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Shelburne council passes motion rejecting strong mayor powers, requests repeal

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

Shelburne Town Council has passed a motion requesting the provincial government remove them as one of the municipalities granted strong mayor powers.

During their meeting on Monday (May 12), Coun. Lindsay Wegener brought forward a motion regarding the recently granted "strong mayor powers."

Wegener's motion reads that Shelburne Town Council rejects the strong mayor powers granted and requests that the province repeal the legislation or offer an option and ability to opt out of the legislation.

"This doesn't have anything to do with your leadership. We know that you're not planning on using these and you've reiterated that," said Coun. Wegener to Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills. "As mentioned, we don't know who's going to sit in that seat over the next one, two, three terms from now and I feel that this is a slippery slope with regards to the democratic process that Canada itself is built on."

"I almost feel like what's the point of us as council as a whole, if we're giving all these individual powers to one person," she added.

The Town of Shelburne was one of 169 additional municipalities granted strong mayor powers from the provincial government, which went into effect on May 1.

The move allows mayors to appoint the municipality's chief administrative officer, hire and fire certain municipal department

heads, create committees of council, and appoint committee chairs as well as vice-chairs. It also allows heads of council to veto bylaws, present budgets and approve them with only one-third of council's support.

The expansion of the strong mayor powers went into effect in the 169 municipalities as of May 1.

During the Monday meeting, Shelburne Town Council also received a report from its director of legislative services Jennifer Willoughby on the implications of the expansion strong mayor powers to the Town of Shelburne.

"The expansion of the strong mayor powers framework to the Town of Shelburne represents a major change to the Town's administrative political dichotomy that will permanently alter approaches to policy development, recruitment, budgeting, and procedures undermining governance in the Town and eroding the independence of public administration," said Willoughby.

Following the report, Mills informed Council of his intentions to delegate the power of appointing the chief administrative officer (CAO) back to council. He is also delegating the power to determine the corporation's organizational structure to the CAO.

Mills added that he has not found a way to delegate himself out of the budgeting process, but noted he will direct staff to prepare the future draft budgets.

Since the announcement, Mills has been adamant about his plan not to use the new



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REFUSE TO USE: Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills says he has no plans to use Strong Mayor Powers or change the way council operates.

powers allotted to his position on council. "As I said from day one, I certainly don't plan on having any kind of marked departure from the way we've operated for the last three years, but that's not to say that whoever fills the seat next may not take a completely different view of things," said Mills.

Coun. Walter Benotto expressed his support of the motion brought forward by Coun. Wegener.

"If I was running in another election, I would feel that my job as a councillor, representing the people that have elected me, is sort of taken away from me and given to the mayor," said Benotto.

Shelburne Town Council voted unanimously in support of the motion from Coun. Wegener.

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Local food banks each receive \$10,000 in food donations from Kraft Hockeyville

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

North Dufferin residents who rallied to support Honeywood Arena during the 2025 Kraft Hockeyville Competition have done more than help raise funds to bring repairs to the local arena. They've helped three local food banks in their efforts to support community members facing food insecurity.

The Shelburne Food Bank and the Orangeville Food Bank have both announced large donations of food items valued at roughly \$10,000 from Kraft Hockeyville. Shelburne received seven skids of food, while Orangeville received nine to be divided up with the Dufferin Food Share - Grand Valley.

"It's absolutely by far the largest single food donation we've ever received," said Arith Dunlop, volunteer coordinator for the Shelburne Food Bank.

"We are incredible grateful to all of the community members in North Dufferin and the Shelburne area, who came together to champion Honeywood. Because of that, we have benefited at our food bank and the Dufferin Food Share," said Heather Hayes, executive director of Orangeville Food Bank.

Some of the items contained in the donation included pasta, spaghetti sauce, Kraft Dinner, coffee, and canned beans.

"That's core food we use all the time and this donation allows us to put the funds that we would spend towards different foods [towards other things], and also so we can continue giving out meat, milk, eggs and produce," said Dunlop.

According to Dunlop, the Shelburne Food Bank serves around 325 families each month, of which roughly 15 per cent come from the Honeywood area.

The Orangeville Food Bank reports that each month they serve roughly 1,500 people, of which about 25 per cent of those clients indicate employment as their primary source of income.

"We've benefited from a large quantity of food, which is going to go really far at a time of the year when our food supplies start to get a little thinner," said Hayes.

Kraft Hockeyville is an annual competition between communities across the country to receive a grand prize of \$250,000 for



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FEEDING THE COMMUNITY: The Shelburne Food Bank received a food donation valued at \$10,000 on Wednesday, May 14, through Kraft Hockeyville. The donation came after the Honeywood Arena was selected to receive \$25,000 in arena upgrades as a finalist in the 2025 Kraft Hockeyville Competition. The Orangeville Food Bank and Dufferin Food Share - Grand Valley also received \$10,000 worth of food.

arena upgrades. It is sponsored by Kraft Heinz, the National Hockey League (NHL), and the NHL Players' Association (NHL).

In March, Honeywood Arena was announced as one of four finalists in the 2025 Kraft Hockeyville Competition, alongside Lower Sackville in Nova Scotia, Crossfield in Alberta, and Saint-Boniface in Quebec.

In the end, Boniface, Quebec, took home the grand prize of \$250,000 for arena up-

grades and a chance to host an NHL pre-season game.

As a finalist, Honeywood Arena received \$25,000 to go towards upgrades at the arena and \$10,000 worth of brand-new youth hockey equipment.

"It's a wonderful company initiative and I hope that it provides some additional ideas for other companies, who can jump in and do something similar," concluded Dunlop.

Honeywood Diamond to receive funds for improvements after winning Field of Dreams

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The baseball diamond in Honeywood will see some much-needed improvements. The Township of Mulmur was declared one of the winners in the Toronto Blue Jay's Field of Dreams competition.

The Field of Dreams competition is sponsored by the Jays Care Foundation, the charitable arm of the Toronto Blue Jays.

The Foundation is committing more than \$1.5 million in infrastructure investments to build and refurbish baseball diamonds across the country through its Field of Dreams program.

In total, 15 communities will receive funding.

The Township of Mulmur was announced as one of the winners in the contest after it submitted a successful application to refurbish the ball diamond next to the Honeywood Arena.

Executive, coaches, players, and supporters gathered at the ballpark in Mansfield on Sunday, May 4, for a watch party to see the winners get announced live during the Blue Jays game.

They were thrilled Mulmur was announced as one of the winners.

Built in 1978, the Honeywood diamond

needs some basic upgrades so it can be used for minor and senior baseball. Improvements will include putting in a real pitching mound.

Mulmur Township will receive \$66,000 to facilitate the improvements.

