the community so generously provides, as well as giving people the same choice that we all want when we go to the grocery store," said Hayes.

According to Hayes, the Grand Valley Food Bank serves about 100 individual clients each month, of which roughly 30 are children and 15 are seniors.

"Those number have gone up. Grand Valley has seen the same kinds of increases that all food banks across Ontario and Canada have seen, and we project that will grow," said Hayes.

One of the biggest goals of implementing

the shopping model in the food bank is fostering dignity for those who require their services.

"I can't imagine what it must feel like to come through our front door for the first time or have to do it month after month because you just can't make the math work," said Hayes.

"If we practice a model based in kindness to others, it can only help improve what must be a really difficult time for people. I always want anybody accessing any of our programs to feel better after than feel worse."

The Grand Valley Food Bank is open Mondays from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

# Teen faces 10 weapons-related charges after allegedly pointing replica firearm

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

A teenager from Orangeville is facing 10 weapon-related offences, stemming from a robbery investigation, recently conducted by the Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers.

Dufferin OPP officers responded to a disturbance near Fourth Avenue in Orangeville on April 27, shortly after 5 p.m., where police were told a male suspect pointed a firearm at

two people in a retail hardware store parking lot.

The suspect fled the scene but was located shortly after in the area of Sherbourne Street, where he was arrested.

It was later determined that the firearms involved were replica weapons.

As a result of the investigation, a 16-year-old from male from Orangeville has been charged with:

- Criminal Code 344(1)(b) Robbery with

Weapon (two counts)

- Criminal Code 88 Possession of imitation weapon for Dangerous Purpose (two counts)

- Criminal Code 87 Pointing a Firearm (two counts)

- Criminal Code 90 Carrying concealed weapon

- Criminal Code 129(a) Resist Peace Officer (two counts)

- Criminal Code 351(2) Disguise with Intent

Due to the age of the accused, their name will be withheld in accordance with the Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA).

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or www.ontario-crimestoppers.ca.

# Man charged with impaired driving in Shelburne following traffic complaint

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers charged a Southgate resident with impaired operation related offences as the result of a traffic complaint.

On May 3, at approximately 3 a.m., Dufferin OPP officers received a traffic complaint near Highway 10 in Mono.

Officers located the vehicle on Main Street in Shelburne and initiated a traffic stop. Upon contact with the male driver, officers observed signs of impairment and began an impaired driving investigation.

Olumide Amosu, 49, from Southgate, has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs

The accused individual is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville. Their driver's licence was suspended, and their vehicle impounded.

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

# Shelburne woman reported missing police request public's help

A 24-year-old Shelburne resident has been reported missing.

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are seeking the public's assistance in locating Desanntae, who's described as a Black female, approximately 5'8" tall, with a thin build, short curly black hair, and brown eyes.

It is unknown what she was wearing at the time of her disappearance.

Desanntae was last seen April 14 on Brett Street in Shelburne.

If you live or work in the area, please check any available surveillance footage for possible sightings. Investigators are also asking anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of Desanntae to contact police at 1-888-310-1122.



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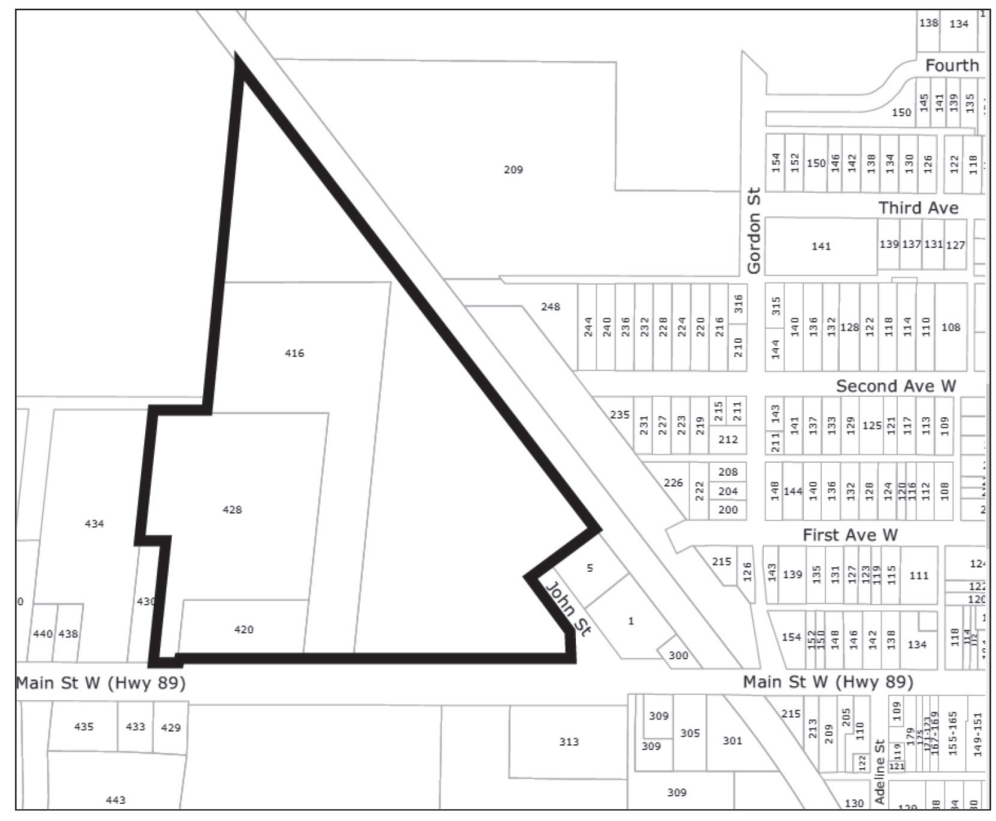
**Take Notice** Take notice that the Corporation of the Town of Shelburne has received complete applications for a Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment. The Town will be processing the applications in accordance with the Planning Act, and the applications are now being circulated to Town departments and public agencies for technical review. Town Council may not make a decision for approval of the applications until a Public Meeting is held in accordance with the Planning Act. Notice of a Public Meeting will be given and a Public Meeting will be held to receive comments on the applications at a future date (to be determined), in accordance with the Planning Act.