"The Township did a master recreational plan a few years back and it identified priorities," explained Tracey Atkinson, Township of Mulmur CAO. "One of the priorities was additional ball diamond availability. This grant aligns with needed improvements that would allow additional teams to use it."

Baseball in Mulmur has been centred in Mansfield. These improvements in Honeywood will allow residents to play the sport on a local diamond with better facilities.

"Both Mansfield and Honeywood are within Mulmur Township. Honeywood is a smaller field, and this will allow us to bring it up to a standard that older ages can use it and there is potential to improve it so it would be available for senior ball, for example," Ms. Atkinson explained. "It will allow local kids to enjoy playing in the area. They won't have to be driving further distances for practices on other fields."

The Honeywood diamond currently isn't suitable for organized baseball, but the im-

provements will mean minor teams will be able to have games there starting next season.

"We'll be making improvements to the field and creating a pitcher's mound," explained Township of Mulmur Director of Infrastructure, Chris Wolnik. "These improvements will make it suitable for older age kids. Dugouts are another issue - putting a covered dugout in place is something we will address. Also seating, is one of the three main things we will do. This renovation will happen closer to September so the improvements will be realized and there will be more baseball there next summer."

The watch party in Mansfield broke out in a cheer when it was announced that the community was one of the winners of the Field of Dreams contest.

"Jays Care is thrilled to partner with these 15 outstanding organizations, all committed to bringing the game of baseball to more children and youth across the country," said Peter King, acting executive director of the Jays Care Foundation. "These new diamonds will be more than just places to play, they'll be hubs for community connection where young people can get active, learn, and grow a love for the game of baseball."

Along with Mulmur Township, other win-



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DREAMS DO COME TRUE: A watch party comprised of Mansfield Minor Baseball executives, coaches, players, and supporters, react to the announcement that Mulmur is one of the winners of the Jays Care Foundation Field of Dreams contest on Sunday, May 4, at the ball diamond in Mansfield. Mulmur will use the funds it's receiving through the Field of Dreams competition to upgrade and renovate the baseball diamond in Honeywood.

ning communities across the country include Summerland, B.C.; Conception Bay, Nfld.; Lower Sackville, N.S.; Waverly, N.S.; Clarington, Ont.; Dutton, Ont.; Pelham, Ont.; Petrolia, Ont.; Toronto, Ont.; West Nipissing, Ont.; Windsor, Ont.; Joliet, Que.; Hanely, Sask.; and Regina, Sask.

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OPINION

Our history made us who we are

It was the morning of September 13, 1759, when French General Louis-Joesph, Marquis de Montcalm, emerged from his lodgings to find a British firing line of soldiers a kilometre wide had assembled on the Plains of Abraham, near Quebec City, ready to do battle.

The French were surprised. They did not expect the British troops to be able to scale the cliffs from the St. Lawrence River and bring two bronze 6-pounder cannons with them.

The British were led by General James Wolfe.

The British had placed the city under siege for several months and smaller skirmishes occurred before the main battle.

The French were already in trouble before the battle even started. They were a mix of both regular soldiers and local militia units who were poorly trained and armed.

Montcalm was trained for set battles in which regiments and soldiers moved in precise order. His soldiers were not trained for this.

Oddly, General Wolfe ordered his soldiers to charge their muskets with two balls each for the initial engagement when they were ordered to fire on their opponents.

During the battle, Wolfe was struck in

the wrist by a musket ball. He wrapped the wound and continued to lead his men.

Several minutes later, Wolfe was struck by two shots – one in the lower stomach and a fatal wound in the chest.

During the French retreat, Montcalm, while on his horse, was struck by either a canister shot or repeated musket fire and was hit in the lower abdomen and thigh. He died in the early morning hours from his wounds.

The British victory on the Plains of Abraham not only changed the course of Canadian history, it changed the course of an entire continent.

I think we quite often forget the rich history that has created this nation. I learned none of this in history class when I was a student.

I learned about this battle when my parents took us on a long road trip out east and stopping at the battle site was part of the itinerary.

Unlike the U.S., where pretty much every battle fought on U.S. soil has been made into a movie, our history has never really been captured on film in the same way.

On the morning of October 13, 1812, during the War of 1812, American forces began crossing the Niagara River at Queenston.

Defending forces opened fire on the invading troops. The two sides exchanged artillery fire across the river.

Twenty miles downstream, General Isaac Brock, who was at Fort George in Niagara-on-the-Lake was awakened by the noise of the artillery.

Brock rode the 20 miles on horseback to the site of the skirmish.

Taking charge of the situation, Brock led the charge up the hill at Queenston Heights. He was struck in the wrist by a musket ball but continued the charge.

Moments later, an American sniper found his mark and Brock was hit in the chest and mortally wounded.

His last words were reportedly, 'Push on, brave York Volunteers.' However, that is regarded as folklore.

Struck through the middle of his chest and killed almost instantly, Brock's last words were more likely a gurgle before dying on the battlefield.

Brock's legacy was so great, that the site of his death is marked, and there is a park on the battlefield.

A 185-foot column that was created in his honour is a dominant feature of the park and is one of the most impressive monuments in the country.

On July 25, 1814, an invading American army and British and Canadian forces met

at a place called Lundy's Lane, on a very hot day, just a few miles from Niagara Falls.

One of the bloodiest battles of the War of 1812 ensued.

The fighting went on until midnight, with artillery exchanging hands several times at the crest of a hill.

Fighting in the dark, there was a lot of confusion on the battlefield. It must have been quite the sight to see volleys fired in the darkness among the yells of soldiers and screams of the wounded.

In the morning, the battlefield was littered with the dead and dying. There were over 1,700 casualties.

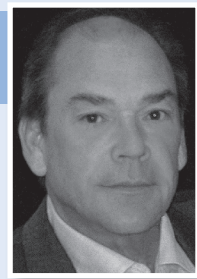
The battle site is now paved over with houses, churches, and commercial buildings.

It is the only main battle site in Canada that was never preserved. However, a church cemetery on the site, which was actually started before the battle, contains many historic graves including the grave of Laura Secord, a heroine of the war.

There are many more historic battles and events that shaped this country.

Every student should be taught the importance of these events that created the country we now enjoy and thrive in.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



India and Israel: Parallel tracks

There is a striking parallel between the 20-month war in the Gaza Strip and the week-old not-yet-war between India and Pakistan. Both confrontations were set off by horrendously cruel mass murders by terrorists whose goal was obviously to start a war that drew the attention of the world back to their own goals and grievances.

Hamas, in the Gaza Strip, was keenly aware that the Palestinian cause was gradually fading from the international agenda. Seventy-five years of failure to push back successfully against Israeli control of the disputed territory of former Palestine had left the rest of the Arab world keen to change the subject.

The 'Abraham accords' were the last straw from the perspective of the Palestinians: an Israeli-Saudi peace deal would be the death knell for their hopes of build-

ing a state on the land they claimed, or at least part of it.

Only a big war could reawaken Arab and Muslim concern for the plight of the Palestinians, so Hamas chose to start one. It began with as big an atrocity as possible: more than 1,200 Israelis killed, many of them in their beds. Israel took the bait, but under Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's hard-right coalition its response far exceeded Hamas's expectations.

More than 50,000 dead Palestinians later, two million survivors in Gaza await expulsion and exile. Hamas's strategy was absolutely standard for nationalist guerrillas fighting foreign rule, but the brutal truth is that most such wars end in failure.

The goal is almost never military victory, which is rarely possible. It's international sympathy and support, which may gradually shift the balance in favour of the insur-

gents. Hamas's mistake was to misjudge Israel's strength and its ruthlessness, and the Palestinians it ruled are paying the price.

The five terrorists who massacred 28 mostly Hindu tourists two weeks ago in India's Muslim-majority state of Kashmir were Kashmiris or Pakistani citizens of Kashmiri descent. Their grievance was that India has ruled most of Kashmir since independence from Britain in 1947, and their goal, as in Gaza, was to trigger a war: in this case, another Indian-Pakistani war.

As India's only Muslim-majority state Kashmir has traditionally had special legal status, but the Hindu-nationalist prime minister of India, Narendra Modi, revoked its autonomy in 2019. Since then the state has been flooded with Indian Army troops and paramilitaries, many local politicians are in jail, and the state resembles an occupied country.

There is widespread popular support in Kashmir for a return of autonomy and withdrawal of the troops, but only limited backing for armed resistance. There are nevertheless several guerilla groups active against the Indian occupation, and sometimes in the past they have enjoyed discreet support from the Pakistani government. At other times they haven't.

Since guerilla war/terrorism will never defeat the huge Indian army, the insurgents' only hope is to provoke a war that ends with an Indian defeat and the 'liberation' of Kashmir. India, as usual, insists that the Pakistani government was behind the attack, but that seems unlikely because the Pakistani military know that a war with India would probably end in defeat.

Modi nevertheless took the bait, ordering major aircraft and missile strikes

against Pakistan on May 7. Pakistan claims to have shot down several Indian aircraft, and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif initially tried to avoid further tit-for-tat escalation by declaring that those allegedly downed Indian aircraft were a fitting and final retaliation by Pakistan.

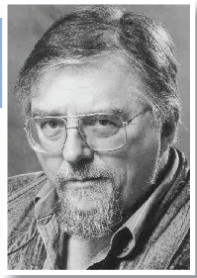
However, at the time of writing that caution seems to have been overwhelmed by the inflammatory rhetoric on both sides, with drone attacks crossing the border in both directions. Escalation to an Indo-Pak nuclear war would be unfortunate, with fallout and famine across the whole northern hemisphere, but a sense of proportion is strikingly absent.

The parallels between the two conflicts are partly driven by the strategies that govern almost all 'asymmetric' wars, but there is a deeper sense in which both conflicts are the result of British mistakes made in the dying days of the empire.

The partitions of India and Palestine may have been unavoidable when the British empire withdrew in 1947. However, the reckless haste with which a Britain, bankrupted by the Second World War, dumped its commitments and pulled its troops out made the ensuing wars in those territories – and many later wars too – all but inevitable.

So remember, if and when the genocidal expulsion of Palestinians from Gaza gets underway or the mushrooms clouds bloom over Lahore and Delhi, that while there is plenty of blame to share out among the current crop of local politicians, the root cause of all this looming tragedy was the British empire.

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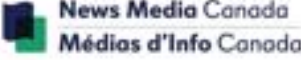
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COMMUNITY VOICES

Monthly Message: DBOT honoured with Chair's Award for Innovative Service

The Dufferin Board of Trade (DBOT) was greatly honoured to receive the Chair's Award for Innovative Service during the awards night at the recent Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC) Convention in Windsor from April 24 to 26.



The award was presented in recognition of DBOT's development of the Dufferin Biz Hub, a growing social enterprise that provides coworking space, private offices, meeting rooms, and professional business support services.

flourish, their success extends throughout the community — supporting events, schools, charities, and the broader local economy.

The Biz Hub serves as an innovative, revenue-generating initiative that provides non-dues income to help keep membership fees low while continuing to deliver high-quality programs and services to the local business community.

Through interviews and surveys with business and non-profit leaders, DBOT identified three core needs within the local economy: access to professional space, high-quality staffing support, and practical, values-aligned training. The Biz Hub was launched as a direct response to those needs, offering a homegrown solution designed by and for the Dufferin business community.

Among its notable initiatives is Level Up Dufferin, a values-based training program that helps local businesses build their capacity as LGBTQ+ Safe Spaces, environmentally and socially responsible organizations, and champions of accessibility and inclusivity.

In addition to this recognition, DBOT is proud to share that board chair Doug Harkness was presented with the Richard Dolphin Community Service Award, acknowledging his outstanding volunteerism and longstanding dedication to the organization and the broader Dufferin community.

The Dufferin Biz Hub reflects DBOT's ongoing commitment to supporting business growth and fostering economic resilience through creative, community-focused solutions. Like many in Dufferin County, DBOT believes that local businesses are the heart and soul of our region. When businesses

These provincial honours highlight the impact of DBOT's work and the strength of its leadership in advancing the interests of local businesses across the region.



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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: The Chair's Award for Innovative Service was presented to the Dufferin Board of Trade at the Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC) Convention in Windsor from April 24 to 26. From left: DBOT board chair Doug Harkness, DBOT executive director Diana Morris, OCC vice-president Vasudha Seth and OCC president/CEO Daniel Tisch Echevarria.

Message from rural Canada to urban friends

LUCAS BEREK
RURAL PERSPECTIVES



Rural Canadians produce the bounty but do not reap the wealth of their contributions to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). That's the message Dr. Ryan Gibson, Libro Professor of Regional Economic Development at the University of Guelph remarked on May 7 with those attending the Dufferin County Economic Development Seminar in Orangeville, taking a closer look at the county's economic future.

the population but generate 30 per cent of Canada's GDP.

But why? How is it that rural Canada punches so high above its weight class in terms of GDP contribution? Part of the explanation begins with the rich natural resource sectors and agri-food industries continuing with a commodity market that has been establishing itself for decades.

Rural communities also have higher rates of volunteerism, charity and sense of belonging compared to our urban counterparts. Dr. Gibson says that Rural Canada acts as an "ATM" to urban communities supporting infrastructure, health care, education and more. Rural commu-

nities are consistently told by senior levels of governments, "do more with less" and to deal with the problems themselves with the wealth and knowledge produced being taken to cities.

Still, rural communities ultimately lack access to a diverse labor force, financial and social capital, paired with challenges surrounding data collection and information sharing, more can be said about how important rural Canada is to urban Canadians.