The land subject to the proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment includes four properties having a combined land area of 9.54 hectares. The subject land is located along the north side of Main Street West to the north and west of John Street. From east to west, the largest property is vacant and has no municipal address, with the other three (3) properties each used for an existing dwelling having municipal addresses of 416, 420 and 428 Main Street West, respectively. The subject land is legally described as Part of the East Half of Lot 1, Concession 3, Old Survey in the Town of Shelburne, County of Dufferin. A map showing the location of the subject land is provided with this notice.

The purpose and effect of the Draft Plan of Subdivision application is to permit a proposed development consisting of lots and blocks for residential land uses, including 40 single detached dwellings, 20 semi-detached dwellings and 130 townhouse units, as well as a parkette block, stormwater management facility block, blocks for wetland, open space (woodlot) and buffers, a pedestrian walkway, and related streets.

The purpose and effect of the related application for Zoning By-law Amendment is to re-zone the subject land from Development (D) and Residential Type One (R1) to Residential Type Four Exception X (R4-X), Residential Type Five Exception X (R5-X), Open Space Recreation (OSR and OSR-X) and Natural Environment (NE) and to revise the limits of the NE Zone applicable to the subject land. Proposed exception zone standards include minimum lot frontages, minimum lot area, and building height, among others.

For more information about this matter, please contact the Town Planner by email to [planning@shelburne.ca](mailto:planning@shelburne.ca), or by telephone at 519-925-2600 ext 252, or visit the Town's website at [www.shelburne.ca](http://www.shelburne.ca).



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# Grandmother requests community's help finding missing granddaughter

Jillianne, 15, reported missing on April 28, family suspects she's in Brampton, GTA or Southern Ontario

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

An Orangeville grandmother is encouraging the public to keep an eye out for her 15-year-old granddaughter who's been missing since last Monday.

Jillianne Dixon, 15, who's from the Flesherton area, was last seen around 8 p.m. on April 28 in the upper east side of Owen Sound. She was reported missing in the early hours of the following day.

Her grandmother Jill Dixon said she was at a facility to receive help for mental health at the time she disappeared.

Owen Sound Police say they are concerned for her well-being.

Jillianne is described as five feet, six inches tall with medium-length red hair and brown eyes.

Dixon asks that members of the public report any detail, no matter how small, to the Owen Sound Police if they feel it could help their investigation.

"We are just beside ourselves, trying to get the message out there so somebody might have something to give us more of a lead," said Dixon.

"We just really want her home."

Dixon expressed concerns about the circumstances of her disappearance and fears

she may have been targeted.

Sgt. Josh Gurney of the Owen Sound Police told the Citizen they're unable to comment or release any further information on Jillianne's disappearance to protect the integrity of their investigation.

"We understand how deeply concerned the community is and how important it is to bring Jillianne home safely," said Sgt. Gurney. "At this stage in the investigation, we are not in a position to release any information beyond what has already been shared in our public statement."

He added, "We recognize there are questions and speculation, but in order to protect the integrity of the investigation, we are unable to comment further on specific aspects of the case, including any individuals who may or may not be involved. We continue to encourage anyone with credible information, no matter how minor it may seem, to contact the Owen Sound Police Service or Crime Stoppers.

"Every piece of information matters."

Anyone with information about Jillianne's whereabouts can call the Owen Sound Police Service at (519) 376 1234. Information can also be provided to Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or www.crimestoppersdm.com.



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**MISSING TEEN:** Jillianne Dixon, 15, has been missing since April 28 and police are concerned for her safety. She is described as five feet, six inches tall with medium-length red hair and brown eyes. She is from the Flesherton area but has ties to Brampton and her family suspects she's in Southern Ontario or the GTA.

# Community groups work to raise awareness during Sexual Violence Prevention Month

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Family Transition Place (FTP) is raising awareness about sexual violence as they mark Sexual Violence Prevention Month.

Sexual Violence Prevention Month is an annual initiative that takes place across Canada during May.

Family Transition Place and other members of the Ontario Coalition of Rape Crisis Centres (OCRCC) dedicate the month to raising awareness about sexual violence and supporting survivors while highlighting the

impact of sexual violence and the resources available.

Members of the OCRCC raise awareness by hosting community flag-raising ceremonies, proclamations and other awareness initiatives in the communities they serve.

"This annual initiative provides an opportunity to highlight the importance of sexual violence supports and centres," reads a press release from Family Transition Place.

Statistics on sexual violence in Canada report that 1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men will experience sexual violence in their life.

There are over 30 community-based sexu-

al assault centres involved with the Ontario Coalition of Rape Crisis Centres. These centres provide crisis and counselling support to survivors of sexual violence.

Family Transition Place offers sexual violence counselling services, alongside community partners, such as Dufferin Child and Family Services and Headwaters Health Care Centre to ensure community members have access to a wide range of sexual violence support.

The organization also provides support and group counselling for partners, family members and friends of survivors.

The Town of Orangeville is proclaiming the month of May as Sexual Violence Prevention Month and will be holding a flag-raising ceremony with Family Transition Place on May 26 at 12:30 p.m. at Orangeville Town Hall.

The County of Dufferin and other local municipalities will also be passing proclamations in recognition of Sexual Violence Prevention Month and bringing awareness to the initiative.

To learn more about Sexual Violence Prevention Month and the resources available locally, visit [www.familytransitionplace.ca](http://www.familytransitionplace.ca).

# Orangeville and District Animal Centre receive 500 cat cabins to help with kitten season

Written By PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Ontario SPCA Orangeville and District Animal Centre will soon be able to provide a more comfortable stay for the cats and kittens in their care while they wait for their "fur-ever" homes.

The Ontario SPCA announced in a press release on April 23, that Pet Value has provided a \$180,000 donation through their Companions for Change sponsorship to support felines in the SPCA's care.

The sponsorship money has been used to renew the SPCA's Cat Cabin Program, which helps cats and kittens settle during their stay in a shelter or foster home and eases their transition to their new home.

Through the Companions for Change sponsorship, Pet Value has helped fund the distribution of 5,000 cat cabins to a total of 12 SPCA Animal Centres in Ontario, including the Orangeville location.

"The unfamiliar setting of a shelter or foster home is very stressful for cats and kittens and a cat cabin can make a real difference as it provides them with a calm, enriching place where they can perch, hide and mark their scent. Cat cabins play an essential role all year round and they are particularly helpful during kitten season when we are caring and finding homes for so many cats and kittens," said Sonya Reichel, vice president of operations for the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society "Cat cabins make for happier and healthier cats and we're very grateful for the ongoing support we receive from Pet Valu through its Companions for Change sponsorship."

The cat cabins are made from sturdy card-

board and come in two themes – Cabin in the Mountains and Miami Beach. Each cabin is designed with two entrances, a flat perch and an enclosed cabin area to support the cats and kittens' needs, whether it's a space to chase each other, perching securely off the floor or snuggling in the cozy cabin area.

When a cat is adopted the cat cabin can be converted into a carrier to transport them safely to their forever home where the cabin can be re-assembled, providing a safe, familiar environment to help them settle.

The sponsorship of the cat cabins is timely as SPCA shelters across the province look to manage the demands of kitten season.

Shannon Bury, community outreach coord-

inator for the Orangeville SPCA, said there are currently 47 cats and kittens in their shelter and foster homes.

"The cat cabins are vital tools we use for socialization and transition into their forever home. It gives them a familiar smell and a

known hiding spot, which can be invaluable for their development and success in the new environment," said Bury.

The Orangeville and District Animal Centre received a total of 500 cat cabins through the Pet Value donation.



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**COMFORTABLE CATS:** The Ontario SPCA Orangeville and District Animal Centre is receiving 500 cat cabins thanks to a Pet Value donation.

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# SPORTS

## Centre Dufferin girls' rugby team continues undefeated season

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals girls' varsity rugby team is having a stellar season and has moved into first place in the District 4/10 standings.

Winning their first four games, the Royals shut out the competition in three of those games.

The squad has a core group of returning players this season with new players doing a good job filling in the vacant positions left empty when veteran players graduated last season.

"We have a lot of new girls this year and I thought they all did extremely well," said Royals player Brooke Cunnington, who has been on the squad since she started high school. "I think we have a strong team and I feel like we're going to have a very successful season."

The Royals opened the season with a 31-0 win over the Orangeville District Secondary School Bears on April 22, on their home field at Centre Dufferin.

The second game of the season had the Royals in Guelph to take on the team from Guelph Collegiate on April 24.

Centre Dufferin left the field with a 34-19 win in that game.

The girls were back in Guelph four days later to go up against St. James Catholic High School.

It was another shut-out for the Royals when their defensive posturing stopped St. James from scoring, and their offence put a huge amount of pressure on the defenders.

At the end of the game, the Royals had a 62-0 win.