Rural Canada experiences events such as the COVID-19 pandemic and President Trump's tariffs all differently but we must come together during times of trouble and

support local industries and economies.

At the conclusion of the seminar, Dr. Gibson stated that staying optimistic is crucial and finding new ways to support one another through partnerships and collaboration is a pathway to resilience. For more information on the Economic Development Seminars happening in Dufferin County visit www.dufferincounty.ca.

This article was written by Lucas Berek, an emerging expert in the field of economic development, public policy, and ethics.

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Julie Elsdon-Height appointed Executive Director at Caledon\Dufferin Victim Services

The Board of Directors for Caledon\Dufferin Victim Services (CDVS) is delighted to announce the appointment of Julie Elsdon-Height as our new Executive Director, effective May 12, 2025.

Julie is a seasoned community leader and Registered Social Worker with over 20 years of experience spanning corporate management, mental health care, and community advocacy. A lifelong resident of Dufferin County, she brings a strong commitment to building safe, inclusive, and trauma-informed services that meet the evolving needs of our community.

Currently completing her Master of Social Work at the University of Waterloo, Julie holds an Honours Bachelor of Indigenous Social Work from Laurentian University. Her career has included leading local initiatives to support survivors of trauma, addiction, and gender-based violence, as well as co-founding The Brave Canoe, an Indigenous-led not-for-profit organization focused on healing and cultural revitalization in Dufferin County.

Julie is widely recognized for her collaborative leadership style, her focus on equity and access, and her ability to bring together diverse stakeholders to advance community wellbeing. She looks forward to working with CDVS staff, volunteers, community partners, and funders to continue the organization's critical work and strengthen its impact across Caledon and Dufferin.

Please join us in congratulating Julie on her appointment and welcoming her to CDVS.

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Dufferin County now considered risk area for ongoing Measles outbreak

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Orangeville is now within a region considered to be an at-risk area in Ontario's ongoing measles outbreak.

Wellington, Dufferin and Guelph were recently deemed risk areas and people who live, work, travel, worship, or spend time in those regions now may be eligible for early measles-containing vaccination, based on new recommendations from the Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH).

"While this designation from the province highlights the overall measles risk to our community, it does not change our core guidance," said Dr. Matthew Tenenbaum, associate medical

officer of health for Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health.

"I am strongly encouraging every person to review their measles vaccine status and – if necessary – get vaccinated as soon as possible."

If a measles exposure is confirmed in a school or child care centre, any staff or children without two doses of a measles vaccine (MMR or MMRV) will not be allowed to attend the school or child care centre for 21 days from the last exposure.

Many children may have received their first dose of vaccine but not their second. With the new recommendations from the CMOH, these children are now eligible for the second dose.

Children normally receive their first dose at

12 months old and their second dose between four and six years old.

Other new recommendations from the CMOH include providing children six to 12 months old with an early first dose of MMR. But they will still need two more doses after 12 months of age.

Children under four years old who have had one dose may receive an early second dose of MMR or MMRV, at least four weeks after the first dose. No further doses are required after this second dose.

Adults born in 1970 or later should receive a second dose of MMR if they have only had one, according to the new recommendations.

Although, the risk for individuals who are



fully immunized (with two doses of a vaccine) or born before 1970, is still considered very low.

Anyone who is not fully vaccinated can contact their health care provider to schedule a vaccine appointment. If you have questions, call WDG Public Health at 1-800-265-7293 ext. 7006 or speak with your health care provider.

Young entrepreneurs brighten seniors' Mother's Day with special event

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A group of young Shelburne residents are making sure seniors in the community are being celebrated during special holidays and occasions.

Students from the Mini-Intel Young Entrepreneur Program hosted a special Mother's Day event for local seniors at the Mel Lloyd Centre on Saturday (May 10).

The Mother's Day gathering included a three-course meal of salad, spaghetti and cake served by the members of the program. The senior guests also participated in a step-by-step sunset painting session led by one of the young entrepreneurs.

The event was not just a celebration of Mother's Day but also served as the start of a new initiative led by the young entrepreneurs that looks to bridge generations and build meaningful community connections.

The initiative was inspired by an idea brought forward by one of the entrepreneurs in the program — Samayah McRay.

McRay had shared her dream of starting a small business that combined art and sipping lemonade, appropriately called Sweet Art Studio. In the pitch of her business idea, McRay noted her wish to include senior customers as part of her vision.

"Her compassion sparked a bigger idea: to create a senior social group supported by our youth entrepreneurs," explained Daley.

From there, Daley reached out to seniors in the Shelburne community to hear their thoughts on the initiative.

"Their response was overwhelming," said Daley. "Many expressed that there were very

few programs that truly support and engage them. It became clear that this was something deeply needed."

The Mother's Day celebration is the first of several events the young entrepreneurs plan to host in 2025.

"We wanted to do this because some of them don't have families or they live far away, so we thought it'd be a nice idea to do something that makes them feel special," said McRay.

The members of the program have committed to hosting similar social events during key celebrations throughout the year, including Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day, and the summer holiday.

"I hope they liked it and that they feel like we're sort of like their family," said Wimpy Bonikowsky, one of the young entrepreneurs.

While the initiative mainly focuses on creating social events for local seniors, the benefits of the group are not just felt by the older generation.

Donna Blum, an attendee of the Mother's Day event, spoke with the Free Press about the reciprocal nature of the initiative.

"The youth of the town have needed someone to lead them, and Suzette is a good leader; they're going to go far. They're very ambitious, so we wanted to support them," said Blum. "I think with some families, if they don't have grandparents around, the kids can look to different role models."

The Youth Entrepreneur Program was created by local educator Suzette Daley and launched in March of 2024.

The program provides young aspiring business owners with access to a variety of videos, which teach them about the differ-



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

MOTHER'S DAY MEAL: Roughly 20 seniors were in attendance for a special Mother's Day event hosted by the Youth Entrepreneur Program on Saturday, May 10. The event is the first of many upcoming events organized by the group as part of a new initiative to help create social events for local seniors. The group plans to host future events on Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day and the summer holiday.

ent parts of owning a small business. This includes selling themselves as a business, exploring their passions, connecting with other business owners, marketing, financial literacy, and resources available to small businesses.

Daley was inspired to develop the youth entrepreneur program after learning about the story of Lucie and Thornton Blackburn – two freedom seekers who escaped enslavement in Kentucky and later founded Toronto's first taxi company, "The City."

Daley previously told the Free Press that the Blackburn's story ignited her passion for giving back to the community and teaching young people about entrepreneurship.

Students in the Young Entrepreneur Program will be hosting a Business Expo at Grace Tipling on June 29 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., where they will be delivering their final business pitches.

"It's a wonderful opportunity to celebrate youth innovation and the community spirit," said Daley.

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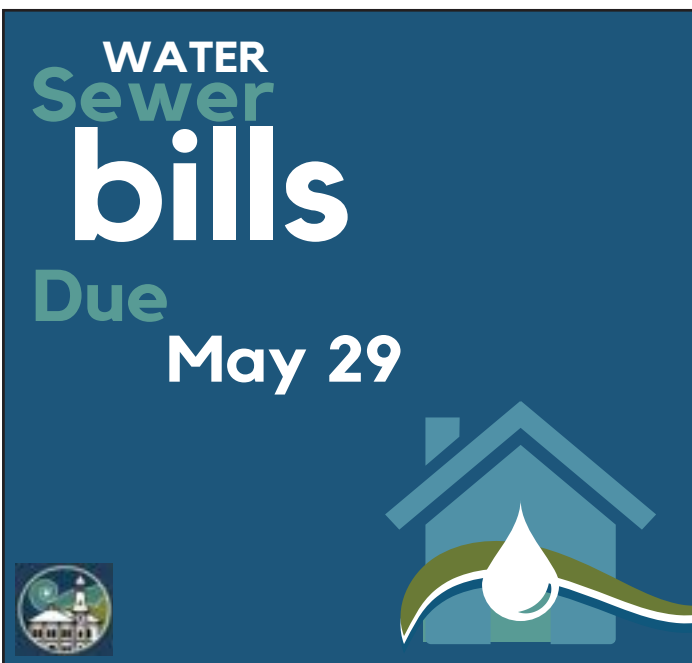
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SPORTS

Late game goal keeps Royals' ahead in District 4 standings

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

A goal on the last play of the game tied it up for the Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS) Royals girls' varsity rugby team when they were up against the John F. Ross Royals on the pitch at CDDHS on Tuesday, May 6. Both schools have Royals as their sports team name.

The two teams came to the game as undefeated squads in a battle to claim first place in the District 4/10 standings. They had identical 4-0 records before Tuesday's match-up.

With both teams hoping to stay undefeated, they brought their best game to the field in a very aggressive and hard-hitting game that saw the two teams put out a stellar effort on the field.

Near the end of the game, the Centre Dufferin team was trailing by five points.

They managed to get near the goal line but were held off by a strong Ross defence.

They broke through and scored on the last play of the game to tie it up with a 12-12 finish.

"We have an amazing group of girls this year," said Centre Dufferin player Ava Dressar, after the game. "The grade nine and tens are putting their own to it with the seniors guiding us through it. We know that Ross is a strong team, they always have been, but we're strong and we wanted to show that today. (We) wanted to prepare ourselves for this game and our coach prepared us very well. We knew we wanted a good outcome today."



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

ALL TIED UP: The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals take on the team from John F. Ross on the pitch at Centre Dufferin on Tuesday, May 6. Both squads came to the game as undefeated teams and were hoping to finish in first place. The game ended in a 12-12 tie when Centre Dufferin scored on the final play of the game. Centre Dufferin's Brooke Cunnington gets taken down at mid-field during Tuesday's game.

The girls played like they really wanted to come out on top in this game.

"This team hasn't been tested like we tested them today," said Centre Dufferin's Alyssa Gee. "They've played a lot of weaker teams and they clearly weren't ready to play us. We brought up our intensity, and brought all of girls up to their level and made sure we were

ready for them. I think all of our girls played amazing today. This is the best game we ever played. This team definitely tested us, and we brought it to them. This was one of the most intense games I've ever played."

With both teams remaining undefeated, they now share the first-place position in the District 4/10 standings.

On Thursday, May 8, the Royals won 34-5 over Erin District High School to improve their season record to 5-0-1.

Guelph Collegiate Vocational Institute is in third place in the District 4/10 standings followed by Orangeville District Secondary School and Centre Wellington District High School.

Shelburne resident qualifies for 2025 Special Olympics School Championships

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

A student at Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School, who's also a resident of Shelburne, has qualified for the 2025 Special Olympics Ontario School Championships to be held in Ottawa from June 2 to 5.

Grade 12 student Yazmine Wilson-Dupont, a Special Olympics athlete, will represent her school at the event, featuring athletes from across the province.

The Special Olympics Ontario School Championships is hosted by the Ottawa Police Service. Throughout the 2024/25 academic year, more than 10,000 high school athletes competed for the honour of representing their school and community. The School Championships promote inclusion, leadership, and school engagement through sport.

As a Special Olympics athlete, Yazmine specializes in track and field events including the 100-meter, 200-meter, shotput, and standing

long jump.

This is Yazmine's fourth time at the Special Olympics.

Yazmine's mom, Karrie Daponte, is also her coach and will attend the event to help Yazmine perform at her best level against participants from around the province.

The police are very involved in Special Olympics around the province and have a strong presence at the School Championships as hosts. Police officers help the athletes and

cheer them on.

The opening ceremony is a grand event with pipers and the singing of the national anthem.

"It's a very emotional event," Karrie said. "It's quite an experience to see all these athletes during this opening ceremony."

The Special Olympics School Championships feature track and field events, as well as basketball, bocce, soccer, and floorball.

The events will place at various venues around Ottawa.

Hanover Barons blank Essex 73s to take home the 2025 provincial Schmalz Cup

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Hanover Barons have captured the 2025 provincial Junior C Schmalz Cup after winning the final series in a four-game sweep over the Essex 73s.

It wasn't a surprise that the Barons won the cup, however, it was a surprise that they were able to do it in four games.

The Essex team arrived at the final series after winning the West Conference title over the Petrolia Flyers in a series that went four games.

They eliminated the New Hamburg Firebirds in the Schmalz Cup semi-final round in a series that went five games, to earn their spot in the championship round.

The championship series was going to be between two talented teams so it was expected that the final could go six or seven games.

The Barons won the North Conference final with a 4-1 win over the Orillia Terrers. They went on to eliminate the Napanee Raider in the semi-final of the Schmalz Cup.

The final championship series got under-

way on May 3. The Barons left the ice with a dominant 6-1 win in Game One of the series leaving fans surprised at the score in a championship game

Game Two gave the Barons an edge in the series with a 2-1 win on Essex's home ice.

The 73s were in serious trouble after they took a 4-0 loss in Game Three.

The final game showed just how resilient the Hanover team is.

After playing to a 1-1 tie in the first period, the 73s scored three unanswered goals in the second frame to lead 4-1 with one pe-

riod remaining.

In playoff hockey it is very rare for a team to come back against that type of deficit, however, the Barons hammered in three goals in the third period to tie the game 4-4 and force overtime.

The 73s were fighting a battle to keep the series alive and just needed to score one to win the game and return for Game Five.

Their season ended with Hanover scoring at 10:30 into the overtime period to win the game and claim the 2025 championship.