Returning to their home field on April 30, the Royals hosted Centre Wellington District High School.

The Royals again put out a superb effort and blanked Centre Wellington 28-0.

Eight teams have entered the District 4/10 girls' varsity rugby competition this year.

Along with Centre Dufferin, John F. Ross,



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

**BALL BATTLE:** The Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS) Royals girls' varsity rugby team hosted the Centre Wellington District High School Falcons on the field at CDDHS on Wednesday, April 30. The Royals won the game 29-0 and remain undefeated for the season. The Royals are in first place in the District 4/10 standings.

Guelph Collegiate, Orangeville District, Centre Wellington, Erin District, St. James, and Centennial Collegiate are competing.

The team from John F. Ross is also undefeated after four games. An upcoming game between Ross and Centre Dufferin will prove which team can get the edge and remain in the top spot in the District.

Guelph Collegiate is currently in third place with a 3-1 record. They are followed by Orangeville District who are 2-2 for the season.

At the end of the regular season, the top four teams will enter a semi-final round of playoffs to see which teams will battle it out in the District 4/10 championship game this year.

The winning team will go on to compete at the regional level at CWOSSA.

The Royals hosted John F. Ross in Shelburne on Tuesday, May 6, with results not available at press time.

The Centre Dufferin girls will play their final regular season game in Erin against Erin District High School today (May 8).

## Hanover Barons leading provincial Junior C Schmalz Cup championship series

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

After a long season that started back on Sept. 11, 2024, the final battle for the provincial Junior C Schmalz Cup is underway.

That's an eight-month season that will come down to a best-of-seven series to determine this year's championship team.

The final series will pit the Hanover Barons from the North Conference against the Essex 73s from the West Conference.

This promises to be an intense series between two very talented and competitive teams.

Hanover had an outstanding season this year winning 36 games after 42 times on the ice and finishing in first place.

Two of their losses came in overtime and one game was a shoot-out loss.

After winning the league, the Barons won eight playoff games in a row.

This dispatched the Goderich Flyers in four games in the quarter-final round, then followed up with a four-game sweep over the Kincardine Bulldogs in the semi-final round.

They won the Pollock Division championship in five games after knocking out the Fer-

gus Whalers.

The Barons won the North Conference with a 4-1 series against the Orillia Terriers.

In the toughest series of the year, the Barons eliminated the Napanee Raiders to win the Schmalz Cup semi-finals in a series that went the full seven games.

The Essex 73s finished first in the West Stobbs Division with a 37-5 record.

They eliminated the Walpole Island Wild in the first round in a four-game sweep, then knocked out the Blenheim Blades in the second round in a series that went five games.

The 73s won the division with a win over the Lakeshore Canadiens in a series that went six games.

Essex easily won the West Conference championship in a lopsided series against the Petrolia Flyers that was over in four games.

In the Schmalz Cup semi-final, the Essex team eliminated the New Hamburg Firebirds in five games.

The Schmalz Cup championship final series is a best-of-seven match-up.

Game One of the championship final series got underway on Saturday, May 3, in Hanover and ended with a 6-1 Hanover win.

That was an unexpectedly high score for a game in a final championship between two talented teams.

The Barons took a 2-0 lead in the series

when they left the ice with a 2-1 win in Game Two on Sunday, May 4.

Game Three is scheduled to take place in Hanover on Saturday, May 7, at 7 p.m.



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**READY TO COMPETE:** Grade 12 Special Olympics athlete Yazmine Wilson-Daponte and Grade 10 Unified athlete Amia Tanguay, both from Robert F. Hall, have qualified for the 2025 Special Olympics School Championships in Ottawa from June 2 to 5. The two young athletes are looking forward to competing. Wilson-Daponte is a Shelburne resident.

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Playing rugby since her Grade 9 year, Brooke Cunnington brings a lot of experience to the Centre Dufferin District High School girls' varsity rugby team.

"I love the team. Everyone picks everyone else up – it's such a team sport," Brooke said of why she likes playing rugby. "I like the contact – it doesn't scare me it's just part of the sport."

Brooke said she plans to play rugby for the rest of her school career.

Brooke also plays hockey with the school team and the Markdale Shooting Stars.

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# Theatre Orangeville's 'I'm In Love With Your Sister' finds humour in heartbreak

Written By CONSTANCE SCRAFELD

If a person's heart is thought to be broken, the kindly touch of another's hand is a great solace, a laugh of distraction, an afternoon in the park – all these might lead the sad heart to lighten.

When Kevin comes home earlier than expected from a conference, he suddenly believes his live-in sweetheart is in bed with another man. So he thinks at first. Ready to be dissuaded by Louise, his alleged sweetheart, as she rushes out of their bedroom when he calls for her and denies his suspicion, the presence of another man's shoes in the kitchen and the memory of a man running down the street in his socks brings in the thunder of truth.