Orangeville District Secondary School to host Special Olympics Track and Field Day

Special Olympics Track and Field Day is coming to Orangeville next week for students at schools across Dufferin County and North Wellington.

Approximately 500 athletes and peer coaches, supported by staff and volunteers,

will be present as athletes from multiple Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB) schools compete in track and field and adaptive events on Wednesday, May 21.

"We are so excited to have the opportunity to celebrate our athletes," said April King,

UGDSB's principal of special education, 12-K and accessibility. "We are grateful for the volunteers, staff, families, and community members who have offered support and look forward to a joy-filled day."

This event, which sees students of all ages, is a partnership between the UGDSB, Special Olympics Ontario, Special Olympics Dufferin Branch, and Dufferin OPP and Fire Services.

Participants will compete in several different competitions. They include, the 50-meter, 100-meter, 200-meter, 400-meter, standing long jump, running long jump, and soft ball

throw. There's also adaptive events for those with physical challenges, which include Basketball Shooting, 25-meter Walk/Run, T-Ball Hitting, Bean Bag Toss, Bocce Bowling, and Beach Ball Croquet.

The opening ceremony will start at 10 a.m. at Orangeville District Secondary School (22 Faulkner St., Orangeville).

A separate event was held for schools in Centre Wellington and Guelph on May 14, 2025

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KARINA TAYLOR

As a first time rugby player, Karina Taylor said she is really enjoying her new sport and playing on the CDDHS girls' varsity team.

"This was my first game," Karina said after season opener. "I got into rugby because my friend wanted me to be on the team with her. It's really fun, I really enjoy it. I'm having fun and will continue with the sport."

Karina also plays on the Centre Dufferin girls' basketball team.

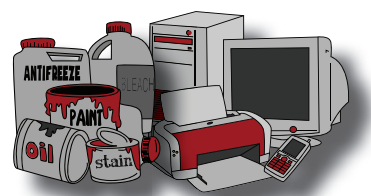
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SPORT: RUGBY

hazardous & electronic waste event COMING SOON!

Date: Saturday, May 31, 2025

Time: 8am-3pm

Location: Orangeville Ag Society Event Centre
247090 Side Rd. 5, Mono



Hazardous waste includes automotive containers, cleaning products, fluorescent lights, batteries, paints, pesticides, pharmaceuticals, syringes, and much more.

Electronic waste includes audio equipment, cameras, computers, home entertainment equipment, phones, and household electronic items, including lamps, alarm clocks, microwaves, toasters, and small appliances.

Limitations No waste from industrial, commercial, or institutional sources. No white goods/large appliances (including any appliances with freon). No garbage, or recycling. No unidentified/unknown materials. No drums of materials.

Visit dufferincounty.ca/waste for updates and a full listing of acceptable materials & limitations. Future events: June 28, July 23, August 20, September 20, October 25.

See website for details on hours & locations for each scheduled event.

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\$142 WEEKLY + HST
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2022 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 CUSTOM TRAIL BOSS CREW 4X4



STK# B12393 • 31,386 KM • Z71, CREW, 4X4, 5.3L V8, 10-SPEED AUTOMATIC, 3.23 AXLE, 6.6FT BOX, CLOTH BENCH SEAT, TOW PACKAGE, POWER GROUP, REMOTE START, AIR CONDITIONING, MYLINK, 18 INCH BLACK ALLOYS, ANDROID AUTO/APPLE CARPLAY, REAR CAMERA, 2 INCH FACTORY LIFT, CHEVROLET SAFETY ASSIST!

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2023 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN LT 4X4



STK# B12423 • 35,224 KM • 5.3L V8, 10-SPEED AUTOMATIC, GOOGLE INFOTAINMENT, TRI ZONE A/C, 20-INCH ALLOYS, 8-PASSENGER, HEATED LEATHER, HEATED WHEEL, HEATED 2ND ROW, TRI-ZONE CLIMATE, REMOTE START, FRONT/REAR PARK ASSIST, SURROUND CAMERA, CHEVROLET LUXURY PACKAGE, PANORAMIC SUNROOF, POWER LIFTGATE!

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2024 CHEVROLET BLAZER RS AWD



STK# B12445 • 20,621 KM • 3.6L V6, 9-SPEED AUTOMATIC, 5-PASSENGER, NAV, PANORAMIC SUNROOF, HEATED/COOLED LEATHER, HEATED WHEEL, HEATED 2ND ROW, REMOTE START, DUAL-ZONE A/C, 21 INCH BLACK/MACHINED ALLOYS, ADAPTIVE CRUISE, PARK ASSIST, POWER LIFTGATE, CHEVROLET'S MYLINK, SURROUND VIEW CAMERA, TRAILERING PKG!

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2024 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 W/T CREW 4X4



STK# B12465 • 33,859 KM • 5.3L V8, 10-SPEED AUTOMATIC, 3.23 AXLE, 5.8FT BOX, CLOTH BENCH SEAT, TOW PACKAGE, POWER GROUP, AIR CONDITIONING, CHEVROLET INFOTAINMENT 3, 17 INCH WHEELS, ANDROID AUTO/APPLE CARPLAY, REAR CAMERA, W/T FLEET CONVENIENCE PACKAGE, CHEVROLET SAFETY ASSIST!

\$175 WEEKLY + HST
84 MONTHS WEEKLY LICENSING EXTRA
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STK# B12455 • 11,957 KM • 2.0L TURBO 4-CYLINDER, 9-SPEED AUTOMATIC, HEATED CLOTH BUCKETS, PANORAMIC SUNROOF, REAR CAMERA, POWER LIFTGATE, REMOTE START, 20 INCH GLOSS BLACK ALLOY WHEELS, INTELLILINK, COMFORT & CONVENIENCE, DRIVER CONFIDENCE PLUS!

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2023 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 LT CREW 4X4



STK# B12442 • 34,071 KM • 5.3L V8, 10-SPEED AUTOMATIC, 3.23 AXLE, 5.8FT BOX, GOOGLE RADIO, HEATED LEATHER BUCKETS, HEATED WHEEL, 20 INCH ALLOY WHEELS, DUAL ZONE CLIMATE, REMOTE START, POWER GROUP, TOW MIRRORS, CONVENIENCE PKG II, TOW PACKAGE!

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2023 GMC SIERRA 1500 SLE CREW 4X4



STK# B12428 • 68,397 KM • KODIAK, 5.3L V8, 10-SPEED AUTOMATIC, 3.23 AXLE, 5.8FT BOX, AUTOTRAC 4WD, GOOGLE RADIO, HEATED CLOTH BENCH, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, REMOTE START, POWER GROUP, DUAL ZONE CLIMATE, INTELLILINK, TOW PACKAGE, REAR CAMERA, 17 INCH ALLOYS!