"I'm In Love With Your Sister" by Norm Foster is a World Premiere at Theatre Orangeville, on now and running until May 18. It begins with this picture, where the ensuing exchange between Kevin and Louise is reminiscent of Monty Python: a desperate situation made funny by creating a comedy of anger and despair. What brings it all home is Louise's positively goofy lack of remorse as she critiques Kevin's quirks and his bedroom lethargy. They push and pull between them, balancing the jokes, he throwing his love out to her and she packing goodness-knows-what into a suitcase.

Exit Louise.  
Barely catching his breath, comes a banging knock on Kevin's door.  
Enter Louise's sister Patsy.

Patsy has arrived to give Kevin a hard time about shooing Louise back to live with her. "I don't want Louise living with me!" declares Patsy. "She was fine with you..."

Add muddled and awkward feelings, that is what Foster does for us and we laugh and love him for it.

These three actors are very well acquainted with Norm Foster and his clever, moving

and wonderful plays. Each of them has acted in a number of Foster plays. As well, they are all returning to the stage here at Theatre Orangeville.

Maria Dinn playing the role of Patsy, has appeared at Theatre Orangeville for "The Gentleman Clothier," Elvis and Mavis and the rollicking "Skin Flick." She has a worthy and lengthy list of theatre credits, including other Foster plays. Of this play where she is Patsy, Dinn told us this is a show in which Foster brings odd characters together and lets the humour shine, as they try to sort things out, keeping in mind that it opens with a heartbreak. A lot of humour can come from that.

Erin Mackinnon toured "Jonas and Barry In The Home" by Norm Foster and starring the playwright himself with David Nairn for several performances in a number of theatres. She was one of the performers who added their talents to the one-act plays Theatre Orangeville produced as at-home entertainment during the COVID-19 lockdown that prevented people from seeing theatre in person. Mackinnon took part then in "The Rules of Playing Risk."

Mackinnon has recently debuted at the Foster Festival for the premiere of "Donny and Delilah." She was one of the moms who rebelled against it all in the very fun 2016 film "Super Moms."

Reid Janisse returns to Theatre Orangeville, having performed a role in Foster's play "They're Found In Trees," a show about bird watching and what happens if two gents invite a lady to join them. In addition to theatre, he has an impressive CV of television work as well, doing one episode in "Murdoch Mysteries" – which every Canadian actor, it seems, must have on their list. Also, Janisse has been part of "The Boys," "Orphan Black," "American Gods" and more.

He is a Second City man and the man in the middle between two sisters.

Gentlemen, just imagine...



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SEASON FINALE: From left: Erin MacKinnon, Maria Dinn and Reid Janisse are currently on stage starring in a Norm Foster's world premiere, "I'm In Love With Your Sister," which is closing out Theatre Orangeville's 31st season. The play is on now until May 18 at the Orangeville Opera House.

Director David Nairn has worked his usual magic with the pacing and blocking in the kitchen set, which is dominated by the kitchen table. The play takes place entirely in this one room and how the actors relate to each other around and beside the table is pure poetry.

Designed by Beckie Morris, set designer and production manager, the audience is welcomed in, looking for one of them to just put on the kettle. The lighting in any show is almost another character and is designed by Jordana Natale. She has an interesting history of working in theatre as a lighting designer which began right here at Theatre Orangeville.

Alex Amini, costume designer kept their

apparel right and the sometimes subject of the commentary in the dialogue.

As artistic director, this is the last show David Nairn will direct in that capacity. He is shifting titles to artistic director emeritus as of July 1, when Jennifer Stewart will become Theatre Orangeville's new artistic director. She is bringing her own brand of wonder to the upcoming season.

This play is a great couple of hours at the theatre and it is the last play for Theatre Orangeville's 31st season.

For more details and to buy tickets for "I'm In Love With Your Sister," go to [www.theatreorangeville.ca](http://www.theatreorangeville.ca) or call the box office at 519-938-7584. Drop in if you like at 87 Broadway.

## Shelburne Public Library shares upcoming events, recommended read

### Upcoming events

We have some exciting events for adults coming up at the Shelburne Public Library in the next few weeks.

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On June 22 at 1 p.m., An Afternoon with Claire Cameron, co-hosted with STBL, will be held at the Shelburne Public Library.

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*The Fox Wife* by Yangsze Choo: In 1908 Manchuria, Bao, a detective with an uncanny ability to sniff out the truth, is hired to uncover the identity of a dead courtesan.

Meanwhile a secretive woman named Snow, seeking vengeance for her lost child, navigates the myths and misconceptions of fox spirits to find a murderer.

Why Molly recommends it: Here is an author I somehow missed over the last ten years, despite her writing what must be some of the best prose I have encountered. I love a mythical premise interwoven with modern sensibilities. Ms. Choo takes it a step further, using the backdrop of a swiftly changing China to emphasize the stark differences between past and future, empire and republic, human and creature. This gives the novel a number of satisfying layers and themes to enjoy. An aging gumshoe and two multifaceted love stories round out the story. I will now seek out her other works: *The Night Tiger*, and *the Ghost Bride*.

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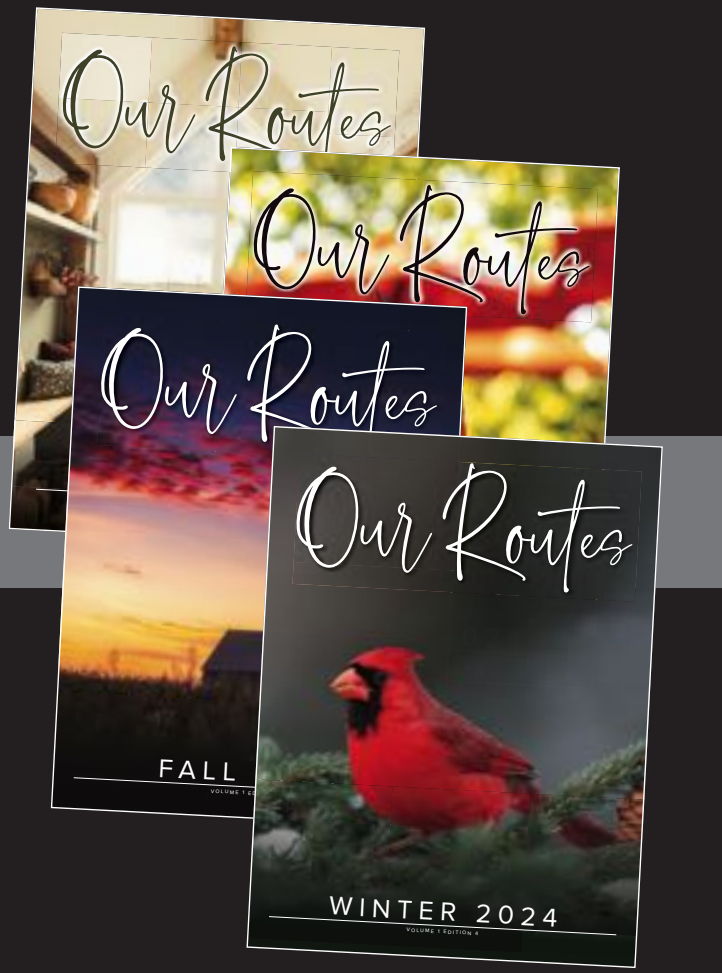
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The Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex (CDRC) Board of Management is seeking a positive, team-oriented individual to fill the full-time position of Facility Maintenance Manager. This position is responsible for delivering a high-quality, well-maintained facility, focusing on ice quality, pool maintenance, safety, operation policies, fiscal health and customer satisfaction. For more information including duties, responsibilities, wage range and submission deadlines, visit the following link: [shelburne.ca/cdrc/careers](http://shelburne.ca/cdrc/careers)

Eligible candidates are invited to submit their resume to Kim Fraser, Facility Administration Manager, Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex, 200 Fiddle Park Lane, Shelburne, ON L9V 3C9  
 Email: [kfraser@shelburne.ca](mailto:kfraser@shelburne.ca)

Please note the position applying for on cover page or on the email subject line. We thank all the applicants who apply and advise that acknowledgement will only be forwarded to those applicants who are invited for an interview.



**TREASURER**

Shelburne Public Library will receive applications until May 21, 2025, for the part-time Treasurer position. This is a contract position for approximately 5 hours per week.

The position involves supporting the Shelburne Public Library Board and the CEO/Head Librarian in developing and monitoring the annual operating and capital budgets. This position is responsible for all accounting functions including receipt of revenues, payment of invoices, payroll using ADP, maintenance of financial records, adherence to the budget, financial reporting, oversight of investments, and preparation for the annual audit.

We are looking for a detail-oriented and experienced individual who can work well independently in a fast-paced environment.

**Qualifications:**

- Working knowledge and experience with QuickBooks online.
- Experience and/or education in finance and accounting
- Experience working with public libraries considered an asset
- Understanding of Municipal accounting practices would be an asset.
- Keen attention to detail

This is a part-time position with flexible hours.

Resumes should include all educational and training information, work experience and references. The rate of pay for this position \$33 - \$38 per hour commensurate with experience. This position has an anticipated start date of June 30th, 2025.

Shelburne Public Library is an Equal Opportunity Employer - only those applicants selected for interviews will be contacted.

Please send your resume and covering letter to:  
**Rose Dotten, CEO**  
 Shelburne Public Library  
 201 Owen Sound Street, Shelburne, ON L9V 3L2  
 Or by email: [rdotten@shelburnelibrary.ca](mailto:rdotten@shelburnelibrary.ca)

**LIVE AUCTION SALE  
 Equipment Consignment  
 Saturday May 17, 9:30am**

**554447 Mono-Amaranth TLine, Mono, ON** Go west through Orangeville on Hwy 9 to County Rd 16 (Veterans Way at Greenwood Cemetery), turn north 5 miles to farm on East side. Or from Shelburne go east on Hwy 89 for 2 miles to Mono-Amaranth Townline, turn south and go 5 miles to farm on East side.