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2021 GMC SIERRA 1500 SLT CREW X31



STK# 25064A • 94,090 KM • 5.3L V8, 8-SPEED AUTOMATIC, 3.23 AXLE, 5.8FT BOX, AUTOTRAC 4WD, HEATED LEATHER BENCH, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, REMOTE START, POWER GROUP, DUAL ZONE CLIMATE, INTELLILINK, TOW PACKAGE, REAR CAMERA, 18 INCH ALLOYS!

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2024 GMC TERRAIN DENALI AWD



STK# B12491 • 6,823 KM • BLACK DIAMOND EDITION, 1.5L TURBO 4-CYLINDER, 9-SPEED AUTOMATIC, AWD, NAV, PANORAMIC SUNROOF, HEATED/COOLED LEATHER BUCKETS, HEATED WHEEL, DUAL ZONE CLIMATE, 19 INCH DARK ALLOYS, REMOTE START, POWER LIFTGATE, INTELLILINK, REAR CAMERA, REAR PARK ASSIST, GMC PRO SAFETY PLUS, ADAPTIVE CRUISE!

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Bistro DuPain relocates to Primrose, offering authentic French baked goods

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A little taste of France has come to the North Dufferin community with the opening of a new bakery.

Bistro DuPain, an authentic French bakery owned and operated by Alan Le Louedec and Gaelle Thollet, celebrated the grand opening of the new location in Primrose on May 2.

"We were not expecting to be that busy and it was very nice to see that many people come the first day," Le Louedec told the Free Press. "We even had to close early because we sold out. It was amazing to see that welcoming and to see lots of clients."

The couple's first venture in the food industry was a food truck called Bistro Bregon that served crepes and galettes. After running the food truck for a number of years,

the couple decided to take the next step and opened their bakery Bistro DuPain in Erin in May 2020.

In 2024, Le Louedec and Thollet were looking for a permanent space for the bakery and ended up purchasing a building along Highway 89. From there, they began renovations and plans to relocate Bistro DuPain from Erin to Primrose.

Bistro DuPain in Erin officially closed on April 19 and the new location opened two week later in Primrose.

The bakery sells a variety of handcrafted breads, baked goods and French delicacies, of which almost 100 per cent are made in-house by Le Louedec and Thollet.

They bake with Signature T65 flour from Les Moulins de Soulanges in Quebec. Signature T65 is a GMO-free hard red spring wheat that is sustainably grown to protect the environment.

"What we do, it's very classic French bakery," explained Le Louedec, who has professional training in French baking. "What makes something good is to get simple ingredients, but good ones."

Bistro DuPain is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Wednesday and Fridays from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

More information on Bistro DuPain's menu and catering options can be found by visiting www.bistrodupain.com.

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OOH LA LA: Bistro DuPain, an authentic French bakery, located on Highway 89 in Primrose, officially opened its doors to the community on May 2. Owned and operated by Erin residents Alan Le Louedec and Gaelle Thollet, the French bakery sells variety of breads, pastries and delicacies.



Smile Cookie Campaign sets record with \$50,000 donation to Headwaters Hospital

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

The recent Tim Horton's Smile Cookie Campaign raised a record amount of money for Headwaters Health Care Foundation (HHCF).

In partnership with Orangeville Tim Hortons locations, the campaign raised \$50,000 in support of the local hospital, which is the most raised in a single year since the campaign began supporting HHCF in 2006.

"This year's campaign was nothing short of amazing," said HHCF CEO K.C. Carruthers. "We are overwhelmed with gratitude to our local Tim Hortons owners, staff, and every single person who purchased a Smile Cookie. Your support is making a lasting difference in the lives of patients and their families in our community."

More than \$500,000 has now been donated to HHCF through the Smile Cookie Campaign, over the last 19 years.

"These funds have directly supported vital equipment, programs, and services that benefit the entire Headwaters community. This year's campaign will support the purchase of two wireless fetal monitors that provide wire-

"This year's campaign was nothing short of amazing."

HHCF CEO K.C. Carruthers

less monitoring of mother and baby during labour and delivery. Specifically, wireless fetal monitors enable wireless, continuous monitoring during labour, while allowing the mother to be mobile, resulting in a much better delivery experience and improved patient outcomes," reads a press release from HHCF.

The Smile Cookie Campaign sees the full \$2 from every freshly baked cookie sold at Tim Horton's donated to local charities selected by each restaurant.

"We are incredibly proud to support our local hospital and this amazing community," said Krista Goudreault and Cara Preuss, Orangeville Tim Hortons owners, "We want to thank our guests and dedicated team members who made this year's campaign a record-breaking success."



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OUTSTANDING EFFORT: The Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Campaign raised \$50,000 for Headwaters Health Care Foundation (HHCF), which is the most money raised through the campaign since it started supporting HHCF in 2006.

Touch-a-Truck coming to Shelburne's Operations Yard next weekend for Public Works Week

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Shelburne is inviting com-

munity members and their families to come out and learn about the equipment used day-to-day to maintain the community in celebration of Public Works Week.

The Town of Shelburne will host a "Touch a Truck" event on May 24 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Operations Yard, located at 124 Luxton Way.

The Town has planned for a sensory hour from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. to ensure a quieter experience with no horns, sirens or flashing lights for those sensitive to loud noises or bright visuals.

During the event, attendees will have the chance to meet the operators and explore the lineup of vehicles including snow ploughs, excavators, backhoes, emergency responder trucks, a GFL garbage truck and more.

Additional highlights of the event include face painting, popcorn, and a Touch-a-Truck passport for kids to collect stamps from each of the vehicles they visit.

Admission is free, but attendees are encouraged to bring non-perishable food donations for the Shelburne Food Bank.



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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 & go 5 miles to farm on East side.

Tractors: CCase 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; Kubota B6200 lawn tractor, 60" cut. **Trucks:** 2000 Int bin truck, with 1 bin, current safety; 2004 GMC 2500 pickup, crew cab, Duramax diesel, 357,941kms, incl lots of new parts; Dodge Ram 2500 pickup, 272,601kms. **ATV:** 2017 Honda Rancher ATV, winch, back box, 6127kms, very good. **Trailers:** 2005 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; gooseneck flat deck trailer with rear ramps, pin attachment. **Mach/Equip:** 30ft steel round bale wagon, tandem; Farm King 1061 10"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, knottor 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; NH 353 Mixmill; MF 4 furrow plow; hay tedder; side mower; post-hole auger; JD 335 round baler; 4 wheel hay rake; 5 sect diamond harrows; Bruns gravity box; grain auger; loader for Ford 5000; 14ft cultivator; MF side mower; 30ft bale wagon, Horst, wood deck; (2)fencers-Gallagher & Peavy; light wire for fence; come-alongs; chicken feeders & waterers; ladders; propane infrared heater; (2)chicken crates; egg incubator; ATV sprayer; tree stand; (2)tube gates; beaver tail ramps; 10" cut-off saw; double-sided watering bowl; complete water well system-works well; estate sprayer. **Horse Items:** 60ft diam galvanized round pen; pony saddles (West & Eng), Broder jog cart-excellent cond. **Hay:** (300 approx) 4x5 bales grassy hay, 2024, stored inside.