**Tractors:** Case IH-MX 120, 4x4 tractor, cab, Q980 Quickie loader, 3 remotes, rebuilt trani (5 yrs ago); Case IH Maxxum 125, cab, 4x4, Stoll loader, 2 remotes, needs glass in cab & rear fenders; Int 5088 tractor, 6 cycl Agri-Max engine, 3 remotes, 7600hrs; DB 1200 Selectomatic tractor; Huskee 20-51 riding mower, 20hp, 50" cut. **Truck:** 2000 Int bin truck, with 1 bin, current safety. **ATV:** 2017 Honda Rancher ATV, winch, back box, 6127kms, very good. **Trailers:** Wilson 5th wheel livestock trailer, 7'x20', tandem, alum, 1 divider; 1995 Hudson HSE trailer, blue, 2 axles, rear ramps, steel with pressure treated deck, bumper hitch, elec brakes; 8'x6' utility trailer, very good. **Mach/Equip:** 30ft steel round bale wagon, tandem; Farm King 106110"x16' auger PTO; Kuhn GA3200GT, pull-type, tandem axle; NH H7230 hydra swing discbine, new driveline, 10' cut, rubber rollers, light kit, 540PTO; NH BC5070 sq baler with thrower, hydr tension, like new; JD 336 sq baler, knotter rebuilt; (2) Forage King bale baskets; 12ft Int double disc, NH 404 pull-type hay crimper; 9ft NH 488 haybine; MF 18ft disc, man wings; Bruns 150bu gravity box, Turnco 275bu gravity box & auger; field sprayer; Int 18ft cultivator; NH 650 round baler, twine only, up to 4x6 bales, monitor, light usage. **Farm Rel/ Shop/ Misc:** (4) Brock hopper bottom bins (7 ring, 4 ring, 2x1 ton-stored inside)-purchaser to remove; sheep feeder; creep feeder; hay feeder; JD Welding mixer, hammer mill, scale(purchaser to remove); MTD 4.5hp self-propelled lawnmower; (210) landscape edging blocks; (2)round bale feeders; (2)sm bale feeders; 20ft round bale wagon, wood floor; qty water troughs; (200+)step on elec stakes; elec fence insulators; (2)fencers-Gallagher & Peavy; light wire for fence; come-alongs; chicken feeders & waterers; ladders; propane infrared heater; (2)chicken crates; egg incubator;

**\*\*Watch the website as items being added regularly\*\*  
 Preview: 1-6pm, Friday May 16th**

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COMING EVENTS

**Mother's Day Plant and Bake Sale  
 Sat., May 10th 8-11a.m.**

Pre-order hanging baskets, planters, window boxes, urn inserts, 4" pot flowers, vegetables, strawberries, herbs, fresh bouquets -to arrive just in time for Mother's Day!

Complete order forms and give to any congregation member at **Trinity Primrose United Church**, or phone 519-925-2397 or email [gailbrown.pharm@yahoo.ca](mailto:gailbrown.pharm@yahoo.ca)

Note: plant orders due by Sun., May 4th. Orders can be picked up at Primrose United Church on Sat., May 10th. (Delivery available upon request.)

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**On Mon.May 19 at 9:30am**

**RV ALLEGRO BUS:** 2000 Allegro RV Bus w/ 5.7 Cummings, aprx.193,408 kms., Freightliner chassis. 1 lg.slide, Onan quiet generator, prop. Stove, elect./prop.Fridge, rear camera, smart TV. Note: Always stored inside, Sharp clean unit, always taken care of. Sells "AS IS" (Selling to Owners Approval). **2018 TRUCK:** 2018 Ford F-150 White Lariat Sport Pickup Truck, 4x4, Fully Loaded-Leather, 4drs., all power, Panoramic view, 5 ½ ft. Box w/ tonneau cover, 169,375kms. Sells As Is. (extra set of tires & rims). **Note:** Bought new, Stored inside, Clean condition! **TRACTORS, SKIDSTEER:** Kubota M5700 diesel Tractor w/LA1002 Ldr., OS., 6ft.material bucket, approx. 2000 hrs., good cond.; Ant.1947 JD. "B" Rowcrop Tractor, redone, running order, Sharp cond.; Ant.1947 Allis.Ch. Tractor, not running; NH. L175 Skidsteer w/6ft.manure bucket, cage,apprx.3725hrs.,good cond.; **Skidsteer Attachs.(All Sell Separate):** Postal Auger TMG 4ft.,New still in crate; Wolverine 6ft.HD.Trencher,used little; Wolverine HD.72" Bushhog,New cond.;6ft.HD.Open-end Grapple,good;4ft.pallet forks.**TRAILERS, GOLF CARTS, MACHINERY:** 2014 Tilt & Load Metal,TA.,18ft.Trailer w/checkbrd.floor, bumper hitch, good cond.;22ft.x7ft.Flatbed Trailer w/4ft.steel ramps, TA., bumper hitch, sparetire, woodfloor, good cond. **Note-Both trailers Sell "AS IS":** Club Car Golfcart w/backseat,roof,gas,good running order; Toro LandM.Golfcart w/manual dump (No Brakes); Geely Scooter 2-wheel w/new battery (needs carb work);Tundra snowmachine; Harco 3pth grasseeder; 8ft.box blade scraper; JD.14ft.x8ft.flatrack wagon, good; AC.3pth.palletlift;NI.trailmower;8½ft.old bucket;3pth.3ft.woodsplitter;Ferg.2 furrowplow;5ft.good lawnmower; garden s-cult.; older generator.**ENGINES,TOOLS, MISC., ETC.:** Ant.Fairbanks Morse 2hp gasengine on cart;Ant.Stover 3½ hp.engine w/pulley on cart; Upright Devair 5gal.Sing.phase air compressor good; Stihl 261c chainsaw; 10" mitresaw,like new;AC tanks; floor jack& others; 2 heavy chain hoists; good heavy ext.cords;Ryobi bandsaw;Delta 6" drillpress & stand;num.of chains; older 5hp.gardentiller;Troybilt 6hp.trim/mower;New Tractorseat; steeltables;12ft. steel I-beam;7ft.plast.colvert & others;HD.cable; Napoleon BBQ,good;small pile of scrap; lots other misc.not listed;etc.,2 to 3 wagonloads of good items; few household effects & ant. items.