****Watch the website as items being added regularly****
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Tractors: Case IH Maxxum 5240 4WD tractor, cab, 3 remotes, complete motor rebuild 200hrs ago, front wts; Leyland 384 2WD tractor, 2 remotes, hydr grader under blade; Landini 14500 2WD tractor, 354 Perkins engine, 2 remotes, 2300hrs, cab; MF 165 2WD tractor, 6300hrs, 1 remote; Zetor 7340 4WD tractor, Quicke 640 loader, 6ft bucket, cab, 2840hrs, 1 remote; Nuffield 460 tractor; Zetor 5245 loader tractor, front hydr pump, 6' bucket; Zetor 6945 loader tractor; Ford 3000 tractor; Int 504 Hi-Clear tractor; White 1470 tractor; JD 2120 tractor, Frey loader; Universal 533 DT 4WD tractor, 345 loader, 6' bucket, new clutch & ring gear; MF 285 tractor, MF 246 loader, cab; McKee Eero 470 tractor, cab. **Tractors (not running):** Int B275 loader tractor; Int 300 loader tractor; MF 40B ind tractor, bucket, rear weight; Universal U-445 tractor; Ford 3000; Leyland 340 loader tractor. **Bulldozer/Forklifts/Equip:** JD Ind 310E backhoe loader, 4WD, 7' bucket; log skidder with tree spade, GM V8 diesel, articulated AWD, Dutch Master 5001 50" tree spade; Dutchman 3601 tree spade, 36", elec over hydr; Toyota 42-5FD2.0 forklift, diesel; Clark EC500-45 elec forklift; 1150 Case bulldozer with bucket-for parts; Zetor ND9 diesel forklift; Case Expandahoe-no motor-for parts; JD 310A backhoe, 6' bucket; Linde H45D-600-04 forklift, diesel, needs coupler to power unit; Zetor ND-92 forklift. **Trucks/Trailers:** Int S1700 tree truck, boom & dump, flatbed 16'x8', 254Kmi, bush use only; blue steel trailer 8.5'x20' deck, dual axle, beaver tail ramps-homemade; steel trailer 2'sides 7'x20' deck, beaver tail end gate; Mazda B300 pickup-for parts; Ford Taurus-for parts; 2008 Ford Ranger pickup-parts; Int Fleetstar truck-parts only, with sprayer tank; Mazda 6 car-parts; Ford Taurus SE-parts; boat trailer. **Farm Mach:** 2680 Gehl round baler, string, silage special, 4x5's; Int 4000 swather; JD 513 5'bushog; 6' bushog; Hardi 100gal sprayer, boom & pump; 200gal sprayer-no pump; Forage King undercarriage; Massey 33 seed drill; Dunhamleer dual land packer 11'; flat hay elevator; 1090 Gehl haybine; Bushog 1550 soil saver 11'; White 702W 2 row corn head; Int 45 Vibrashank 9ft cultivator; White 7300 combine-parts only; Owatona 595 roll baler- parts only; NH manure spreader-parts only; (2)Int 435 balers-parts only; gravity box-box only; NH 855 round baler; 18' cultivator; Dutz Allis GP 2.50 round baler; Triple K 12' cultivator; JF Farriken CMT245 multi-crimper-for parts; MF 228 square baler; 32'x6" grain auger on wheels; wood feed wagon; Overund 5 furrow plow; Case 5 furrow plow; Glencoe 18' cultivator-man wings; Case 12' cultivator, drag harrows; Hagedorn Hydra-Spread 225 manure spreader; McCormick Int seed drill, 16 row, grass seed & fert; JD 1360 discbine 10' cut; Q960 Quicke loader; NI mower/conditioner; JD 3 furrow plow; Zetor 8441 loader; McKee 620 (2)snowblowers 7' & 6'; JD MX6 bushog-needs gear box; (3)6' scraper blades; Danuser post hole auger; 6ft Quicktach material bucket; 5' material bucket; 6' Reisch attachment; 6' disc; 8' scraper blade with roller; 6' cultivator; MF 278 sq baler-for parts; Hayliner 273 sq baler-for parts; (2)wood hay wagons 8'x18'; 12ft land packer. **Shop/Farm Rel:** Qty 4" diam irrigation pipe-var lengths; (3)5' Rubbermaid water troughs; rolls of used chain link fence; (2)steel gates; wire gate; (12+) plastic pipes, 8"-12"diam, 1/2-3/4"wall, 12ft+, asst lengths; Danuser 14" posthole auger; EX-45000 12" post hole auger; pallet forks; Woods L59 mower deck; Steiner 220 mower with deck-parts only; good qty scrap; floor jacks; water pumps; water hose

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 Or by email: rdotten@shelburnelibrary.ca



Shelburne Public Library shares upcoming events, recommended read this week

UPCOMING EVENTS
 The Shelburne Public Library has some exciting events for adults coming up in the next few weeks.
 On June 17 at 6 p.m. the Museum of Dufferin is presenting Real or Robot: How archives & libraries are using AI, at the Shelburne Public Library.
 On June 22 at 1 p.m., the Shelburne Public Library will have An Afternoon with Claire Cameron, co-hosted by Small Town Big Ideas (STBI).
 On Aug. 10 the Shelburne Public Library will host Authors in the Hills of Mulmur! Save the date, details to come.
 Please register for any of the above events by calling the library at 519-925-2168 or by visiting its website at www.shelburnelibrary.ca.

Bones, Murphy Shepherd must lead a desperate global mission to rescue the kidnapped daughters of his friend, the vice president. His mission at hand takes place while battling a dark trafficking network tied to sinister political ambitions.
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RECOMMENDED READ:
The Keeper by Charles Martin: Reeling from the loss of his mentor



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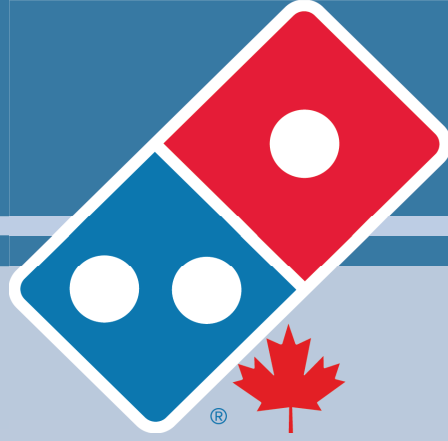
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