**Notes:** Good useful offering of items! Pond on Sale Site. 2 sale rings. No.B.P. **TERMS:** Cash sale day, cheques with ID only, e-transfer. Lunchbooth.Owner, Auctioneers not responsible for accidents, injury, deletions or loss of property sale day. All verbal announcements take precedence over written material. [www.theauctionadvertiser.com/DMcPhee](http://www.theauctionadvertiser.com/DMcPhee) for photos

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### OBITUARIES

#### WILBERT FRANK COE

Passed away peacefully at Hospice Georgian Triangle in Collingwood on April 29, 2025 in his 93rd year. Wilbert leaves behind his loving wife of 68 years Eldeane and his six children Karen (James), Blaine (Carolyn), Rick (Debbie), Judy (Alex), Sandy and Brenda (Ross). Wilbert and Eldeane were blessed with 16 grandkids, 33 great-grandkids and 6 great-great-grandkids. He is also survived by his brother Maurice Coe and sisters Shirley Atkinson and June Prentice. Predeceased by his parents Edgar and Dorothy May Coe.



Wilbert's passion was farming and he dedicated his life to his family, growing potatoes and looking after other livestock on Coe-zy Acres.

The family received friends at the Jack & Thompson Funeral Home, Shelburne on Friday, May 2, 2025 from 1-2 p.m. The funeral service followed in the funeral home chapel at 2:00 p.m. Interment took place at Honeywood Cemetery. Following the interment, family and friends joined the family in a celebration of Wilbert's life at the Hornings Mills Community Hall. If desired, donations to Hospice Georgian Triangle would be appreciated as expressions of sympathy. Online condolences and donations may be made at [www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com)



### OBITUARIES

#### EVA CORA GEORGENA LITTLE (NEE BRAIDEN)

Passed away peacefully at Dufferin Oaks on Tuesday, April 29, 2025 in her 91st year. Devoted mother of Arlene (Clinton) Smith, Kent (Uvonne) Little, Steven (Judy) Little, Cathy (Rick) Copeland, Donna Micks (Fred Lee), Carolyn (Jeff) Tschoumy and Laurie (Ken) Henderson. Proud grandmother of Chris, Eryn, Trevor, Colton, Brayden, Jordan, Shawn, Amber, Daryl, Todd, Stacy, Jody, Jessica, Daniel, Kyle and Becky and great-grandmother of Alex, Jackson, Colby, Kinley, Bria, Jax, Weston, Carson, Brooklynn, Ashton, Haven, Lexa, Jordyn, Morgan, Dane, Charlee, Mason, Alyssa, Paige, Kendra, Teshayda, Piper and Brenna and great-great-grandmother of Palmer and Kirby. Dear sister of Barb Squirrel, Garnet Braiden and Allen (Betty) Braiden and sister-in-law of Fran Braiden. Predeceased by her parents Walter and Cora (Belle Braiden), Bobbie Little, brother Jim Braiden, brother-in-law Jim Squirrel, sister-in-law Leona Braiden, and grandson Doug Smith.



Arrangements entrusted to Jack & Thompson Funeral Home. A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date. If desired, donations to Dufferin Oaks would be appreciated as expressions of sympathy. Online condolences and donations may be placed at [www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com)



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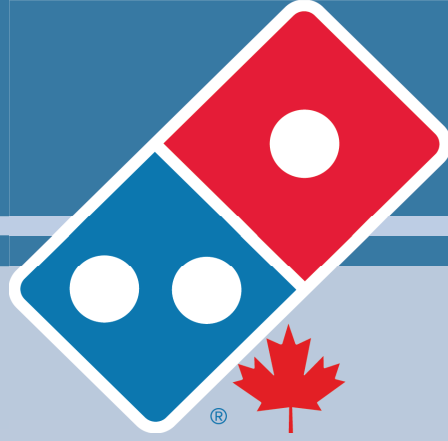
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